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On Saturday, Midland Lee's game against Abilene High finished scoreless in regulation. What most coaches, fans and players dread most happened. A shootout./**1C**

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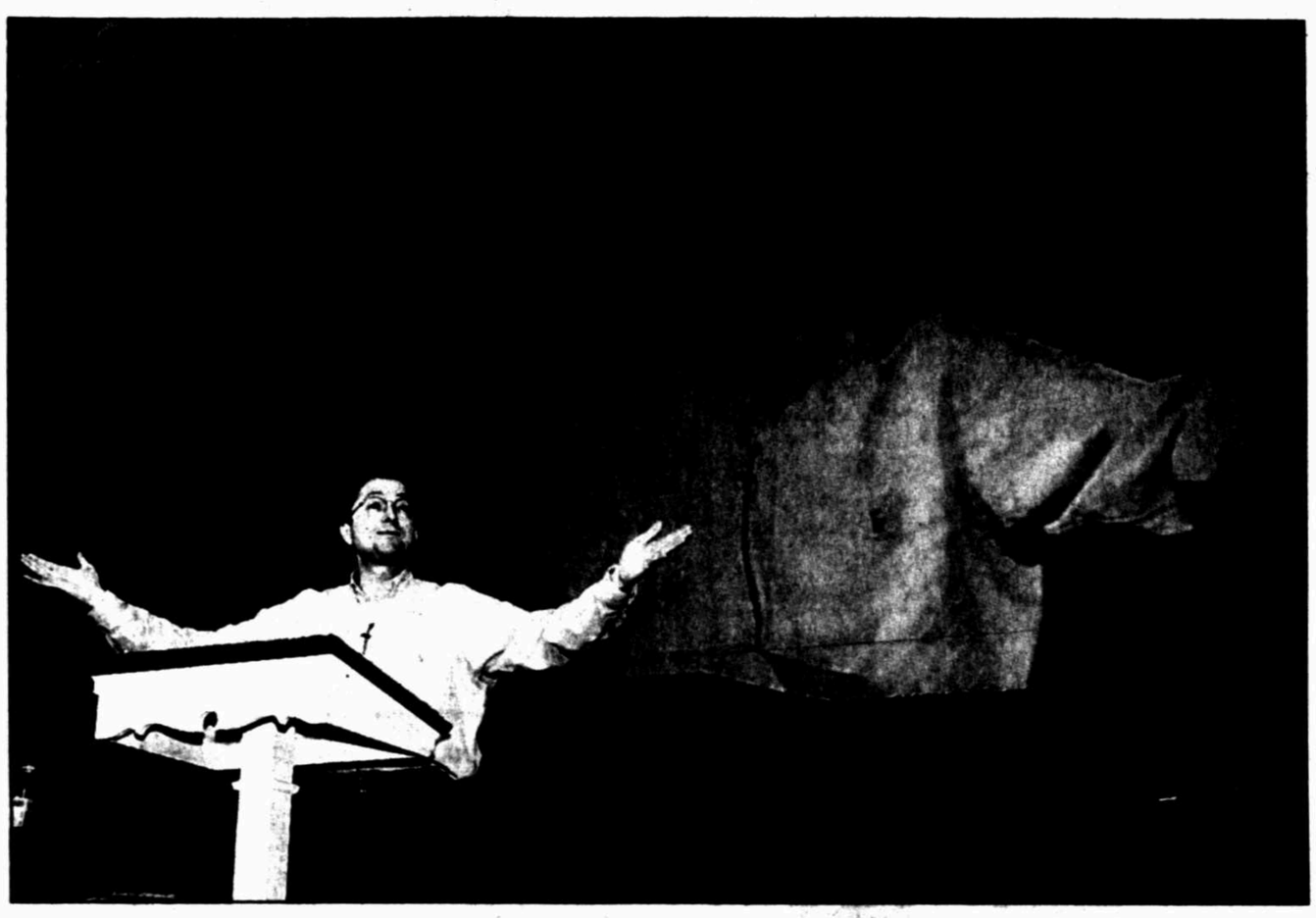
'Stream in the Desert'



Thousands flood in for 'Stream in the Desert' renewal weekend

What started as a mere trickle transformed into a gushing flood. Nearly 5,000 people streamed to the former Builder's Square site to attend "Stream in the Desert" spiritual renewal weekend sponsored by Golf Course Road Church of Christ. About 3,000 of those attending were from out of town, having journeyed from around the United States and even Canada.

About 6,000 are expected to attend today's 9:30 a.m. worship service.

"It's clear that people from across the country have benefitted from coming. It's a pleasure to see them blessed," said church elder Dale Brown.

Now in its fifth year, the weekend has expanded its reach and extended its influence.

The weekend event originally was the brainchild of Ken Young, the music minister in charge of the Hallal Music group. Other than those who attend the group's performances throughout the United States, word-of-mouth is the only advertising done outside of Midland.

When it began, more than 1,000 people were involved. Last year, when 2,800 attended, the organizers realized they had outgrown their facility.

Preregistration had already exceeded 3,000 before Kmart agreed to rent out the unoccupied Builder's Square facility, on Highway 191 west of Loop 250.

"I'm amazed that God provides. If you had asked me 10 days ago, this was just one big empty warehouse. The floor was dirty and there are big orange poles everywhere that I hardly even notice now. But everybody helped where there was a need," Dale's wife, Rita, said.

In the past week, the group put up temporary plastic walls, redid the bathrooms and other minor construction to prepare for the event.

"We had guys who took a week of vacation to be able to get the building ready," said Kyle McGraw, a layman who served as one of the key organizers of the event.

With the sheer size of the event, the hosts had their work

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Top: Mike Cope of Highland Church in Abilene speaks to worshippers at the "Stream in the Desert" renewal Saturday afternoon. The revival, sponsored by Golf Course Road Church of Christ, was held inside the old Builder's Square facility. Above: Judy Young of Spring and Denise Lane of Midland look at Christian books on sale outside the makeshift sanctuary.

Story by Matt Posey
Photos by R. Frank Williams Jr.

Bush says Confederate plaque needs explanation

By Jim Vertano
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush believes the state should post an explanation of why a plaque sporting the Confederate battle flag hangs on a wall at the Texas Supreme Court building, according to a letter from his office.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wrote Bush on Jan. 14 asking his help in the civil right's groups efforts to have the plaque removed.

Gary Bledsoe, NAACP Texas chapter president, has said use of the battle flag and its image is an offensive reminder of slavery.

"Governor Bush understands the sensitivity of this issue to many people and agrees with you that the only official flags that should fly over our Texas state office buildings are the Texas and United States flag," Bush's executive assistant Clay Johnson wrote in a Feb. 2 letter to Bledsoe.

AP Photo
The Grand Valley State University school mascot, Laker, looks over the shoulder of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush during his speech at a campaign stop on campus in Allendale, Mich., Friday.

The letter does not say specifically if Bush supports or opposes the plaque, only that it was ordered by the Legislature in 1955 to reflect "the will of the people."

Historical representations of the six governments that have ruled Texas are visible throughout and around the state Capitol, including a memorial statue to Confederate soldiers.

"These symbols and emblems reflect the history and diversity that make Texas unique," Johnson wrote.

The plaque is located in the entryway to the building housing the Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. It includes an image of the battle flag and quotes Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Another plaque includes the seal of the Confederacy.

The building was commissioned in 1955, a year after Texans approved a constitutional amendment to use money from the state's Confederate Pension Fund to build it.

The Legislature determined the building should include a commemorative cornerstone or plaque.

The reason for including the plaques should be more clearly explained and state officials are exploring ways to do that, Johnson's letter said.

"I'm disappointed," Bledsoe told the Dallas Morning News. "The plaques need to come down." He did not immediately return telephone calls Saturday from The Associated Press.

The Confederate battle flag has become a political issue in recent months, punctuated by the NAACP boycott of South Carolina for flying the banner over its statehouse. Bush has declined to take a side in that controversy, saying the issue is best left to South Carolinians.

The NAACP has also requested Bush's help in persuading some Texas school districts to discourage use of the battle flag at school functions, such as high school football games.

Bush has said that is for local communities to decide.

But while on the presidential campaign trail in Michigan on Friday, Bush said he doesn't believe a Confederate soldier statue should be placed on the courthouse lawn in Grimes County, northwest of Houston.

Several lawmakers earlier this week asked the Texas Historical Commission to oppose it. Black leaders have suggested public parks or other areas as alternative sites for such a statue.

"That will be resolved. I don't think they ought to have the Confederate, the statue, on the courthouse grounds," Bush said.

Asked what is the difference on the issues for Bush, spokesman Scott McClellan said, "He was just saying it's a historical county courthouse and he doesn't think it should be on the courthouse grounds."

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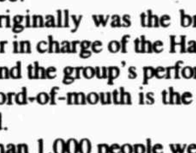

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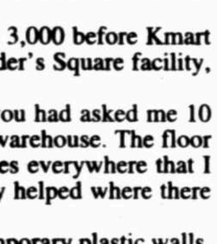

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Can McCain keep the momentum going?

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What John McCain proudly calls a "land mine," George W. Bush dismisses as a mere "bump in the road." It's McCain's momentum, and by any name the rush of political adrenaline is a serious threat to Bush and the Republican establishment.

"We think message and momentum beats endorsements and money. Bush doesn't think so," said McCain's communications director, Dan Schnur. "Can we keep it up? That's the $70 million question."

■ **McCain narrows gap in polls/16A**

McCain powered out of New Hampshire with an 18-percentage-point victory and a message that swamped Bush among independents, Republicans, men, women and every age group: The political system is corrupt, and he will clean it up.

"All of the establishment is against me, and I'm proud of it. If you want business as usual, you don't want me as president," the Arizona senator told supporters Wednesday.

The competition moved quickly to South Carolina, which holds a Feb. 19 primary, and Bush's strategy shifted, too. He started attacking McCain and tilting to the right, using the word "conservative" six times in a single minute

Please see **McCAIN/4A**

Key primary dates

By The Associated Press

Dates of key primaries in the Republican presidential campaign and an analysis of campaign strategies:

■ Delaware, Feb. 8: Texas Gov. George W. Bush and conservative Steve Forbes badly need victories. Sen. John McCain of Arizona is on the ballot but not campaigning. Momentum from his New Hampshire victory may give McCain a surprisingly strong showing, analysts say. Bush expects to win.

■ South Carolina, Feb. 19: McCain erased Bush's lead in polls, and Forbes is hardly a factor. McCain needs to win to keep his long-shot campaign intact.

■ Arizona, Feb. 22: McCain's home state had been a tight race, with Bush spending $1 million on TV ads. McCain spent none, and likely got a boost from New Hampshire.

■ Michigan, Feb. 22: Bush is backed by Gov. John

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Rwandans flock to churches to heal wounds from '94 genocide

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — On a clear evening in the Rwandan capital, a frail woman stands before thousands in the national soccer stadium and asks Tutsis to forgive her and other Hutus for trying to wipe them from the face of the Earth in 1994.

The spirit is contagious. A former Tutsi soldier grabs the microphone and implores Tutsis to apologize for hating Hutus.

Soon, members of the stadium congregation are wailing and embracing each other with a mixture of long-repressed grief and unexpected joy.

Six years ago, the sight would have been inconceivable.

"Truly remarkable," says the Rev. Paul Gitwaza, whose tiny but growing Zion Temple Church organized last month's week-long revival dubbed "Healing Our Nation."

Along with a dozen other Protestant evangelical churches that have sprung up in the aftermath of the 100-day slaughter of 500,000 minority Tutsis, Gitwaza's church offers fervid preaching and a platform for anguished personal confessions. It is gospel for blood-soaked Rwanda.

Since it stopped the killings and took power in July 1994, the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front has insisted that reconciliation with Hutus is possible only after the Hutu perpetrators of the genocide are prosecuted.

Rwanda seeks the death penalty for 2,133 people it considers the principal architects of the genocide and offers leniency and milder sentences to 125,000 other jailed suspects if they plead guilty to involvement.

The problem is, justice is sluggish in a poor country like Rwanda, which has pitifully few judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and courtrooms. At the current pace, it would take 300 years to try all the accused.

Under a proposed law, expected to reach parliament for debate in June or July, thousands of prisoners charged with minor roles in the killing would be turned over to their villages for trial and possible sentencing.

A few dozen leading genocide suspects, including senior government and military officials, were arrested after fleeing Rwanda and now await trial in neighboring Tanzania before the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

By default, the task of reconciliation has fallen increasingly on Rwanda's religious leaders, with one major exception: Roman Catholic clergy.

The Catholic church's close ties to the Hutu government that planned and carried out the 1994 genocide— in which many moderate Hutus as well as Tutsis were hacked to death with machetes, buried alive and blown up by grenades — destroyed the trust felt by many Rwandans.

Hundreds of victims sought shelter in Catholic churches, only to be turned over to their killers by priests and nuns.

"I could never go back to the Catholic church," says Jean-Bosco Rwalinda, a 30-year-old Tutsi who was saved from almost certain death when Tutsi rebels broke through Hutu lines and evacuated a Kigali church where he was sheltered.

"People were being led one by one from the church and executed. I was waiting for my turn," he says. "We were being betrayed by a priest."

Rwalinda and thousands of other disaffected Rwandans have since flocked to evangelical altars.

In four months, Gitwaza's Zion Temple Church has grown to 3,000 members. Weekly prayer meetings under a huge tent in a Kigali neighborhood attract as many as 7,000 people.

Gitwaza says his church offers a cure to lingering bitterness. He teaches that hiding one's sins will break one's bones and that whoever hates his brother is a murderer.

This message cuts across divisions left by the bloodbath. Among the worshippers at Zion Temple Church are Tutsi soldiers, genocide survivors and former Hutu refugees.

The church also counsels women who were raped in the genocide, Hutus driven by shame to pose as Tutsis and soldiers whose dreams are troubled by visions of people they killed.

"It is not easy for people to forgive or forget how their neighbors betrayed them," Gitwaza says. "That is why we think it is easier for them to seek reconciliation through God, to let Jesus speak for them.

Explosion rocks central Tehran; 1 reported dead

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Mortars struck a publishing house Saturday evening in central Tehran, near key government offices including the Iranian president's office and Parliament. One person was killed and four were injured, Tehran television reported.

Windows of the Golbang publishing house, located across the street from the Judiciary building and top policy-making offices, were shattered and its walls pocked and broken in areas.

Two cars parked out front were destroyed in the attack, claimed by an Iranian opposition group trying to overthrow the Islamic government.

"We heard several explosions and it was just like the war," said publishing house manager Abolghasem Hosseini, referring to the 1980-88 war between Iran and Iraq. "And the next thing I remember, everything was upside-down."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency did not provide details about the number or nature of the blasts, which it described as a "terrorist attack." Tehran television said there were five explosions. Mortar debris was visible in the area.

The only official building damaged was the headquarters of the office that coordinates Friday prayers. Some windows were shattered and shrapnel slightly damaged a wall.

One man, Mohammad Alijani, a 29-year-old employee at the publishing house, died in the explosions and four people were injured, Tehran television said. IRNA had earlier said that authorities did not believe there were any casualties.

A witness told The Associated Press that paramedics carried away a woman with abdominal wounds. Further information on the injured was not available.

Tehran television said the explosions were the work of "the hypocrites," a reference to the Mujahedeen Khalq opposition group. The Iraq-based group seeks the overthrow of Iran's Islamic government and has more than 30,000 men and women with military training in camps near the Iranian border.

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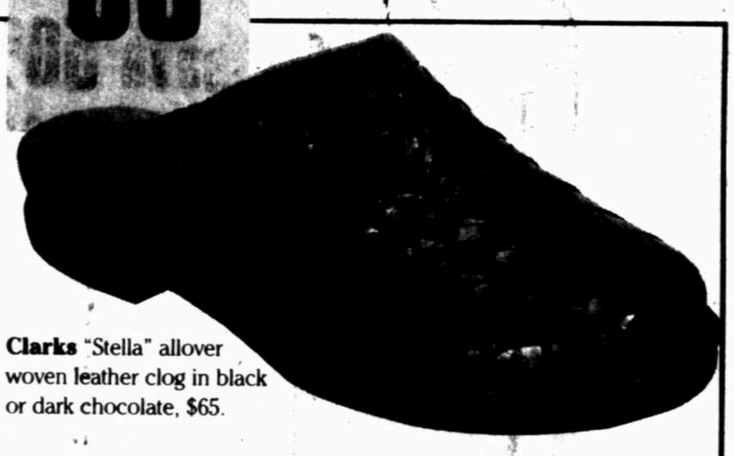

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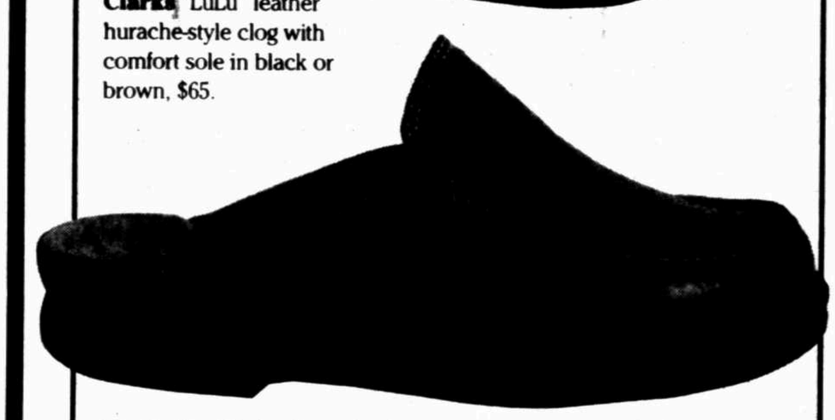

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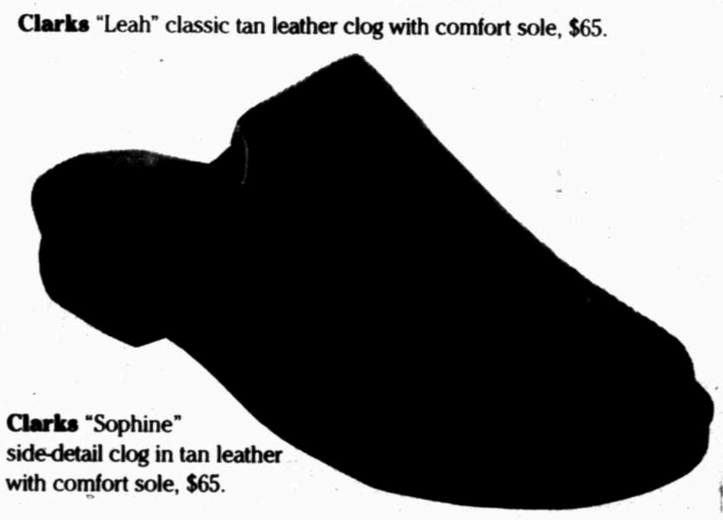

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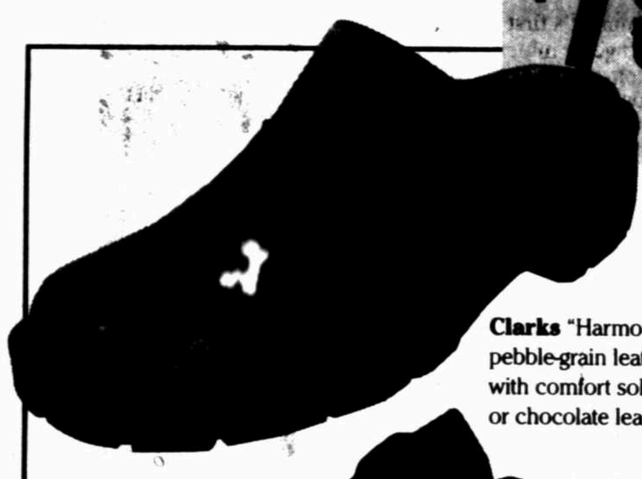

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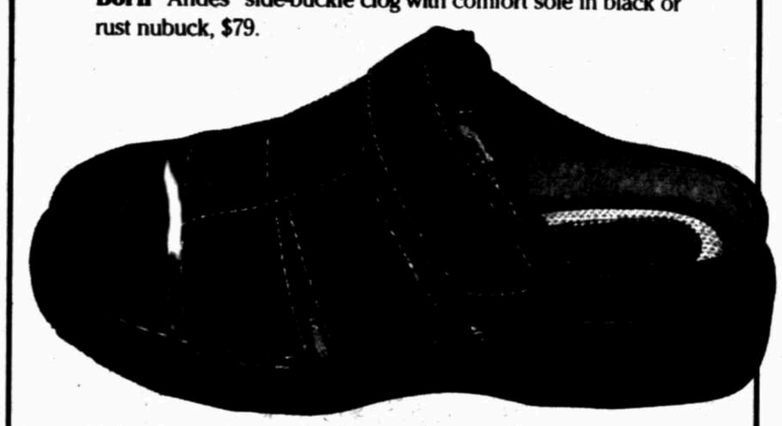

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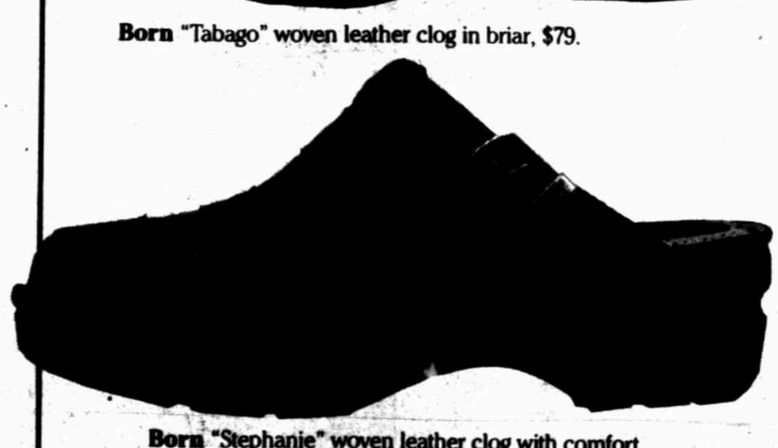

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IRA slams demands for disarmament now

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The Irish Republican Army said Saturday it will not disarm in response to British government or Protestant demands — and emphasized that it had never pledged to give up its arms at all.

The outlawed group's statement left the centerpiece of Northern Ireland's peace accord, the Protestant-Catholic government, in continued peril.

The British government says it intends to strip the 9-week-old coalition Cabinet of its powers on Friday if the IRA doesn't promise to disarm. The IRA's response Saturday fell far short of that, mixing optimistic-sounding rhetoric with a determination to resist political pressure.

In its statement, the IRA emphasized its willingness to "support efforts to secure the resolution of the arms issue." But it didn't directly say whether it would begin scrapping its weapons dumps in cooperation with a disarmament commission, as the 1998 Good Friday peace accord envisaged.

Any solution "will not be on British or (Protestant) unionist terms, nor will it be advanced by British legislative threats," the group said.

The IRA statement came as Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, met with David Trimble, who leads Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, and holds the top post in the four-party Cabinet.

Neither leader would discuss the content of their meeting, which lasted only minutes.

But Trimble said the IRA statement had nothing new to say and was "most unfortunate." Adams said it reflected anger over the British government's "threat and ultimatum."

The province's Cabinet was formed two months ago following a Sinn Fein-Ulster Unionist deal brokered by American mediator George Mitchell. The Ulster Unionists agreed to form a Cabinet with Sinn Fein. But in exchange, the Ulster Unionists expected the IRA to begin disarming in January.

The IRA then opened discussions with the province's long-stymied disarmament commission. But the commission reported Jan. 31 that its talks with IRA leaders had produced no concrete gains, triggering an Ulster Unionist threat to withdraw from the Cabinet.

The British government's first priority is to discourage Trimble and his colleagues from resigning. With Protestant opinion split down the middle on the merits of sharing power with Sinn Fein, the Ulster Unionists might not have sufficient support to win re-election if they resign. That would make it impossible to start the Cabinet up again.

Rendering the Cabinet powerless but intact would avoid that scenario. It would allow for powers to be returned from London to Belfast if the deadlock is resolved.

But to rising British and Ulster Unionist annoyance, the Sinn Fein-IRA movement insists it isn't violating the letter of the Good Friday accord.

The accord required Sinn Fein leaders — among them prominent ex-IRA figures — to use "whatever influence they may have" to try to achieve IRA disarmament by May 2000. As an outlawed group, the IRA couldn't be directly represented in the negotiations.

"The IRA has never entered into any agreement, undertaking or understanding at any time with anyone on any aspect of decommissioning. We have not broken our commitment or betrayed anyone," the IRA said.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
High 70	High 69	High 70
Low 33	Low 35	Low 32

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-30s and a south wind of 5-15 mph. The high will be near 70.

Sunday night will be mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s.

Monday will be sunny with a high in the upper 60s. Monday night will be clear with a low in the mid-30s.

Tuesday will be sunny with a high around 70.

Wednesday will be mostly sunny with a low in the lower 40s and a high in the lower 70s.

After an overnight low of 27, Saturday's high was 58, compared to the old record high for that date of 78, set in 1951. The record low of 10 was set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	trace
Total for year	0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.41 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	58
Low	27
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

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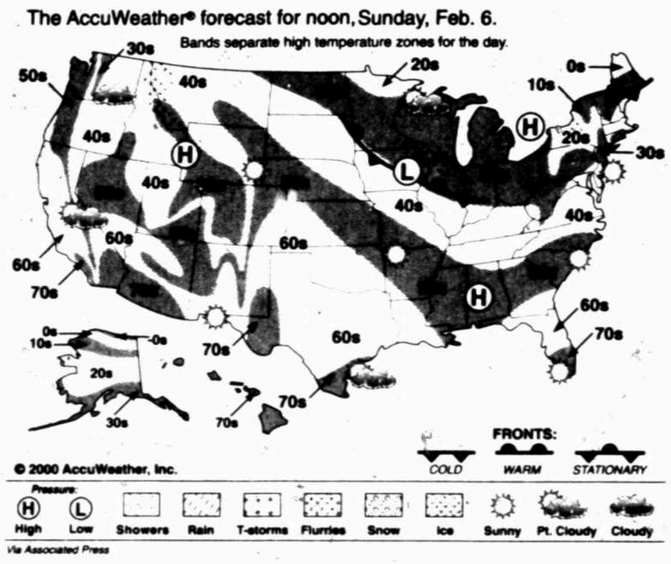
National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Feb. 6.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Saturday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

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Atlanta	45	29	clr	
Atlantic City	35	30	.05	clr
Austin	58	32	cdy	
Baltimore	38	27	clr	
Baton Rouge	53	31	cdy	
Billings	43	23	cdy	
Birmingham	46	26	cdy	
Bismarck	32	11	cdy	
Boise	56	39	.02	cdy
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Bridgeport	34	23	clr	
Brownsville	69	50	cdy	
Buffalo	28	10	.01	clr
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Charlotte,N.C.	48	25	cdy	
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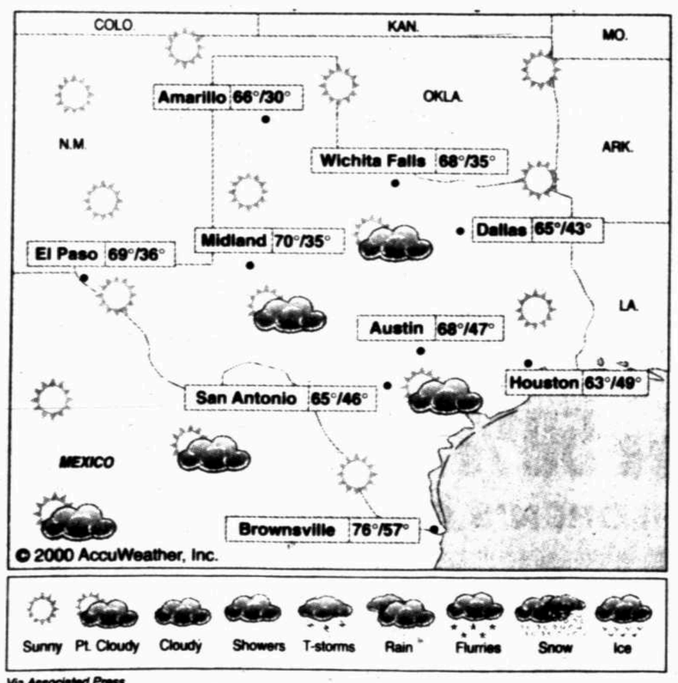

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McCAIN: Democratic primary cancellation may be factor

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of his first South Carolina address.

Bush's 20-percentage-point lead in South Carolina polls vanished overnight. A Time/CNN poll showed his national margin halved, though the Texas governor still holds a sizable lead. Public and private polls showed Bush's lead slipping in California, New York and Ohio — all crucial March 7 primary states.

McCain raised more than $1 million from the Internet alone after New Hampshire, with hundreds of thousands more coming by mail and from fund-raisers. Nearly 10,000 people offered to help McCain's campaign after his victory, but an overtaxed staff was having trouble keeping track of them.

"The dynamics are now in place for McCain to potentially win quite large in this state," said Jack Bass, political scientist at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

He said one factor is cancellation of the Democratic primary, which could swell the ranks of those who will vote in the GOP race for McCain. He also discounted the impact of Christian conservatives, given a demographic profile changing from such groups as retirees from other states and a diverse work force migrating to the state.

Bush's team remains confident it can stop McCain in South Carolina, a state that historically favors establishment candidates such as the Texas governor and his father, former President Bush.

Bush is backed by former Govs. Carroll Campbell and David Beasley and the state's Republican senator, Strom Thurmond. McCain's team is less stellar, but Reps. Mark Sanford and Lindsey Graham share his taste for campaign finance reform.

"I think it's a dog fight, but I think McCain's message of deception will catch up with him," Beasley said, signaling Bush's newly aggressive approach to McCain.

Bush himself accused McCain on Friday of practicing "Washington double-talk" by attacking special interests while asking for their financial help. For his next set of television ads, Bush is considering hard-hitting offensives against McCain on taxes, education and campaign finance reform.

If the strategy should fail and McCain wins South Carolina, the front-runner would be wounded — but quickly under emergency care.

Arizona and Michigan primaries are next, soon followed by Virginia. Bush is competitive in McCain's home state of Arizona, and the Texan is supported by fellow governors all three states.

"We're waiting in the weeds for Senator McCain," Michigan Gov. John Engler said. McCain is fairly well organized in Michigan, but a late start hurt. He is keeping pace with Bush's TV ad budget.

McCain's top media strategist, Mike Murphy, is a former Engler aide but contends the Michigan governor cannot save Bush.

"Smart Republicans are stepping back already and saying, 'Hey, they're both good guys, but why do we want Bush again?'" Murphy said.

Fellow Vietnam prisoner of war Paul Galante runs McCain's Virginia operation and as yet has no TV ad budget. McCain is up against Gov. Jim Gilmore's political network as well as a planned $1 million ad campaign by Bush.

McCain's obstacles get higher after Virginia, when the campaign moves to a coast-to-coast series of March 7 primaries. Bush is backed by New York Gov. George Pataki in the East and most of California's Republican establishment in the West. His four-to-one money advantage gives him a leg up in the expensive TV markets of the March 7 states.

"We've got the organizational structure, while McCain has nice press clippings," said Peter Terpeluk, a Washington fund-raiser for Bush.

A second Bush fund-raiser, Ted Welch, predicts McCain will run into the same problem that stopped Welch's old boss, Lamar Alexander, in 1996. Welch raised $100,000 a day for Alexander after a strong finish in Iowa, but "we couldn't turn the money around fast enough into an organization."

Still, times have changed, and analysts say McCain may be helped by:

- The Internet, which gets money to him faster.
- The explosion of cable channels and Internet news sites, which give him a route around the establishment.
- The front-loading of primaries, which give Bush less time to recover from early blows.

McCain also is a stronger alternative to the front-runner than past insurgents, particularly Pat Buchanan in 1992 and 1996.

"He's patterned after Ventura," said Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, whose 1996 Reform Party campaign toppled established Democratic and Republican candidates. "My only problem is I think Senator McCain is in the wrong party."

DATES: New York among 12 states holding primaries March 7

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Engler and $1.7 million in TV ads. A split between Engler and the outgoing GOP chairman raised questions about party unity. McCain will spend slightly less than Bush, but the New Hampshire bounce has closed Bush's lead in polls. McCain's counterpart to Engler is a state senator, John Schwarz.

- Virginia, Feb. 29: Bush is backed by Gov. Jim Gilmore's strong political team. McCain's chairman is a fellow Vietnam POW, Paul Galante. Bush is spending $878,000 on TV ads and plans to hit the Washington, D.C., market next week. McCain is not on the air.
- California, March 7: State Sen. Jim Brulte, one of California's top operatives, is in Bush's camp. McCain's team includes a former Capitol Hill aide, Brian Nestande, and a well-known anti-tax advocate, Joel Fox. McCain hopes to be able to spend $6 million to $8 million, though the Bush campaign doubts he'll raise that much money. The McCain camp expects to be outspent 2-to-1 but considers California's history of campaign finance reform and term limits tailor-made for McCain.
- Connecticut, March 7: Gov. John Roland supports Bush. McCain's top organizers are state lawmakers.
- Georgia, March 7: Bush has Sen. Paul Coverdell on his side. McCain has no state coordinator.
- Maine, March 7: A group of activists volunteered services to McCain and are the heart of his organization. Bush has most of the GOP leadership.
- Maryland, March 7: Voters will soon see Bush TV ads. McCain has no immediate advertising plans and only a small organization.
- Massachusetts, March 7: Gov. Paul Cellucci heads the Bush effort. McCain will benefit from exposure in nearby New Hampshire and has a staff in place.
- Missouri, March 7: Not a lot of action from either campaign.
- New York, March 7: Bush's team is headed by Gov. George Pataki. McCain is backed by Staten Island's borough president, Guy Molinari, and won a high-profile fight against the establishment to get on the state's ballot.
- Ohio, March 7: Gov. Bob Taft is for Bush. McCain's top supporter, Sen. Mike DeWine, is helping in South Carolina.
- Rhode Island, March 7: Gov. Lincoln Almond is for Bush, while McCain has a handful of state lawmakers.
- Vermont, March 7: The first state in which polls showed McCain gaining on Bush, and that was in the fall. He also could benefit from voter exposure to New Hampshire TV.
- Washington state, March 7: McCain has visited the state, hoping to tap into its independent voters. Bush is backed by Sen. Slade Gorton and Rep. Jennifer Dunn.

RENEWAL: College groups supervised 700 children

(From 1A)

cut out for them, with the community reaping the benefit perhaps as much as anybody.

"When we went to the airport to pick someone up, the stewards were asking what this 'Stream in the desert' was, because everybody on the plane was talking about it," Ms. Brown said.

"Everybody had to go somewhere to eat lunch, they flew in, rented cars. We had to buy Cokes, doughnuts and gallons of orange juice. I'm sure they gave Sam's (Wholesale Club) some business during their breaks," she said, outlining the benefit to the community.

She and her husband hosted 11 people in their house alone, claiming that they knew of others who stayed in Odessa because of difficulty finding hotel rooms.

Shannon Perkins, a manager of Holiday Inn, affirmed the economic impact on local hotels.

"We ran about 90 percent occupied," she said, indicating that 30 percent is normal of a typical weekend. "We do give special rates for events like that. I think it's great for our economy."

"Just providing a drink of water for 5,000 people gets pretty complicated," Brown laughed.

Childcare was a monumentous task as well, with 700 kids being supervised by more than 50 college students. The students came from the Texas A&M organization "Aggies for Christ" and Abilene Christian's Freshman Action Council.

"We jumped at the opportunity to help out," Blake Berryhill, the senior who headed the Abilene Christian group said.

"We're just volunteers here to do whatever. We split the kids into groups and took them to different classrooms where activities were set up," freshman Lori Gilmore said.

Aggies for Christ minister Bob Davidson agreed, "We do a lot of service projects and this is an exciting thing for this church, so we had no problem getting our kids to come."

Behind the numbers and the magnitude of the event, organizers saw something even more important.

"No. 1, this mobilizes hundreds of people into ministry. There is nothing more motivating than people who take ownership," said Ronnie White, Golf Course Road's pulpit minister. "This helps to build momentum in our trying to reach our own community."

"We dreamed about an event like a men's retreat or a Walk to Emmaus and combined parts from each of them. This is not a seminar and it's not a conference; it really is a time of spiritual renewal," McGraw said of the intended purpose.

To accomplish that, small group sessions were held after each assembly to allow a time of sharing. In addition, speakers and special guests were of high caliber.

"I've read Bruce Marchiano's book. A man in our church had a flier and there were about 10 of us that came," Nancy Dooley of Oklahoma City said.

Marchiano is an actor who portrayed Jesus in "The Gospel According to Matthew," before writing "In the footsteps of Jesus."

"We heard about this event and how inspiring it is. We knew Mike Cope and Marchiano were going to be here and the Lord just brought us," Steve Baker of Shreveport, LA. agreed.

Cope, of Abilene, is author of "What Would Jesus Do Today?," and shared messages entitled "God's Gifts of Community, of Hope, of Steadfast Love, and of Joy."

A special testimony by a survivor of the Columbine tragedy was provided to the hundreds of youth who attended.

Lindsay Elmore, in Texas for a scholarship interview, said, "This is something I felt like God wanted me to do."

She admits that this was her first public discussion of her reaction to the tragedy in Littleton.

"I knew that if I did horribly, I'd never see any of these people again," she laughed.

"Bad things happen and always will happen. If we're prepared, what matters is how we respond as Christians," mother Patti said is a lesson she has learned from her daughter, who saw students on both sides of her in the library killed by gunmen.

Saturday's events concluded with a concert by George Rowe, especially intended to appeal to college students.

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Terry Evans, left, and her husband, Stephen, right, of Roswell, N.M. join in prayer with longtime friend Kelley McCalip, center, of Arlington at the "Stream in the Desert' renewal Saturday.

Vice President Al Gore wins Delaware straw poll

By Walter R. Mears
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Vice President Al Gore won the Delaware presidential primary Saturday, outdistancing Bill Bradley in an election neglected by the Democratic campaigners, in voting that drew a turnout as sparse as the stakes.

Gore won comfortably in a primary that was only a popularity contest, a state-run straw poll.

The vice president captured 57 percent of the vote, the former senator from New Jersey, 40 percent.

Gore, taking a day off in Washington, telephoned a union leader his thanks for the victory. "He said we took him over the top," said Mike Begatto, executive director of the AFL-CIO Public Employees Council.

"Al Gore and the Gore campaign appreciate the support of the people of Delaware today," said spokesman Chris Lehane. "We hope to also earn that support caucus day."

That will be March 27, when Delaware Democrats begin choosing their 22 nominating delegates. The state scheduled its primary near the start of the campaign season in an effort to gain influence, but Democrats could not select delegates this soon without violating party rules.

Pick 3 Texas

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

7-9-3

Lotto Texas

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

9-12-27-35-36-40

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

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With sanctions, riots, new government in Austria brings more change than expected

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — With sanctions from abroad and riots at home, Austria has seen dramatic change since Joerg Haider's anti-immigrant party became half of the government Friday. More — and different — change than Haider's voters expected.

Gone are the staid and cozy leaderships formed since the end of World War II by establishment parties that brought Austrians from postwar hardship to prosperous democracy.

In came Haider's Freedom Party, empowered by an electorate eager to clean Austrian politics of inertia and cronyism and embracing its view that foreigners clamoring at the borders were threatening each Austrian's well-being.

But other changes are less welcome. The party's anti-foreigner stance and Haider's past praise of the Nazi era have left Austria under political quarantine and rent by internal dissent.

Average Austrians remain alternately worried and defiant, their national pride replaced by anxiety as governments reduce relations or withdraw ambassadors and foreign tourists begin canceling trips.

"We needed change, but not turmoil," Andreas Kuehrer, a waiter, said as he watched a televised clash between riot police and anti-Haider demonstrators — not in Indonesia, South Korea or any of "those places over there," but in "my Vienna, the city where nothing like this ever happens."

But things have changed since the Oct. 3 elections, when many Austrians rejected the political parties they had supported for decades, the ones that gave them Europe's second-highest living standard, one of the lowest crime rates anywhere and restored respectability after finally facing their Nazi legacy.

"What we hoped for was renewal, new faces and new ideas," said pensioner Michael Rudolf, whose vote helped catapult the Freedom Party into second place. "We wanted a better Austria for Austrians, but the others are not going to let it happen."

"The Others" — the belief that outsiders are responsible for Austria's problems — permeates the country's recent history.

Austrians fervently supported Adolf Hitler, their native son. According to the Vienna-based Jewish Documentation Center, headed by Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, Austrians were accountable in some way for the death of 3 million Jews — about half those killed in the Holocaust.

That was quickly forgotten after the war. Austrian statesmen negotiating with Allies for their independence insisted Austria was a Nazi victim, not a perpetrator. Anxious to prevent a future union between Austria and Germany, the allies agreed.

Although more than 99 percent of Austrians voted for their country's annexation by Germany in 1938, the postwar Austrian constitution endorsed by the Allies recognizes "that Hitler's Germany ... annexed Austria by force."

Kurt Waldheim won Austria's presidency by claiming he was a victim, first of the Nazis who ruled his country and later of the international community, which called him to task for hiding his wartime past as a lieutenant in a German unit associated with atrocities. Other officials associated with the Hitler era held high postwar government posts.

The allies also allowed the formation of a new party — the WDU — despite its "German nationalist" program and a membership list permeated by former Nazis.

In 1986, by then called the Freedom Party, it elected Haider its leader.

Supporters of the two major parties were rewarded with state jobs and other benefits. By the time Haider took over his party, political affiliation and good connections generally meant more than qualifications for even prospective school principals and hospital doctors. Unions and other employee groups created by the two parties ensured that membership meant professional advancement.

The line between the two parties blurred further after 1987. Too weak to rule alone, they formed a coalition government, leaving a vacuum in the opposition that Haider's party quickly filled.

Though prosperity grew, so did unease about big government. The perception that those without connections did not have a chance mixed with outrage over reports of corruption and secret deals by a government seemingly unaccountable to the electorate

Haider's party stepped in as the advocate of the little people, attacking the ruling parties and their leaders, often in the street language of their growing camp of supporters.

Though the government owned up to Austria's role under Hitler and enacted restitution laws, and critics condemned Haider's praise of the Nazi era and his party's racism-tinged stance on foreigners, the Freedom Party gained strength in each election.

The balance finally tipped on Oct. 3. The Freedom Party narrowly outpolled the People's Party, setting the stage for the months of torturous negotiations that ended with Haider's party sharing power.

But the resulting sanctions, riots, strike threats and canceled vacations is change that most Austrians can do without.

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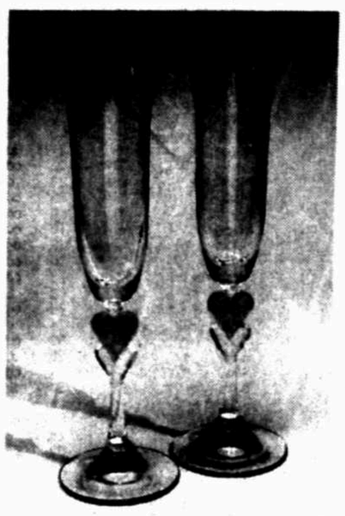

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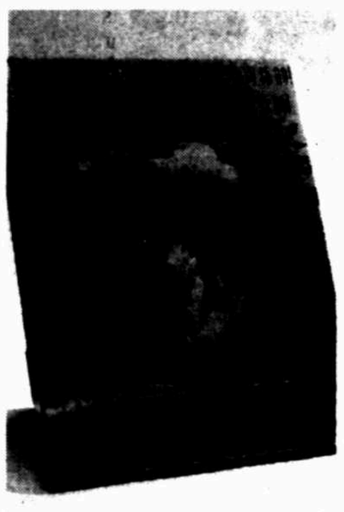

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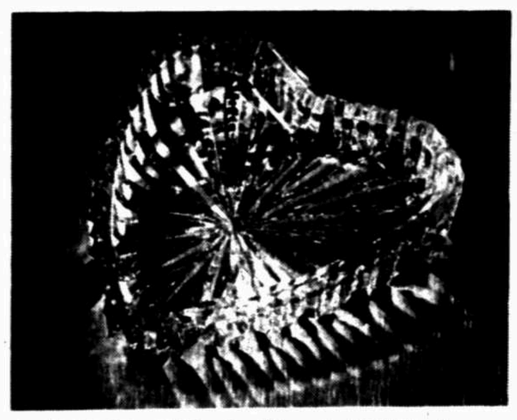

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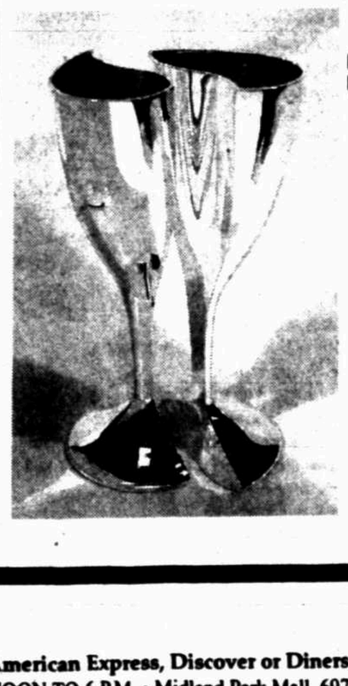

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Year of Mideast peace gets off to rocky start

JERUSALEM (AP) — For what was supposed to be the year of Mideast peace, with promises of Israeli pacts with Syria and Palestinians and an end to battles in Lebanon, it's been a rocky start.

Israel's talks with Syria are frozen, negotiations with the Palestinians are bogged down and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who needs broad support at home to give up land to old enemies, has seen his approval rating drop over a campaign financing scandal.

At first glance, it looks like an across-the-board failure for Barak, who promised peace with Syria within months, an end to Israel's bloody guerrilla war in Lebanon by July and a treaty with the Palestinians by September.

Still, many in Israel believe their prime minister, known for his sharp analytical skills, is proceeding according to a hidden strategy.

Most agree Barak prefers to settle first with the Syrians. The outlines of an agreement have long been apparent — a return of the Golan Heights in exchange for security guarantees for Israel and normalization of relations. Peace in Lebanon would follow any agreement with Syria, which controls its neighbor's military, politics and economy.

"Barak has locked onto the Syrian track like a laser beam. It's a clean deal that's doable," says Dore Gold, a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations. "The Palestinian track is murky, with issues that are very difficult to resolve."

Ever since Israeli-Syrian talks resumed in December, after a four-year hiatus, Barak has made little effort to hide his preference, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is deeply worried about being sidelined, even though Israeli-Syrian contacts broke off in mid-January.

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The suspension appears temporary.

President Clinton is working to get talks resumed, and Barak last week sent a senior negotiator, Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, the tourism minister and a former army chief, to a secret meeting with Syrian officials in Geneva.

Syrian President Hafez Assad assured the Israeli envoy he is interested in returning to the talks, the Haaretz daily said Friday.

The low point in Israeli-Palestinian talks came Thursday when Arafat angrily walked out of a meeting with Barak, ostensibly over Israel's refusal to hand over Jerusalem suburbs in the West Bank in a partial troop pullback due next week.

But the relatively minor issue was simply the most immediate one Arafat could lock on to. His advisers complained that Israel has not been fully engaged in negotiations on the terms of Palestinian statehood, despite a pressing Feb. 13 deadline for a peace treaty outline.

If Barak is indeed playing for time to cut a deal with Syria first, he may eventually have to pay a higher price for a treaty with the Palestinians, says Menachem Klein, a political scientist at Bar Ilan University.

An Israeli withdrawal from all of the Golan Heights, the apparent price of peace with Syria, would reinforce the expectation that Israel is ready to hand back all the land it captured in the 1967 Mideast war. Under such circumstances, it would be very difficult for Arafat to accept a lesser deal in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, Klein says.

Also, a deal with the Palestinians is key to ending the broader Israeli-Arab and Muslim-Jewish conflicts whose heart is Jerusalem, a city sacred to Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

"I don't think an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan will convince Saudi Arabia to send an ambassador to Tel Aviv," Klein says.

Others, however, believe Arafat is procrastinating just as much as Barak.

Ehud Yaari, Israel TV's political analyst, says the Palestinian leader is very apprehensive about making any concessions on Jerusalem or the fate of the millions of Palestinian refugees now scattered across the Arab world.

"He wants a state without ending the conflict," Yaari says. "He does not want to be the undertaker (who buries) Palestinian rights."

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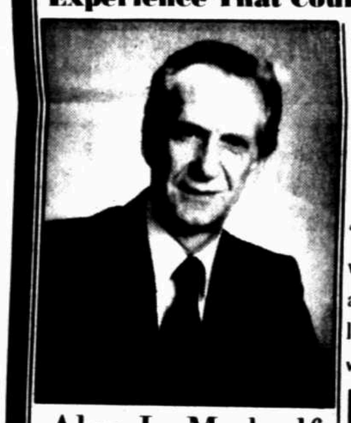
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Prosecutors mull treatment of 8-year-old boy who confessed to murder

COKER CREEK, Tenn. (AP) — Neighbors said that for months the ramshackle mobile home littered with piles of trash and beer cans had been the site of loud parties and drunken fights, most in front of two young boys who lived there with their mother and her boyfriend.

When it was quiet, they said, the children often were left alone with no food, running water or electricity.

Then, last week, the mother's boyfriend was stabbed to death, and the 8-year-old boy confessed to killing him, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said. According to police reports, the boy said Keith Podzebka, 41, had been hitting his mother.

District Attorney General Jerry Estes said authorities are reviewing the case to decide if the boy will be tried as a juvenile or an adult.

"These issues are rare. I don't recall having an 8-year-old involved in a murder," Estes said Saturday. "This is a first for us."

Where the child is prosecuted depends on the motive and whether he has committed other violent acts, Estes said.

The second-grader — described by neighbors as a sweet, intelligent child — is accused of stabbing Podzebka in the chest Jan. 30 in this isolated rural community, tucked away in the Cherokee National Forest near the North Carolina border.

According to police reports, the boys' mother said another man stabbed Podzebka, but then her 8-year-old son confessed.

"He was smart with a lot of potential despite what was going on in that home," said Ann Irons, the parent of a child who attends the same school as the boy.

The boy's mother was charged with child neglect and pleaded guilty Tuesday in Monroe County Sessions Court. She was given a suspended six-month sentence. The boy and his 11-year-old brother have been placed in foster care, apparently because the young suspect was not considered dangerous, authorities said.

Amnesia victim reunited with family

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — Mary Joyce Howard, lost for two years as an amnesia victim living in an Oklahoma nursing home as Jane Doe, was reunited with her family Saturday.

Her parents, brother and sister-in-law were waiting as a doctor and two paramedics, all volunteers, arrived with her following an 18-hour drive from Oklahoma City.

Howard, clutching her teddy bear, hugged each relative several times at the reunion at the High Point Care Center. Her brother, Reuben Howard of Burlington, said she knew who he was immediately. Howard cried as she talked to him.

"I'm just glad that she's OK," her mother, Naomi, told reporters. "It could have been much worse, even though this is bad enough."

Howard was injured in a hit-and-run highway accident in February 1998 and underwent major brain surgery.

She was in a near vegetative state, known only as Jane Doe, until July when she said she wanted to be called Joyce instead of Jane. But she spoke little and was difficult to understand, and attempts to identify her through her fingerprints failed.

Her identity was finally unlocked during a recent hospital stay for pneumonia, when she suddenly remembered her Social Security number.

At her best, Howard, 39, functions as a 10-year-old child, forming complex sentences and getting around her hospital room without assistance, Cox said. At her worst, she folds up into the fetal position and does not acknowledge much of the outside world.

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How will Elian case affect U.S. custody disputes?

WASHINGTON (AP) — In government parlance, Juan Gonzalez is a "left behind" parent, fighting from afar to persuade U.S. officials to return his son, Elian, to Cuba.

Thousands of Americans are fighting similar battles, including more than 1,100 on the State Department list of active cases.

Officials believe the longer Elian's case drags on, the more difficult it will be to help American parents seeking return of children taken overseas in custody disputes.

Already, it has been 10 weeks since the 6-year-old boy was pulled from the Atlantic Ocean after a shipwreck killed his mother as they neared Florida while they were fleeing Cuba.

One "American Elian" is Amanda Johnson. Her father, Thomas Johnson, a State Department official, has spent $250,000 of his savings trying to re-establish a relationship broken five years ago when she was taken to Sweden by Johnson's former wife, a Swedish diplomat. His efforts have yielded but a handful of brief supervised visits with her in Sweden.

The State Department, Johnson's employer for 20 years, has tried to help him but with scant results, a common occurrence because governments often refuse to cooperate.

The Immigration and Nationalization Service has ordered that Elian Gonzalez be sent home, consistent with international law, but the boy's relatives in Miami have taken the case to court. They and their supporters believe it would be cruel to return him to a country not known for democratic liberties.

No resolution of the case is expected before next month.

In the meantime, U.S. officials increasingly are anxious about the implications for American parents who are victims of international child-abduction cases.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the failure to implement the INS decision could "seriously jeopardize" the department's efforts on behalf of parents seeking the return of American children to the United States.

In a court brief filed in Elian's case, Mary Ryan, the department's top consular affairs official, said, "Because other countries carefully scrutinize the practices of the United States, our credibility and effectiveness depend upon our ability to adhere to the principles we espouse."

But Nancy Hammer of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children wonders whether the Elian case will make a difference.

"The United States has always been a leader on issues of child protection," she said. "Other countries do look to us for that leadership. On the other hand, we haven't seen a lot of reciprocity from other governments. Even if we do the right thing, there is no guarantee that this will inspire others to do the right thing."

Hammer said American parents are amazed at the amount of energy the U.S. government has summoned in the Elian Gonzalez case on behalf of a foreign father.

Johnson agrees, asserting there is no comparable effort on behalf of American parents in similar situations. "If Elian's tragedy serves any good purpose, it would be to point out that irony," he said.

As an outgrowth of the case, Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, who heads a House group on child abduction, will convene a day-long conference on the subject Wednesday. Several parents of abducted children have been invited to attend.

Tom Sylvester of Cincinnati, whose Austrian ex-wife fled the United States for her homeland in 1995 with their daughter Carina, feels Elian should have been back in Cuba with his father long ago.

"It is inappropriate to dilute the family values that we all talk about with respect to the sacred relationship between parent and child," Sylvester said.

Both Johnson and Sylvester have court orders affirming their rights to custody arrangements with their daughters. But they say the State Department has not done enough to press the Swedish and Austrian governments to enable them to have more than intermittent, supervised visits with their daughters.

Elian's meeting with grandmothers outrages relatives

MIAMI (AP) — Relatives of Elian Gonzalez have filed a complaint with police over the recent meeting between the 6-year-old and his Cuban grandmothers, a police source said Saturday.

The relatives were outraged after one of the grandmothers described playfully biting the boy's tongue and unzipping his pants during the reunion.

The source at the Miami Beach Police Department, who requested anonymity, said the complaint was filed Friday.

"There was a report filed and there is going to be an investigation made into the complaint made on that report," said the source, who would not provide further details.

Through Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., Elian's relatives requested a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno to discuss unspecified new information about the case, Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said. The request was being considered.

In an interview on Cuban television Tuesday, Elian's paternal grandmother, Mariela Quintana, said she had "played jokes" with the boy during a U.S. government-ordered meeting Jan. 26 at the home of a Roman Catholic nun in Florida.

"I even opened up his zipper," she said. "I told him, 'Let me see, let me see ... if it has grown.'"

Gutierrez said the family was furious. "That is not a Cuban custom," he said.

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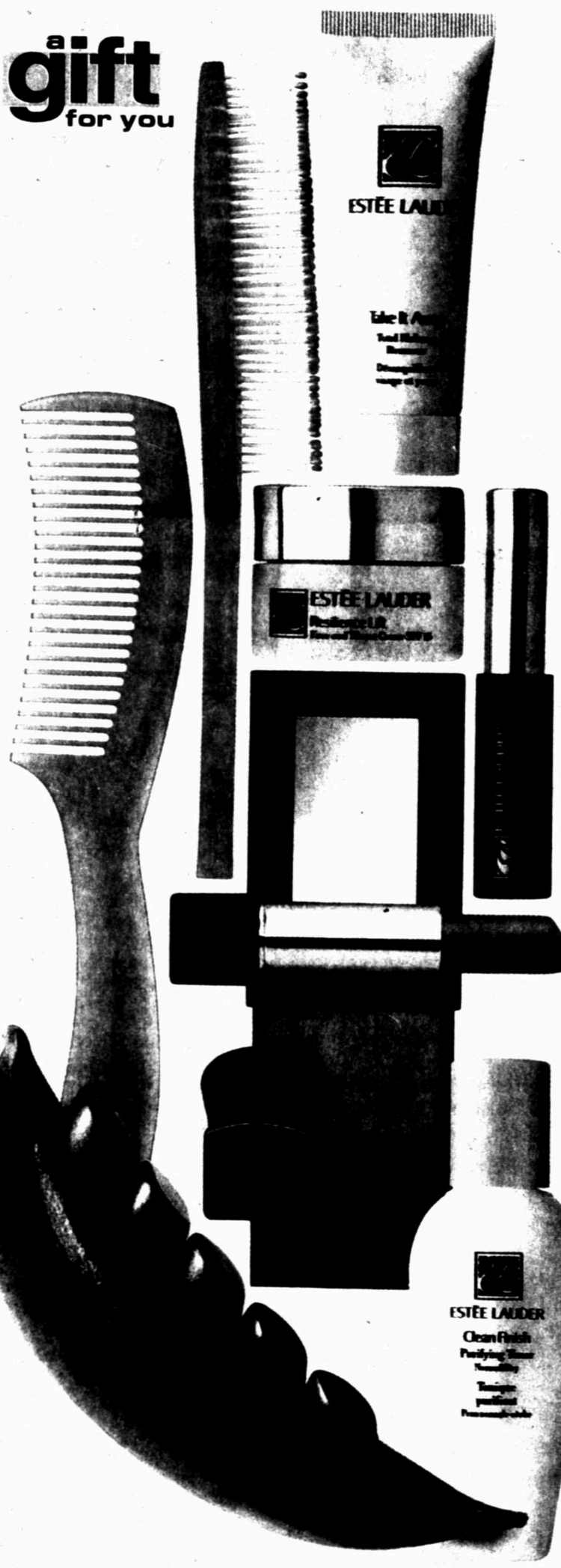

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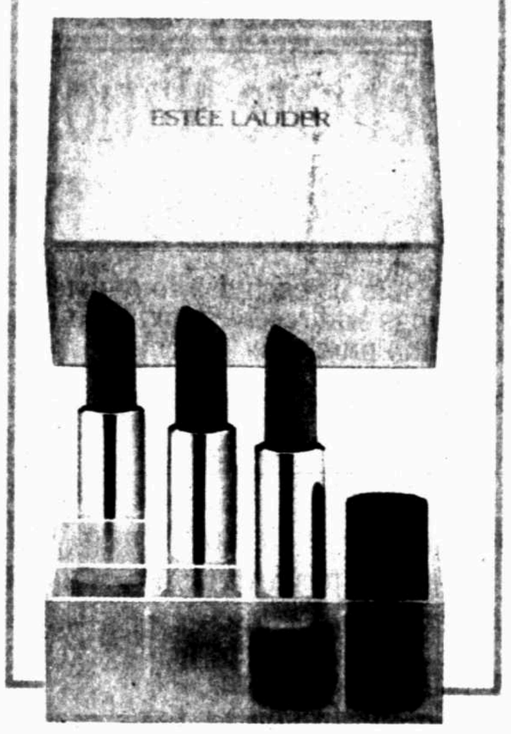

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Congress debates sentencing disparity for cocaine crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a dispute that has engulfed the drug debate for years: how best to end the disparity between mandatory prison sentences for possession of crack and powder cocaine.

The law requires a five-year prison term for anyone convicted of possessing 5 grams or more of crack. But a person has to be found guilty of holding at least 500 grams of powder cocaine to fall under the same mandate.

Critics contend that 100-fold difference targets minorities and the poor for jail while allowing more upscale users of the costlier powder cocaine to go free. Defenders of the current thresholds say crack is more addictive and is associated more with violent crime.

The debate grew thornier last week: A provision the Senate tucked into a bankruptcy bill would lower the threshold at which powder cocaine offenders would go behind bars.

The fate of the Senate-passed bill, as well as that of the cocaine measure, is uncertain. The House has passed its own version of bankruptcy legislation but has not addressed the cocaine issue.

The Senate language is drawing its share of criticism and praise. Supporters say it would end the sentencing disparity, remain tough on crime and silence allegations of racism. Opponents say it only will further crowd prisons.

"Rather than reduce the disparity, this would just increase the number of minority offenders going to prison," said Marc Mauer, assistant director of The Sentencing Project, a Washington-based advocacy group. "Two-thirds of powder cocaine offenders who would now go to prison under this amendment are Hispanic whites."

He said the solution is "locking up fewer crack offenders, not locking up more powder offenders."

Many judges, including several conservatives on the federal bench, also have criticized Congress' practice of mandating sentences. They say it removes their discretion to weigh a person's role in a crime, the circumstances and other mitigating factors.

"This lock 'em up and throw away the key approach to sentencing has done nothing more than fill our prisons with low- level drug offenders," said Monica Pratt, a spokeswoman for Families Against Mandatory Minimums, an advocacy group.

Supporters of the cocaine measure by Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., counter that drugs are illegal regardless. Getting tougher is the answer, they argue, not getting more lenient.

"The fact of the matter remains if you're dealing drugs you're committing a crime," said Joe Davis, a spokesman for Abraham. "We're not going to go easy on anybody that deals drugs to our kids. We don't care if it's crack. We don't care if it's powder. These dangerous drugs, no matter what form they are in, are on the streets and we want to take them off."

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Input is needed at upcoming public hearings

Following the Midland Independent School District press conference Friday at which two proposed boundary maps for elementary students were revealed, plaintiff-intervenors and others concerned about this change noted in a press release of their own that they "will not support any plan that places the burden of bussing on children who live in South and East Midland."

"It has been our position," the statement continued, "that a bus that carries a child to West Midland should bring one to East Midland."

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Two public hearings are planned at which Midland residents can raise their objections. One will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Alamo Junior High School, and the other will be at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 22 at Robert E. Lee Freshman High School.

The plaintiff-intervenors say they "continue to support the concept of an integrated society, one in which all children regardless of race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status are treated equally."

At the same time, MISD officials insist they are "trying to be fair to the extent that we are trying to share the burden of bussing equally and trying to reduce the number of students being bussed."

Although we don't see the goal of the two sides as being too far apart, to accomplish it in such a way that the final product is fair and equitable to all Midland students is essential. The best way to ensure that such a plan is adopted is by being at the two upcoming public hearings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2000. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was declared in effect.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.

In 1993, tennis Hall-of-Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

In 1998, President Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Ten years ago: Soviet Communist Party leaders decided to extend a two-day party session by an extra day amid controversy over Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's proposals to revamp the country's political structure.

Five years ago: President Clinton unveiled his $1.61 trillion budget for 1996, mixing mild tax relief and spending reductions. Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, the alleged mastermind of a campaign of violence, pleaded guilty in New York to plotting urban terrorism. The space shuttle Discovery flew to within 37 feet of the Russian space station Mir in the first rendezvous of its kind in two decades.

One year ago: The public finally got to see and hear Monica Lewinsky as excerpts of the former White House intern's videotaped testimony were shown at President Clinton's impeachment trial. President Clinton requested legislation to require background checks on buyers at gun shows.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUG COHN

Nation's high court has increasing power

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, now in session, is undoubtedly our nation's most misunderstood branch of government. Its power is particularly brought to focus when we see how the executive branch has been increasingly inclined to bend to the Court's will over the years.

Anderson

In 1804, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall issued a subpoena duces tecum to President Thomas Jefferson in Vice President Aaron Burr's treason trial. Jefferson rejected the subpoena.

In 1974, the Supreme Court voted 8 to 0 in favor of ordering President Richard Nixon to turn over the Watergate tapes to Congress. Nixon complied.

In the first example, Jefferson clearly exercised executive privilege and kept intact the balance between the executive and judicial branches of our government.

In the second example, Nixon did precisely the opposite. Bear in mind, he would have been compelled to appear and provide evidence in an impeachment trial, but there was no impeachment trial. Rather, the weight of public opinion, not the Constitution, proved to be the compelling force behind his decision.

In the 1803 Marbury vs. Madison case, the Supreme Court established its right of judicial review, effectively stating — and with sound constitutional basis — that it alone was the final word on the constitutionality of laws passed by the legislative branch and signed by the executive. But that is a far thing from actually asserting superiority over the other two branches.

The Supreme Court cannot — or is not supposed to — make laws. Only Congress can do that. The Court cannot execute laws. Only the president can do that. And significantly, the Court cannot remove a congressman or president from office. Only Congress can do that. As President Andrew Jackson said of a Supreme Court decision in 1832, "John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it!"

It is one thing to have an overactive Supreme Court, but it is another to have an all-powerful one. This was not intended by the constitutional framers, and it is not desirable. The Court rendered a perceived good service in the Watergate tapes instance, but it was also a bad precedent — bad that the Court became involved and bad that the president acceded to its demand.

Presidential accession is in fact at the root of the problem. With few exceptions since Jefferson's unequivocal stand, presidents have compromised to avoid a crisis. In recent times, President Gerald Ford testified by videotape in the trial of Lynette (Squeaky) Fromme, who had attempted his assassination. President Reagan responded in writing to questions posed by the prosecution in the Col. Oliver North trial.

Yet historian Clinton Rossiter, citing the 1867 Mississippi vs. Johnson case of 1867, in which the Supreme Court decided President Andrew Johnson was not required to answer a writ of injunction, wrote that "the judiciary has no power to enjoin or mandamus or even question the president." He went on to note, "His subordinates, however, do not share his immunity from the judicial process."

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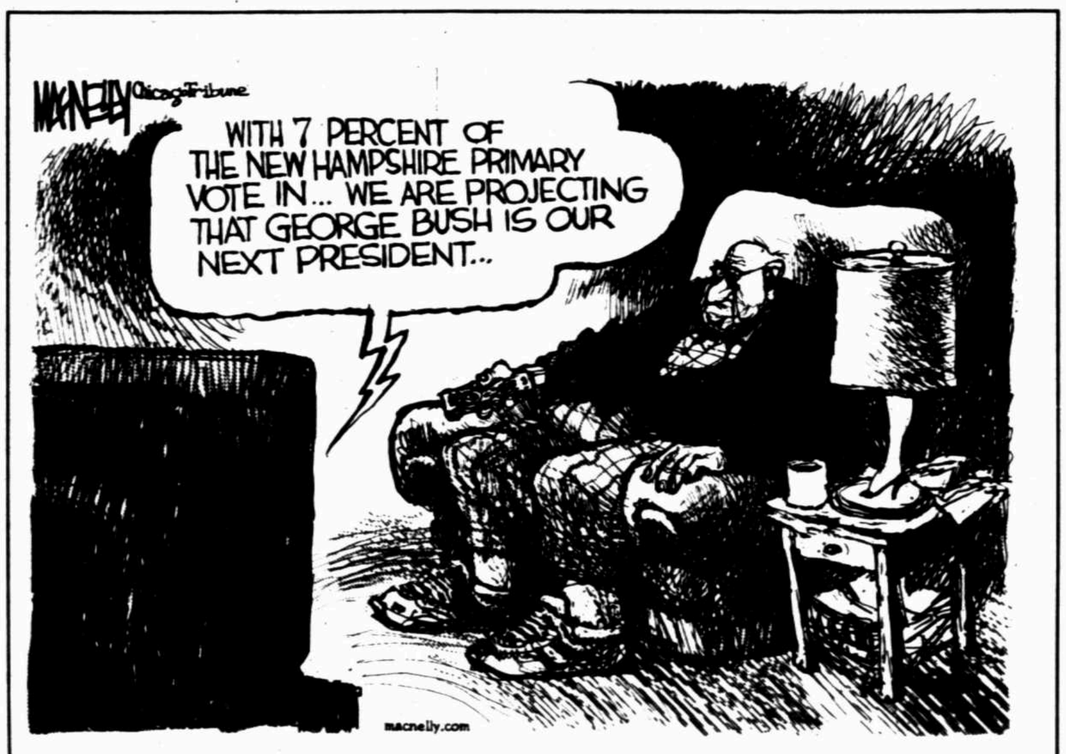

COKIE & STEVEN V. ROBERTS

McCain is for those who vote with their hearts

GOFFSTOWN, N.H. — Kara Kilmartin sums up the story of the New Hampshire primary. As she went to vote, she was "very torn" between Sen. John McCain and Gov. George W. Bush, but at the last moment she pulled the lever for McCain.

"I just think he's real independent, what he's saying is what he feels," said Kilmartin, a building manager in nearby Manchester. The Texas governor, she added, "didn't pull my heartstrings the way McCain did."

After talking to dozens of voters who cast ballots here at Goffstown High, the home of the Grizzlies, the pattern is clear. Those who voted with their hearts, like Kilmartin, backed McCain. Those who voted with their heads, like Phil Tatro, backed Bush.

Cokie & Steven Roberts

"Bush is the only guy who can beat Gore, unfortunately," said Tatro, who runs a filling station in the center of town. "He's got the money to go the distance."

What about McCain? "When everything hits at the end, he won't be left standing."

This is the challenge facing McCain in the weeks ahead as he tries to capitalize on his decisive victory in New Hampshire. Can he convince voters in other states that he is for real, that he will be "left standing", that he has the money and the moxie to win back the White House for the GOP?

That won't be easy. McCain raised $15.6 million in 1999, compared to $67 million for Bush, and in the big states coming up the Arizona senator will be badly outspent. More seriously for McCain, he can't begin to duplicate anywhere else what he did here, holding more than 100 town meetings and touching voters like Kara Kilmartin in such a personal way.

McCain's other big problem is this: Republicans want to win so badly that they're willing to settle for the safe, comfortable choice, even if he doesn't get them very excited. McCain is the mysterious stranger, great for a fling but not the marrying kind. Bush is the guy next door, no sparks but no surprises either, and a lot steadier in the long run.

Still, the message from Goffstown is that McCain has a chance, even if it's a small one. Of the seven candidates in both parties, he's the only one generating widespread enthusiasm or intensity. And that enthusiasm has a lot more to do with his personality than his positions.

According to the exit polls, standing up for your beliefs was the single most important quality for Republicans. And McCain got three out of five voters who stressed candor in their candidate.

One of them was Kristen McLane, the wife of an auto dealer who's at home with two small children. "I think he's trustworthy, he says what he believes, not just what we want to hear," she said of McCain. ""He's out in the open about things."

A retired millworker explained her vote this way: "When McCain talks, he talks more sincerely. Bush rattles off a lot, he's not sure of everything."

Wally King backs McCain because "he's a vet and I'm a vet". The retired salesman thought that McCain served in Korea, which is wrong, it was Vietnam, but that didn't seem to matter. "We have a connection," King insisted.

McCain's military record gives him another edge. After more than five years as a prisoner of war, voters think he's been tested and tempered by an experience none of his rivals in either party can match.

"He's tough," says Robert Wargo, a fellow veteran. "He's not afraid to stand up to those guys." When asked what "guys" he was talking about, Wargo turned vague: "The Senate, the Congress, especially about this soft money thing." It was the only time all day any voter mentioned campaign finance reform, McCain's signature issue.

Over and over again, folks in Goffstown backed Bush for one simple reason: electability. ""I just think he's our best chance to beat the Democrats," said Joan Glen, a retired nurse. But she noted that her daughter and son-in-law pressured her to back McCain, and she almost relented.

"They feel McCain's straightforward, that he won't kowtow to the Washington Establishment, although he is part of it," she said with a laugh.

Susan Jutras, a town employee, said her four teenagers were also bugging her to back McCain. She stuck with Bush but it was a "borderline" call, she admitted.

Bush is still the strong favorite. But if Republicans like Glen and Jutras start voting more with their hearts than their heads, McCain could make things interesting.

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GEORGE WILL

Suspicions deepen that George W. Bush is overprogrammed

WASHINGTON — For several years George W. Bush assembled a campaign apparatus capable of backing his candidacy with even more marketing power, relative to competitors, than Ford Motor Company put behind the Edsel. Now he has 16 days, until South Carolina votes, to prove that he is not, like that car, a product designed in disregard of changing market forces.

Will

Tuesday night he began his concession speech gracefully but then lapsed into a reprise of the stump speech that had helped propel him to defeat. This deepened suspicions that he is overprogrammed because his managers worry that his education, political and otherwise, ended before he was quite full to the brim.

McCain showed a sharply contrasting nimbleness when he declared New Hampshire's result "the beginning of the end for the truth-twisting politics of Bill Clinton and Al Gore." That is precisely the right message for South Carolina, probably the state most contemptuous of Clinton.

For weeks some Bush advisers pre-emptively rationalized a New Hampshire defeat as a kind of ratification by inhospitable Yankees. That is, defeat would confirm their success in presenting Bush as a religiously devout, tax-cutting Southern conservative. And Tuesday night the explanation of defeat was that McCain had succeeded in adversely defining Bush's tax cut, but Bush will do better in South Carolina. Yet even if Bush had received all the votes that went to Steve Forbes, McCain would still have won easily.

Conservatism is about responding prudently to scarcities, of resources and virtue. Today conservatives think the crucial scarcity is not disposable income, but the principles of political leaders. If Bush is going to win the 16-day fight for the right to define conservatism, he must distinguish his principles from McCain's.

Yes, until 1964 — thank you, Arizona, for Barry Goldwater—the Republican establishment was the conservatives' problem. But since 1964 conservatives have been the Republican establishment. Yes, McCain, like Reagan, attracts Democrats. But Reagan Democrats were mostly working-class conservatives. McCain Democrats waver between him and Bill Bradley.

McCain's great goal is an unprecedented and probably (depending on which president nominates the next Supreme Court justices) unconstitutional regulation of political speech by individuals, candidates and independent groups. McCain wishes that much criticism of the political class were illegal: "If I could think of a way constitutionally, I would ban negative ads."

Bush's flaccid objection to McCain's campaign reforms is probably wrong and certainly is disgracefully indifferent to a fundamental constitutional value. That indifference suggests obtuseness or intellectual laziness, or both, and gives those conservatives who care most about constitutional questions no substantial reason to prefer Bush to McCain.

McCain says he approves of all the current Supreme Court justices who were nominated by Republican presidents. They include David Souter of New Hampshire, who probably would be no obstacle to McCain's plans for rationing political speech by restricting contributions to candidates and issue advocacy by private groups. Among those who sold President Bush on nominating Souter, a New Hampshire native, was then-Sen. Warren Rudman, McCain's foremost New Hampshire supporter.

Bush has shown an aptitude pertinent to the presidency by preparing a continental campaign. He is a baseball person, acclimated to the rhythm of a long season, in which even the eventual champion does a lot of losing. Soon — perhaps in 16 days — we will know whether he is more like the current Yankees, immune to long slumps, or the 1951 Dodgers, remembered for losing a large lead and the decisive game.

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Doonesbury — BY GARRY TRUDEAU

LETTERS

Prayer can work for anti-abortion groups

While my father was stationed in Germany, our family toured Dachau, the infamous concentration camp where more than 200,000 unwanted or unacceptable people were consigned to die. I have since wondered how the German citizens of Dachau could sit idly by and allow this to happen. Why didn't they rise up and put a stop to the horror?

I have come to realize that most weren't aware of the situation in the camps ... it was very well hidden by the Nazis. Those who found out were at first horrified, and then rationalized their inactivity by the thought, "What can I do against the whole German army?" and "What can I do? I am only one person."

The reason I understand what they might have felt and thought is that I have used the same logic. Initially I was unaware that innocent people were dying in our own community ... in our own Midland. When it became public that hundreds of babies each year are unfeelingly slaughtered here, I was horrified. But eventually I became immune to that feeling as I rationalized my inactivity with the thought, "What can I do against the laws of the United States?" and "What can I do? I am only one person."

And so, with disgust, I look myself in the eye and ask, "What now? What can I do?" Through recent articles in this newspaper, I have become aware that there is a group of people who are doing something. They meet each Friday morning at the Planned Parenthood clinic. They are not there to picket or intimidate or harass. They are simply there to pray. And I know that prayer works miracles. If you have also wondered what you can do, hopefully, lovingly and prayerfully, join me on Friday as I join with them and bring a white rose. Together we can make a difference.

Peggy Bowden

Evolution theory can't stand up to proof

Paul H. Pausé wrote a letter (Letters, Jan. 19) calling Kent Hovind a slick huckster and said his challenge doesn't demonstrate any weakness in evolutionary science. And then like any good evolutionist, he attacks Hovind's honesty, integrity and ability. That's not surprising, that's what all evolutionists do when challenged. They do that because they don't want their theory challenged. He then says science doesn't deal in proof.

Really? Then why do they consistently claim that they have facts and evidence to back up evolution? A fact is a fact is a fact. It proves a point. If science does not deal in proof, then are we to assume that everything that science claims is just someone's wild idea and no one knows if it is true or not? I have been disputing evolutionists for some time, and all I can get out of them is that because some of them agree on how something happened, that constitutes the proof they claim to have in schoolbooks. Then they go on to attack the one they disagree with.

Evolution has nothing going for it. There are too many things that would have to evolve fully formed and functional to have slowly evolved. The eye is one, the poison sacs and complimentary delivery system of poisonous snakes, called fangs, is another. There are many more questions evolutionists can't answer but claim to understand, and those who don't understand are "unsmart." There are tree fossils that go up through several layers of sediment. The geologic column doesn't stand up under scrutiny. The missing links have all been proven false and manufactured.

Their only proof is they refuse to believe in a Creator, hence, evolution must be true, and that's the nearest thing to proof they can come up with.

R.C. Holley

Community should fight abortion as one

If the people of Midland have not yet viewed the 837 small white crosses placed at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, they should know that they represent the number of abortions performed at the Planned Parenthood Center in Midland during 1999.

Should these facts so close to home fail to impress you, consider the plight of the little Cuban boy whose rights are so important that two countries are competing to claim him.

What about these two incidents are we unable to correlate? Is life important or is it not?

Would this community come to the aid of a child in need? Not only would they, but in such great numbers and with such determination that it would touch the entire world as they witnessed the rescue of baby Jessica!

It is past time to be loudly heard on this profound community blight. Do not say this issue does not impact you. By our cooperative silence, we allow the continuation of deliberate death to be performed in our midst and we will be held accountable.

Dorothea Seidenberger

Important to have oil savvy commissioner

I am very proud of my friend Andy Draughn, who is running for Texas Railroad Commissioner in the March 14 Republican Primary.

As Andy crisscrosses the state, telling people about his 19 years in the oil business and his pledge to stay in office if elected, his support grows by the day.

I feel that on Election Day Texans will believe it very important to our oil industry and state to have a person with oil experience on the commission, rather than a person whose expertise is in civil rights law.

Frank Kell Cahoon

Census is in best interest of all citizens

The census is how America knows what America needs. The information gathered by Census 2000 will help us understand our community better. Because we have had a census every 10 years since 1790, we know how far America has come. The Census provides essential information about who we are today and gives us some direction for the future.

Answering the census is important, easy and safe. Taking part in the census is in everyone's best interest. People who answer the census help their communities obtain federal funding and valuable information for planning hospitals, roads, and more.

Census information helps decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly. The only way to make sure that people like ourselves are represented in the census is to fill out the census form and to encourage others to do so.

The Census Bureau goes all out to protect our privacy. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share our answers with the IRS, FBI, welfare agencies, Immigration or any other government agency. No court of law or even the president of the United States, can find out our answers. And the same laws that keep our answers out of the hands of these agencies, prevents the Census Bureau from selling or giving away our addresses to people who want to send us mail.

All are encouraged to cooperate with the U.S. Census 2000. For the good of our country, state and local community, now is the time to stand up and be counted.

The Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI
Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo

Newspaper works to make Midland better

In the recent past, I have often disagreed with the aggressive and sometime abrasive editorial policy of the Reporter-Telegram with respect to our elected boards. However, there is a good result. It has awakened our community as to what is happening and encouraged some fine candidates to present themselves for election.

On another level, the paper has been incredibly supportive of almost every worthwhile endeavor to make Midland a better place to live and work.

Buddy Sipes

City police want, don't deserve a raise

When I get a raise at my job, it is because of an excellent work record because I do a good job.

I don't know if you could say the Midland Police Department has a good work record at this time, especially after Johnny Okrasinski was shot just a few blocks from the police station and it took them 30 minutes to respond to a 911 call!

After responding, the police began to say it looked like a "Mafia hit" to them! Give me a break! And they were not even the ones to locate the murderer! A Citizens on Patrol team did that for them.

Does any of this sound like good police work worthy of raises to you, Midland?

Tony Heredia

Evolution is science, creation is belief

It is quite infuriating, and saddening, to know that people still cling to a foolish view of evolution. Evolution is a scientific fact based on countless proofs found in nature. Darwin's theory of evolution, one of many theories on the evolution of species, never intended to prove the origin of life. It was, and is, a theory of how species develop, and have developed from other pre-existing species, that have modified over millions of years. Darwin does not prove the origin of life, that question is, and will always remain, unprovable.

Yes, politicians, pseudo-scientists and others have misinterpreted the theory of evolution and created horrible livable conditions based on error. One only needs to see what happened with Lenin and Stalin, Hitler and other tyrants to see this point. But what they taught and developed was based on a twisted view of what evolution is.

Also, just because one accepts the theory of evolution as fact, and as the explanation for the diversity found in the biosphere, does not mean one is an atheist. Evolution is a scientific fact, and creationism is a religious belief; both ideas are directly at odds. Religion and science do not mix; it is so disheartening that some people believe that because a person is not religious or believes in a God, he is amoral. Quite frankly, a person can have high morals and high humanity without a belief in God.

In a recent letter, someone implied that the teaching of evolution, a scientific theory based on quantifiable fact, or the disbelief in a God is directly related to the depravities of this world. This notion is not only poignantly illogical but strikingly ludicrous; it is quite ridiculous to believe rape, incest, pedophilia and other social anomalies are caused by Darwin's theory for the origin of species or a lack of belief in a God.

There is so much to be said about this and other implied issues. I can only suggest that before people misrepresent the idea of evolution, they should at least take an introductory course in biology.

Francisco J. Torres

Our policy on letters

The Reporter-Telegram recognizes the "Letters to the Editor" format as an important forum for citizen opinion and encourages participation of all readers. To that end, we have set as few rules as possible. However, we must have some, and they are:

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Readers' views on Zen and Christianity

True believers do not need to meditate

Wait a minute! In regard to this story about Buddha and Zen (Reporter-Telegram, Jan. 29), the sect of Buddha, I must refute. This story says that Christians are joining in on this meditation and so forth, is certainly not what a true born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ would ever do. For a true believer in Him knows that the Word of God is our teacher and we do not turn our eyes inward but only upward to Him.

As for some "facilitator," we have the genuine person of the Lord Jesus as our facilitator. In 1 Timothy 2:5 it says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (our facilitator)." In Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other name (facilitator) for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In this article, she quoted some Bible verses (even the Devil does that), she mentioned that God told Moses His name is I AM and she said, "Practicing living in the present is practicing getting to know who I am." The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and in Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." So, knowing all have sinned and come short of God's glory, we know who we are and we know we needed a savior. God's gift is His son, so that we know we are God's children when we accept His gift.

To enhance your prayer life, you need to read 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Last, but not least, is this Scripture in Romans 10:8,9 and 10 "But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of Faith, which we preach: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

I pray this will turn some of your readers away from idol worship and these strange religions that are so permeating our country.

Mary Greer

Buddhism, Christianity cannot be combined

I am greatly concerned about your article in the Saturday, Jan. 29, religious section, "Zen meditation enhances Christian's life, practitioner says."

It is very wrong to bring Buddhism into our Christianity. Our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient. Instead of emptying your mind in meditation, why not pray to Jesus Christ.

Our Bible tells us in Exodus 20:3, "We are to have no other Gods before Him." Jesus is the one and only way to God. He is not an equal with Buddha or any other religious Eastern deity. 1 Chronicles 16:26 tells us, "all the Gods of the nations are idols."

Joshua was having this same problem when he told his people, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15.

For those of you who think this is a very narrow viewpoint, I'd like to point out Matthew 7:14, "The way is narrow," because there is only one way. Don't miss out by being deceived.

Cecil & Frances Oekerman

ANOTHER VIEW

Tripp being tried for 'doing right thing'

Of all the shady deals and characters, of all the reprehensible actions and people involved in the Whitewater/Monicagate controversy, the only person likely to suffer any punishment is the only person who can be construed as having done the right thing: Linda Tripp.

Tripp is being prosecuted under Maryland wiretapping law for her recording of conversations with Monica Lewinsky. It was the tapes of those conversations, turned over to Starr, that left Clinton no more room to dodge. It was the smoking gun Starr had sought for so long.

Perhaps Tripp wasn't such a great friend to Lewinsky. But Tripp knew the president of the United States, the political (if not moral) leader of the free world, was breaking the law and she brought the evidence to the one person in a position to do something about it.

Whatever Tripp's politics, she did what was right. For this, she is being prosecuted in state court under an ambiguous law when she may — or may not — have been granted immunity (that is one of the issues being decided).

Tripp's travails should be a lesson to all Americans — abide by the law at your own risk. Tripp is being prosecuted for doing the right thing. Who is next?

— The News Press
Stillwater, Okla.

WHOM TO WRITE

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SPEAKING OUT

Martin Luther King's values, goals not apparent in today's society

By Hilary Johnson

While watching the news coverage of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Midland, I was initially perplexed by the low attendance by those not from the African-American community. However, within seconds, it became clear that the values I associate with this great thinker — notably, racial harmony and a love for mankind — were not evident.

I saw a program appealing exclusively to a black audience and angry people making bitter comments. I know something of the frustration and dissension that leads to these kinds of remarks. I wonder if this is the popular sentiment or perhaps the media abusing emotionally charged moments to sensationalize a story. Either way, the message was an unmistakably divisive one. As a country, we have many miles to go before the wounds of racism passed down through the generations by black and white alike are healed.

I wonder what kind of celebration Martin Luther King Jr. would plan and what kind of comments he would make. His dream was for "black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics [to] stand together and sing ... 'free at last' ... ." But freedom from what? He wasn't simply talking about freedom from the oppression of slavery and institutionalized discrimination. Dr. King dreamed of freedom for everyone from the chains of hatred that separate us outwardly and destroy us inwardly; a freedom where all Americans would be valued and judged not by race but by character and convictions.

Martin Luther King Jr. is a national hero, not because of the color of his skin, but because of the way he lived his life. With remarkable patience and grace, he responded to the despicable injustices of racism with hope for reconciliation and faith in the vision set forth in the founding documents that make our country so unique. He responded to mob lynchings, police brutality, "colored only" drinking fountains and inescapable poverty among blacks in so affluent a nation without despair or retaliation. Rather, Dr. King countered hatred with love, persecution with courage and violence with humble restraint. His passion was for freedom, and his fight was for us all, because he knew "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

I learned of this great man's deep faith and obvious brilliance by listening to his speeches and reading his "Letter from Birmingham City Jail." His appeal for us to love, forgive and even enjoy our neighbors is so compelling. His dream is worth celebrating, but to live it will require so much from each of us. If we could achieve a true appreciation for each other in spite of our painful history, it would be our greatest gift to our children, and a fitting legacy of the life of Martin Luther King.

Hilary Johnson was born in Midland and is the daughter of Tom and Jeanie Johnson. She graduated from Lee High School in 1990 and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994. She is currently living in Washington, D.C. and working in a mentoring role with inner-city children.

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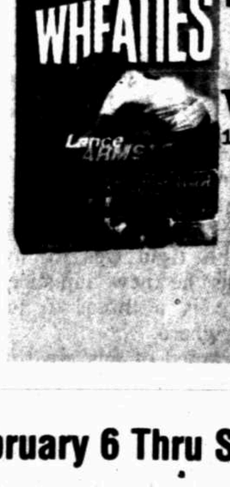

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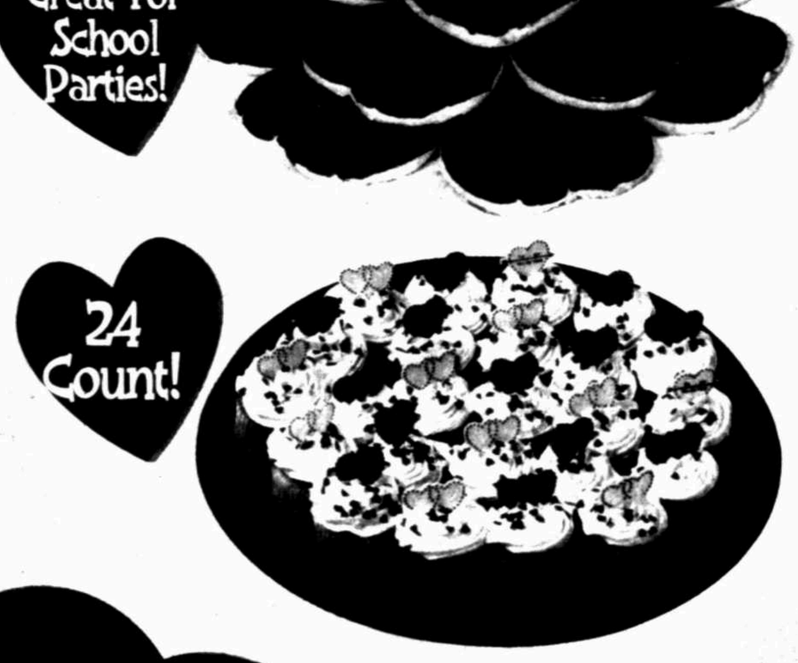

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Clinton to propose $1.84 trillion budget with legacy, campaign in mind

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mindful of his legacy and the fall elections, President Clinton is proposing a $1.84 trillion budget Monday that would bolster education and health care in fiscal 2001, cut taxes for the poor and help other Democratic constituencies.

Clinton's final spending blueprint envisions an activist government using massive projected surpluses to boost dozens of programs while shoring up Social Security and Medicare and paying down big portions of the national debt.

In an election year in which compromise is unlikely on most issues, the budget all but dares Republicans to fight over schools, health and other areas where Democrats traditionally enjoy strong public support.

"Our budget is going to stand for the principles of fiscal discipline and investing in the future," White House budget chief Jack Lew said.

The president's proposal — 2.5 percent more than the $1.79 trillion to be spent this year — is certain to hit rough waters in Congress, where Republicans must sign off before a 2001 budget can be enacted.

"We won't let the agenda of a lame duck president in any way reduce our commitment to smaller government, saving Social Security, paying down debt and providing for tax fairness," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Clinton's package projects $746 billion in federal surpluses over the next decade without counting Social Security's even larger balances, said knowledgeable Democrats speaking on condition of anonymity.

That is less than half the $1.9 trillion the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office — assuming much less spending than Clinton wants — projected last month as the surplus' best-case scenario. That means Clinton would leave far less money available for the tax cuts wanted by many Republicans, among them GOP presidential hopeful George W. Bush.

Clinton would use much of the surplus to trim the accumulated $5.7 trillion national debt, saying in the process that he will extend Medicare's solvency to 2025 and Social Security's to 2050, Democratic aides said.

He also would spend $168 billion over the next 10 years to create a prescription drug benefit for the elderly, officials said, a popular idea that Republicans ignored last year. They are now preparing their own version.

Under Clinton's plan, monthly premiums would start at $26 and rise to $51 by 2009, but be reduced or eliminated for many low-income people.

Clinton would finance the program with $99 billion from the surplus and the rest from savings extracted from hospitals and other Medicare participants, the aides said.

The White House already has released many other proposals, including tax breaks to help families afford college and sick relatives' long-term care. The president would spend billions to provide health insurance to the poor, combat global warming and modernize schools, while boosting defense, farm subsidies and anti-terrorism activities.

"He hearkened back to basic Democratic programs," Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said in describing Clinton's remarks to Democratic senators Friday about his priorities.

Many Clinton ideas are sure to die or be watered down by Republicans, such as a plan to expand the earned income tax credit for low-income families. Already, Republicans are saying Clinton's budget does not cut taxes deeply enough, should not raise other taxes and spends far too much money.

"It's flavor of the day," Kasich said. "Whatever any interest group wants, the president is making a promise to them."

In one coming clash, the president would let the one-third of the budget that covers everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security grow annually at about the rate of inflation for a decade. Republicans would hold such spending closer to this year's level of roughly $600 billion.

Whatever its reception, Clinton's budget can be seen as his fiscal farewell address.

"There is no better way to understand what legacy a president wants to leave in his final year than to look at his budget," said Mark Rozell, a political scientist at Catholic University. "Clearly, Clinton does not want to go out with a whimper."

Clinton's budget could help Vice President Al Gore's presidential aspirations by touting an agenda similar to his own on health care, the environment and other issues. It might help congressional Democrats by focusing budget combat on issues the party does well on, like Medicare and education.

The president would cut taxes by $350 billion over 10 years, largely for low- and middle-income people. To defray the cost, Clinton would raise other levies by $100 billion, including a 25-cent per pack boost in cigarette taxes plus tobacco industry fines if teen smoking is not cut in half by 2004.

Clinton also would:

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—Provide more money for housing vouchers for the poor, cleaner fuels, biomedical research, military housing, anti-missile defense, gun safety and uranium cleanups.

Former U.S. House Speaker Albert dies at 91

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Carl Albert, who rose from the poverty of Oklahoma's coal country to become speaker of the House of Representatives and twice found himself next in line to the presidency, has died. He was 91.

Albert, who had been in frail health for years, died Friday night at McAlester Regional Health Center.

Albert spent 30 years representing Oklahoma's 3rd District. He became Democratic majority leader in 1962 and speaker in 1971. He retired in 1976.

The 5-foot-4 1/2 Albert became known as the "Little Giant from Little Dixie," a reference to the Democratic stronghold in southeastern Oklahoma that he served.

"From early on, everything I did was calculated to being elected to Congress," he said during a 1985 Associated Press interview.

His journey took him from tiny Bugtussle in southeastern Oklahoma to Washington and back.

Albert was a Democratic leader in Congress at a time when one president was felled by an assassin, John Kennedy in 1963; another chose to forgo a re-election campaign because of an unpopular war, Lyndon Johnson in 1968; and a third resigned the presidency under threat of impeachment, Richard Nixon in 1974.

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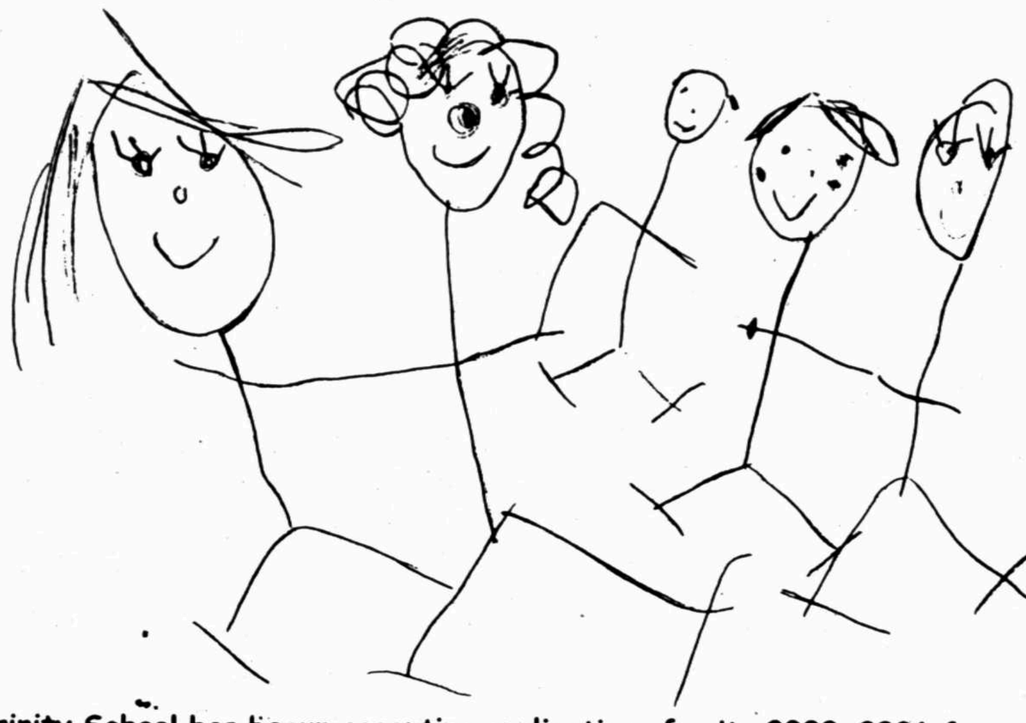

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Friends, relatives mourn victims of Alaska Air crash

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Eighty-eight white doves — one for each victim of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 — were released into the California sky as hundreds of people left a memorial service Saturday honoring the victims.

"All of California aches with you," Gov. Gray Davis told the mourners gathered at the fieldhouse on Pepperdine University's oceanside campus. "The men and women aboard Flight 261 were our friends, our families, our neighbors."

Eighty-eight white candles lined the front of the fieldhouse during the service, and representatives of the airline handed out roses to be taken by helicopter to the crash site and dropped into the water.

Earlier in the day, dozens of surfers had paddled out into the chilly Pacific waters to drop three flower wreaths near the site where the airplane crashed on Monday killing everyone aboard.

The plane was headed from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to San Francisco and then Seattle when it down.

"What better place to be, to rest in peace," said Keith Akins, a member of the Ventura Surf Club.

While family members mourned, Navy crews were continuing to map the airplane's wreckage 640 feet below the surface, using a sonar device aboard the deep-diving robot that recovered the flight data and cockpit voice recorders.

The National Transportation Safety Board had indicated the work was proceeding rapidly, thanks to calm seas and a relatively small debris area, about the size of a football field.

NTSB official John Hammerschmidt said no decision has been made about how much of the wreckage would be recovered from the Santa Barbara Channel where the jet crashed, about 10 miles offshore.

Four bodies have been recovered so far, and authorities believe more may be trapped beneath debris.

After the crash site is mapped, robots like the one that salvaged the plane's flight recorders will eventually be sent down to help retrieve bodies.

In Seattle on Saturday, flight attendants in uniform joined grieving friends and neighbors at a church memorial service for four of the victims: Rod and Sarah Pearson and their two little girls, Rachel, 6, and Gracie, 1.

"There's no question that this is a very hard day and a very sad day," the Rev. David Jaeger told the somber crowd of hundreds that filled St. Anne Catholic Church.

Airline praised for being up front

SEATAC, Wash. (AP) — In the frantic hours following the crash of Flight 261, Alaska Airlines called in counselors for the victims' families, hurried its CEO to Los Angeles for a news conference, and quickly assembled a list of victims.

That list, released within 12 hours, included 37 employees and their friends and relatives, a devastating loss for a company that hadn't suffered a major accident in a quarter century.

Despite their own grief, Alaska executives marshaled a response to Monday's crash that many are calling exemplary.

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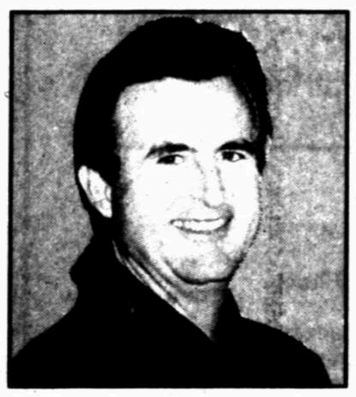
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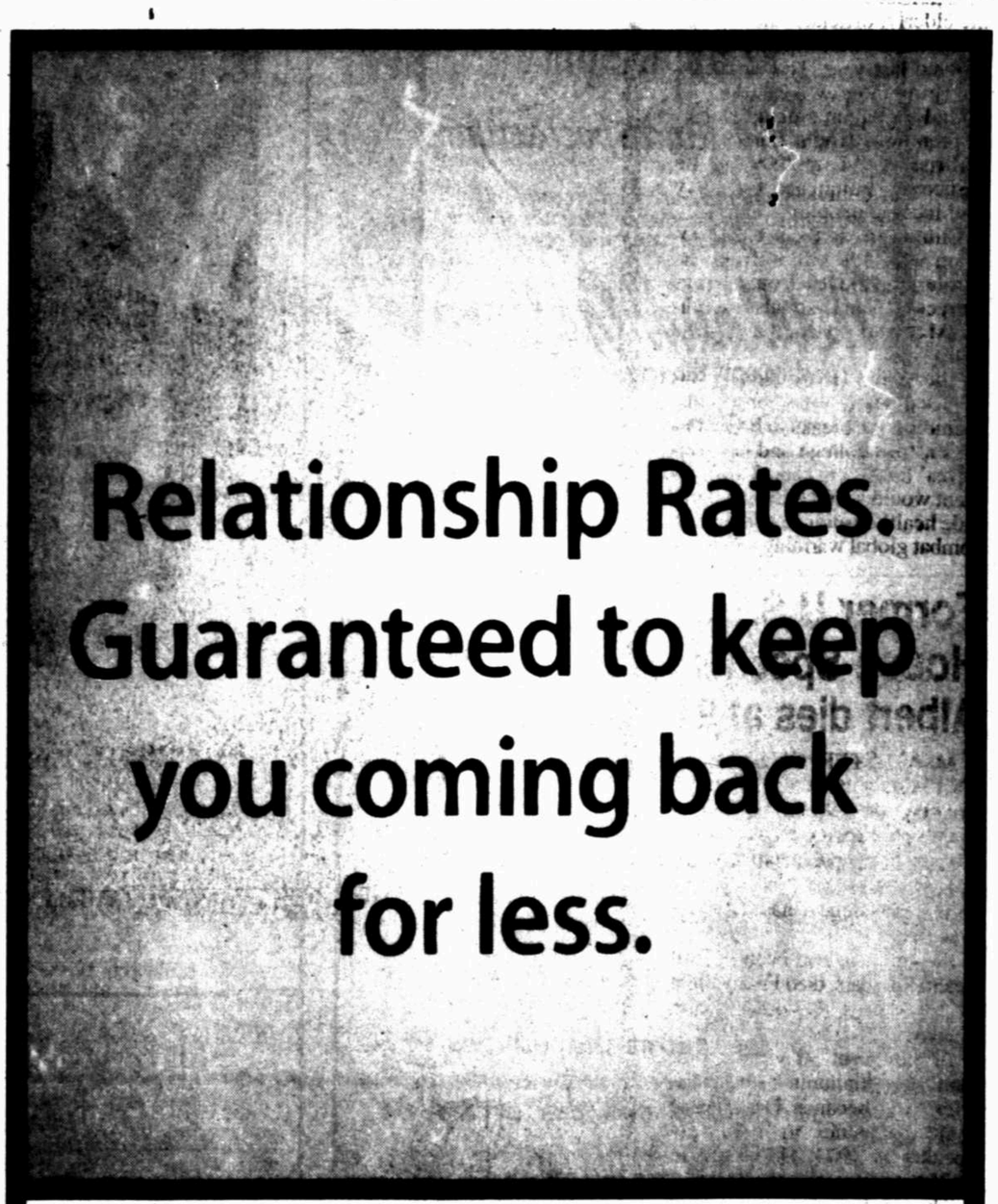

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Time/CNN poll: McCain, Bush in statistical dead heat in S. Carolina

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming off a resounding victory in New Hampshire, John McCain has rallied from a 20-percentage point deficit in South Carolina and now is in statistical draw with George W. Bush, said a Time/CNN poll released Saturday.

Nationally, a Newsweek poll showed a major surge by McCain but found he still was far behind the Texas governor.

The Time/CNN survey was the fourth of the week to reflect a major bounce in South Carolina for McCain after Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, which he won with 48 percent of the vote, compared with 30 percent for Bush.

In January's final Time/CNN South Carolina poll, Bush had the support of 52 percent of the respondents, compared with 32 percent for the Arizona senator.

The latest poll found McCain the choice of 44 percent of likely Republican voters in the Feb. 19 primary, compared with Bush's 40 percent. Given the poll's 4.5 percent margin of error, the race is statistically even.

McCain held healthy leads over Bush among moderates, military veterans and independents, who can vote in the GOP primary. Bush was favored by conservatives and regular party members.

In a sign of Bush's unease about South Carolina, his staff said Saturday the governor is likely to add a day of campaigning in the state this Friday and may decide against taking next weekend off, as planned.

"The governor definitely has a fight on his hands," Bush spokesman Ari Fleicher said. "South Carolina is important, and he is going to campaign there on a regular basis."

The Associated Press also learned that the Bush campaign is trying to find an appropriate time to stage an event in South Carolina with its senior senator, Strom Thurmond.

Thurmond is backing Bush and would likely do an event with the governor against a backdrop of veterans, a source close to the senator said. Thurmond served more than 30 years in the Army.

Bush and McCain, a Vietnam veteran and former prisoner of war, are battling for support from South Carolina's large constituency of armed service members and veterans.

Nationally, Newsweek said Bush is holding a 57 percent to 26 percent lead over McCain among registered voters in the race for the Republican nomination. The figures reflect a tightening of 11 percentage points from mid-January, when Bush led 60 percent to 18 percent.

Newsweek pollsters also asked respondents about hypothetical matchups in November between the Republican leaders and the Democratic candidates, Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley.

They found a virtual tie between Bush, 47 percent, and Gore, 45 percent. Bush's lead over Bradley had narrowed from 20 percentage points in mid-January, 56 percent to 36 percent, to 6 percentage points, 49 percent to 43 percent.

As the Republican nominee, McCain also was in virtual ties with Gore, 45 percent to 46 percent for the vice president, and Bradley, 44 percent to 42 percent for Bradley.

Despite the similarity in numbers, however, 73 percent of Republicans chose Bush as the more likely candidate to defeat the Democratic nominee in November. Nineteen percent said McCain is.

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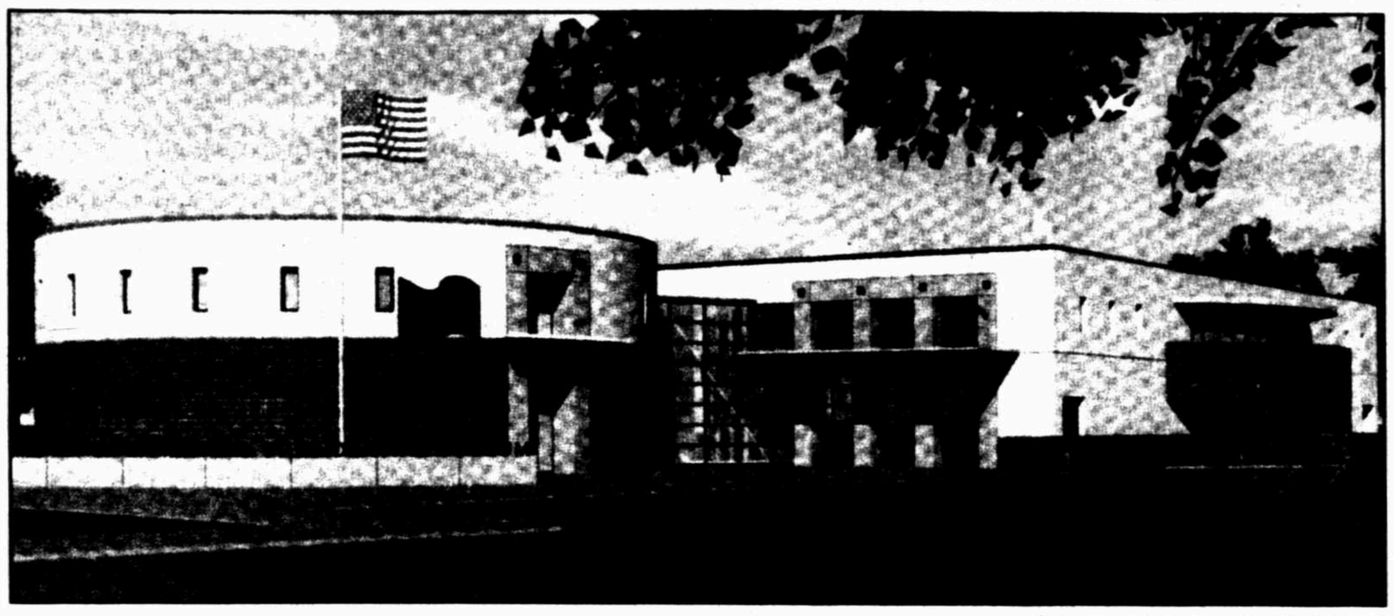

Courtesy of the Presidential Museum

The Presidential Museum is the focus of a debate over public funding. This artist's rendition shows the proposed building that was to be partially funded by the state until the state attorney general's opinion put plans on hold.

Leaders assess impact of AG's ruling on museum

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. I swear so help me God."

— Presidential oath of office

In this year, another in the quadrennial pursuit of the White House Oval Office, it may seem ironic that a temporary monkey wrench has been thrown into the efforts to relocate the only museum in America dedicated to all of the presidents of the United States.

Having served the Permian Basin for more than three decades, since the administration of Texan Lyndon Baines Johnson, the Presidential Museum at 622 North Lee in Odessa, is in need of a new house, white or otherwise, according to its supporters.

A proposal to move out of the 55-year-old former Ector County Library and link the museum with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute and the Ellen Noel Art Museum seemed to be just the balanced ticket.

But an attorney general's opinion recently resulted in a defeat for that campaign.

State Rep. George "Buddy" West, of Odessa, sponsored a rider to the 76th Legislature's $96 billion biennium budget for the purpose of building the museum. If constructed at UTPB, the building would be leased to the Presidential Museum free of charge.

Sipes

West

But Midland County Attorney Russell Malm, at the request of state Rep. Tom Craddick, asked for an attorney general's ruling on the matter. On Jan. 25, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn issued an opinion stating that UTPB cannot use the $2.5 million in public funds to build the museum on its campus.

Craddick, a Republican from Midland, said he believed the money was "an inappropriate appropriation and that's what they have ruled."

West said there is another motivation involving an appropriations committee vote to quash a pediatrics program at Midland Memorial Hospital and that Craddick's action "is a little retaliating." Craddick denied the claim and said his only concern revolves around the use of public funds.

West said Craddick has fought against UTPB since its inception and will continue to do so. Craddick said that's not true and there is no feud between them.

Craddick said Friday that he supports all the museums in the Permian Basin and supports funding the Permian Basin "with any type of positive funding we can get from the state level. But, I also think that funding needs to be done in a constitutionally legal manner," he emphasized.

"The way it was done, it violated the (state) constitution. I questioned the funding and the attorney general affirmed that. As a result of the attorney general's ruling, the museum can't move to a building that state funds pay for. But I read a letter from Rep. West that said he will come back in the Legislature in next session to get a bill passed in a proper manner that will be legal. Then, the facility could move ahead in that direction."

The chairman of the board of the Midland Chamber of Commerce took a skeptical view of the whole Craddick-West dispute.

"I think the whole problem between the two men is very unfortunate. It's a situation where it is a difference of opinion and a clash of personalities," said Buddy Sipes. "I think that the difficulties between the two do not help the region, and Midland and Odessa in particular."

As for the effect on and the fate of the museum, West, Sipes and people connected to the museum, said it is not over yet. "As an impact, Buddy (West) may be able to get that money in the next session of the Legislature," noted Sipes.

"It's a fine museum and the only one dedicated to every president we've ever had," noted retired Judge Barbara Culver Clack, a five-year member of the museum's board of directors. "The museum will continue to do fine. The question is whether it gets a bigger and better building." Clack said "the chances of getting the building they want are pretty

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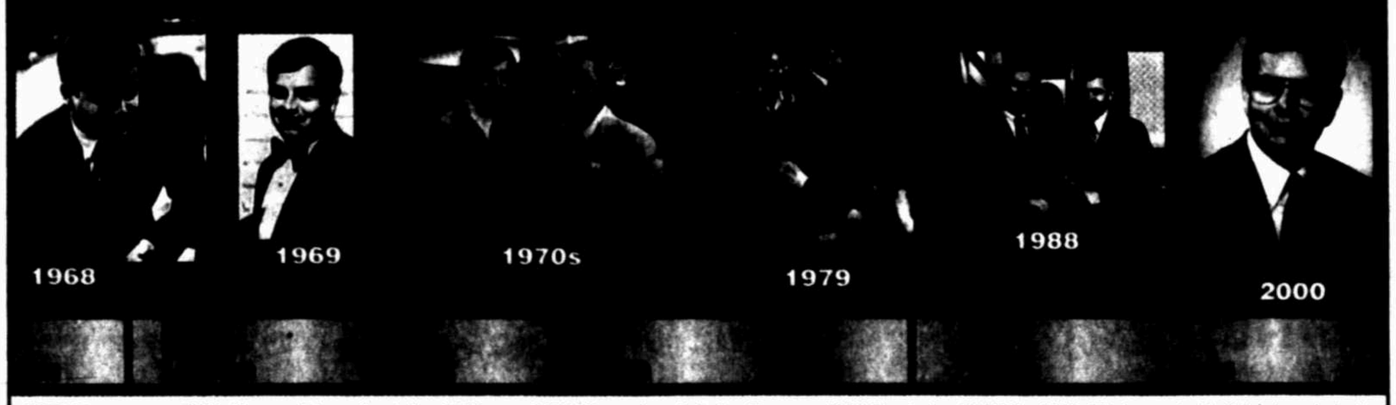
The Long Legislative Career of Tom Craddick



- **1968** Tom Craddick, at the tender age of 25, wins election as state legislator representing Midland.
- **1969** He marries Nadine Nayfa of Sweetwater, Texas.
- Throughout the **1970s** Craddick steadily climbs the legislative ladder serving on various House committees. He is seen here with Texas Gov. Bill Clements.
- **1979** After a decade in the Texas Legislature, Craddick rarely draws an opponent in his bid for re-election. He serves on numerous House committees and wins appointment as chairman of various committees.
- **1988** Elected to serve as chairman of the Republican Legislative Caucus.
- **2000** Craddick, 56, is now in his third decade in the Texas Legislature. He is on the ballot for re-election this year. Although Craddick serves on the State Affairs and Ways and Means committees, Speaker Pete Laney keeps a coveted chairmanship out of Craddick's reach after the Midland representative falls into disfavor with Laney.

Graphic by Bobbie Scott

Council to mull notice of bonds for new complex

■ Lead underwriter for the certificates of obligation will be Chase Bank with Bank One, Bank of America and U.S. Bancorp contributing

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The Midland multi-use sports complex moves closer to reality Tuesday when the City Council discusses the next step in the process of issuing the bonds that will pay for the project.

The City Council will consider a resolution authorizing the publication of notice of the issuing of certificates of obligation, for which Chase Bank will serve as the lead underwriter, with Bank One, Bank of America and US Bancorp contributing.

The law firm of Fulbright and Jaworski will act as the city's legal counsel for the issuance of bonds.

"We've had a long-term relationship with them," said Midland City Manager Rick Menchaca. City Attorney Keith Stretcher said the law firm will work with the city's financial advisors in all areas related to the bonds.

Menchaca said that to attain the best bond rating possible, the city will use property taxes and sales taxes as collateral. The bonds will be paid in full, after the fact, with proceeds from the 0.25 percent sales tax increase that goes into effect April 1.

"It's a series of bonds," said Menchaca, that are similar to those issued for the construction of the Midland International Airport terminal.

In other council action, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will request $30,000 for financial assistance toward the implementation of a micro-lending program. The Hispanic chamber needs matching funds from the city to receive a grant from the U.S. Treasury.

According to Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson, funds are available in the "Council Projects" budget to do so. In his letter to City Hall, David Diaz said the micro-lending program will target low-income and distressed-area residents with entrepreneurial aspirations who lack access to capital through conventional lending sources. The micro-lending program is designed to stimulate economic development.

State hospital in Big Spring expects more adolescents

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

An influx of adolescent referrals has beds at the Big Spring State Hospital full and the facility adding staff.

The increase in the hospital's adolescent population is due to the closure of the Charter Plains Behavioral Health System Hospital in Lubbock, said Jok Simons, director of operations and marketing for BSSH.

Charter Plains had taken children and adolescent referrals from Central Plains Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse in Plainview and Lubbock Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center in Lubbock. Another Lubbock facility, Sunrise Canyon Hospital, is for adults, "which is why we're expecting an increase in referrals of patients between (ages) 10 and 17," Simons said.

The Lubbock MHMR center will be sending referrals to Big Spring and is in negotiations with other centers in the West Texas area, spokeswoman Beth Moore said. She declined to name them because negotiations are still ongoing.

Another reason, Simons said, is that the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority in Amarillo had begun sending patients to Big Spring instead of North Texas State Hospital in Wichita Falls for efficiency reasons.

To cope with the additional patients, which comes at a time when Big Spring's census, funded for 202 beds by the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation, was at 223 or 110 percent capacity, the hospital has hired nine additional staff members.

Simons explained that the hospital measures its population across six units and can adjust staff to the different units depending on their census.

"But in the long haul, if we continue to run at 110 percent capacity or higher for longer than three months, our chief executive officer will send a request to the TDMHMR for additional funding to add more staff; and if the higher capacity runs that long, it will be clear that this will be a sustained situation."

Hospital officials, he said, have asked Central Plains and Lubbock to tell them the number of admissions they sent to Charter in the prior year so they would have an idea of how many referrals to expect.

Ms. Moore said that would be difficult because the number of adolescents served by the center differs from the number

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GARY OTT

Cab ride into Boston like a trip through the past

The words had an ominous ring to them.

"Your flight has been delayed indefinitely," the woman behind the ticket counter said. "It looks like you're going to miss your connection in Newark."

I groaned.

Ott

After spending five days in New Hampshire covering presidential politics, I was REALLY in the mood to get back home.

So I leaned against the counter, and asked the obvious question: "What do you suggest I do?"

Like the professional she was, the woman sprang into action. She aggressively tapped away at her computer and then, after making a couple of phone calls, made the following announcement:

"We'll pay for a taxi to take you to Boston. You can then catch the 4:15 flight to Houston and that'll give you just enough time to make your Midland connection."

I groaned again. Just the way I wanted to spend my final day on the road, running from one terminal gate to the next. But what the heck? "Let's do it," I said.

And we did.

It was the best decision I made all week. The cab drive from Manchester, N.H. to the Boston airport alone proved to be worth the price of the trip, especially the taxi driver who, with his thick New England accent and cocky attitude toward life, kept me giggling all the way.

But there was more to it than that. There was the scenic 10-minute drive from the Manchester airport to Interstate 93, for example. To get there we traveled along winding, tree-lined streets with old stately two-story homes on either side. Smoke was billowing out of the chimneys and as far as the eye could see, there was a blanket of snow on the ground. Small churches with tall steeples dotted the landscape. Kids were throwing snowballs at one another and a bundled-up woman was walking her dog.

All in all, it looked like one of those postcards that says, "Welcome to a New England winter wonderland."

Still, it was the cab driver who stole the show.

And it didn't take long to figure out why. As we approached the interstate, preparing for the 55-mile drive into Boston, he described in great detail, enhanced by no small amount of profanity, an accident he had been involved in the day before at the same intersection.

Suffice to say, it wasn't his fault and he let the other guy know about it, again with a multitude of colorful words that just seemed to sound normal when uttered with a Bostonian accent, especially when accompanied by the waving of arms and an occasional slap to the steering wheel for additional emphasis.

But it was when the cabbie turned his attention to sports — rather passionately, I might add — that the conversation really took off. He talked about Ted Williams and Bill Russell and Carlton Fisk and Bob Cousy and Fenway Park and Larry Bird and the old Boston Garden. The memories obviously made him happy. And me too, for that matter. Anyone who loves sports history has a soft spot in his heart for Boston.

Then I decided to be cruel.

I casually mentioned the sixth game of the 1986 World Series, the one in which a ground ball went through the legs of Boston's first baseman Bill Buckner, allowing the series to be extended to a seventh and deciding game, which the New York Mets eventually won, thus denying the Red Sox — and their long-suffering fans — that elusive world championship.

As soon as I mentioned Buckner's name, the cab-

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OBITUARIES

Edwin Skidmore

Edwin Lawrence Skidmore died Friday, February 4, 2000, at the VA Hospital in Big Spring, Texas. Ed, or "Skid" as he was known to most of his friends, was born in Paris, Texas on January 14, 1923 to Samuel Aubrey Skidmore and Lana Mae (Reid).

He graduated from Paris High School in 1939 and attended Harding College where he was a member of the Glee Club. He served in the Army Air Corp during WWII and was a bomber pilot training instructor stationed in Liberal, Kansas. He graduated from East Texas State Teachers College in 1948 with a BS in industrial arts. Ed married Cecelia (Martin) in Paris on August 13, 1948.

They came to Midland that same year, where Ed started as a draftsman with Shell Oil Company. In 1950, Ed took a gamble and went to work as a draftsman for a small company that he thought had a good future, Midland Map Company. He worked for Midland Map until his retirement in 1990. he became the president and general manager in 1967 and was in that position when he retired.

Ed was a member of the old Petroleum Oil Bowling League for many years. He was an Optimist and a Jaycee; and a member of the American Legion until his death. He was an avid golfer at Hogan Park, until he developed diabetes.

Ed is survived by his wife, Cecelia; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Jones of Searcy, Arkansas and Ophelia Payne of Paris, Texas; his two sons, Scott Skidmore of Midland and Dan Skidmore of Dearborn, Michigan; grandchildren, Celeste and Sam Skidmore of Midland and Danny Skidmore of Dearborn, Michigan; and great-grandson, TJ Ennis of Midland.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel of Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, February 7th, at 10:00 a.m. Robert Kirk, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will conduct the memorial service. Visitation will be at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Graveside services will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas on Tuesday, February 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Ed's two brothers-in-law, Paul Payne of Paris, Texas and Alvis Jones of Searcy, Arkansas will be conducting the graveside services.

Honorary pallbearers are Leon Freeman of Midland, Larry Flowers of Odessa, Sam Skidmore of Midland, Charles Martin of Paris, W. G. Kyle of Reno, Roy Welch of Paris, Richard Reid of Justice, CA, Reid Jones of Lajunta CO, and Brian Payne of Paris.

Memorials may be made to Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Speech & Hearing Clinic, P. O. Box 42073, Lubbock, TX 79409.

Louis Patterson

M.L. "Louis" Patterson, loving husband of Mildred Mills Patterson, passed peacefully away at his home on February 4, 2000. He was born on July 3, 1915 on the Divide in Coke County, Texas near Robert Lee to Libbie and John L. Patterson.

He came to Midland County via horseback in 1926, where he became a lifetime West Texas farmer. He attended Midland High School; and met and married his wife, Mildred, in 1936 and began raising a family of five children. In 1975, they moved to Upton County and continued to farm and ranch, where they resided until retiring to Midland in 1998.

He loved farming, and in 1978 he was voted Outstanding Conservative Farmer by the middle Concho Soil and Water Conservation District. He was distinguished as the oldest active farmer in Upon County in 1997.

His family has been blessed with a beacon of strength, courage and family values that they will carry throughout their lives.

He is survived by his wife; four children, Patricia Lee Prell of Petoskey, MI; Margie Lou Reynolds of Midland; Larry Patrick and Lynda Patterson of Monahans, and Rena and Kane Whitaker of Midland; and one brother, M.D. Patterson of Eunice, NM; twelve grandchildren, John Patterson, Teresa Kilmer, Gary Prell, Connie Buchanan, Curtis Reynolds, Cynthia Pinkerton, Dr. Robert Patterson, Erik Patterson, Ramey O'Brien, Wendy O'Brien, Davlin Whitaker and Dalton Whitaker. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, H.A. and Audrie Mills of Indio, CA.

He is preceded in death by a beloved son, Charles Louis Patterson; a brother, William E. "Pat" Patterson; a sister, Virginia Eileen Page; and a grandson, James Louis Patterson.

Pallbearers will be John Bob Hopkins, John Patterson, Jim Patterson, Noel King, Dalton Whitaker and Davlin Whitaker.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland.

Family visitation will be Sunday, February 6, 1999 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Monday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. with graveside services to follow at Resthaven.

Lavella Moore

Lavella Moore was born on July 26, 1917 in Hutchade, Arkansas. Mr. Moore moved to Midland in 1993 from Philadelphia.

Mr. Moore died at his home in Midland on Monday, February 1, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Moore of Midland; his son, James Kirkland and his wife, Jackie; his daughter, Carol Green and her husband, Willie; his sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and George Long, all of Philadelphia, PA; and many grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, February 6, at Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 7, at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Emmett Barnard, Chaplain of Nurses Hospice, officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Lois Ratcliff

Services for Lois Mae Ratcliff, 83, of Lubbock will be held Saturday, February 5, at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas, with the Rev. Lon Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock. Mrs. Ratcliff died on Thursday, February 3, 2000, in Lubbock.

She was born July 8, 1916 in Lovelady, Texas to Montie Belle Bitner and Howard H. Williams and moved to Young County, Texas as a child. She was married to Clinton Roy Ratcliff on October 20, 1934 in Graham, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1996. A son, William H. Ratcliff of Alamosa, Colorado also preceded her in death. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and served four times as president of United Methodist Women. She lived in Ruidoso, New Mexico, until her husband's retirement; and in 1989, she moved to Midland, Texas, and then to Lubbock in 1999.

Survivors include one son, Roy W. Ratcliff of Dexter, New Mexico; one daughter, Jeanne C. Worley of Lubbock; two brothers, Howard H. Williams of Odessa and Wallace Williams of Breckenridge; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Robert Demers, Buddy Kinney, Richard Martinez, David Gillespie, Kevin Ratcliff, William O. Worley, James Straka and David Worley.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midland's St. Mark's United Methodist Church General Fund or to VistaCare Family Hospice in Lubbock.

Henry Wofford

Henry C. (Cherokee) Wofford died Saturday, January 29, 2000 at Midland Memorial.

Cherokee was born May 14, 1920 to his parents, Dora Bell Boaz and Henry Clyde Wofford in Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Cherokee was proud to have served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the building of Beavers Bend State Park in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He also served honorably with the 767th Tank Battalion during World War II, and was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars, after being discharged. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas Company for 35 years, before retiring.

He is survived by his son, Vonnie Len Wofford; two daughters, Staci Michelle McCain and Teri Sisson-Shroeter, all of Midland; one sister, Mary Hargrove of Oklahoma City; and one grandson, Philip Carson McCain of Midland, Texas.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dennis C. Wofford; one daughter, Brenda G. Wofford; his brothers, J. D. Storey and Kenneth Wofford; and one sister, Evelyn Maxey.

A Celebration of his life was held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2nd, at the home of Philip and Staci McCain at 4627 Princeton in Midland.

He was interred on Friday, Feb. 4th, at the Hochatown Cemetery in Broken Bow, Oklahoma near Beavers Bend State Park, the place that was most dear to him.

Pallbearers will be Jim Storey, Joe Storey, Steve Storey, Philip McCain, Bryan Schroeter, and Vonnie Wofford.

The family would like to thank all of Cherokee's friends in Richland Springs and Midland, Texas for their companionship, thoughts and prayers. He loved you all and would have appreciated you all telling one last joke in his honor.

Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, at Hochatown Cemetery in McCurtain County (Broken Bow), Oklahoma with Tommy McCaig officiating.

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DEATH NOTICES

Marjorie Armstrong

Marjorie Armstrong, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 5, in Big Lake.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. today at Glen Rest Cemetery in Big Lake with the Rev. J.B. Bitner officiating.

She was born Aug. 18, 1931 in Des Moines, Iowa.

She moved to Midkiff in March 1976, and Midland in November 1986.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.E. Armstrong in 1993.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Aids Foundation of America or to the charity of your choice.

Clide Roberts

BIG SPRING — Clide Roberts, 81, died Friday, Feb. 4, at his residence.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 23, 1918 in Carter County, Okla.

He was an airplane mechanic at Webb Air Force Base, retiring in 1972. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a longtime member of the Howard County Sheriff Posse and American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Geneva Callihan Roberts of Big Spring; a daughter, Jean Davis of Filer, Idaho; a brother, Max O. Roberts of Big Spring; and a grandson.

Raynaldo Selvera

COLORADO CITY — Raynaldo Selvera, 79, father of five Midlanders, died Friday, Feb. 4, at a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City, with the Rev. Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery. A wake will be 7 p.m. Monday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born Sept. 7, 1920 in Bastrop. He was a lifelong resident of Colorado City. He was a railroad engineer before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Herminia Castillo in 1963 and Betty Mae Walters in 1998; a son, Paul Selvera; a daughter, Cecilia Selvera; two brothers, Cedio Selvera and Manuel Selvera; and a sister, Concha Sepeda.

Survivors include five sons, Luis Selvera, Raynaldo Selvera Jr. and Joe R. Selvera, all of Colorado City, Pete Selvera of Midland, and Jim Selvera of Evanston, Wyo.; eight daughters, Adelina Paredes, Sally Mejia, Sarah Kennington and Yolanda Selvera, all of Midland, Gloria Herrera of Houston, Sylvia Cruz of Odessa, and Herminia Briseno and Angie Tovar, both of Colorado City; three brothers, Kino Selvera of Colorado City, and Lucas Selvera and Robert Selvera, both of Austin; 25 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Gordon Manchester

ODESSA—Gordon Leon Manchester, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 5, at an Odessa hospital.

Private services in Sunset Memorial Garden are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

He was born May 19, 1916 in Middleburg, N.Y.

He was a salesman for restaurant and hotel equipment on Long Island, N.Y., worked in the West Texas and New Mexico oil fields and was later a safety engineer for Lowe Drilling in West Texas and New Mexico; was hard lines manager at Fed Mart in Midland, was manager of the camera department at Walgreen's in Midland for 18 1/2 years, then worked part-time for Gorman's Camera and Sound in Odessa. He moved to Odessa in 1951. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters, all of New York.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Werner Manchester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee, Odessa 79761.

Andrew Richards

Andrew Richards, 80, died Friday, Feb. 4, at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

HOSPITAL: Nine new staff members added

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hospitalized "because our philosophy is to do all we can to keep them out of the hospital."

Simons added that "The bigger picture is, Charter Plains is expected to have closed or to be closing 11 hospitals in Texas; the one in Lubbock is just a piece of the puzzle; so TDMHMR will feel the impact at its other facilities, like the ones in Austin, Rusk and Wichita Falls."

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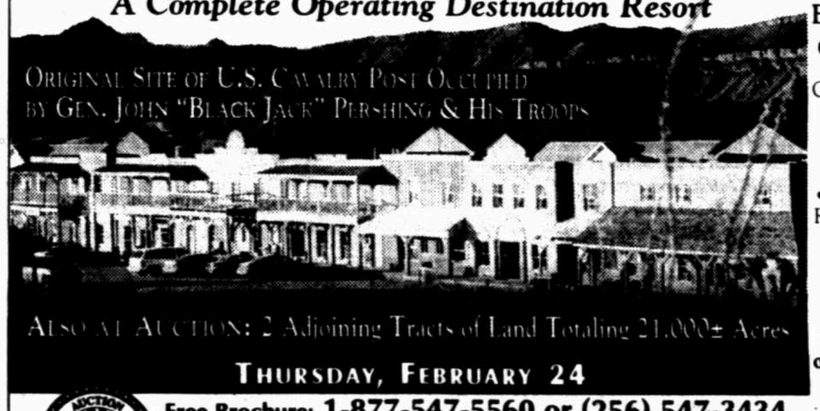

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OTT: Trip to Boston was unforgettable

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bie spat out a curse word and said, "You know, he tried to commit suicide right after that game."

I was stunned. I had never heard that. So, I said, "Really?"

"Yeah," he replied, without missing a beat. "He jumped in front of a truck, but it went through his legs."

We both laughed. But you could tell the hurt was still there. They say if you're a Boston fan, the pain from that play will never go away.

So as we approached the city, he switched subjects.

"When you get inside the airport," he said, "be sure to check out the Cheers bar. It's just like the one in the TV series."

Yeah, right, I thought, a cheap imitation.

But I was wrong.

Indeed, the minute I walked through the door it was as though I had stepped back in time, back to the 1980s when the TV series was at the height of its popularity. I could almost see Norm and Cliff down at the end of the bar, drinking beer and discussing, in a rather juvenile way, the meaning of life. And, there's Sam Malone admiring himself in a mirror, patting down his hair and slapping on some strong-smelling cologne. And who's that over there in the corner? Why, it's Carla poking fun at Diane.

As I breathed in the atmosphere, I couldn't help but smile.

Here I was, a small-town hick from West Texas standing in the middle of a Cheers bar in Boston, Mass. Ain't life grand? Again, I smiled.

Then the announcement came. They were boarding my flight to Houston.

Most of me was glad.

But a tiny part wanted to stay behind.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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FEUD: No solution in sight for museum funds

(From 1B)

slim and that is on hold."

She noted that the board of directors is having its first meeting since the attorney general's opinion on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the museum's Community Room, where the subject will surely be discussed.

"The Presidential Museum is in a very small location and the (proposed) new facility with private and (proposed) public money would have been a very fine improvement," said museum board member and former Midland Mayor J.D. Faircloth, "but the attorney general's ruling says no to the state money."

Faircloth said a UTPB museum facility can be built, but would be much smaller without the state money and one of the things they are going to discuss at the board meeting Thursday is "where we are in respect to the new museum. Obviously, the appropriation was needed to build the proposed facility."

Faircloth noted that the money appropriated by the Legislature made it easier to apply for and get private money. "It's difficult to raise money without a clarification from the attorney general, and the one we got wasn't good news."

Faircloth also noted that the operational financing for the museum "is probably breakeven. It has adequate cash to meet its day-to-day operations." He noted that there are "some substantial funds" allocated by Ector County for maintenance and utilities of the old library.

"It is basically treated like a county museum," he said. "In a new and larger building, operating expenses might be larger and we wouldn't have (Ector) county paying these bills. We would have to go to outside sources, but I'm pretty sure there are a lot of resources in both cities that could help," said the optimistic Faircloth.

"But once a new facility is built, they would have additional sources of revenue, more people coming in, and more foundations donating money because of the educational aspects of the exhibits."

Keith Yarbrough, UTPB assistant vice president and director of information resources, said the university doesn't know what will happen next. "It seems to me there are still questions about the funding," he said. "As of my last touch with people about it, there was some considerable discussion by UTPB administration and the UT system. The issue is revolving around the constitutionality of the funding, not the desirability."

Community leader Grant Billingsley told the Reporter-Telegram, "I have some thoughts on the subject" of the attorney general's ruling, but added later that he "sees no benefit in following up on it at all," calling further comment "stirring the pot."

Ernest Angelo, a former mayor of Midland from 1972-1980, and Tom Craddick's next-door-neighbor, said, "Nothing I would have to say would add anything to a solution and that's what everyone is looking for."

Carey Behrends, an Ector County employee and the museum's executive director, noted that the museum was launched in the 1960s following the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy to honor the American presidency.

The museum's collection consists of more than 25,000 items of presidential memorabilia, a 3,500 volume library, and a collection of original art. More than 300,000 visitors have toured the exhibits.

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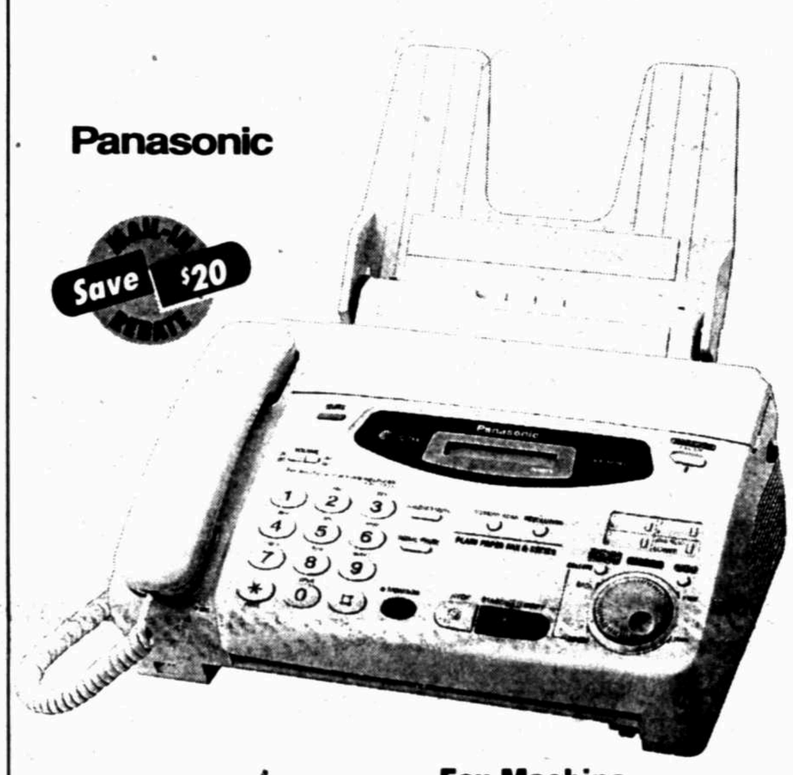

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A silent auction of books pertaining to writing will be held by the writers.

Mrs. Cobb, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a master's degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, taught for 20 years at Midland Freshman School. Following her retirement in 1986, she devoted much time to research and to writing genealogy books. Her writing includes three family genealogy books, articles and an award winning essay.

Mrs. Cobb will lead a tour of the library's genealogy department instructing in its use.

West Texas Writers welcomes anyone interested in writing to attend meetings held September through May on the first Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

For more information contact Enid W. Davis, 684-8105 or 688-8991.

Area briefs

The Midland Quilters Guild will hold its monthly meetings on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. or Wed., Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. Both meetings are held at the Golf Course Church of Christ family center.

For more information call, 694-1388.

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Ed Todd

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Best sellers

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2. **Carbohydrate Addict's Diet,** by Dr. Richard Heller.
3. **Seat of the Soul,** by Gary Zukov.
4. **Are We Living in the Endtimes?** by Tim LaHaye.
5. **God's Promises for Everyday,** by Countryman.
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7. **Angela's Ashes,** by Frank McCourt.
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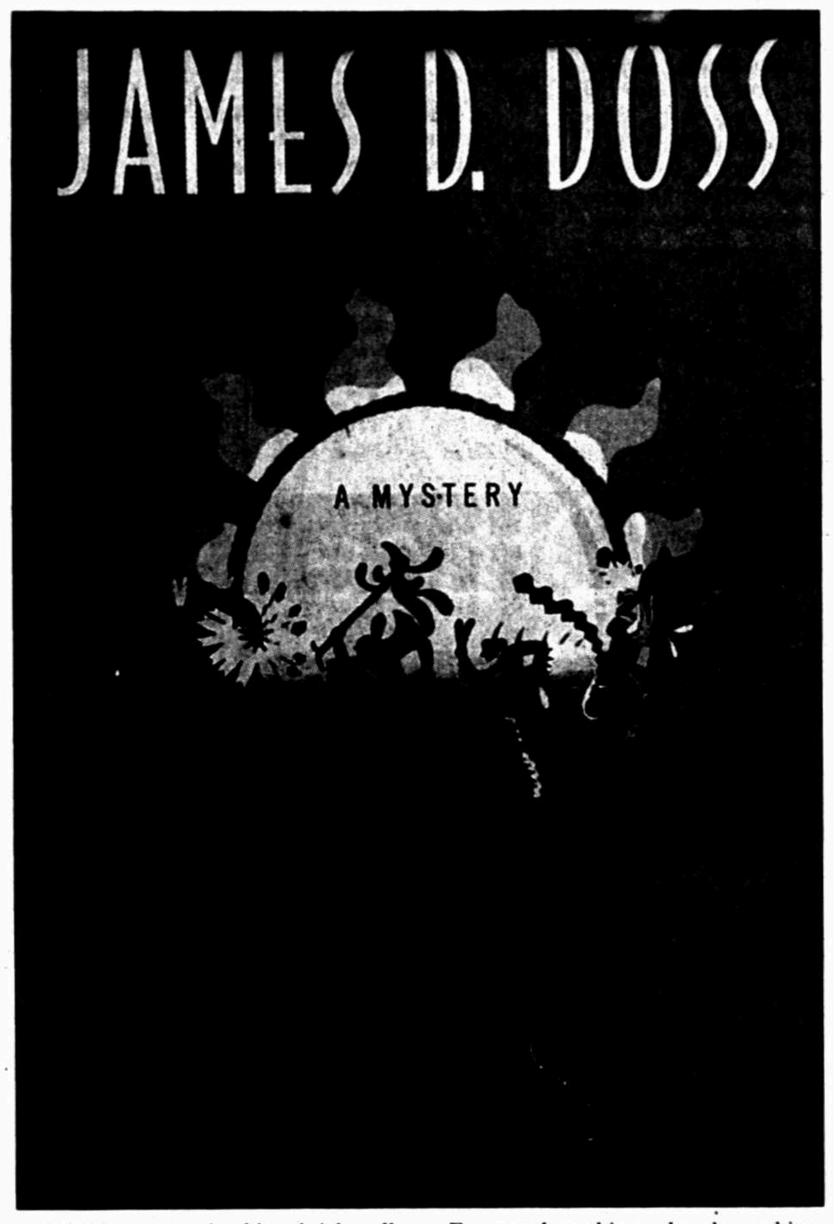
New novel good, could be better

THE SHAMAN'S GAME
by James D. Doss
(Avon Books, 1999, $22, 370 pages)

Reviewed by Linda Anderson



An open letter to James D. Doss, author of "The Shaman's Game" and other books in the same series:

Dear James:

I hope you don't mind me calling you by your first name, but after the hours we have spent together through the pages of your book, "The Shaman's Game," I feel we are on a little less formal basis.

First of all, let me say that for the most part I really enjoyed your book. And while I haven't read the others in the shaman series — including "The Night Visitor: A Shaman Mystery," published 1999; "The Shaman Laughs," 1997 (paperback); "The Shaman Sings," 1995 (paperback); and "The Shaman's Bones," 1997 — I probably will.

Using a reservation cop — who of course is a Native American — as the hero has been done before, most notably by Tony Hillerman in his mystery series starring Navajo police officers Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn. The combination of modern crime detection and ancient Native American beliefs is a winning one as far as I'm concerned.

But you have taken this combination one step further by adding a shaman — in this case, Daisy Perika, Ute tribal elder and shaman and by an amazing coincidence, aunt of hero Charlie Moon, Ute reservation cop — to the mix. That means not only are new and old belief systems combined, but young and old personalities, not to mention family relationships.

And the book ended with a satisfying twist that I, for one, didn't see coming. Some of your readers may think it was a cop-out (no pun intended), but I found it the perfect ending.

Now, all that said, there are a couple of issues I want to take up with you.

For one thing, I know that using phrases as if they were sentences is a writers' tool that can be very effective. In small doses. But it gets too distracting. If used throughout the entire book. Bothers the reader. Whose attention hits a brick wall. So to speak. See what I mean? Join some of those phrases into whole sentences once in a while and see how much smoother the book goes. Just a suggestion. From one writer. To another. You're welcome.

For another thing, there's nothing wrong with using the character's name or the appropriate pronoun more often than you do. It's not really necessary to refer to Charlie Moon as "the big Ute" or "the tall cop" or "the broad-shouldered man" or descriptions like that quite as often as you do. Call him Charlie or Moon or even "he" more often. You do that to all your characters, much to their detriment. Why call Myra Cornstone "the slender Ute woman" so often when you can just call her "Myra?" We've already established that she's slender and beautiful.

Which leads me to the third thing I want to talk to you about: The way you depict your women characters. James, James, James. Come on, get real. Not all young women are slender, and have flashing black eyes, gleaming hair and tiny hands and feet. Not all old women are wrinkled and eccentric (although I admit that it does make them more interesting characters, sometimes). But I think what irritated me the most is the way you have your young women characters acting so air-headed. One stomped her tiny foot on the gas pedal; one whispered in Charlie Moon's ear that she'd rather sit on his lap than in a chair *during an interview for a newspaper story!* (now *that's* real professional); one doubled up her tiny fist and punched him in the stomach when he hurt her feelings; and both of the young female leads spend a huge amount of time batting their eyes and swishing their hair and garbage like that. Don't you know any real women? Is that the way they act? I didn't think so.

I see by the author's information on the dust jacket of your book that you are originally from Kentucky, work at the University of California's Los Alamos National Laboratory, and divide your time between the New Mexico towns of Los Alamos and Taos. I can only assume that you have enough respect for Native Americans to have thoroughly researched the culture and practices that you write about. I would hate to think that any of Native Americans would be insulted by anything in your books.

I hope you take these points in the spirit in which they were given. I enjoyed "The Shaman's Game" and intend to visit Midland County Public Library to check out more books in the series. Just please take my points to heart. Your book was very good. I'd like to see the next ones be even better.

Sincerely yours,
An avid reader

Book signing planned

GRAVEYARD GROVE
by Ben DeWitt
(OSO Press—El Paso;
$12, 262 pages)

Staff Reports

EL PASO — A retired pro football player and a gay homicide detective take on the deadly underground world of pornography and drugs in Ben DeWitt's new mystery thriller, "Graveyard Grove."

The author will be at Barnes & Noble in Midland at 2 p.m. today to sign copies of his book.

Published by OSO Press of El Paso, "Graveyard Grove" is a mystery out of today's headlines. In fact, one month after the release of the book, headlines around the world reported the discovery of mass graves in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, which are related to the war between rival drug cartels. The events parallel the plot of DeWitt's book. In fact, he has been contacted by law enforcement officers interested in information he may possess that is related to the case.

DeWitt's writing crosses the lines of established fiction genre, mixing police adventure with an old-fashioned "whodunit" through a group of unforgettable characters.

"People always ask me who these people are that I write about," DeWitt said. "I tend to combine characteristics of people I've known through the years to create a single character."

DeWitt has met a lot of interesting people. He was an officer in the U.S. Army field artillery for 10 years and served two combat tours in Vietnam. He has worked in the oilfields of Wyoming, Michigan and Texas, mined copper in the open pits of Arizona, and worked as a mechanic a thousand feet underground in Wyoming. He has raced cars and motorcycles most of his life. He is the author of the best-selling novel "Death of A Hummingbird" and the Police Action War Series. He writes fulltime in El Paso where he was raised.

"Graveyard Grove" was published by OSO Press of El Paso and is distributed by Baker & Taylor Books. It is available through bookstores, Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com and Borders.com.

Irving book inside look at filmmaking

MY MOVIE BUSINESS
By John Irving
Memoir
Random House, $19.95

By Steve Kaskovich
N.Y. Times News Service

A lifelong wordsmith whose style of 'big' novels with social themes has been compared with that of Charles Dickens, Irving brings a unique perspective to the quirky ways of Hollywood.

Turning a lengthy novel into a two-hour movie is a process of elimination. A screenwriter must decide which scenes can be sacrificed without gutting the novelist's tale.

It is a tough task, rarely completed to the satisfaction of the author. Unless, of course, the author is also the screenwriter.

In "My Movie Business," John Irving relates his 13-year effort to turn his 1985 novel, "The Cider House Rules," into a feature film. His odyssey encompassing four directors and multiple scripts has a happy ending. The film, with Michael Caine playing orphanage director-abortionist Dr. Wilbur Larch, was released just before Christmas. (And Irving likes it.)

As with any John Irving book, the beauty of "My Movie Business" is in the details.

A lifelong wordsmith whose style of "big" novels with social themes has been compared with that of Charles Dickens, Irving brings a unique perspective to the quirky ways of Hollywood. In an age when movies have overtaken novels as the most popular mode of storytelling, this memoir offers a bird's-eye view of the two art forms. Irving fans, in particular, will enjoy peeking into his mind.

Much of the book involves an analysis of screenwriting decisions: which scenes to leave in and which to leave out. Irving bemoans this compression. A movie, he writes, offers less time for character development or the passage of time. So things must be simplified.

What comes across is his passion for his creations. "It pained me to lose Melony, but I had to do it," he writes of one character trimmed from the movie. He speaks of his fictional characters with an attachment normally reserved for children.

Irving's overriding concern is that the meaning of his story survives on the big screen. "The Cider House Rules" is about abortion, and Irving doesn't disguise his pro-choice beliefs.

Set in Maine in the 1930s and '40s, the novel centers on an orphan named Homer Wells, who is taught to perform illegal abortions by Dr. Larch and must decide whether to carry on his mentor's profession.

There are subplots, including Homer's romantic dalliance with Candy, the girlfriend of a soldier off to war.

Irving, who picked the director and helped with casting, frets that he can't control what is pictured on the movie poster. Sure enough, Miramax has avoided the A-word in its marketing of "The Cider House Rules." Homer and Candy are pictured in movie ads that evoke a heart-rending romance.

One wonders why a serious writer like Irving got involved with Hollywood at all. He sees very few movies. ("I don't like sitting in large dark rooms with a lot of strangers.") He was minimally involved when two previous books, "The World According to Garp" and "The Hotel New Hampshire," were made into films. And he so dissociated himself from 1998's "Simon Burch," based loosely on his masterpiece, "A Prayer for Owen Meany," that it's not mentioned at all in "My Movie Business."

Irving never tells us, but it's obvious that he loves his stories and he wants them told onscreen as well as in print. He has completed a second screenplay, for "A Son of the Circus," which goes into production next year. Yet his primary love has not changed; he's at work on his next book. "When I feel like being a director, I write a novel," he concedes.

His cameo role in "The Cider House Rules" aptly describes his offscreen role as screenwriter. He plays a disapproving railroad stationmaster, shocked by the world moving past him. Ever a novelist, Irving never fully approves of a cinematic world beyond his control.

Steve Kaskoich writes for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

'Chain Gang' is first non-fiction book for Mosley

WORKIN' ON THE CHAIN GANG: Shaking Off the Dead Hand of History
By Walter Mosley
(Balantine, $16.95)

By Caroline Heldman
Associated Press

"Workin' on the Chain Gang: Shaking off the Dead Hand of History" is the first nonfiction book by Walter Mosley, the novelist known for his mysteries series about Los Angeles private eye Easy Rawlins.

"Workin'" is a slim volume in which Mosley expresses his views about what is wrong with America. The result is an unoriginal critique of capitalism that offers ill-fitting solutions.

Mosley argues that capitalism, the spectacle of popular culture, and a corrupt political system have shaped individuals into non-thinking, amorphous blobs.

"Shaped like a turd or an angel, dropped out of an assembly line spout and sealed in plastic — that is our identity."

Much of the book focuses on capitalism as the underlying culprit in the "blob" factory. Mosley's critique of capitalism sounds like a watered-down version of a Marxist critique, except that Mosley opposes violent revolution.

Among Mosley's solutions: Avoid electronic media for three months, tell one "new" truth a day, develop a list of things you believe in, vote, and contact a public official.

The links between the problems Mosley observes and his solutions are mostly unexplored, leaving the reader with only a vague sense of how his suggestions would be effective.

The book suffers also from inconsistency. Despite Mosley's staunch opposition to violent revolution, he suggests that those seeking change should look to Malcolm X and the Black Panthers as "good areas of study."

Also, Mosley condemns the political system but calls upon citizens to participate in it in conventional ways. The reader is left without a clear idea of how this participation would reform the system.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Air Force Airman Timothy Hernandez, son of **Mario & Laura Hernandez of Midland,** recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Currently, he is at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., where he is studying to be a technical systems controller. He is a 1999 graduate of Midland High School. His duty base will be at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Hernandez

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The Navy ship **"U.S.S. Cascade AD-16"** is having a reunion August 6-13. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in South Richmond, Va.

For information contact: Lyle "Preacher" Burchette at (417) 334-5627 or Bob Croghan at (314) 849-3340, (messages.)

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The **82nd Airborne Division Association** wants to start the new millennium year out by trying to locate past veterans so they can become involved in the many activities.

The Airborne will start the year with the Mid-Winter Conference in Nevada; Chicago Chapter installing its officers; the Spring Fling in Virginia and the Static Line Awards in Atlanta. On Aug. 16, everyone will recognize at the 60th anniversary of the start of the Airborne trooper. Aug. 16 to 19, the 82nd Airborne will hold its 54th convention in the Cincinnati area of Kentucky.

For information of these events and membership write or call:

Airborne of 2000, 5459 Northcutt Pl, Dayton, Ohio 45414-3742 or Shirley Gossett (WW11), 1-937-898-5977.

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Erik L. Williams, son of **Gayland and Carol Williams** of Greenwood, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Jan. 31.

Erik attended Midland College and is currently scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on April 5. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Erik is scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

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Cory D. Hipp, son of **Barry and Renea Hipp** of Midland, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Jan. 31.

Cory attended Greenwood High School and is currently scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on April 5. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force base, Cory is scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

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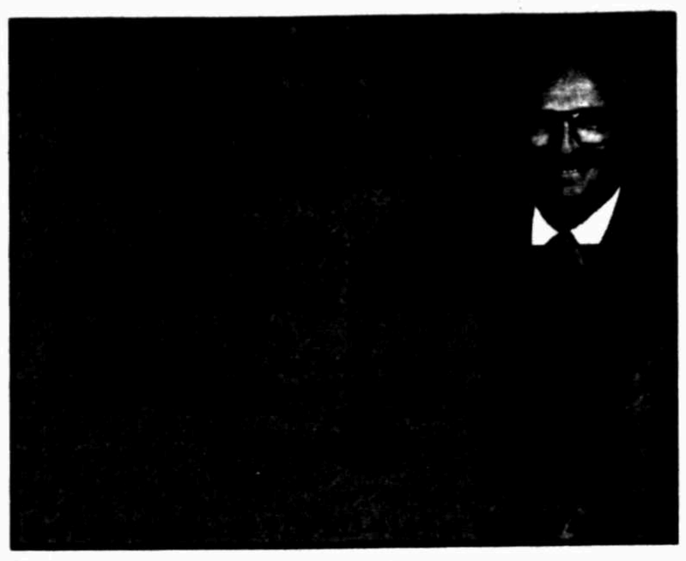
Umbilical cord blood offers boy new life



VICTORIA (AP) — A new procedure using umbilical cord blood not only has put 10-year-old leukemia patient Eddie Benavides into remission, it has allowed him to be a little boy.

Like most little boys, Eddie enjoys riding his bike in the sunshine and playing in the piles of crispy leaves in his backyard in San Antonio.

But until a year ago, Eddie couldn't do the things that other little boys do. He couldn't ride a bike or attend birthday parties with his friends, or play in the leaves that his father raked in the yard.

"He had just turned 5 when he was diagnosed with leukemia," said his mother Olga Benavides.

She spoke quietly after a pause, "I'll never forget that phone call."

Olga said she would sit with her son while he received chemotherapy in the hospital.

She said he cried even though he wasn't in much pain.

"Don't think about the pain," she had said to him. "Just think about going home with Mama."

Olga said that her son went through so many procedures that it hurt her as a parent.

The pause in her voice grew longer, as if remembering a painful event somewhere in her life, then she continued to speak dryly.

The woman said that she knew, however, that her doctors would do everything they could do to save her son.

Eddie had received treatment for four years. During that time he had two relapses while his doctors found new sites of the cancer.

Eddie's parents never gave up hope and offered all the love and support they could muster.

For four years, Eddie and his parents went back and forth to the hospital for the sickening cocktail of powerful cancer-fighting drugs.

"I knew that it was going to take time," Olga said. "It was hard, but I knew that I was always going to bring him home."

She spoke solemnly as she explained that her son was ill from the medication and when he relapsed the second time, his doctors decided to seek a blood donor match.

Olga's voice was again breached by silence, then she continued to explain that they had a blood drive for Eddie, but were unable to find a match. Afraid, she prayed for her son.

Finally, her doctors suggested a new procedure for fighting leukemia using umbilical cord blood.

The blood from a newborn's umbilical cord is a rich source of blood stem cells that form into other blood cells and aid in the growth of bone marrow. This cord blood remains in a newborn's umbilical cord after delivery, and is normally discarded.

Stem cells are the building blocks of the blood and immune system that change into other blood cells; red blood cells that carry oxygen, white blood cells, which fight infection; and platelets, which help the blood to clot.

Umbilical cord blood is a viable alternative to bone marrow in treating several types of leukemia, brain tumors, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, ovarian cancer, small-cell lung and testicular cancer, and such blood disorders as sickle cell anemia. This method of obtaining stem blood cells is non-invasive and painless, unlike the traditional bone marrow donation from an adult.

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is a not-for-profit organization responsible for supplying blood and tissue from volunteer donors to 80 hospitals and clinics in 43 counties. In order to meet regional hospital demand, the center must collect 300 units of blood each day from its four donor centers in San Antonio and satellite branches in Victoria and Laredo and through its mobile blood drives.

As a result, more families are opting to bank their newborn's cord blood because the stem cells it contains are genetically unique to their families. Cord blood banking has been called a type of "biological insurance" because it could be useful if certain members of the family require medical treatment involving stem cells. Storing cord blood ensures that these stem cells can be immediately available, avoiding lengthy searches for a specific type of blood.

Cord blood can be stored or banked by cryogenic freezing and can be used by a family member because it is a natural match for the patient's blood type. This service may eliminate the need to search for an unrelated donor and avoid the time-consuming process of finding an unrelated match.

The organization's Community Relations Director Shelly Valdez said that this science is very effective despite it being relatively new.

"Lives have been enhanced by blood tissue transplants," she said. "The use of cord blood could benefit a large number of patients in a culturally diverse population."

Valdez said research indicates that cord blood is viable for 10 years. She cautions that it is a new science and until more research has been done, the exact shelf life cannot be determined.

Eddie received the marrow transfusion from umbilical cord blood in April 1998.

Olga said her husband was skeptical at first, but that she trusted her doctors.

"I knew that it was going to work," she said. "I had faith in my doctors."

She said the 10-minute procedure was painless for Eddie — his doctor injected it intravenously.

Olga said after the procedure, her son was like a new person. Eddie started going to public school for the first time. He no longer has to wear a mask when he goes outside, and he even enjoys an occasional burger and fries.

"He likes doing these things because he missed out on them for so long," she said in a phone interview Tuesday.

While Eddie understands that he has to take special care of himself, he is too young to fully realize his predicament and to appreciate the second chance he has been given by this fairly simple procedure, she added.

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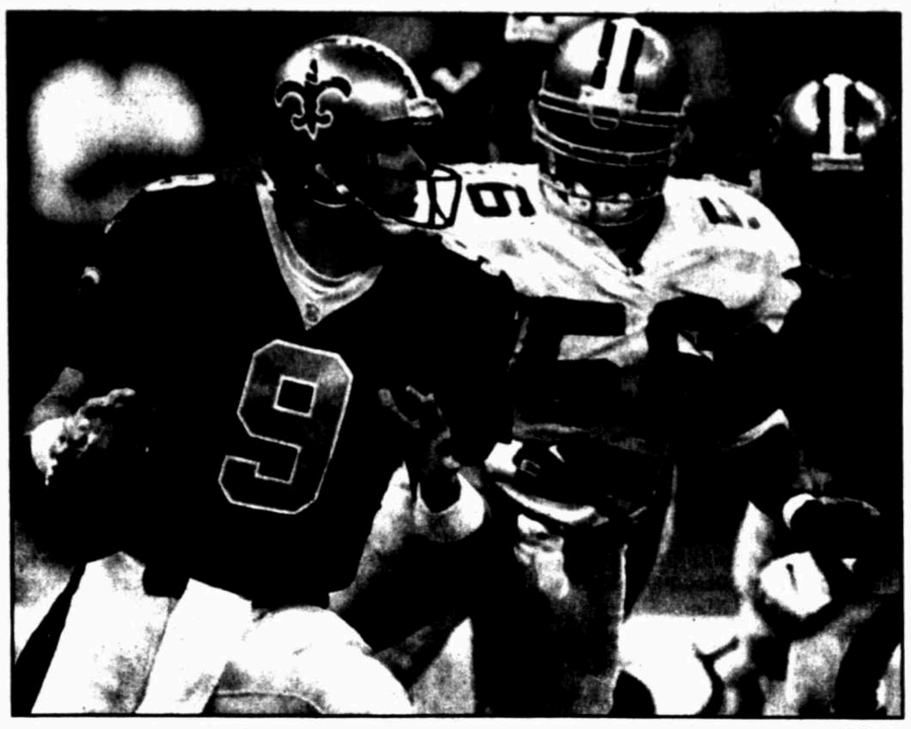
Prepared Campo ready to lead Jones' Cowboys

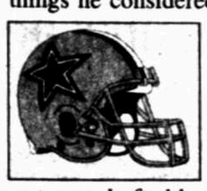


AP Photo

Defense has been a strength of the Dallas Cowboys for many years. Now, the leader of the defense — Dave Campo — takes over as the new Dallas Cowboys coach. It has been a long journey, but he appears ready to bring Dallas back to a level it once enjoyed.

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — When Dave Campo was growing up, there were lots of things he considered doing with his life. Coaching the Dallas Cowboys wasn't among them.



Campo was a good enough middle infielder to get drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies, a good enough defensive back/running back to start for Central Connecticut State and a good enough folk singer to cut an album with his band, the Windjammers.

But when he finished college, Campo wasn't sure what to do. He was talked into joining the National Guard by a buddy who was a recruiter.

While waiting to go active, Campo took a job at New London (Conn.) High School as a substitute teacher and football coach. He guided the freshmen to an 8-0 record and their league's championship. He also was an assistant coach on the varsity team and it won the state title.

Campo

"At that point I said, 'This is pretty good,'" Campo said.

Thirty years and 12 teams later, Campo is sitting in his office — the biggest one in the coaching wing of Valley Ranch — and telling the story of how he wound up here.

Campo is only the fifth person to have the job and, strange as it may seem, he's more qualified than predecessors Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer and Chan Gailey in one very important way.

Campo knows exactly what he's getting into in his new relationship with owner-general manager Jerry Jones because he's worked for him the last 11 years.

He's had a front-row seat for the bad times (1-15 in '89), good times (three Super Bowl victories) and in-between (a 24-24 record the last three years). While working for Johnson, Switzer and Gailey, Campo filled notebooks with things they did that did and did-

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U.S. Davis Cup team must sweep singles to avoid early upset

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe stunned the U.S. Davis Cup team by taking a 2-1 lead with a grueling doubles victory Saturday, leaving John McEnroe's Americans within a game of a first-round elimination.

"We're going to fight to the last drop," vowed captain McEnroe — who isn't playing although he dearly wishes he were — who must urge Andre Agassi and newcomer Chris Woodruff on to victory.

If either player loses Sunday, the Americans are out of the competition.

Zimbabwean doubles partners Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett battled back after being down two sets to one — including one in which they were scoreless — to beat Rick Leach and Alex O'Brien, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Black and Ullyett were buoyed by a capacity crowd at Harare's 4,000-seat City Sports Center, which bellowed, whistled and beat drums to show support for the Zimbabwean team, known as "the Giant Killers."

The Americans, even Leach who last week won the Australian Open doubles title, were rattled.

At deuce in the final game, Ullyett fired a backhand service return winner down the alley.

"I just picked my spot and ripped away," Ullyett said.

Leach then double-faulted — his third of the match — to hand Zimbabwe the win.

"At the end it was just a frenzy out there," Leach said. "It was kind of a blur."

Leach said the crowd noise was so loud that he had trouble taking to O'Brien. It was the first time the pair had played together.

In the third set, the Americans seemed to have victory in their grasp as they blanked out the Zimbabweans. But Black and Ullyett gamely fought back,

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NFL's 50th Pro Bowl

HONOLULU — The changing face of the NFL is evident at the 50th annual Pro Bowl.

With 41 players making their first appearances in Sunday's game at Aloha Stadium, attention focused on the rising number of young stars and the fading away of some of the game's most recognizable names.

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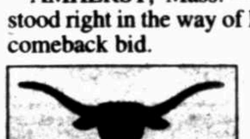
No. 16 UT beats UMass

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press Writer

AMHERST, Mass. — Chris Mihm stood right in the way of Massachusetts' comeback bid.



The 7-foot Mihm blocked a school-record eight shots, scored 18 points and had 12 rebounds as No. 16 Texas defeated Massachusetts 68-57.

The Minutemen trailed by 20 points early in the second half before closing within six.

"We knew they'd make a run at us in the second half, but we kept our poise," Mihm said.

Lawrence Williams hit five 3-pointers and scored 17 points for Texas (15-6). Gabe Muoneke added 16 points.

Chris Kirkland and Shannon Crooks both scored 17 for Massachusetts (11-10) and Monty Mack had 16.

"If we could play the whole game like we played the second half, we'd beat a lot of teams," said Kirkland.

Texas controlled most of the game, but a pressing Massachusetts defense helped the Minutemen sneak back to within 51-45 with 7:30 left on a dunk by Kirkland and 3-pointer by Crooks.

"I wasn't pleased with our 24 turnovers," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "But I like the way we responded when they came at us in the second half and against their pressure."

Texas went ahead 41-21 with 17:13 left on a dunk by Muoneke. A pair of 3-pointers by Mack nudged Massachusetts to within 49-40 with 10:45 left.

See Texas Tech/2C

Jacks shock Cotton Kings

LUBBOCK — The Odessa Jackalopes got one of their biggest road victories of the season Saturday night, beating the Lubbock Cotton Kings 5-3 to grab some momentum before returning home.

See JACKALOPES/4C

Midland Christian routs Garland, makes playoffs

Staff Report

GARLAND — After losing to Garland Christian by five points Friday night, the Midland Christian girls' basketball team faced a difficult situation in their second game against Garland on Saturday: win and make the playoffs or lose and go home.

The Lady Mustangs didn't just win; they won by 35 points. They exploded for a 74-39 win, earning a playoff spot with a fourth-place finish in District 1-4A in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

"It was a great effort on the part of a really, really young basketball team," said first-year coach Dub Huckabee. "We had four freshmen on the floor at one time (Saturday). We've got four freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors and one senior."

That one senior is Susan Scarborough, and she led the way on Saturday with 16

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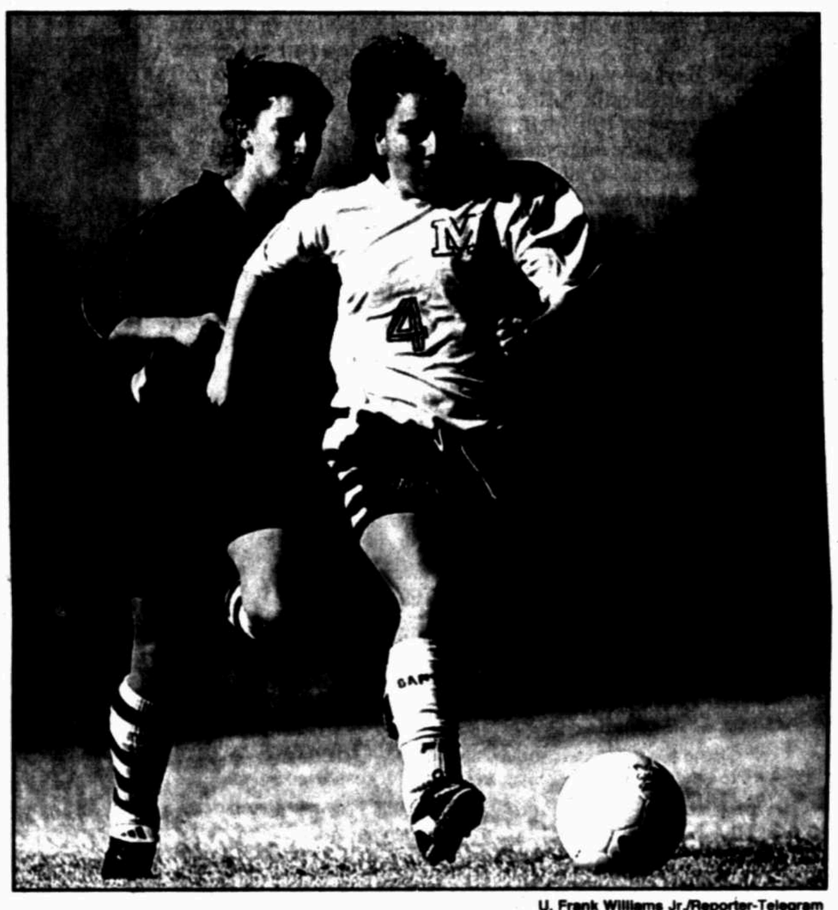
DISTRICT 4-5A SOCCER

Running after a goal



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MHS' Jess Salgado breaks away from Cooper's Brandy Sparks during the District 4-5A soccer game at the Midland High Soccer Field. Salgado scored two goals to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a 4-1 victory over the Lady Coogs.

MHS girls claim first 4-5A win

Jay Peden
Sports Writer

After a heartbreaker on Tuesday, the Midland High girls could have used a breeze of a game on Saturday.

And they got one. They had little trouble defeating Abilene Cooper, 4-1, at the new MHS Soccer Field. MHS' Jess Salgado scored early, in the 10th minute, then she scored again after Cooper had tied it. D'Lynn Knous converted a penalty kick late in the first half, then Kathleen Coleman put the cherry on top with a goal early in the second half.

"We had a good feeling about today," Salgado said. "So many people have put us down, and we're supposed to be the underdog. But before the game, we had a little talk, and we got mentally ready for the game."

It was the first District 4-5A win of the season for MHS,

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Lee boys can't get over 1-0 hump, drop district game to Abilene High

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Shootouts are never the best way to finish off a good game between two solid opponents. Most coaches will agree with that.

On Saturday, Midland Lee's game against Abilene High finished scoreless in regulation. What most coaches, fans and players dread most happened. For the Abilene High Eagles, the result was in their favor, but for the Rebels, the outcome was anything less.

The Eagles won 1-0 with a 3-2 decision in the sudden death shootout, sending AHS into jubilation, while the Rebels were sent into utter despair as they dropped their second straight 1-0 decision in District 4-5A action.

"That's a terrible way to end the game," said a distraught first-year Lee coach Shane Barden. "The UIL (University Interscholastic League) are the only people in the world that do that and it's wrong. You're talking about a Saturday afternoon. You've could've played 10-20 more minutes easily. Or you can do what they do in the World Cup, shoot penalty kicks and give everybody a chance."

The UIL allows each district the

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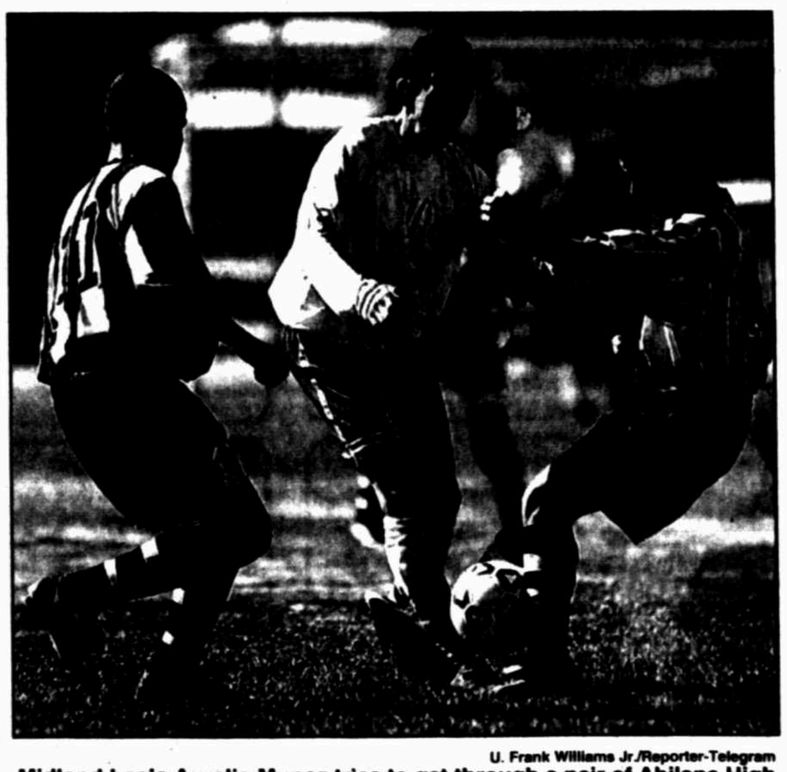

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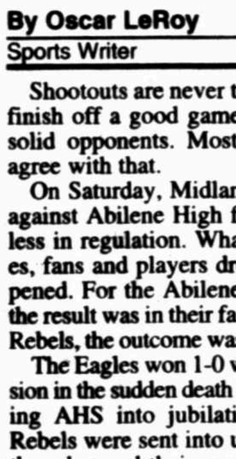
Midland Lee's Aurelio Munoz tries to get through a pair of Abilene High defenders Saturday during District 4-5A action at the Lee Soccer Field. AHS defeated Lee in a shootout to send the Rebels to 1-2 in district.



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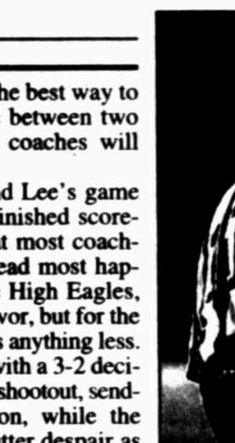

Barbara Woodruff

Out of Town Games

■ **The Midland High Boys and Midland Lee Girls** pulled away to easy district wins Saturday. MHS defeated Cooper, 5-0; and Lee defeated Abilene High 5-1.

Saturday's Standouts

■ **Midland High's Jessica Salgado** scored two goals for MHS.

■ **Lee's Barbara Woodruff** also scored two goals, keying a five-goal second half in the 5-1 win over Abilene High.

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AP Photo
Texas Tech forward James Ware (5) tries to drive past Kansas' Nick Bradford (21) during the first half of their Big 12 Conference game at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence. Ware, a former Midland College standout, couldn't provide much help for his teammates. Kansas thumped Tech, 87-62.

Tech men fall to Kansas

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kenny Gregory was perfect from the field and scored 19 points Saturday, leading No. 15 Kansas to an 87-62 victory over struggling Texas Tech.

Gregory went 8-for-8 from the field as Kansas (17-5, 6-2 Big 12) kept the Red Raiders winless in conference play. Texas Tech (9-10, 0-8) lost its seventh straight game.

The Jayhawks started three freshmen for the first time since the 1982-83 season as coach Roy Williams changed his starting lineup for the first time this year.

Kirk Hinrich started for sophomore Jeff Boschee and Williams replaced junior center Eric Chenowith with forward Drew Gooden. Nick Collison, another freshman who has been starting at forward, opened at center.

No. 13 Oklahoma St. 87, Texas A&M 55

STILLWATER, Okla. — Desmond Mason and Glendon Alexander led a first-half blitz that gave No. 13 Oklahoma State a comfortable lead, and the Cowboys avenged an earlier loss to Texas A&M by rolling to a victory.

Mason scored 16 and Alexander had 15 in the first half, when the Cowboys (18-2, 7-1 Big 12) led by as many as 28 three times. Alexander wound up tying his career high with 25 and Mason finished with 23.

The Cowboys, outhustled and outplayed in a 64-59 loss to A&M on Jan. 22, played with a purpose from the start Saturday. They led 12-2 after four minutes, 24-6 after seven minutes and 42-14 with six minutes remaining before halftime.

Aaron Jack scored 14 for the Aggies (6-14, 2-7), who were held to 34 percent shooting and lost their fourth straight since beating Oklahoma State two weeks ago.

No. 18 Oklahoma 68, Baylor 59

WACO — Eduardo Najera scored 14 of his 20 points after halftime as 18th-ranked Oklahoma came from behind to beat Baylor 68-59, keeping the Bears from breaking another lengthy losing streak.

Oklahoma (18-3, 6-2 Big 12) needed just four minutes after halftime to erase a seven-point deficit, getting even at 43 by the first timeout of the second half. The Sooners needed less than two minutes more to go ahead to stay.

The first of three straight 3-pointers by J.R. Raymond tied it with 16:10 left, just seconds after Najero worked strong inside for a basket. Raymond hit another 3-pointer with 14:39 left to break the tie, and another about a minute later.

The closest Baylor got after that was 53-51 when Charlie Naihe made a 3-pointer with 10:03 left. Najera responded at the other end with a strong inside basket and the lead grew to as much as 13.

No. 17 Tulsa 103, TCU 70

TULSA, Okla. — Reserve David Shelton scored 20 of his season-high 24 points in the first half as No. 17 Tulsa built a 30-point lead on the way to beating Texas Christian 103-70 in the Western Athletic Conference.

■ Texas Roundup

Tulsa (22-2 overall, 7-1 WAC) shot 55.2 percent and outrebounded the Horned Frogs (13-11, 4-4) 45-27. TCU, the nation's highest-scoring team at 90.9 points a game, shot only 34.5 percent (19-of-55) and committed 20 turnovers.

Tulsa was unrelenting in establishing the 51-21 first-half lead, tearing TCU apart with its defense and the whirling moves of the 6-foot-5 Shelton.

Marquette 65, Houston 61

MILWAUKEE — Brian Wardle scored 19 points and Oluoma Nnamaka made a pair of key free throws as Marquette held off Houston 65-61 in a Conference USA game.

Wardle missed the first end of a one-and-one with 11.1 seconds left, but Marquette's Brian Barone fouled Houston's Gee Gervin on the floor before the conference's leading scorer could launch a 3-pointer. Gervin missed the second of two shots and Nnamaka grabbed the rebound for Marquette and converted a pair of free throws at the other end for the final margin.

Lady Raiders defeat Baylor

Associated Press

WACO — When Aleah Johnson moved inside, ninth-ranked Texas Tech surged ahead.

Johnson scored 11 of her 19 points during a four-minute stretch when she was posted inside as the Lady Raiders (18-2, 7-2 Big 12) pulled away to beat Baylor 65-49 on Saturday night.

"One of the biggest moves we made was when we put Aleah inside, took her off the wing spot. She really created some problems in there and got some good looks," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "She got some good buckets, plus the fact that she hit free throws when they fouled her."

Johnson's breakaway layup tied it at 47 with about eight minutes left and started a game-ending 20-2 run by the Lady Raiders, who beat Baylor (5-14, 0-9) for the 35th straight time.

Johnson's scoring barrage — 11 of 12 Tech points during the first part of the run — ended with two free throws that made it 57-49 with 4:05 left. She hit 9-of-10 free throws in the stretch.

Baylor (5-14, 0-9) didn't hit another field goal after Mandy Haworth's 15-footer provided a 47-45 lead with 8:51 left. Then Johnson took over.

In addition to having not beaten Texas Tech since 1983, Baylor has a nine-game losing streak during which it has lost by an average margin of 19 points. The Lady Raiders, meanwhile, have won seven straight by 20 points a game.

Texas 82, Texas A&M 54

AUSTIN — Edwina Brown had 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists as Texas turned a close game at halftime into an 82-54 rout.

Texas A&M (9-10, 1-8 Big 12) led 33-32 at the half, but hit just 9 of 33 shots and scored 21 points in the second half.

Texas (15-7, 6-3) hit 18 of 31 shots in the second half and had four players in double figures.

MC: Lady Mustangs rout Garland Christian

(From 1C)

points. It was a strong performance for a player who has seen the lean years.

"It was a great turnaround season for these kids, because last year Midland Christian won only four games all year," Huckabee said. "To play in a game to get in the playoffs — this was new to them. But they stepped up and played tremendous defense. We pressed the whole game and smothered them on defense."

Sasha Hollar added 15 points for MCS, while four others players contributed at least eight points.

The Lady Mustangs don't yet know who their playoff opponent will be. Since Midland Christian makes long trips to the Metroplex and therefore plays two games every weekend, they wrapped up the regular season a week earlier than most TAPPS teams.

Midland Christian 74, Garland Christian 39

Midland Christian (6-6, 15-15): Sasha Hollar 7 1-1 15, Ashlee Donnell 3 2-2 9, Hayley Whiteside 3 0-0 6, Kristin Stallings 3 2-2 8, Amy Lowery 1 1-2 3, Paige West 0 1-2 1, Susan Scarborough 7 2-2 16, Marcie Deffenbaugh 3 0-0 8, Crystal Cooper 3 2-2 8. **Totals 30 9-11 74.**

Garland Christian (4-7): Brock 0 0-0 0, Pliscossky 0 0-0 0, Grubbs 6 6-10 18, Evans 3 0-0 6, Morris 0 0-2 0, Haverdink 0 0-0 0, Stevens 1 1-3 3, Barker 4 4-12 12, Howell 0 0-0 0. **Totals 18 11-27 39.**

Midland Christian	**14**	**15**	**20**	**25**	**—74**
Garland Christian	**8**	**7**	**9**	**15**	**—39**

Three-point goals: MC 3 (Deffenbaugh 2, Donnell 1), GC 0. **Total fouls:** MC 27, GC 14. **Fouled out:** West. **Technical fouls:** none.

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(Oakley 7), Milwaukee
Total fouls—Toronto 25
Technicals—Willis, S.
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College Ba

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Florida Tech 3, Bar
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Louisiana-Lafayett
Houston St. 1-2
Miami 17, Florida 1
Stetson 14, Florida
Texas-Arlington 4,
leyan 2
UT-Pan American
Monroe 5
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Baylor 7, Northwes
New Mexico St. 23,
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(5), Bivian (7), Mer
Gmetro, Ackerman, Jor
(4), Rowe (5), Newman
(8), Tims (8), Cole (9)
W—Alvarez (1-0). L-
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Holzhauer.
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Jones, Caple (8), Clark
son. W—Nance (1-0).
HRs—Woodhead (1).

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	16	.644	—
New York	27	17	.614	1 1/2
Philadelphia	25	21	.543	4 1/2
Orlando	22	26	.458	8 1/2
Boston	21	25	.457	8 1/2
New Jersey	17	29	.370	12 1/2
Washington	15	33	.313	15 1/2

Central Division

Indiana	30	16	.652	—
Charlotte	25	20	.556	4 1/2
Toronto	25	20	.556	4 1/2
Milwaukee	26	22	.542	5
Detroit	23	23	.500	7
Cleveland	19	28	.404	11 1/2
Atlanta	18	27	.400	11 1/2
Chicago	9	35	.205	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	16	.652	—
Utah	27	18	.600	2 1/2
Minnesota	26	18	.591	3
Denver	21	23	.477	8
Houston	19	28	.404	11 1/2
Dallas	18	27	.400	11 1/2
Vancouver	13	32	.289	16 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	35	11	.761	—
Portland	35	11	.761	—
Seattle	30	18	.625	6
Sacramento	28	17	.622	6 1/2
Phoenix	26	19	.578	8 1/2
Golden State	12	32	.273	22
L.A. Clippers	11	34	.244	23 1/2

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Charlotte 110, Washington 102
Atlanta 102, Cleveland 94
Orlando 107, Indiana 102
Toronto 98, Milwaukee 95
Minnesota at Denver, (n)
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, noon.
Golden State at New Jersey, noon.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.

Hornets 110, Wizards 102

CHARLOTTE (110): Mason 3-5 6-6 12, Coleman 8-14 4-7 20, Campbell 6-14 15-18 27, Wesley 6-15 7-10 20, Jones 7-14 6-8 20, Miller 1-3 2-2 4, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, B.Davis 1-4 1-2 3, Ellis 1-3 1-2 4. Totals 33-72 42-55 110.

WASHINGTON (102): Murray 5-8 2-2 13, Howard 5-13 5-7 15, White 0-2 0-0 0, Richmond 8-17 4-4 22, Strickland 8-15 4-4 20, Austin 4-8 1-2 9, Hamilton 1-5 0-0 2, Whitney 3-7 4-4 13, A.Williams 4-8 0-2 8, L.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-83 20-25 102.

Charlotte	**25**	**30**	**23**	**32—110**
Washington	**23**	**30**	**22**	**27—102**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 2-15 (Ellis 1-3, Wesley 1-6, Miller 0-1, Coleman 0-2, Jones 0-3), Washington 6-14 (Whitney 3-5, Richmond 2-5, Murray 1-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 52 (Coleman 10), Washington 50 (Howard, Murray 10). Assists—Charlotte 24 (Mason, Coleman 5), Washington 22 (Strickland 8). Total fouls—Charlotte 19, Washington 33. A—18,422 (20,674).

Hawks 102, Cavaliers 94

ATLANTA (102): Jackson 5-13 4-4 15, A.Henderson 6-14 4-4 16, Mutombo 3-6 4-6 10, Coles 8-18 0-0 16, Rider 9-19 5-5 23, Terry 0-4 0-0 0, Ellis 4-5 0-0 8, McLeod 4-10 4-4 12, Wright 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 39-89 23-25 102.

CLEVELAND (94): Murray 6-14 3-5 15, Kemp 4-13 2-4 10, Bryant 0-2 2-2 2, Miller 10-24 8-8 28, Person 6-14 3-3 18, Ferry 3-6 8-8 15, Stack 0-5 0-0 0, DeClercq 3-4 0-0 6, Chilcutt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-83 26-30 94.

Atlanta	**26**	**18**	**33**	**25—102**
Cleveland	**16**	**32**	**23**	**23— 94**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 1-6 (Jackson 1-3, Coles 0-1, Terry 0-2), Cleveland 4-13 (Person 3-7, Ferry 1-2, Stack 0-1, Murray 0-1, Miller 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 58 (Mutombo 17), Cleveland 49 (Miller 10). Assists—Atlanta 22 (Rider 9), Cleveland 22 (Miller 12). Total fouls—Atlanta 31, Cleveland 23. Technicals—Mutombo, A.Henderson, Jackson, Cleveland Illegal Defense, Kemp, Cleveland coach Wittman 2. Flagrant fouls—Ferry. Ejected—Kemp, Cleveland coach Wittman. A—18,595 (20,562).

Magic 107, Pacers 102

INDIANA (102): Rose 9-19 7-10 25, D.Davis 4-6 3-5 11, Smits 5-8 4-5 14, Miller 3-8 7-8 13, Jackson 1-6 2-2 5, Croshere 4-8 2-3 10, Best 1-4 4-4 6, Perkins 1-5 0-0 2, McKey 5-6 1-1 11, Mullin 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 35-77 30-38 102.

ORLANDO (107): Outlaw 3-3 2-4 8, Wallace 2-7 0-1 4, Amaechi 7-15 5-13 19, Mercer 4-12 0-0 8, Armstrong 2-9 6-6 10, Williams 4-6 4-6 12, Atkins 6-10 4-5 17, Garrity 6-12 2-2 18, Maggette 1-3 3-4 5, Doleac 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 37-80 28-43 107.

Indiana	**20**	**30**	**23**	**29—102**
Orlando	**30**	**23**	**16**	**38—107**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 2-15 (Jackson 1-3, Mullin 1-4, Croshere 0-1, Rose 0-2, Best 0-2, Miller 0-3), Orlando 5-11 (Garrity 4-7, Atkins 1-1, Armstrong 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 56 (D.Davis 14), Orlando 52 (Wallace 11). Assists—Indiana 17 (Rose, Jackson, Best 4), Orlando 22 (Atkins 7). Total fouls—Indiana 33, Orlando 31. Technicals—Perkins, Orlando Illegal Defense 2. A—15,421 (17,248).

Raptors 98, Bucks 95

TORONTO (98): V.Carter 10-23 10-13 30, Oakley 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 6-11 0-0 12, Christie 3-10 0-1 6, Dell.Curry 6-13 0-0 16, Jo.Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, McGrady 4-13 3-6 11, Bogues 1-2 4-4 7, Willis 1-5 0-0 2, A.Williams 4-6 1-2 10. Totals 37-88 18-26 98.

MILWAUKEE (95): Robinson 11-19 6-6 29, S.Williams 1-11 1-1 3, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, R.Allen 5-19 2-4 12, Cassell 9-15 7-7 25, T.Thomas 4-13 8-11 16, Manning 2-4 0-0 4, Del Negro 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-86 24-29 95.

Toronto	**21**	**27**	**22**	**28— 98**
Milwaukee	**19**	**15**	**25**	**36— 95**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-14 (Dell.Curry 4-7, A.Williams 1-1, Bogues 1-1, V.Carter 0-2, Christie 0-3), Milwaukee 1-14 (Robinson 1-5, Cassell 0-1, T.Thomas 0-2, R.Allen 0-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 53 (V.Carter 11), Milwaukee 62 (Johnson 13). Assists—Toronto 17 (Oakley 7), Milwaukee 14 (Cassell 5). Total fouls—Toronto 25, Milwaukee 22. Technicals—Willis, S.Williams. A—18,717 (18,717).

College Baseball

SOUTH

Ala.-Huntsville 6, St. Leo 5
Armstrong Atlantic 11-12, Mars Hill 3-11
Brewton-Parker 9-13, Flagler 2-0
Delta St. 4-10, Belhaven 0-4
Florida Tech 8, Barry 1
Francis Marion 12-6, Limestone 2-5
Furman 2-1, High Point 0-4
Louisiana-Lafayette 7-15, Sam Houston St. 1-2
Miami 17, Florida 1
Stetson 14, Florida A&M 5
Texas-Arlington 4, Texas Wesleyan 2
UT-Pan American 7, Louisiana-Monroe 5

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 7, Northwestern St. 0
New Mexico St. 23, Texas Tech 17
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 11-9, Prairie View 4-2
TCU 6-6, SW Texas St. 3-6, 2nd game, 11 innings, darkness

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 15, Florida St. 9
Iowa St. 15-11, Air Force 13-10
Stanford 3, CSU Fullerton 1
S. Utah 11, UNLV 7

New Mex. St. 23, Texas Tech 17

New Mex. St.	**3**	**4**	**0**	**3—23 24 3**
Texas Tech	**4**	**1**	**2**	**0—17 18 2**

Clements, Alvarez (3), Romero (5), Bivian (7), Mercado (9) and Gmetro. Ackerman, Jones (2), Fossum (4), Rowe (5), Newman (6), McGinley (8), Tims (8), Cole (9) and Lunsford. W—Alvarez (1-0). L—Jones (0-1). HRs—NMS, Crume, Moreno, TT, Holzhauer.

Houston 8, Texas 2

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Nance, McAdoo (8) and Wilken; Jones, Caple (8), Clark (8) and Anderson. W—Nance (1-0). L—Jones (0-2). HRs—Woodward (1).

College Basketball

Top 25 Men

No. 15 KANSAS 87, TEXAS TECH 62

TEXAS TECH (9-10): Layne 3-6 0-1 6, Kennard 3-7 5-6 11, Phillips 1-6 0-0 2, Young 5-13 2-2 13, Ware 3-11 1-2 9, Malone 2-8 2-5 7, Cassidy 0-0 0-0 0, Hobbs 3-7 1-2 9, Faltesek 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 22-61 12-20 62.

KANSAS (17-5): Gooden 5-11 4-5 14, Collison 3-12 2-2 8, Bradford 4-7 2-2 10, Hinrich 2-4 3-4 9, Gregory 8-8 3-6 19, Nooner 0-0 0-0 0, Crider 0-1 0-0 0, Boschee 5-12 0-0 13, Carey 0-0 0-0 0, London 1-4 1-2 3, Johnson 3-5 1-2 7, Chenowith 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 33-68 16-23 87.

Halftime—Kansas 54, Texas Tech 29. 3-Point goals—Texas Tech 6-21 (Hobbs 2-2, Ware 2-9, Young 1-5, Malone 1-5), Kansas 5-15 (Boschee 3-8, Hinrich 2-3, Gooden 0-1, Bradford 0-1, Crider 0-1, London 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 35 (Kennard 8), Kansas 47 (Collison 11). Assists—Texas Tech 13 (Young 6), Kansas 22 (London 5). Total fouls—Texas Tech 18, Kansas 18.

No. 13 OKLAHOMA STATE 87, TEXAS A&M 55

TEXAS A&M (6-14): Ress 4-12 0-2 9, Jack 7-8 0-0 14, Slocum 4-7 2-4 10, Gilchrist 1-5 1-4 3, King 3-20 0-0 8, Leatherman 0-1 1-2 1, Brown 0-3 3-3 3, Scott 3-9 0-0 7, Jacobs 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-65 7-16 55.

OKLAHOMA STATE (18-2): Montonati 5-11 0-1 10, Mason 7-13 5-6 23, Jonzen 4-7 0-0 8, Alexander 8-9 3-4 25, Adkins 4-8 0-0 10, Sooter 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 3-3 0-1 6, Cazzelle 0-0 0-0 0, Keep 0-0 0-0 0, Gottlieb 0-8 1-2 1, Webber 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 32-62 11-16 87.

Halftime—Oklahoma State 48, Texas A&M 25. 3-point goals—Texas A&M 4-21 (King 2-9, Scott 1-4, Ress 1-5, Leaatherman 0-1, Gilchrist 0-2), Oklahoma State 12-23 (Alexander 6-7, Mason 4-7, Adkins 2-5, Sooter 0-1, Gottlieb 0-3). Fouled out—Gilchrist, Webber. Rebounds—Texas A&M 39 (Jack 10), Oklahoma State 41 (Montonati 9). Assists—Texas A&M 5 (King 2), Oklahoma State 25 (Adkins 7). Total fouls—Texas A&M 18, Oklahoma State 15. Technicals—Montonati, Texas A&M bench.

No. 16 TEXAS 68, MASSACHUSETTS 57

TEXAS (15-6): Muoneke 7-10 2-2 16, Owens 2-5 0-2 4, Mihm 4-10 10-10 18, Wagner 1-3 4-4 6, Williams 6-7 0-0 17, Wyatt 0-0 0-0 0, McColpin 0-1 3-4 3, Kelly 2-5 0-1 4, Ogden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-41 19-23 68.

MASSACHUSETTS (11-10): Kirkland 7-12 3-4 17, Babul 2-3 0-0 5, Rhymer 0-4 0-0 0, Mack 6-14 0-0 16, Crooks 6-20 2-4 17, Oates 0-0 0-0 0, Depina 0-2 0-0 0, Blizzard 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Brand 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 22-59 5-8 57.

Halftime—Texas 31, Massachusetts 16. 3-Point goals—Texas 5-13 (Williams 5-6, Muoneke 0-1, Mihm 0-1, McColpin 0-1, Wagner 0-2, Kelly 0-2). Massachusetts 8-23 (Mack 4-9, Crooks 3-9, Babul 1-2, Kirkland 0-1, Depina 0-2). Fouled out—Mack. Rebounds—Texas 34 (Mihm 12), Massachusetts 25 (Kirkland 9). Assists—Texas 15 (Wagner, Kelly 5), Massachusetts 12 (Crooks 5). Total fouls—Texas 12, Massachusetts 16.

No. 17 TULSA 103, TCU 70

TCU (13-11): Carroll 3-10 0-0 9, Gainous 3-7 4-6 11, Davenport 3-7 7-9 13, McTyer 1-4 3-4 6, Laster 5-10 5-8 17, Allaway 0-1 2-2 2, Jaksic 0-0 0-0 0, Anthony 0-7, 0-0 0, Merriex 3-8 1-2 10, Paulk 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-55 22-31 70.

TULSA (22-2): Coley 6-11 1-3 13, Kurtz 3-5 2-3 8, Harrington 5-8 3-4 14, Hill 5-11 2-2 13, Heard 2-4 0-0 5, Davis 0-0 3-4 3, Swanson 3-6 2-2 10, Reed 0-3 4-4 4, Shelton 9-13 6-6 24, Johnson 0-2 0-2 0, McDaniel 4-4 1-2 9. Totals 37-67 24-32 103.

Halftime—Tulsa 51, TCU 21. 3-Point goals—TCU 10-21 (Merriex 3-7, Carroll 3-8, Laster 2-3, Gainous 1-1, McTyer 1-2), Tulsa 5-20 (Swanson 2-2, Heard 1-3, Harrington 1-4, Hill 1-4, Coley 0-2, Reed 0-2, Shelton 0-3). Fouled out—Anthony, Paulk. Rebounds—TCU 27 (Gainous, McTyer 5), Tulsa 45 (Kurtz 8). Assists— TCU 10 (McTyer 5), Tulsa 17 (Hill 8). Total fouls—TCU 22, Tulsa 24. Technical—TCU bench.

No. 18 OKLAHOMA 68, BAYLOR 59

OKLAHOMA (18-3): Johnson 3-4 5-5 11, Najera 7-15 5-9 20, Stone 1-2 0-0 2, Price 2-4 0-0 5, Raymond 5-7 0-0 15, Heskett 2-6 0-0 6, Newton 0-0 0-0 0, Avila 3-6 3-4 9. Totals 23-43 13-18 68.

BAYLOR (11-9): Kendrick 6-11 2-4 15, Black 2-6 0-1 4, Echols 0-0 0-0 0, Stukes 4-18 1-2 11, Minor 6-16 4-4 17, Greenleaf 0-0 0-0 0, Naihe 2-5 0-0 6, Flippen 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 22-60 9-13 59.

Halftime—Baylor 36, Oklahoma 31. 3-point goals—Oklahoma 9-17 (Raymond 5-7, Heskett 2-6, Najera 1-2, Price 1-2), Baylor 6-28 (Naihe 2-4, Stukes 2-13, Kendrick 1-4, Minor 1-6, Black 0-1). Fouled out—Flippen. Rebounds—Oklahoma 30 (Najera 16), Baylor 33 (Black 11). Assists—Oklahoma 15 (Najera, Raymond 3), Baylor 12 (Minor 8). Total fouls—Oklahoma 11, Baylor 16.

No. 1 CINCINNATI 93, UAB 80

CINCINNATI (22-1): Tate 0-0 0-0 0, Mickeal 2-7 1-1 6, Martin 10-16 11-14 31, Johnson 4-8 4-7 13, Satterfield 1-2 2-2 4, Stokes 1-2 0-0 3, Logan 8-11 5-6 25, Fletcher 5-7 1-2 11, Little 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-53 24-31 93.

UAB (12-8): Walker 2-6 0-0 4, Ransom 5-16 0-2 10, Nikolic 3-8 3-4 9, Ward 6-10 1-2 13, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Bass 3-8 3-4 9, Holmes 7-15 9-12 25, Finley 4-11 0-0 10, Ball 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 30-74 16-26 80.

Halftime—Cincinnati 43, UAB 30. 3-Point goals—Cincinnati 7-15 (Logan 4-6, Stokes 1-2, Mickeal 1-2, Johnson 1-4, Satterfield 0-1). UAB 4-15 (Finley 2-6, Holmes 2-8, Bass 0-1). Fouled out—Walker, Ransom. Rebounds—Cincinnati 41 (Martin 16), UAB 37 (Ward 8). Assists—Cincinnati 20 (Satterfield 8), UAB 9 (Nikolic, Ward, Bass, Finley 2). Total fouls—Cincinnati 22, UAB 27. Technical—Tate.

No. 2 STANFORD 67, SOUTHERN CAL 57

STANFORD (19-1): Madsen 4-8 0-0 8, Jacobsen 2-7 9-12 13, Jar.Collins 1-4 0-0 2, Moseley 4-10 2-2 13, McDonald 1-3 0-0 2, Jas.Collins 2-6 1-3 5, Mendez 6-8 8-8 24, Borchardt 0-1 0-0 0, Giovacchini 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 20-25 67.

SOUTHERN CAL (13-8): Bluthenthal 2-10 0-0 4, Scalabrine 8-20 3-3 20, Charissis 1-3 0-0 2, Granville 2-12 1-2 6, Trepagnier 6-14 2-2 16, Hair 3-7 0-0 9, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Thurston 0-0 0-0 0, Elmagbari 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-67 6-7 57.

Halftime—Stanford 28, USC 23. 3-Point goals—Stanford 7-16 (Mendez 4-5, Moseley 3-6, Giovacchini 0-1, Jacobsen 0-2, McDonald 0-2), USC 7-19 (Hair 3-5, Trepagnier 2-4, Scalabrine 1-2, Granville 1-5, Bluthenthal 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Stanford 50 (Madsen, Moseley, Jas.Collins 9), USC 27 (Scalabrine, Bluthenthal 6). Assists—Stanford 8 (Jar.Collins, McDonald, Mendez 2), USC 12 (Granville 7). Total fouls—Stanford 15, USC 21. Technical—Jacobsen.

No. 3 DUKE 106, VIRGINIA 86

VIRGINIA (15-7): Hall 5-12 0-0 11, C.Williams 5-10 1-1 14, Watson 3-6 2-4 8, Hand 10-17 5-7 27, Mason 4-8 2-2 11, Dondon 0-2 0-0 0, Mapp 2-8 0-0 6, Friel 2-5 0-0 5, Durchame 0-1 4-4 4, Dersch 0-1 0-0 0, Rogers 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-71 14-18 86.

DUKE (18-2): Carrawell 11-16 2-3 25, Battier 3-7 13-14 21, Boozer 11-16 3-5 25, James 3-8 2-4 9, J.Williams 5-8 3-4 13, Christensen 1-2 0-0 2, Dunleavy 4-5 1-2 9, Horvath 1-2 0-0 2, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0, Buckner 0-0 0-0 0, Simpson 0-0 0-0 0, Borman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-64 24-32 106.

Halftime—Duke 65, Virginia 33. 3-Point goals—Virginia 10-21 (C.Williams 3-6, Mapp 2-4, Hand 2-5, Mason 1-1, Hall 1-2, Friel 1-3), Duke 4-10 (Battier 2-4, Carrawell 1-1, James 1-3, J.Williams 0-1, Horvath 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Virginia 30 (Hall 7), Duke 41 (Battier 11). Assists—Virginia 17 (Mason, Mapp 4), Duke 17 (J.Williams 13). Total fouls—Virginia 25, Duke 15.

No. 4 SYRACUSE 74, PROVIDENCE 58

SYRACUSE (19-0): Brown 4-8 3-4 11, Blackwell 2-5 3-3 7, Thomas 5-8 9-14 19, Bland 1-10 4-6 6, Hart 2-7 6-8 11, Shumpert 1-4 5-6 7, Griffin 1-2 2-2 4, Williams 1-4 3-4 6, McClanaghan 0-1 0-0 0, Celuck 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 17-49 38-51 74.

PROVIDENCE (8-14, 1-8): Maxey 6-14 6-6 18, Murray 2-4 0-1 4, Shabazz 3-11 2-6 8, Mills 1-10 5-6 7, Augustin 3-12 0-0 7, Camah 0-1 0-0 0, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Jefferson 0-2 2-2 2, Wade 2-5 0-0 5, Cole 1-2 1-2 3, Jarrell-Wright 0-2 4-6 4. Totals 18-63 20-29 58.

Halftime—Syracuse 36, Providence 29. 3-Point goals—Syracuse 2-11 (Hart 1-2, Williams 1-3, McClanaghan 0-1, Shumpert 0-2, Bland 0-3), Providence 2-13 (Wade 1-4, Augustin 1-6, Cole 0-1, Mills 0-1, Murray 0-1). Fouled out—Murray, Mills. Rebounds—Syracuse 43 (Thomas 14), Providence 38 (Shabazz 7). Assists—Syracuse 9 (Blackwell, Hart 2), Providence 11 (Mills 5). Total fouls—Syracuse 19, Providence 31. Technical—Syracuse bench.

No. 8 MICHIGAN STATE 85, No. 7 CONNECTICUT 66

CONNECTICUT (16-5): Freeman 2-8 2-2 6, Saunders 3-6 0-0 6, Voskuhl 3-5 1-3 7, Mouring 5-12 0-0 13, El-Amin 8-19 3-4 21, Deng 1-1 0-0 2, Archibald 0-2 0-0 0, Wane 3-5 1-2 7, Cox 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 26-60 9-13 66.

MICHIGAN ST. (17-5): Peterson 6-15 2-2 16, Granger 3-9 6-7 13, Hutson 2-3 0-0 4, Cleaves 3-8 1-2 7, Bell 4-8 0-0 11, Smith 0-0 2-3 2, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Ishbia 0-0 0-0 0, Chappell 1-3 2-2 5, Cherry 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 7-9 0-0 14, Anagonye 3-4 3-3 9, Ballinger 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 30-61 18-21 85.

Halftime—Michigan St. 46, Connecticut 17. 3-Point Goals—Connecticut 5-20 (Mouring 3-7, El-Amin 2-9, Freeman 0-2, Archibald 0-2), Michigan St. 7-22 (Bell 3-5, Peterson 2-7, Chappell 1-2, Granger 1-5, Thomas 0-1, Cleaves 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Connecticut 26 (Voskuhl 6), Michigan St. 40 (Granger 8). Assists—Connecticut 14 (El-Amin 4), Michigan St. 16 (Cleaves 8). Total fouls—Connecticut 19, Michigan St. 19.

No. 9 ARIZONA 90, OREGON ST. 73

OREGON STATE (10-10): Jackson 5-11 5-6 18, Petraitis 1-4 0-0 3, Von Backstrom 1-3 0-0 2, Tanner 2-10 2-2 8, Steinthal 3-9 0-0 7, Haywood 4-5 0-0 12, Jones 2-3 4-4 8, Euhus 0-0 0-0 0, Masten 1-3 0-0 3, Heide 5-9 2-2 12. Totals 24-57 13-14 73.

ARIZONA (19-4): Walton 4-8 3-3 12, Wright 8-10 6-8 22, Woods 5-10 5-6 15, Arenas 5-14 3-7 13, Gardner 2-10 2-2 8, Wessel 1-3 2-2 4, Anderson 5-9 1-2 13, Ash 0-0 0-0 0, Pastner 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 31-66 22-30 90.

Halftime—Arizona 40, Oregon St. 30. 3-Point goals—Oregon St. 12-26 (Haywood 4-4, Jackson 3-6, Tanner 2-6, Masten 1-2, Petraitis 1-3, Steinthal 1-5), Arizona 6-23 (Anderson 2-4, Gardner 2-9, Pastner 1-3, Walton 1-4, Arenas 0-4). Fouled out—Jones. Rebounds—Oregon St. 34 (Jackson, Tanner 6), Arizona 34 (Woods 9). Assists—Oregon St. 16 (Tanner 7), Arizona 19 (Walton 8). Total fouls—Oregon St. 25, Arizona 14. A—14,545.

No. 10 AUBURN 73, ARKANSAS 55

ARKANSAS (11-10): Davis 3-7 1-2 9, Lane 5-8 0-1 10, Dean 1-5 0-0 3, Eddins 0-2 0-0 0, Gipson 4-9 0-0 12, Tatum 0-3 0-0 0, Gilbert 0-2 2-2 2, Cleveland 2-5 2-2 8, Walker 2-9 2-2 6, Baker 2-6 0-0 5, Satchell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 7-9 55.

AUBURN (19-3): Porter 7-9 6-8 20, N'diaye 2-5 1-2 5, Pohlman 7-13 3-6 21, Fishback 4-9 2-2 11, Robinson 2-7 0-0 4, Brewer 2-2 0-1 4, Sharp 1-4 0-2 2, Heard 0-0 0-0 0, McGadney 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 27-53 12-21 73.

Halftime—Arkansas 39, Auburn 34. 3-Point goals—Arkansas 10-29 (Gipson 4-8, Davis 2-4, Cleveland 2-5, Baker 1-1, Dean 1-3, Eddins 0-1, Tatum 0-2, Gilbert 0-2, Walker 0-3), Auburn 7-18 (Pohlman 4-9, McGadney 2-3, Fishback 1-4, Robinson 0-1, Sharp 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arkansas 38 (Lane 7), Auburn 32 (Porter, N'diaye 7). Assists—Arkansas 11 (Gipson 4), Auburn 12 (Robinson 4). Total fouls—Arkansas 20, Auburn 15.

No. 11 INDIANA 89, NORTHWESTERN 67

INDIANA (17-3): Fife 3-6 1-1 7, Washington 3-3 2-2 8, Haston 2-6 6-6 10, Lewis 3-7 7-9 13, Guyton 9-15 5-5 24, Coverdale 0-2 0-0 0, Jimenez 3-3 1-2 10, Hornsby 1-3 0-0 3, Richardson 4-4 0-1 8, Odle 1-2 1 2, Newton 0-2 4-4 4, Geyer 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 29-56 26-31 89.

NORTHWESTERN (4-17): Lepore 5-9 0-0 14, Hardy 3-7 0-0 6, Jennings 5-9 4-4 14, Johnson 5-10 2-2 13, Drayton 1-1 2-2 4, Blake 2-11 2-3 7, Newman 1-4 4-4 7, Burke 1-4 0-0 2, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, Deren 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 14-15 67.

Halftime—Indiana 48, Northwestern 21. 3-Point goals—Indiana 5-12 (Jimenez 3-3, Guyton 1-3, Hornsby 1-3, Coverdale 0-1, Fife 0-2), Northwestern 7-17 (Lepore 4-7, Johnson 1-2, Newman 1-2, Blake 1-4, Burke 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 36 (Richardson 7), Northwestern 27 (Jennings 7). Assists—Indiana 21 (Lewis 6), Northwestern 20 (Newman 7). Total fouls—Indiana 16, Northwestern 23.

No. 12 FLORIDA 85, GEORGIA 66

GEORGIA (9-13): Coleman 7-12 3-9 17, Evans 5-10 3-4 13, Jones 2-6 0-0 4, White 2-4 0-1 5, Layne 6-17 1-1 17, Crowell 0-0 0-0 0, Oliver 0-1 0-0 0, Patrick 1-1 4-4 6, Temen 0-1 0-0 0, Fields 0-2 0-0 0, Dryden 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 25-58 11-19 66.

FLORIDA (17-4): Wright 2-5 2-2 6, Parker 1-4 1-6 3, Haslem 2-6 5-6 9, Miller 3-8 2-2 10, Dupay 1-4 0-0 3, King 0-1 0-0 0, Harvey 7-12 2-2 16, Nelson 6-10 2-2 17, Hamilton 4-9 2-3 10, Bonner 3-5 0-0 7, Weaks 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 31-70 16-23 85.

Halftime—Florida 37, Georgia 33. 3-Point goals—Georgia 5-12 (Layne 4-9, White 1-1, Jones 0-2), Florida 7-20 (Nelson 3-5, Miller 2-4, Bonner 1-2, Dupay 1-4, Wright 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Weaks 0-3). Fouled out—Evans, Fields. Rebounds—Georgia 38 (Evans 7), Florida 41 (Haslem 10). Assists—Georgia 16 (Layne 7), Florida 14 (Parker, Nelson, Hamilton 3). Total fouls—Georgia 20, Florida 21.

No. 14 KENTUCKY 76, SOUTH CAROLINA 63

SOUTH CAROLINA (9-13): Ross 2-9 0-0 6, Kinloch 0-3 1-2 1, Petravicius 6-10 1-1 13, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Eidson 5-11 0-0 13, Bradley 4-11 2-2 14, Kraft 1-4 0-0 3, Grant 3-7 0-2 7, Kitchings 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 24-63 4-7 63.

KENTUCKY (17-5): Prince 4-10 0-0 10, Allison 3-8 4-4 11, Magloire 6-7 11-11 23, Bogans 9-15 0-1 21, Smith 0-5 1-2 1, Blevins 2-3 0-0 6, Masiello 0-0 0-0 0, Tackett 0-1 0-0 0, Stone 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 26-53 16-18 76.

Halftime—Kentucky 35, South Carolina 35. 3-point goals—South Carolina 11-32 (Bradley 4-11, Eidson 3-6, Ross 2-6, Grant 1-3, Kraft 1-4, Davis 0-2), Kentucky 8-25 (Bogans 3-8, Blevins 2-3, Prince 2-6, Allison 1-5, Smith 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—South Carolina 28 (Grant, Kitchings, Petravicius, Ross 4), Kentucky 33 (Magloire 10). Assists—South Carolina 18 (Eidson 7), Kentucky 14 (Smith 5). Total fouls—South Carolina 16, Kentucky 10.

No. 21 TEMPLE 74, RHODE ISLAND 40

TEMPLE (16-4): Karcher 6-10 0-0 15, Barnes 2-4 3-4 7, Lyde 2-3 0-0 4, Sanchez 1-7 0-0 2, Wadley 4-10 4-5 15, Jefferson 0-1 0-0 0, Greer 7-9 0-0 18, Sanders 1-1 0-0 2, Wesby 3-5 1-2 9, Rollerson 1-1 0-0 2, Barry 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-52 8-11 74.

RHODE ISLAND (5-17): Watula 2-3 0-0 4, Bell 6-13 0-2 13, Clay 0-3 3-4 3, Vinson 1-9 0-0 2, Marbury 3-11 0-0 8, Casper 1-1 0-0 2, Bracic 1-2 0-2 3, Henry 1-1 2-2 4, Smith 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 15-44 6-12 40.

Halftime—Temple 36, URI 9. 3-Point goals—Temple 12-26 (Greer 4-5, Karcher 3-6, Wadley 3-6, Wesby 2-4, Jefferson 0-1, Sanchez 0-4), URI 4-17 (Marbury 2-7, Bracic 1-2, Bell 1-3, Vinson 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Temple 36 (Lyde 11), URI 22 (Bell 6). Assists—Temple 15 (Sanchez 8), URI 11 (Smith 4). Total fouls—Temple 12, URI 10.

No. 22 LSU 93, ALABAMA 60

LSU (17-4): Beshera 4-7 2-4 11, Swift 9-12 3-4 21, Smith 7-11 0-0 14, Bright 4-9 0-0 9, Roland 4-7 0-0 10, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Landry 1-1 0-0 3, Dupree 5-9 2-2 12, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Temple 3-7 4-4 11, Warner 0-0 0-0 0, Bridgewater 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-67 11-14 93.

ALABAMA (10-10): Cotton 7-15 2-2 16, Grizzard 3-12 0-0 7, Dudley 6-9 4-4 16, London 1-5 0-0 3, Meade 2-11 3-4 9, Towns 1-2 0-0 3, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 2-5 0-0 6, Bakken 0-1 0-0 0, Haginas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-61 9-10 60.

Halftime—LSU 46, Alabama 24. 3-Point goals—LSU 6-18 (Roland 2-4, Landry 1-1, Beshara 1-2, Temple 1-3, Bright 1-5, Dupree 0-1, Williams 0-2), Alabama 7-30 (Martin 2-5, Meade 2-7, Towns 1-2, London 1-2, Grizzard 1-8, Bakken 0-1, Haginas 0-1, Cotton 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—LSU 45 (Swift 12), Alabama 25 (Dudley 9). Assists—LSU 19 (Bright 10), Alabama 11 (London 7). Total fouls—LSU 17, Alabama 16.

No. 23 OREGON 86, ARIZONA ST. 73

OREGON (16-4): A.D.Smith 7-17 6-6 20, Jones 5-8 4-5 14, Hartenstein 4-6 1-2 9, Wright 1-6 7-11 9, Norwood 3-4 1-2 8, Scales 5-11 6-6 17, Bracey 2-2 3-5 7, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Hicks 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 27-54 30-39 86.

ARIZONA ST. (12-9): Storey 1-6 0-0 2, Redhage 6-8

Football's very good ...

50th annual Pro Bowl shows off NFL's younger generation

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — The changing face of the NFL is evident at the 50th annual Pro Bowl.

With 41 players making their first appearances in Sunday's game at Aloha Stadium, attention focused on the rising number of young stars and the fading away of some of the game's most recognizable names.

Thirty first-timers and half of the 86 players in the game have played in the NFL five seasons or less, and their presence among the league's elite is energizing the game.

"I think there is a changing of the guard. There are a lot of new exciting players coming into the league," said Minnesota Vikings guard Randall McDaniel, making his record 11th consecutive Pro Bowl start.

"This is the biggest change I've seen over here, and it's good for the game. But they still a got a few spots for the older guys to slip in, just to remind them what happened before."

With greats like Steve Young, Bruce Smith, Jerry Rice, Michael Irvin and Dan Marino not playing this year, attention turned to rising stars like Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James of Indianapolis, Jevon Kearse of Tennessee and Randy Moss of Minnesota.

"New guys are coming in, stepping up to play and carrying on the tradition," said Baltimore Ravens third-year linebacker Peter Boulware, in his second Pro Bowl.

Grooming new stars and watching them blossom is all part of the process and great for the league, said Jacksonville safety Carnell Lake, an 11-year vet playing in his fifth Pro Bowl.

"Eventually you're going to have young talent come in and make their mark, and they're doing that now," Lake said. "Every year, there are new fans in the NFL and the younger fans, the real young ones, followed these younger players in college and now they want to follow them in the NFL."

St. Louis Rams cornerback Todd Lyght said the changes extend beyond the players chosen for the Pro Bowl, to the shifting of power within the league itself. Teams like the Rams and Titans making it to the Super Bowl reflect the same change as the replacing of older stars with younger ones.

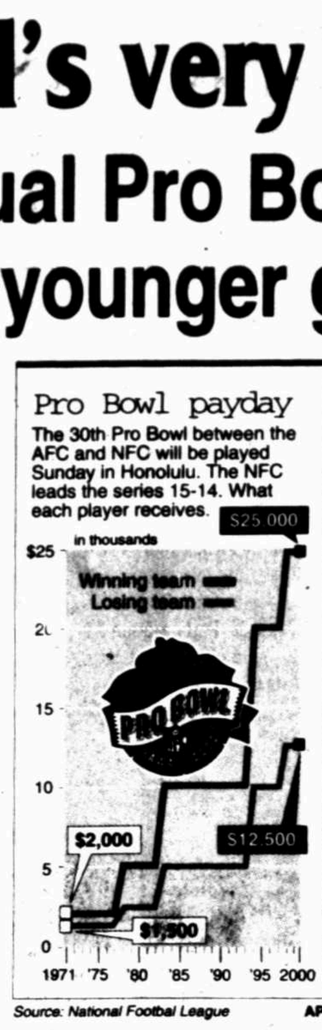
"Tennessee being there for the first time and us being there for the first time in 20 years, I think that there's a changing of the guard in the NFL for sure," said Lyght, playing in his first Pro Bowl.

His Rams teammate, defensive lineman D'Marco Farr, also in his first Pro Bowl, said the younger players just had to show their mettle and prove they could play.

"Some of the younger guys are tired of being beat up by the older guys, so they're playing better," Farr said.

Tennessee tight end Frank Wycheck, playing in his second Pro Bowl, explained the change, citing teammate Bruce Matthews, the 17-year offensive lineman playing in his 11th Pro Bowl.

Tampa Bay defensive lineman Warren Sapp summed up the changes by saying: "A lot more players are playing better in this league and old heads are old heads now."



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Carolina Panther's wide receiver Rae Carruth is escorted to a waiting car in Jackson, Tennessee, after being questioned following his arrest by FBI agents on Dec. 15. The number of NFL players involved in violence and crime has escalated. The loss of players to jail time or disciplinary measures could ultimately prove as threatening to the league talent pool as a major knee injury.

... and its very bad

Violence, crime become part of the NFL's image

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — The NFL used to spend most of the offseason pondering such problems as the length of games, the shifting of franchises or the proper use of TV replay.

Now, perhaps more than ever, off-the-field violence is troubling the league.

Two players are in jail on murder charges. Many others have been charged with less-serious crimes this season, including assault, burglary, and weapons and drug possession.

"I've been part of this league for 40 years and I just can't ever remember so many cases of a criminal nature," Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson said. "It's getting out of hand."

The cases have battered the image of a stuffy institution that some derisively refer to as "The National Felony League."

Following a Super Bowl party in Atlanta last Monday, Baltimore Ravens star linebacker Ray Lewis was arrested on murder charges in the stabbings of two men outside a nightclub.

Earlier this season, Carolina wide receiver Rae Carruth was arrested on murder charges in the shooting of his pregnant girlfriend.

While such charges against two players in the same season were unprecedented, the league has always had to deal with off-the-field violence and crime. In fact, all NFL teams already offer a series of lectures on personal conduct throughout the season.

The recent cases, however, highlight what seems to be a trend.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue acknowledged the problem two days before the Super Bowl, but added, "We can't predict what NFL players will do any more than we can predict students shooting other students or workers shooting fellow workers."

Athletes, however, receive much more money and adulation than the average student or mailman. While the majority of football stars cope well in such an environment, others do not.

"For some players, you get all that money and you're like a timebomb waiting to go off," said Lew Lyon, a sports psychologist who works out of Baltimore's Good Samaritan Hospital. "You grow up getting special treatment because you're an athlete, then you get millions of dollars thrown at you. Shady people gravitate toward money."

The NFL's season of crime and punishment has produced damaging headlines around the country and provided late-night comedians with more than enough material for their opening monologues.

Hardly a week went by this season without news of another player in trouble with the law.

Two players on the Bills were charged in the sexual assault of two off-duty police officers in a nightclub; Denver Broncos safety Darrius Johnson was charged with punching a topless dancer; and New York Jets offensive tackle Jumbo Elliott was charged with punching a man and woman at a bar.

Indianapolis Colts defensive back Steve Muhammad, charged with battery in the beating of his pregnant wife, was cleared after her death was attributed to injuries suffered in an auto accident. The baby was stillborn.

And on Thursday, Fred Lane of the Carolina Panthers was arrested on drug and weapons charges after police said they found marijuana and a gun in his car.

His teammate, Carruth, was cut by Carolina soon after his arrest, and Miami Dolphins running back Cecil Collins was suspended indefinitely after being arrested in connection with a break-in at a neighbor's apartment. The married woman living there said Collins had been stalking her.

The Ravens aren't sure if they'll ever again be able to use Lewis, who led the team in tackles in four straight seasons and was supposed to play in his third Pro Bowl this weekend.

His lawyer, Ed Garland, said Lewis was simply a "horrified bystander" who didn't know the two men had been killed until he heard about it on the news hours later. But some wonder why a man with a $26 million contract put himself in such a position in the first place.

"Ray Lewis got caught up in the big party," Lyon said. "The tragedy of Ray Lewis is that he put himself in harm's way."

Beginning in April, the Ravens held a seven-part lecture series on personal conduct for players. Topics included personal and professional accountability, male/female issues and drug counseling.

"Such programs can help, but in most cases it's like putting a Band-Aid on a gaping wound," Lyon said. "You're talking about a person who has high self-worth and a lot of money. He's not going to listen. He's thinking, 'This won't happen to me.'"

Wilson said the NFL needs to do more than merely instruct players on how to deal with fame and fortune.

"Because of the acceleration of these cases, the league has to take a harder approach. We've been far too soft," Wilson said. "It's something I think we'll talk about at the next owners meeting."

Often a players' time in the 40-yard dash is more important than his rap sheet. Wilson said he will no longer take a chance on a player with a criminal past.

"I'm just as guilty as anybody," he said, "but I think our emphasis on winning has taken away from our common sense."

50TH ANNUAL NFL PRO BOWL

Pro Bowl Roster

NEW YORK (AP) — The teams selected for the NFL 2000 Pro Bowl to be played Sunday, Feb. 6 at Honolulu (x-starter; y-injured, will not play; z-injury replacement; c-coaches selection; s-selected, will not play; r-replacement):

National Football Conference

Offense

Wide Receivers — x-Isaac Bruce, St. Louis; x-Cris Carter, Minnesota; Randy Moss, Minnesota; Muhsin Muhammad, Carolina.

Tackles — x-Orlando Pace, St. Louis; x-William Roaf, New Orleans; Erik Williams, Dallas.

Guards — x-Larry Allen, Dallas; x-Randall McDaniel, Minnesota; Tre Johnson, Washington.

Centers — x-Jeff Christy, Minnesota; Tony Mayberry, Tampa Bay.

Tight **Ends** — x-Wesley Walls, Carolina; David Sloan, Detroit.

Quarterbacks — x-Kurt Warner, St. Louis; Steve Beuerlein, Carolina; Brad Johnson, Washington.

Running Backs — x-Marshall Faulk, St. Louis; Stephen Davis, Washington; Emmitt Smith, Dallas.

Fullback — x-Mike Alstott, Tampa Bay.

Defense

Ends — x-Kevin Carter, St. Louis; x-Michael Strahan, N.Y. Giants; Robert Porcher, Detroit; c-Simeon Rice, Arizona.

Interior Linemen — x-Luther Elliss, Detroit; x-Warren Sapp, Tampa Bay; Bryant Young, San Francisco.

Outside Linebackers — x-Jessie Armstead, N.Y. Giants; x-Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay; Dexter Coakley, Dallas.

Inside Linebackers — x-Hardy Nickerson, Tampa Bay; Stephen Boyd, Detroit.

Cornerbacks — x-Todd Lyght, St. Louis; xs-Deion Sanders, Dallas; Aeneas Williams, Arizona; r-Troy Vincent, Philadelphia.

Strong Safety — x-John Lynch, Tampa Bay.

Free Safeties — x-Lance Schulters, San Francisco; x-Brian Dawkins, Philadelphia.

Specialists

Punter — x-Mitch Berger, Minnesota.

Placekicker — x-Jason Hanson, Detroit.

Kick Return Specialist — x-Glyn Milburn, Chicago.

Special Teamer — x-Michael Bates, Carolina.

American Football Conference

Offense

Wide Receivers — x-Marvin Harrison, Indianapolis; x-Jimmy Smith, Jacksonville; Tim Brown, Oakland; Keyshawn Johnson, N.Y. Jets.

Tackles — xy-Tony Boselli, Jacksonville; x-Jonathan Ogden, Baltimore; Leon Searcy, Jacksonville; z-Walter Jones, Seattle.

Guards — x-Ruben Brown, Buffalo; x-Bruce Matthews, Tennessee; Will Shields, Kansas City.

Centers — x-Tom Nalen, Denver; Kevin Mawae, N.Y. Jets.

Tight Ends — x-Tony Gonzalez, Kansas City; Frank Wycheck, Tennessee.

Quarterbacks — x-Peyton Manning, Indianapolis; Mark Brunell, Jacksonville; Rich Gannon, Oakland.

Running Backs — x-Edgerrin James, Indianapolis; Corey Dillon, Cincinnati; Eddie George, Tennessee.

Fullback — X-Sam Gash, Buffalo.

Defense

Ends — x-Tony Brackens, Jacksonville; x-Jevon Kearse, Tennessee; Michael McCrary, Baltimore.

Interior Linemen — x-Trevor Pryce, Denver; x-Darrell Russell, Oakland; Cortez Kennedy, Seattle.

Outside Linebackers — x-Peter Boulware, Baltimore; x-Kevin Hardy, Jacksonville; Chad Brown, Seattle; c-Mo Lewis, N.Y. Jets.

Inside Linebackers — xs-Ray Lewis, Baltimore; Zach Thomas, Miami; r-Junior Seau, San Diego.

Cornerbacks — x-Sam Madison, Miami; x-Charles Woodson, Oakland; James Hasty, Kansas City.

Strong Safety — x-Lawyer Milloy, New England.

Free Safeties — x-Carnell Lake, Jacksonville; Rod Woodson, Baltimore.

Specialists

Punter — x-Tom Tupa, N.Y. Jets.

Placekicker — x-Olindo Mare, Miami.

Kick Return Specialist — x-Tremain Mack, Cincinnati

Jacks shock Cotton Kings

Staff Report

LUBBOCK — The Odessa Jackalopes got one of their biggest road victories of the season Saturday night, beating the Lubbock Cotton Kings 5-3 to grab some momentum before returning home.

The Jacks never trailed against Lubbock, which was only one point out of first place in the WPHL's Western Division heading into Saturday's game. Appropriately, the Jacks began and ended the scoring in the same manner, with Paul Vincent feeding John Bossio for goals.

Bossio scored in front of the net off a Vincent pass in the first period to give the Jacks a 1-0 lead. Lubbock's Mike Legg then scored to tie it at 1-1, but the Jacks answered with a pair of goals before the end of the first period and never trailed again. Derek Laxdal and Mark Smith then scored for the Jacks for a 3-1 lead.

After Lubbock cut it to 3-2 at the end of the second period, the Jacks responded with a pair of goals in the third to put it away. Savo Mitrovic scored early in the period, then in the final minutes, Vincent (who had three assists) and Bossio connected again to cash in a power play opportunity and put the game away.

Kyle Reeves had a pair of goals for Lubbock.

The Jacks are off until next Thursday, when they return to the Ector County Coliseum for three games on consecutive nights. Odessa faces San Angelo on Thursday, then follows that up by hosting El Paso on Friday and Corpus Christi Saturday. All games start at 7:11 p.m.

BOYS: Campo has new challenge

(From 1C)

n't work and things he thought should and shouldn't have been done.

"What I've learned is that Jerry is passionate, is committed, wants to do everything he can for this organization and fans because of the expectations," Campo said. "And that's exactly what I want to do.

"My relationship with him will be my relationship with him. It won't be Jimmy's, it won't be Barry's, it won't be Chan's."

Jones' heavyhanded ways have created the perception that by taking the job Campo has agreed to be the owner's puppet.

Campo's response is that he prefers to view Jones as the general manager. From that perspective, Campo considers Jones' "socks-to-jocks" involvement no different from other GMs.

Campo noted that Tennessee's Floyd Reese was in the coaches' booth at the Super Bowl, which is hardly different from Jones roaming the sidelines at most Dallas games.

"The GM is actively involved in the everyday running of a football team," Campo said. "The great thing about this situation is it doesn't take the GM long to get to the owner.

"What I want is a guy working with me who has the same goals and the same passion for the game that I do. I think with that type of a situation, you've got a better chance to get things done.

"So I look at it very simply. When I walk onto that football field, Jerry Jones does not want to coach the team, but he wants to know what's going on with the team — as Ron Wolf does, as anybody else you name who is a general manager."

At 52, Campo wants to be seen as his own man, not as an extension of Jones or a disciple of any one coach. After all, he's worked for 13 of them since his journey began as a linebackers coach at Central Connecticut State in 1971.

"I'd prefer to say there's probably a little bit of each of them in me and there's a certain amount that's just me," Campo said.

"I can tell you the things I believe in: discipline, accountability, family atmosphere, people respecting each other's abilities, taking care of your own responsibility, don't give your buddy the world to cover. Those are the kinds of things you learn on an everday basis."

The Cowboys are coming off an 8-8 season that ended with a first-round playoff blowout. Dallas also was wiped out in the first round the previous year.

Having been around, Campo knows what many of the problems are.

"I really think there has been a big division between the offensive players and defensive players," Campo said. "So one of the major things from the very beginnning is to have everyone feel this is a team game."

Campo believes that if the kinks are worked out Dallas can become a contender again soon. Like most coaches around the league, he's pointing to the rapid rise of Super Bowl teams St. Louis and Tennessee as proof — and inspiration.

His no-time-to-waste approach began with promoting close friend Mike Zimmer from secondary coach to defensive coordinator. Campo had the job the last five years and the unit was in the NFL's top 10 four times.

Rather than stability, the Cowboys sought a new direction on offense so they brought back former quarterbacks coach Jack Reilly to re-install the system used during the glory days of the 1990s.

Next up are some tough decisions on free agents. Should Dallas keep Deion Sanders? Pursue Tim Brown? Both? Neither? How those questions are answered will then impact who the Cowboys draft.

The whirlwind of being hired, having to hire a staff and starting to put together the roster hasn't left Campo much time to savor his new status.

He spent Super Bowl weekend in Lake Tahoe, but that was a combination business-pleasure trip with Pepsi that had been planned long ago.

His voice mail has been filled with calls from job-seekers and well-wishers. Congratulatory gifts remain unwrapped. He's hardly had time to decorate his office despite the long hours he's already putting in getting ready for a season that's seven months away.

LEE: Rebs drop another close game

(From 1C)

option of using shootouts, and by a vote of coaches, 4-5A is one district that does use the shootout.

The AHS Eagles, which improved 7-2 overall and 1-1 in district, know what it feels like to lose a shootout. They lost one earlier this year to Granbury and lost a 4-3 decision to Lee almost a year ago in district play.

"I was saying 'too bad' last year when they (Rebels) beat us in one (shootout) at our place and now we beat them in one at their place. I guess it all evens out," said AHS coach Mike Wiersema. "It's a terrible way to lose a game."

These two teams were about as even as they could be as neither team could finish a scoring opportunity. Lee missed out on a huge opportunity midway through the first half as it had a goal called back because of an offsides call. Other than that near miss by Lee, neither AHS goalkeeper Jacob Henderson or Lee goalkeeper Keith Butts saw much action in the game.

"We had a goal called back that could've been a 50-50 ball," Barden said. "The referees did a great job today. I don't care what anybody says. These are the best two teams in the district. We've got to finish our chances and we didn't do it today."

In the shootout, the Eagles took what appeared to be a commanding lead when Daniel Flores and Felipe Martinez, their third shooter, connected for a goal to make it 2-0.

Lee, however, would come back on goals by Colter Marcum and Eric Mora, who was Lee's fifth shooter. Wiersema said it was a slight concern for his team when the Rebels came back from the 2-0 deficit.

The contest would come down to the eighth shooter and that's where Kirk Jackson scored to give the Eagles the win. Wiersema said keeping the Rebels on their heels in the shootout proved to be the difference.

"I think Daniel jumping out and scoring that first goal in the shootout was the key," Wiersema said. "That's why he was MVP in the district last year, because when he's under pressure, he comes through."

The Rebels, which dropped to 4-4-1 overall and 1-2 in district, have a week to regroup and break their two-game slide with a trip to Abilene Cooper on Saturday. They must first shake off the disappointment from Saturday.

"I'm not real happy," Barden said. "I thought my players played great and I couldn't ask for anything more. Give a lot of credit to Abilene High."

Abilene High 1, Midland Lee 0
(3-2 shootout)

Abilene High	0	0	1	—1
Midland Lee	0	0	0	—0

First Half — No Scoring.
Second Half — No Scoring.
Shootout — 1. AHS, Daniel Flores; 2. AHS, Felipe Martinez; 3. Lee, Colter Marcum; 4. Lee, Eric Mora; 5. AHS, Kirk Jackson.
Shots — AHS 12, Lee 14. Fouls — AHS 15, Lee 12. Corner kicks — AHS 5, Lee 5. Goalie saves — AHS 9 (Jacob Henderson 9); Lee 4 (Keith Butts 4). Cards — Lee 1, yellow (Taylor Cheaney).

CUP: Agassi, Woodruff must win today

(From 1C)

using finesse at the net

"It's the best feeling of my career," Ullyett said after playing in his first-ever Davis Cup doubles match.

McEnroe repeated his contention that chair umpires were making calls against the Americans to get back at McEnroe for his habitual outbursts as a player.

Several times Sunday, McEnroe stalked up to chair umpire Bruno Rebueh of France to contest a call. The Zimbabwean spectators and players did not appreciate it.

Every time McEnroe complained, the crowd loudly booed. Wayne Black complained afterward that at one stage he had to delay resuming play for a minute.

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Event tickets are $25 and include social, dinner, fashion show and ball. Ball/Dance tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Tickets are available at Al's Grocery, Thomas Kincade Gallery, Trendy T's, Paula's Record Shop, Candy Boutique and the Midland Hispanic Chamber office.

FAJITAS AFTER HOURS

Networking Mixer

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a joint networking mixer to be held on March 9, 2000 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Party Station located at 6009 Empresa. The annual mixer offers members and prospective members an opportunity to promote their business in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. The mixer will offer the traditional "Fajitas After Hours" featuring live entertainment and door prizes. Bring plenty of business cards and your best networking smile.

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Calendar Of Events

MHCC Board Meeting
Wed., February 9th
Noon Midland Petroleum Club
Midland Community Development Corp.
Fri., February 11th
Board Meeting
Noon Sidekick's
All Male Fashion Show
Saturday, Feb. 12th
Midland Center
Networking Breakfast
"Health & Fitness"
Tues., Feb. 15th
Midland College Roadrunner Room
7:00 a.m.
TAMACC Quarterly
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Education Committee Meeting
Tues., February 22nd
6:00 p.m. - Midland Poker Place
MHCC Board Meeting
Wed., March 8th
Noon Midland Petroleum Club
Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce &
Midland Chamber of Commerce Joint Mixer
Thurs., March 9th
5:30 7:30 p.m. The Party Station
Networking Breakfast
"Spotlight on Hispanic Businesses"
Tues., March 14th
Midland College Roadrunner Room
7:00 a.m.

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Bulldogs, Lady Rebels record victories

Staff Report

ABILENE — Midland High's Derek Weinkauf scored a goal in only the second minute of the Bulldogs' soccer game Saturday against Abilene Cooper at the Lee Soccer Complex, and the game didn't get any better for Cooper after that.

Ross Brunner, who assisted on Weinkauf's goal, added two more goals of his own in a 5-0 rout of a discipline-depleted Cooper team.

"They're missing a couple of their players from a previous game — against Central they had some trouble I guess," said MHS coach Tony Pierce, referring to as red card received by Cooper sweeper Adam Foster on Tuesday. Forward Simon Nagel also drew a third yellow on Tuesday. "They were missing three players: their sweeper (Foster), their forward (Nagel) and an incidental player. Their two key players are big elements of their game, and they were lost a little bit. We were able to exploit (the absences) on the fast break, and that gave us an advantage."

Aaron Lockridge also scored a goal, and Ryan Pervier converted a penalty kick in the final minute of the game. MHS keeper Justin Booth only needed to make two saves to get the shutout.

It was a good day for the Bulldogs.

"All in all, we were able to get everyone in the game. It was a nice situation. We were able to play everybody and get them some playing time," Pierce said, adding that the boys who played, played well. "We had some nice passing and good combination play for the (first) four goals."

Midland High has now won two matches in a row and stand 2-1 in District 4-5A play and 8-2 overall, while Cooper falls to 0-3 and 4-8. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host San Angelo Central (2-0, 7-3) at 4:30 at the new MHS Soccer Field. Central was a regional finalist last season.

Midland High 5, Abilene Cooper 0

Midland High	2	3	—5
Abilene Cooper	0	0	—0

First half: 1. MHS, Derek Weinkauf (Ross Brunner), 2nd minute. 2. MHS, Brunner (Joey Entzminger), 15th minute. **Second half:** 3. MHS, Aaron Lockridge (Matt Lozano), 46th minute. 4. MHS, Brunner (Lockridge), 49th minute. 5. MHS, Ryan Pervier, pk, 79th minute.

Shots: MHS 24, Cooper 2. **Saves:** MHS 2 (Justin Booth 2), Cooper 4. **Corners:** MHS 5, Cooper 3.

Midland Lee girls 5, Abilene High 1

ABILENE — The Midland Lee girls' soccer team scored five second-half goals Saturday to more than overcome a 1-0 halftime deficit against Abilene High at the Lee Soccer Complex.

"I think we just kind of woke up," said Lee coach Mike Simpson. "We got excellent play out of the midfield — a place that we've been remiss in. But we got excellent midfield play and defensive play."

Barbara Woodruff scored twice, and Amy Rankin scored and recorded an assist for the Lady Rebels, who improved to 2-1 in District 4-5A and 8-2 overall. Abilene High (1-1, 8-2) absorbed its first district loss.

"This is the game we've been looking for for a while," Simpson said. "We were making combination plays that we hadn't seen very much of in the last couple of games, and we were controlling the pace of the game."

Hillari Neely played the entire game in goal for Lee. Oddly, there were no goalkeeper saves for either team, Simpson said.

Midland Lee 5, Abilene High 1

Midland Lee	0	5	—5
Abilene High	1	0	—1

First half: 1. AHS, Mary Margaret Norton, 31st minute. Second half: 2. Lee, Barbara Woodruff (Allison Herr), 43rd. 3. Lee, Amy Rankin, 49th minute. 4. Lee, Woodruff, 50th minute. 5. Lee, Raffi Belizarie (Linsey Johnson), 72nd minute. 6. Lee, Courtney Heineman (Amy Rankin) 79th minute.

Shots: Lee 15, AHS 3. **Corners:** Lee 3, AHS 0. **Saves:** Lee 0, AHS 0. **Fouls:** Lee 13, AHS 4. **Cards:** Yellow — Linsey Johnson, Lee.

Central sweeps OHS

Jennifer Bartz, San Angelo Central's seventh shootout kicker, converted to give the Lady Bobcats a 1-0 win over Odessa High Saturday in San Angelo. OHS' Elaine Vuelvas and Central's Kristin Baugh also tallied in the shoootout.

Central's boys made it a sweep over OHS, 3-0, with first-half goals from Josh Holbert, Michael Garcia and Christopher Parsons.

SOCCER STANDINGS

4-5A Girls

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	2	0	10	2
Midland Lee	**2**	**1**	**8**	**2**
Abilene High	1	1	8	2
San Angelo Central	1	1	7	5
Midland High	**1**	**2**	**7**	**5**
Abilene Cooper	1	2	5	5
Odessa High	1	2	3	8

Thursday's Result

Abilene Cooper 1, San Angelo Central 0.

Friday's Result

Odessa Permian 6, San Angelo Lake View 2 (non-district).

Saturday's Results

Midland Lee 5, Abilene High 1; Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 1; San Angelo Central 1, Odessa High 0, SO (2-1).

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa High. All games at 6:30 p.m. Midland Lee is off.

4-5A Boys

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	2	0	10	2
Abilene High*	2	0	7	2
San Angelo Central	2	0	7	3
Midland High	**2**	**1**	**8**	**2**
Midland Lee*	**1**	**2**	**4**	**4**
Odessa High	0	3	4	6
Abilene Cooper	0	3	4	8

*Overall record includes a tie.

Saturday's Results

Midland High 5, Abilene Cooper 0; Abilene High 1, Midland Lee 0, SO (3-2); San Angelo Central 3, Odessa High 0. Odessa Permian was idle.

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene High, 6:30 p.m. Midland Lee is off.

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MHS: Hodkinson's crew breaks into win column

(From 1C)

which improved to 1-2, 7-5 overall. Abilene Cooper (1-2, 5-5) was coming off a 1-0 win over San Angelo Central on Thursday.

"This was a big win for us," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "I was a little surprised to see that they beat San Angelo on Thursday. I thought (Saturday's match) would be a tough game. I don't know if we were getting all the breaks today or what. I'm not sure what we were doing differently from our past games, but this was a good win for us."

In was a good turnaround for Hodkinson's mostly young team, which had a particularly painful loss Tuesday at Odessa High.

"The shootout was the worst," said Hodkinson, referring to Tuesday, when MHS lost after six shooters. "After two shooters, we were up 2-0, and we could taste the victory. That hurt to lose it like that."

In the first half Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs had the considerable south wind at their backs. That's generally an advantage, and it was definitely an advantage on MHS' first goal. The play actually started with Cooper threatening to score, but the MHS defense cleared the ball, Amy Brammer made a pass from near midfield up to Salgado, who outraced a Cooper defender and poked the ball past Cooper keeper Stephanie Carter.

The wind was also a factor on Cooper's goal. MHS keeper Emily Schigut came out to stop Cooper's onrushing Faith Hines, but Hines lofted a high kick that the wind knocked down into the goal. That was the only thing Cooper got past Schigut, who made four saves on Cooper's five shots.

Midland High took control in the final five minutes of the half. A Cooper defender inexplicably missed a pass that MHS' Claire Brunner sent towards Salgado, and Salgado took advantage of the opportunity, buzzing the ball over Carter's head before she could get her hands up.

Barely more that a minute later, a Cooper handball in the box gave MHS' Knous a penalty kick, which she converted for a 3-1 halftime lead.

The Lady Bulldogs had to turn around and play into the wind in the second half. That could have been a problem, but it wasn't. Only five minutes into the second half, Coleman scored on a shot that was simiilar to the one by Cooper's Hines: high into the wind, which knocked it into the net.

Schigut had to make only one save after that, as Cooper didn't get many chances to score even with the wind.

"You can't play lazily, and you can't just boom the ball down the field, because the ball can just blow back in your face," Hodkinson said. "We did a good job. There didn't seem to be any letdown.

Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 1

Abilene Cooper	1	0	—1
Midland High	3	1	—4

First half: 1. MHS, Jess Salgado (Amy Brammer), 10th minute. 2. Cooper, Faith Hines, 23rd minute. 3. MHS, Salgado (Claire Brunner), 35th minute. 4. D'Lynn Knous, pk, 37th minute.

Second half: 5. MHS, Kathleen Coleman, 45th minute.

Shots: Cooper 5, MHS 7. **Corners:** Cooper 2, MHS 2. Fouls: Cooper 6, MHS 5. **Saves:** Cooper 2 (Stephanie Carter 0, Jessica Jones 2), MHS 4 (Emily Schigut 4). **Cards:** none.

LOCAL SPORTS

Mid. Christian diver wins title

AUSTIN — Midland Christian's Jeannie Burke won the girls state championship in the 1-meter diving competition at the 2000 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools at the University of Texas Saturday.

Burke, competing in the Division I category which includes TAPPS Class 4A and 5A schools, won the title with a score of 191.15.

MHS golfers finish second

SNYDER — The Midland High boys golf team had an outstanding tournament, finishing second by only two strokes in the Division I category at the Snyder Invitational Saturday.

Midland High finished with a two day total of 645, just behind Sweetwater at 643. Two MHS golfers also tied for second, as Daniel Campbell and Jason Lindgren both shot 154, a shot behind winner Landon Day of Snyder.

MHS Individuals: Daniel Campbell 78-76—154, Jason Lindgren 76-78—154, Zach Cauthen 84-85—169, Micah Malouf 85-85—170, B. Braun 88-83—171.

Soccer

Junior Varsity Boys

Midland Lee 2, Abilene High 1. Lee (1-1-1): Goals - Lee: Alejandro Barron, Jody Walser.

Junior Varsity Girls

Midland Lee 0, Abilene High 0.

Basketball

All individual statistics are points unless otherwise indicated.

Girls

Junior Varsity

Midland Christian 64, Garland Christian 27. For MC (21-5): Breanne Fietz, 11; Coleen Cosner, 18; Crystal Cooper, 13.

Seventh Grade

Andrews Tournament

Second round

Snyder 31, Midland Christian 30. For MC: J.B. Sosa, 9.

Third place game

Midland Christian 43, Sweetwater 27. For MC: Amy Stretcher, 12. MC finishes season 18-5.

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Continuing Education

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—The lecture is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Call 685-4518 to reserve a seat.

In considering how the United States should develop a foreign policy toward Russia, Brandeis history professor Dr. David Engerman said he has "two somewhat contradictory messages."

"First, is that we shouldn't expect to have any direct impact there. The more vigorously we promote certain policies, the more we stir up anti-westernism," he said. Second, it's important to consider Russia on its own terms, Engerman said.

"Russians have, in some important ways, different values and different expectations. And more importantly, they have a different history. Our path to the present contained more struggles and hurdles than we often admit. Why should we expect Russia to become like us so quickly—especially since they see many problems in American society."

> "Marx wrote that the past 'weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living,' which is especially true for Russia."

Helping to understand Russia on its own terms will be the subject of Engerman's talk, "Soviet Legacies in Today's Russia," 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9 in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

Engerman said his talk will look at different ways that the Soviet past continues to shape the post-Soviet present: in international politics, in culture, and in domestic economics.

"While the talk will be about contemporary Russia, my theme will be that of a historian: how Russia's recent past continues to shape events there," he said.

"Marx wrote that the past 'weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living,' which is especially true for Russia. But the past bequeathed not only its nightmares but also its dreams to the present" he said.

As an example, Engerman points to Moscow. "Moscow is striking for its contradictions: the best Metro system I've ever used, with lots of beautiful stations including statues, mosaics, and plenty of marble— yet it was built largely using prison labor, including German prisoners of war. To me the Metro symbolizes the hopes for a dramatically better world and the brutal means of bringing that world into being," he said.

Engerman's observations of Russia come from extensive study, which includes fellowships and professional service, and he has been to Russia six times: once for a language program, twice for research trips and three times as a lecturer on alumni tours. Midland College Board of Trustees member Will Green was on one of those tours and was impressed enough with Engerman's knowledge of Russia that he helped to arrange for Engerman to speak at Midland College.

Green said he was impressed with Engerman for several reasons. "He is extremely knowledgeable about the country and the language," Green said.

He also praised Engerman's effectiveness as a speaker. "He holds the attention of an audience," Green said. "Every time he spoke he packed the room." And, Engerman displayed a depth of knowledge that allowed him to answer "every question that was put to him," while maintaining an "unpretentious, unassuming attitude," Green said.

Engerman's depth of knowledge of Russia began with an interest in Russia that came directly out of the Cold War.

"My high school and college years coincided with the heightened Soviet-American tensions of the Reagan years," he said.

"My initial interest came as a response to the vehement anti-Soviet stance of many Americans in that era. So even though my views about the Soviet Union changed dramatically as I began to study it, my interest only increased."

As the famous diplomat George Kennan once wrote, people who are infected by the 'Russian bug' rarely recover."

Engerman is beginning his second semester teaching American history at Brandeis University in Boston. As a lecturer in history at University of California-Berkeley he taught several courses on Russia and on socialism and communism in America. Again, he stressed to his students they must understand Russia on its own terms.

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"There is a strong tendency to think of Russians as different, even exotic. Russians themselves often encourage such beliefs about the soulful, long-suffering Russian character, for instance, or about the Russian penchant for dictatorship. Part of the point is to show how Russian history unfolded without relying on such broad stereotypes," Engerman said.

Engerman has a Ph.D. in history from the University of California-Berkeley, a master's degree from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree from Swathmore College.

His major publications include "Modernization from the Other Shore: American Observers and the Cost of Soviet Economic Development," to be published in the April *American Historical Review*; "William Henry Chamberlin and Russia's Revolt Against Western Civilization," published last fall in *Russian History/ Histoire Russe*; and "New Society, New Scholarship: Soviet Studies Programmes in Interwar America," published last spring in *Minerva: A Review of Science, Learning and Policy.*

Engerman's interest in Russia grows as do his concerns for the country's future.

"My concerns about Russia have only grown as time goes on," he said. "How people manage to live day-to-day amid the economic disorganization and social chaos is remarkable. My academic friends, for instance, make $40-$60 a month—when they get paid.

"So, they take second and third jobs, grow some of their food in the summers, and somehow manage to piece it all together. They manage to survive —and even enjoy their lives—in spite of the difficulties they confront every day," he said.

And, Engerman said despite his knowledge of Russia, as a historian he is reluctant to make predictions about its future. "We're so busy figuring out what happened that we don't predict the future. But reasons for optimism are few and far between in Russia—and even more scarce in the other former Soviet republics."

Although the lecture is free, seating is limited. Call Continuing Education, 685-4518, to reserve seats.

David Engerman Resume Highlights

—Olin Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University.
—John L. Simpson Fellowship in Comparative Studies, Institute for International Studies, 1997-98.
—Summer Research Fellowship, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, 1997.
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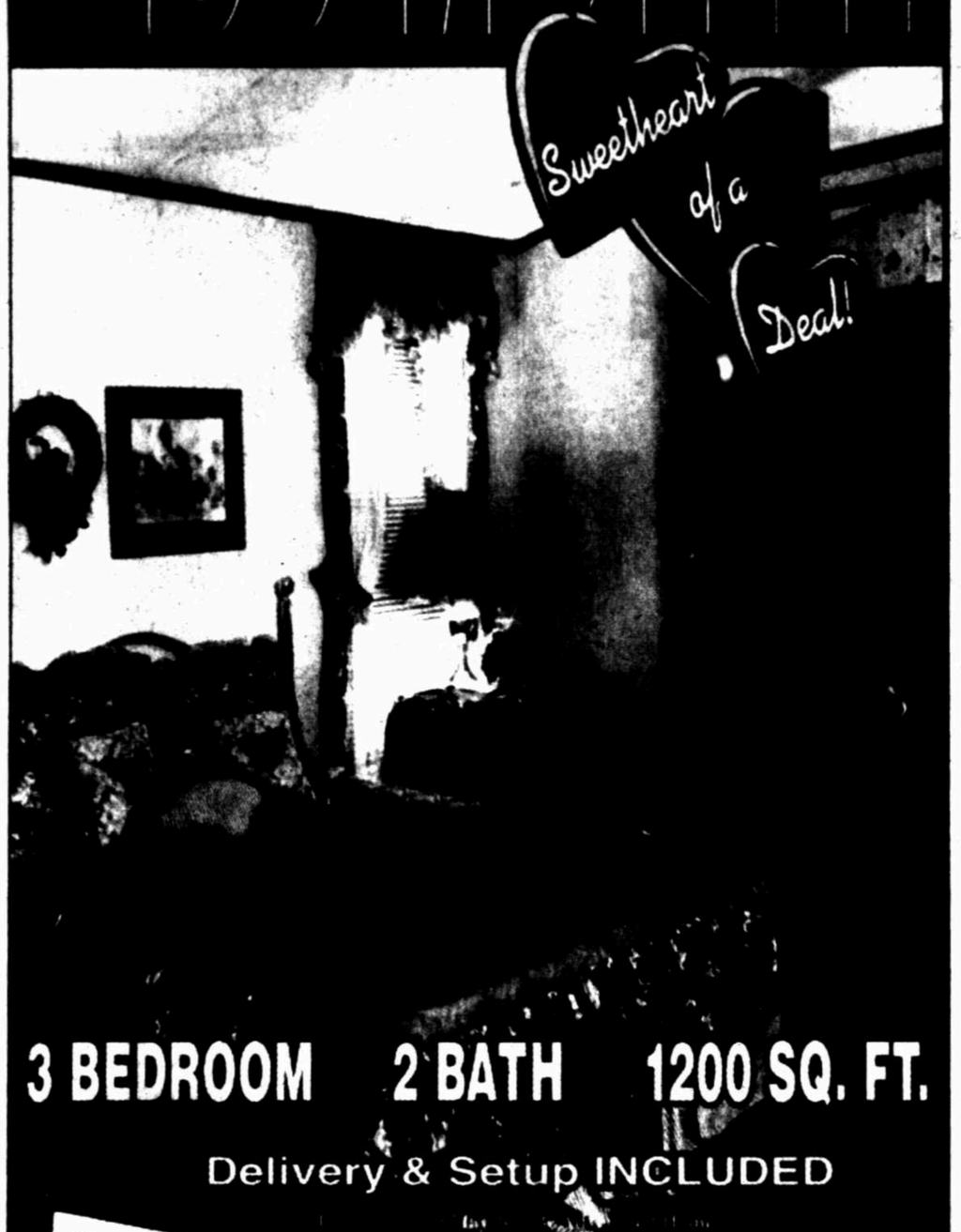

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A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., February 9, 2000 in room 453 of the main campus building. Copies of the bid documents including specifications will be available January 31, 2000 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Rm. 485 at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762, upon receipt of a $25.00 refundable deposit. (915) 552-2790.

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CORRECTION

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Clerk of the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas

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Comments are invited from members of the bar and the public as to whether Magistrate Judge Baker should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court. All comments should be directed to Richard Bowers, Drawer 1440, Alpine, Texas 79831 must be received no later than March 31, 2000.

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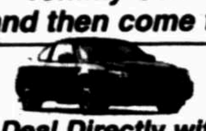

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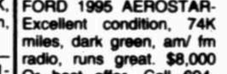

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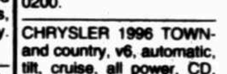

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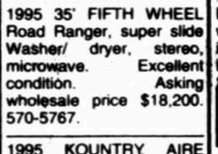

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Openings for high school grads ages 17-34. Must be in good physical condition and willing to relocate. Good pay and benefits. Call today for interview. 1-800-292-5547, 8 am- 4 pm, Monday- Friday. Local interviews available.

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Counselor Assistant, Midland
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Odessa, Midland and Fort Stockton
Community Living Instructors (CLI),
Odessa and Midland

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

Quality Control Inspector

Cable *ONE* seeks to fill two positions of Quality Control Inspector. Responsible for inspecting all aerial and underground construction to comply with company standards. Interface with customers to resolve any conflicts to ensure customer satisfaction. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or GED. Must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record. Pre- employment physical and drug screen required. Precious CATV or telephone construction preferred. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply to: Project Manager, P.O. Box 33, Odessa, TX 79760.

Applications available at
Cable *ONE*, 315 W. 8th Street.

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310 General Help Wanted

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Our Company will hire 20 Men & Women for carpet shampooing and display work. $1,500 monthly guarantee, company will train. Must be neat in appearance and have own transportation. First 100 calls will be taken. Bonuses and vacations for those who qualify. Full time positions available. For interview call Monday only after 9:00am for interview time.

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★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted: 2- 5 days weekly. 6 hours/ day. English speaking required. Send response/ references: PO Box 904, Midland, TX 79702

→NEW TODAY←

HOUSEKEEPER/ some driving. Must have phone/ car. Part time, honest, reliable. 699-4142 after 10am.

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is looking for Outside Collectors. Self motivated, independent individuals are needed to work in a fast paced environment. Communication and computer skills, excellent driving record. Good benefits package. Apply in person between 10 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Lack's Stores Inc.
3100 W. Cuthbert
Midland, Texas 79701

310 General Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED full time. Apply in person at Super 8 Motel, 1000 West I-20, Midland.

MICHELINO'S PIZZA is now hiring delivery drivers. Earn up to $9 per hour with salary, tips and commission. Part time or full time mornings and evenings, Must have own car, insurance and a clean driving record. Apply at 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 106.

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MUDLOGGER / WELL SITE GEOLOGIST

With experience in Permian Basin area. Salary DOE/ Benefits. Fax resume to:

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NEED HOUSEKEEPER & driver for 1 fun loving student. Monday through Friday afternoons. $125 per week. Must have car and references. Call 687-2046.

→NEW TODAY←

Night Front Desk Part Time

For great opportunity for detailed pleasant person to work 2 nights weekly.

Apply 9AM-5PM or fax resume to 915/683-0447

Human Resources (eoe)
Hilton Midland & Towers
117 West Wall Street,
Midland, TX 79701

→NEW TODAY←

NOW HIRING FOR VARIOUS TEMPORARY & PERMANENT POSITIONS:

General Laborers
Sandblasters
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Janitors

Some experience required. Pay $5.40 to $8.00/ hour + benefits. To apply, come by 4000 N. Big Spring, Enron Plaza, Ste. #113.

NOW HIRING FOR VARIOUS TEMPORARY & PERMANENT POSITIONS:

Medical Office
Secretarial
Administrative
Tellers
Sales/ Customer Service Representatives

Pay $6.00 to $12.00/ hour+ benefits. To apply, come by 4000 N. Big Spring, Enron Plaza, Ste. #113.

SEEKING: FULL TIME Hair stylist, paid vacation after 6 months. Apply in person. 4324-A Andrews Hwy

MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL LAMESA, TEXAS

Come join a staff where quality of care is still #1 priority!!

Now staffing full time LVN floor nurse and RN charge nurse positions on evening shift. Extensive benefit packages and excellent wages based on experience.

Send resume/ inquires to:
Human Resources
Medical Arts Hospital
1600 North Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

→NEW TODAY←

·REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED IN ODESSA, TX

Texas RN license required. 1- year psychiatric nursing preferred. Assist in medication services and coordinate medical and non-medical aspects of client's treatments. Conduct staff training as necessary. Salary is $2278 per month.

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→NEW TODAY←

NURSES UNLIMITED
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- **RN'S & LVN'S NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**
- MEDICARE
- INSTITUTIONAL STAFFING*
- PEDIATRICS
- MANAGED CARE

*Sign on bonus available

- SITTERS & CNA'S NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH

Must have at least one year experience in related field. Benefits and 401(k) available to full time employees.

For more information please contact Kelli or Terri at (915)580-2015 or come by and fill out an application at 700 N. Grant, Suite 100, Odessa, TX 79761.

Monday- Friday 8- 5 EOE

→NEW TODAY←

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(Director of Nursing)
Position Available.
Long Term Experience & Management Experience Preferred.
Benefits Available.
Salary & Moving Expense Negotiable.
Pecos Nursing Home
Pecos, TX.
Contact Jim Lofton,
915-447-2183
or 1-800-588-2183.

→NEW TODAY←

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

OUTPATIENT/ INPATIENT CODER

- **Full time position**
- **Minimum of 2 year experience preferred**
- **Credentials a plus**

Please Send Resume to:
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720
915-268-4961
915-268-4962 FAX
EOE

310 General Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PART TIME MERCHANDISER

to service retail stores in: Midland and Odessa. Full days required. 1- 2 days per week, $7.50 per hour. Weekdays only. Will train. Fax/ Send resume/ letter of interest: BNRS/ DA 10605 Grant Rd. Suite 106, Houston, TX 77070. (281)955-0856. E-mail to:

region8426@nationalretailservices.com.

→NEW TODAY←

PART- TIME Administrative Assistant required. Flexible hours. Medical office experience a plus. Box J-5009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PINNOCCHIOS PIZZA now is now hiring for all positions. Great work environment. Flexible hours. Please apply in person 3303 N. Midkiff.

PRONTO CHECK-Cashing. Immediate temporary position for Tax Hostesses: neat, friendly and reliable person needed for busy office atmosphere, 40 plus hours per week, tax experience helpful but not necessary; will train. Apply in person at Pronto Check Cashing 1800 North Big Spring. No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←

TELEMARKETERS NEEDED- Apply after 10amat 602 N. Baird, Midland.

310 General Help Wanted

SONIC DRIVE INN, 1109 N. Midkiff, is now hiring Carhops for day or evening shifts (flexible hours). Please apply in person. Personality is a plus.

SALES CLERKS, full and part time positions. Apply in person 908 West Indiana, Midland.

SITE LEADER- 10,000 am & 1:00 pm. Supervise and assist volunteers in the serving of noon meal. Work well with volunteers and older adults, bilingual preferred. Apply at 3301 Sinclair between 1:00-4:00 p.m.

TANNING SALON Worker needed. Mandatory drug test. Split shift. Apply at Chris Brian Martial Arts and Tanning, 4400 N. Big Spring, #18.

TEACHER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Child Care Center. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off, teacher of the month incentive. Salary DOE. Nonsmoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 689-6309.

→NEW TODAY←

TELEMARKETERS needed full time/ part time. Guaranteed salary plus commission. Call 570-9509 from 1 to 4 pm.

TELEMARKETERS needed part time. Apply at 7900 W. Hwy 80 or call 561-9440, ask for Kim.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

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ODESSA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Become a part of a quality healthcare team!

RN in Labor & Delivery*
Labor & Delivery experience required and charge nurse capably preferred.

3 RN Positions in Med/ Surg*
Two Positions for 7pm- 7am Shift
One Position for 7am- 7pm Shift
Med/ Surg experience required and charge nurse capability preferred.

RN Position in ICU*
7pm- 7am Shift Available.
ACLS and critical care experience required.

RN/ LVN Position in Express Care
3pm- 3am Shift- Full- Time.

3 MLT or MT Positions in Laboratory
Part- time ASCP certified or eligible.
Perform all lab analysis, clerical, phlebotomy and other duties as needed.

***$2,500 Sign- On Bonus**

For more information please contact the Odessa Regional Hospital Human Resources Department at 915/334-8397 or stop by the office at the corner of 5th and Muskingum in Odessa. The Human Resources Department is open Monday through Friday 8 AM- 5 PM. EOE

→NEW TODAY←

MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

*Midland Memorial Hospital & Medical Center currently has openings for RN's in the following areas and shifts:

◆ Orthopedics	11:00pm- 7:00am
◆ Medical/ Surgical	11:00pm- 7:00am and weekends
◆ Oncology	3:00pm- 11:00pm
◆ Heart Institute	11:00pm- 7:00am
◆ ICU/ CCU	7:00pm- 7:00am

We are prepared to offer an excellent compensation & benefits package that includes health, life & dental insurance & paid retirement.

For consideration, please send resume or apply at:

Midland Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
915-685-1646
Fax: 915-685-6934
EOE

310 General Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TRINITY HAVEN HEALTHCARE of MIDLAND

Needs Loving, Dependable, Caring

LVN's CNA's

Apply 3203 Sage St. 683-5403.

310 General Help Wanted

THE WILD SCALLION is now hiring full time wait staff. Apply in person 4400 North Midland Drive, suite 504.

TRAINEE NEEDED BY service company to learn to install and maintain water treatment equipment. Call or fax your resume to: 570-9995 or 570-5792.

V.I.P Employment Services 686-9722
Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

→NEW TODAY←

WE HAVE a variety of part- time and full- time employment opportunities available. If interested, please apply in person at, Campfire Boys & Girls 2300 Butternut Lane, Midland, TX 79705. EOE.

311 Medical Help Wanted

$300 SIGN ON BONUS! Now Hiring PRN *RNs: up to $37.50. *LVNs up to $30.00. NURSEFINDERS, 550-9399.

→NEW TODAY←

HIRED!

CONTACT LENS TECHS: Needed to assist eye doctor and teach people to wear contact lenses/. Full/ part time. Salary plus commission. Experience preferred but will train. See xxxxxxx

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

CLINIC ASSISTANT

At Byerley Clinic. High school diploma or G.E.D. Part- time 8 hours per week. Friday's only. Duties include reception desk, patient education and lab work during abortion services. The ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Medical background and bilingual ability helpful. Required a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentially. Must be in agreement with goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. Application and job description available at the Byerley Clinic, 307 E. Texas in Midland. Closing date: February 14th, 2000 at 5:00pm. EOE, M/F, D, V.

COMBINATION Lab/ X-Ray tech needed 40 per week for busy clinic. Schedule includes (3) 13+ hours days per week and 2 weekends per month. Send resume to First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701.

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL FRONT Desk Coordinator Needed in San Angelo. Must have experience with filing dental insurance, and scheduling patients. Excellent benefits, hours and compensation. Long term employment in a growing practice. Fax resume to: 915-944-0424 or mail to 3812 Arden Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76901.

→NEW TODAY←

DENTAL TEAM. Seeking an exceptional person for our progressive office. We value superior organizational and administrative skills, and we focus on warmth, caring and expert communication with our clients. Although previous experience in dentistry is not essential, we believe that applicants should be career minded, personally stable and health centers in their lifestyle. If you are searching for a real opportunity to grow and fulfill your potential, please call us. We think you will find our dental practice an exciting and rewarding experience. Please call 699-7360 Monday-Thursday between 9:00am and 11:00am and 2:00pm and 4:00pm. K.J. Kimbrough & Team.

→NEW TODAY←

NURSES UNLIMITED, Managed Care, Inc. dba Senior Life Care needs CNA's for healthcare. Contact Jean at 682-7233 or come by 2100 Castleford #102 Midland, TX 79705 to fill out application. Monday-Friday 8- 5, EOE.

WESTWOOD

EMERGENCY SERVICE NURSES

Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas license required, emergency room experience required.

OPERATING ROOM NURSES

Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas License required; operating room experience required.

Bonus Eligible

MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSE

Full-time position available; Graduate of nursing; Texas license required; Medical/Surgical experience in an acute care setting strongly preferred.

INFECTION CONTROL/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR

Full-time position available; Registered Nurse with current Texas License preferred; Excellent communication skills; Previous infection control experience in a Hospital environment strongly preferred; APIC certification preferred.

DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Full-time Administrative position available; Responsible for Risk Management and all aspects of Quality Improvements as well as other Administrative duties; Experience with risk Management and Performance Improvement Activities required.

DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY

Full-time position available; Graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy; Licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy; 3-5 yrs Supervisory or Management experience preferred.

PHARMACIST

Full-time position available; Graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy; Licensed by the State of Board of Pharmacy; Experience in an acute care hospital setting preferred but not required.

Westwood Medical Center offers its staff competitive salaries. Medical/dental/vision insurance, tuition reimbursement, 24 days paid time off per year, shift/weekend differential, credit union membership and 401K. For details on our exciting opportunities, interested persons should contact:

J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources
P.O. BOX 51070 • Midland, Texas 79710
(915) 522-3030
EOE

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center.

Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

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Medical Center Hospital is currently seeking qualified candidates for:

- ◆ ***Radiology Tech-*** PRN, weekend nights, ARRT or eligible.
- ◆ ***Clinical Dietitian-*** Registered Dietitian or eligible.
- ◆ ***Divisional Director Perioperative Services-*** TX RN license, BSN required, minimum 2 years supervisory and OR experience.
- ◆ ***CST-*** Surgical Tech graduate, certified or eligible.
- ◆ ***RN Educator-*** TX RN license, BSN required, 3 years minimum Critical Care experience.

mch Medical Center Hospital

For more information concerning these exciting opportunities please contact: LaDonna Melson, Recruiter, P.O. Box 7239, Odessa, TX. 79760, (915)640-1150, (800)227-8964, Fax (915)640-1245. EOE.

311 Medical Help Wanted

DIALYSIS CLINIC accepting applications for Dialysis Nursing Supervisor. 2 years dialysis experience. Also needing RN, LVN, PCT- Dialysis experience preferred but will train. Excellent salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 915/687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705. No phone calls please.

FULL TIME positions are available e for two LVNs and three CNAs. Please come to work at the nicest care center in Texas! Call or come in to Crane County Care Center- 558-3400 or walk in at 100 Campus Drive.

MEDICAL FACILITY has positions open for prevention oriented LVN and RN, Registered Dietitian and a Certified Physical Therapist. Please send resumes to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN needed with experience. Must be certified. Great benefits, competitive salary. Apply at Furr's Supermarket, 4340 W. Illinois, Midland 79703,

→NEW TODAY←

REGISTERED NURSE

Immediate opening for a **REGISTERED NURSE** To join clinical staff of an extremely busy surgical office. ORTHOPAEDIC background is a must. Please send resume to: 4304 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX., 79703. PLEASE no phone calls.

→NEW TODAY←

HOSPITAL SERVICES REP United Blood Services

United Blood Services in Midland now has one part time Hospital Services Representative position available. High School graduate or GED equivalent preferred. Good communication and customer relations skills, detail oriented and some lifting involved. Zero to six months previous inventory or warehouse experience helpful but will be trained on- the- job. Must be knowledgeable in operation of a personal computer and possess a valid driver's license and acceptable driving record. On- call and various shifts including evenings and weekends. For consideration, please come by: 200 Airport Plaza (Air Terminal location) in Midland between 8am- 5pm. Monday through Friday.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Clinical Social Worker III

Salary: $2,436/ month

Must be licensed by the Texas Professional Social Worker Examiners as a LWS or LMSW or ACP plus 2 years of related work experience. Acts as liaison among Mental Health Authorities, patients, families and community agencies for the purpose of assessment, education and coordination of patient discharges. Must have physical, mental, and emotional health necessary to carry out essential functions of the position. Reply to: Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX 79720 915-268-7256.

SITTERS/ CNA's needed for Midland/ Odessa. Positions for all shifts. Apply at 5050 E. University, Suite 6, Odessa of call 552-0746 for more information.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN FOR OPERATING room setting. No call, no weekends, no holidays. Experience preferred not required. Send resumes to: Box N-4190, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

→NEW TODAY←

SEARCHING for a Full time RN staff nurse. Benefits offered. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing and current appropriate state licensure required. Hemodialysis experience preferred but not required. Apply in person only Monday-Friday 8- 4 at 4200 W. Illinois, Space 140.

Find It! Buy It! Sell It! 682-6222

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a great place to work...
LVN'S
$250.00 SIGN-ON BONUS

Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for a part-time LVN to work from 10:00pm to 6:00am two nights a week on the John Younger Special Care Unit and a full time LVN on the 6:00am to 2:00pm and 2:00pm to 10:00pm shifts on the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be licensed in Texas.

CNA'S $50.00 SIGN-ON BONUS

Manor Park, Inc. is also accepting applications for CNA's to work full- time on the John Younger Special Care Unit and the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be Texas certified.

Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days time off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. Substance Free Workplace

Equal Opportunity Employer

→NEW TODAY←

VistaCare Family Hospice

Patient Care Manager

VistaCare, a national leader in Hospice Services providing patient care in 45 locations in 17 states, is currently looking for a Patient Care Manager for our Odessa, TX site. Responsibilities include coordination of patient care for a team of Registered Nurse Case Managers and supervision of the Interdisciplinary Team in the delivery of high quality patient care BSN or MSN preferred, with 2- 5 years in hospice/ home health with management experience. VistaCare offers excellent wages and a comprehensive benefits package.

VistaCare is an Equal Opportunity Employer and offers a drug free workplace

Send resumes to:
Attention: Michael Keller
618- N. Golder Avenue
Odessa, TX 79761
Or fax: 915-580-9191
Attention Michael Keller

MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL
LAMESA, TEXAS
Excellent opportunities in Correctional Nursing!!

LVN and Medication Aides for evening shifts at TDCJ Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa.
Dental Hygienist position now open: Monday- Friday 8 to 5.

Send resume/ inquires to:
Human Resources
1600 North Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

→NEW TODAY←

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES
PART- TIME Lab Assistant

Position is responsible for unpacking and logging of samples, specimen processing and a variety of record keeping duties. High School graduate or GED. Good communications skills. Above average manual dexterity and record keeping skills. Ability to write clearly and legibly. Ability to lift 10 pounds and sit and/ or stand for extended periods of time. Knowledge of word processing on a PC system helpful. Detail oriented. For consideration, please come by 200 Airport Plaza (Air Terminal location) in Midland Between 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday.

UMC

Speech-Language Pathologist
Physical Medicine

Masters degree in speech-language pathology required. Speech-language pathologist will gain experience with a diverse pediatric population. Will have the opportunity to work with medically challenged children, neurologically challenged children and children with speech, language and/or feeding disorders. Will work with a highly skilled Speech Pathology team.

UniversityMedicalCenter
Department of Human Resources
602 Indiana Avenue • Lubbock, Texas 79415
806/743-3355 E.O.E. www.teamumc.org

→NEW TODAY←

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES

LMSW-ACP or LPC required. Supervision certification and bilingual a plus. Strong Administrative skills needed for writing and managing Clinical Program grants/ contracts. Will also be responsible for clinical and managerial supervision of Clinical Staff and over site of program. May carry small clinical caseload. Send resume to:

Centers For Children & Families
600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 253, Midland, TX 79701
United Way Member Agency
EOE

311 Help Wanted

SEARCHING for an Equipment Tech for a medical facility. High school diploma or GED and valid drivers license required. Will train for position. This person will assist in repair and operation of dialysis equipment and water treatment equipment. Will also perform inventory and reuse duties. Apply in person only Monday-Friday 8- 4 at 4200 W. Illinois, Space 140.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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needed for the Spring Semister
call **697-6710**
for appointment.
Career Path Temporaries

LEGAL SECRETARY
Legal exp. required. Fast efficient typist. WordPerfect/Windows. Heavy position w/dictation. Salary to $2250/mo. No fee.
LeaAnn Cody
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915-689-6300 *915-689-6302 fax
global@globalrecruiters.net

COMPUTER GRAPHIC Design and typesetting for prepress department. Full or part time. Call 683-1740.

311 Help Wanted

CAD DRAFTSMAN for Architectural firm. Experience with AutoCAD and architectural drafting required. Compensation based on experience. Send resumes to RWA, P.O. Box 163, Midland, TX 79702

CERTIFIED PUBLIC Landman needed. Full-Time, Part-Time or Contract. Work to be conducted in Andrews and Midland counties. Please fax resume to: 915-524-4993 or call 915-524-2371.

CHEMIST WITH water treatment background. Minimum five years experience. Degree in chemistry required. Salary plus benefits based on experience. Please send resumes to: P.O. Box 3627, Odessa, TX., 79760

DATA ENTRY Person with experience in Microsoft Office, Word/ Excel and Access. Experienced only need apply. Send resume to: P.O. Box 2641, Midland 79702.

ENGINEERING TECH and Production Administrative Assistant positions open in Dallas Office. Should have 5+ years experience related to job title. Fax resumes to. Vice President Operations at (214)891-8827.

HEALTHSOUTH

HEALTHSOUTH is the nation's leading provider of ambulatory surgery, diagnostic imaging and inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services. We currently have the following positions available:

Physical Therapist- PRN

Charge Nurse- Full Time 3p-11p

Registered Nurse- Full time 3p-11p, 11p-7a, and PRN.

LVN- Full time 3p-11p, and PRN.

Rehab Nursing Tech.- Full time 3p-11p, 11p-7a, and PRN.

Staff Pharmacist- Part time (approximately 20 hours /week)

Environmental Services Aide- Full time 7:30a-4:00p. Requires some weekends. Previous housekeeping experience preferred.

Floor Maintenance Tech- Full time 2:30a-11p. Previous floor and light general maintenance experience preferred.

Our progressive atmosphere, state-of-the-art facility, and multi-disciplinary team approach leads only to the best rehabilitative healthcare for our patients and the best work environment for our employees.
Candidates may apply in person (Mon.-Sun. 8:00 am-8:00 pm) or call (915) 520-1607. Please forward resume to:

Director of Human Resources
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa,
1800 Heritage Blvd., Midland, TX 79707. Fax (915) 520-1704
EOE

Sales/Pharmaceutical

Sell health, hope, and life.

We invite those who want to impact human health and represent one of the world's largest and most respected pharmaceutical companies to join us. Our supportive teams of sales professionals continually develop strong territories through envisioning "what if?" and "why not?" With focus and goals, we improve global health – one relationship at a time.

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Pharmaceutical Consultants

SmithKline Beecham welcomes your application to join us as a Pharmaceutical Consultant to cover multiple opportunities in Midland, TX. A college degree, a proven track record in sales, and a desire to work in an environment that encourages your contribution toward change is just the beginning of how you'll succeed with us.

Please forward two copies of your resume to: Ad Code: LEMD00, SmithKline Beecham, P.O. Box 200003, Arlington, TX 76006. Indicating Ad Code is essential. No phone calls, please. Principals only, no agencies, please.

Developing talent through equality of opportunity, M/F/D/V.

Realize your potential

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SmithKline Beecham
Pharmaceuticals

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RN Case Manager

VistaCare, a national leader in Hospice Services providing patient care in 45 locations in 17 states, is currently looking for a Registered Nurse Case Manager for our Odessa, TX site. 1 Year experience of recent medical, surgical, oncology or home care preferred. VistaCare offers excellent wages and a comprehensive benefit package.

VistaCare is an Equal Opportunity Employer and offers a drug free workplace

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618- N. Golder Avenue
Odessa, TX 79761
Or fax: 915-580-9191
Attention Michael Keller

312 Professional Help Wanted

ENTRY LEVEL Revenue Accounting Clerk. Oil and Gas Revenue experience required. Data Entry, State Production Reports and reorganize current Revenue files. Microsoft Word and Excel required. Fax resume to the attention of the Revenue Department 687-2521.

→NEW TODAY←

EVENT SERVICE Coordinator: The Midland Chamber of Commerce and Midland Center are seeking an Event Service Coordinator. Responsible for all bookings into the center, assisting clients in arranging facilities and services for various events; and promoting the center to organizations and the public. Excellent organizational, public relations, customer service, and communication skills required. Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, contact management and a Windows working environment needed. Four-year degree and two years experience in special events or related field; or equivalent combination. Resumes to Shura Lindgren, Midland CVB, PO Box 1890, Midland TX 79702.

RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY
Interviewing for full time School Secretary.
School experience & computer skills are a must.
522-7200/ 557-3366
orFax resume 522-5201.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Position open with Rape Crisis Center in Odessa, Texas. Bachelors degree required, Masters preferred. Experience with nonprofits and grant writing preferred. Send resume and salary requirements by February 23 to: Search Committee, PO BOX 7741, Odessa, Texas 79760 or fax to 915-580-3148 or email to rccenter@rcccenter.org.

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper/ Accountant needed for oil field service company. Experience with drilling trucking industries preferred. Salary DOE. Established company with benefits. Send resume to: P-6108, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

HAIR STYLING SALON has immediate openings for Hair Stylists and Nail Techs. Lease only. Call 697-6201, ask for Pam or Vicki.

HIGH SKY CHILDREN'S Ranch- Stay Together- Immediate opening in Midland. Bachelor's Degree and one year working with children or families required. One year related experience may be substituted for one year of college. Spanish/ bilingual required. Reimbursed travel within 14 county area, serving families in their home. Salary $1,908. E.O.E. Call for application (915) 699-1466.

Kenlin has provided contract drafting services to IMC Kalium for over 21 years. IMC Kalium is North America's largest producer of potash, fertilizer and related products, using solution and conventional mining methods.

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DESIGN GROUP

Kenlin Design Group provides design drafting services in all disciplines of engineering for IMC Kalium at five potash mine locations in the United States and Canada

TECHNOLOGISTS AND DRAFTSPERSONS

We are seeking two design technologists and draftspersons to join our plantsite design teams at Carlsbad and other sites. As the successful candidate, you will be working on mechanical, structural and piping designs for major process modifications at IMC Kalium plantsites. This is interesting, challenging and diversified work, requiring creativity and attention to detail.
To qualify you must have AutoCad release 13 or 14 training and experience. Previous industrial experience will be an asset. Kenlin offers a competitive remuneration and an excellent benefit package.

If you meet the qualifications and would like to join our highly talented team of engineers, technologists and draftspersons, please submit your resume in confidence by February 21, 2000 to:

KENLIN DESIGN GROUP
1403 Julian Street
Carlsbad, New Mexico
88220

PROGRAMMER/ANALYST

Medical Center Hospital has a progressive Healthcare Information Systems department with the latest in technology. If you're looking for a challenging opportunity to take the healthcare community into the Year 2000, Medical Center Hospital is the place.

This position will coordinate the installation of hardware and software and implement procedure changes. They will also confer with computer users, supervisors and managers to determine requirements for new or modified software and hardware, test software and hardware to evaluate ease of use and indicate whether a product will aid the user in performing work, write software and hardware evaluations and make recommendations for management review.

A BS in computer science or related field with a good knowledge of programming and project management is required.

Medical Center Hospital offers an exceptional salary benefits package, featuring 23 paid personal days, medical, dental, life insurance, retirement plan and much more. For consideration, please forward your resume to **Medical Center Hospital, Attn: Kelly Davis, P.O. Box 7239, Odessa, TX 79760, phone (915) 640-1150, toll-free (800) 227-8964, fax (915) 640-1245.** EOE

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Midland Memorial Hospital currently has a full- time opening for an experienced

BOOKKEEPER

to work in our Accounting Department. Applicant should have a solid working knowledge of Microsoft Excel

We offer a competitive compensation package that includes paid health, life and dental insurance; paid retirement; and sick child care. Please fax resume and salary requirements to **915-685-6934** or apply in person at:

Midland Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701

Equal Opportunity Employer

→NEW TODAY←

Midland ISD is accepting applications for the position of

FOOD SERVICE DIETITIAN

Qualifications:

- ❒ Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition or equivalent
- ❒ Registered Dietitian, preferred
- ❒ Demonstrated ability in the areas of menu planning, personnel management, and public relations
- ❒ Nutrition education program development and teaching experience
- ❒ Two to three years experience in a supervisory capacity preferred
- ❒ Must be in excellent physical and mental health

■ MISD is an equal opportunity employer
■ MISD requires Criminal History and Reference Checks be run for all potential employees
■ Complete job description available upon request

Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting an application with Midland ISD, Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201, along with a resume, by Friday, February 25, 2000.

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CORONADO NURSING CENTER
Is currently accepting applications for

Assistant Certified Dietary Manager

Facility has successfully completed recent survey
Under new management
Revised Pay scale

Looking for Dynamic/ Energetic Leader for a new team. Please forward resume to:
Ron Head, Administrator
or apply in person
1751 N. 15th Street
Abilene, Texas 79603
(915)673-8892
EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

INDEPENDENT OIL & Gas company seeking individual with accounts payable/ accounts receivable, joint interest billing experience. Knowledge of Questa Software helpful. Send resume and salary requirements to: Office Manager, PO BOX 183, Midland, TX 79702.

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Inside Sales

Candidate must have good solid knowledge of pumps and other oilfield equipment. An engineering degree is helpful, must read blueprints and be computer literate. Must have strong references. Up to $60K DOE, outstanding benefit package. Call

Bennett & Associates
550-9096

312 Professional Help Wanted

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LOCAL OIL and Gas service company seeks a staff accountant with 1 to 2 years experience. Accounting degree preferred. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and 401K. Send resumes to: Box N-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEO FLUID Systems provides submersible pumping services to domestic and international oil and water producers. We are looking for an engineer technologist. Oilfield experience, familiarity with ESP's and MS Excel, Power Point and Access are a plus. Send resume in confidence to NEO Fluid Systems, Attn: Technologist, 8004 Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706. Neo is an EOE employer.

→NEW TODAY←

Texas Rehabilitation Commission
Area Manager I

Minimum Requirement: **Bachelors Degree plus** related work experience in direct client service in Vocational Rehabilitation or Extended Rehabilitation Services or Independent Living Services including supervisory experience.

The Area Manager I is responsible for managing administrative and all assigned program areas through participatory management. Responsible for fiscal operations to include client purchasing, financial and general management monitoring, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, office operations, quality services, lease compliance, communication, and personnel to achieve established expectations. Travel is required.

State applications can be obtained from our web site address @ www.rehab.state.tx.us./index.html. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. February 7, 2000.

Forward application to:
Texas Rehabilitation Commission
#1 Briercroft Office Park
Lubbock, Texas 79412
Monthly Salary: $3,111
Closes: January 20, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

→NEW TODAY←

TEXAS COMMISSION For The Blind

Is currently seeking Diabetes Educational Professionals for part- time Contract Position teaching diabetes education and adaptive equipment to blind and visually impaired consumers in Odessa and surrounding counties. Applicants must be an RN or certified diabetes educator. Bilingual skills preferred. Excellent hourly rate plus mileage. Must provide own transportation. For information on applying, please contract Linda Robinson at the:

Texas Commission for the Blind
(512)377- 0584
4800 North Lamar
Suite 220.
Austin, TX 78756

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***MUNICIPAL COURT**
Substitute Judge

The City of Midland Municipal Court is accepting letters of interest for the position of a part- time Substitute Judge. Substitute Judges oversee arraignments, preside over bench trails as well as perform other administrative duties as needed.

Applicants must be licensed in The State of Texas to practice law. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest along with a resume outlining their educational achievements as well their work history and references.

Letters and resumes should be submitted no later than February 18th by mailing them to the attention of Presiding Judge Robin D. Smith, City of Midland Municipal Court, 406 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

→NEW TODAY←

·SALARIED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Service Coordination Supervisor, Midland
Rehab Aide, Midland
Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Midland and Odessa
Service Coordinator, Midland
Registered Nurse, Odessa
Substance Abuse Counselor/ LCDC, Midland

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

Certified Pharmacy Technician
(Immediate Opening)

Furr's Supermarkets Inc. has an immediate opening for a Certified Pharmacy Technician interested in working at our store located in Midland, Texas. This position provides great working conditions and a competitive Wage/ Benefits Package. Qualified candidates who are patient oriented and desire to work in a professional environment, should submit their resumes to:

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3440 West Illinois , Midland, Texas 79703
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→NEW TODAY←

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Two Midland positions. Send resume to 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or fax to (915)682-4024. (1) Gas Buyer for several small gasoline plants. Prefer experience, but will train person with good PC skills and academic record. (2) Gas Control Clerk for pipeline company. Must have good knowledge of Internet, MS Word and Excel, with excellent verbal skills. Natural gas experience a plus.

NEO FLUID Systems provides submersible pumping services to domestic and international oil and water producers. We are looking for an engineer with oilfield production experience. Familiarity with ESP's is a plus. Send resume in confidence to NEO Fluid Systems, Attn: Engineer, 8004 Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706. Neo is an EOE employer.

312 Professional Help Wanted

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR needed- International Business School. Send or fax resume to: 3305 Andrews Hwy., Midland or fax to: 915/694-7592.

Special Events Coordinator

Nonprofit needs an enthusiastic, organized, self- starter to manage special event fund raisers in West Texas. Responsibilities include planning, budgeting, & implementing special events, recruiting & managing volunteers, and tracking & evaluating campaign results. Marketing, public relations & volunteer experience necessary. Must be flexible & thrive on a fast paced work environment. By February 11, please send resume & salary requirement to:

Lucia Gray
1031 Andrews Hwy
Ste 201
Midland, TX 79701
Fax (915)694-7970

Engineering

Due to rapid growth in our Houston office, we are looking for the following professionals:

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: With 5- 8 years experience in the design of med. and high voltage facilities including substations, protective relaying and/ or transmission lines. BSEE and EIT required, PE preferred.

CIVIL/ STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: With 5- 8 years experience in the design and analysis of foundations and structures associated with substation and transmission facilities, or related experience. BSCE and EIT required, PE preferred.

Founded in 1898, Burns & McDonnell is a multi-disciplined engineering, architectural & environmental firm offering worldwide services. Our 100% employee- owned firm offers excellent benefits including stock, bonus, 401(k) and more. If you're ready for a change and a challenge, submit a resume to: John Lionberger, Burns & McDonnell, 1776 Yorktown, Suite 840, Houston, TX 77056. Fax (713)622-0224. EOE. Visit www.burnsmcd.com.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners: Board seeks Executive Director for mid-size state regulatory agency of 100+ staff located in Austin. Works under the direction of three gubernatorial appointed boards for the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and acupuncturists. Licensed physician preferred. If non-physician, must have Ph.D., M.B.A., J.D., or LL.B., and minimum of five years administrative experience in health-related field. For detailed job description, see agency web site: www.tsbme.start.tx.us. Please call the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners at 512-305-7010, option 3, 2, 2, 1 to request an application. Job listing number is 373. Applicants must submit a completed Texas State Application for Employment to be considered. Resumes may be attached.

UPSCALE SALON and Day Spa looking for energetic esthetician (facialist) and female registered massage therapist interested in a full time position. Please contact Shawn Conner or Amber Fraley @ 682-8299.

UPSCALE Salon and day spa; Hiring licensed Manicurist and Esthetician. Guaranteed Insurance and 401K. Please contact Ric @ 682-8299.

YATES PETROLEUM Corporation is seeking a Corrosion/ AL Technician. The qualified applicant must have an understanding of "reservoir" properties and be familiar with pumping and pulling unit operations. This applicant must have knowledge of well treatment techniques and procedures as well as failure analysis on both surface and downhole equipment. Experience necessary in use of various computer software including designs in sucker rod installations. Send resume to Yates Petroleum Corporation, P.O. Box 97, Artesia, NM 88211-0097.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Proficient computer skills required w/administrative experience for professional office setting. Salary to $10.50/hr. No fee.
LeaAnn Cody
Global Personnel Network
915-689-6300 *915-689-6302 fax
global@globalrecruiters.net

RECEPTIONIST
6-8 week position covering maternity leave. Large Independent Oil & Gas Co. Professional phone etiquette w/proven experience required. No fee.
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Global Personnel Network
915-689-6300 *915-689-6302 fax
global@globalrecruiters.net

A/P CLERK
A/P exp. required. MS Word & Excel. Back-up Receptionist. MUST be a self-starter w/professional attitude. $8.50/hr. No fee.
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FIELD OPERATIONS ASSISTANT
Crude Oil Pipeline/Marketing/ Transportation exp. helpful. MS Word & Excel. Oil industry terminology a +. Salary $2300/mo. No fee.
LeaAnn Cody
Global Personnel Network
915-689-6300 *915-689-6302 fax
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FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER
Full Charge Bookkeeper, accrual accounting, strong computer experience, UNIX a plus. Non-profit experience helpful. No fee.
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Global Personnel Network
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global@globalrecruiters.net

REGULATORY CLERK
MUST have regulatory experience w/TX and/or NM. MS Word & Excel. Salary $DOE. No fee.
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SECRETARY
Large Independent Oil Co. seeking secretary w/MS Word & Excel for Drilling Department. Oil & Gas knowledge helpful. No fee.
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Global Personnel Network
915-689-6300 *915-689-6302 fax
global@globalrecruiters.net

A SECRETARY/ Bookkeeper. Computer Skills. Nice Boss. NO FEE. $1,300. Marilyn, Snelling Personnel, 520-6140.

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK
Fast growing manufacturing company seeking for an individual to process and maintain the accounts receivables. Qualified individual must have 4 years experience in accounting, some bookkeeping and computer literate. Send resume with salary history to: P.O. Box 60047, Midland, TX 79711. EOE/AA

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Position Available.
Must have Word & Excel experience!
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Office Assistant
Long Term, $8/ hour. Duties include general clerical responsibilities, ordering supplies, and maintaining office equipment in a fast paced environment. Call
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Long term Position with O/G company. Will be tested on data entry. Smokers are encouraged to apply. Call
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→NEW TODAY←

OFFICE ASSISTANT: Monday- Thursday 8:00am- 5:00pm (32 hours/ week) Starting salary $1,029/ month. Serves as office assistant, assists with client appointments, screenings, assessments, and performs data entry. Coordinates to ensure smooth operations of a busy A/D outpatient clinic. Job description, qualifications, and applications may be picked up at 200 N. Main, Midland, TX. Application close out at 4pm, February 11, 2000.

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RECEPTIONIST POSITION Open. Customer service, computer and excellent telephone skills required. Salary & benefits. Mail resume: Box J-5010, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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→NEW TODAY←

***POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 2000**

POSITION TITLE: Talent Search School Coordinator

DESCRIPTION: This position is on a 10 month contract and is funded by an external grant. The School Coordinator will report to the director of Talent Search. This individuals will primarily visit area junior and senior high schools to identify first generation, low income students who could benefit from tutoring, mentoring programs and other educational programs to stay in school, graduate and continue their education at the post secondary level. The duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: (1) contact, develop and maintain working relationships with school counselors, teachers, principals, and community agency counselors; (2) identify eligible students, document their eligibility, develop action plans and maintain positive contact with students; (3) provide early intervention alternatives to eligible students to include tutoring, study skills, career interest inventories, and workshops on various topics; (4) document services provided; (5) provide students with assistance to apply for admission, financial aid and scholarships to continue their education; and (6) nothing contained herein shall limit the president in assigning the employee to any of the various college activities for which he/she would be qualified in order to meet the needs of New Mexico Junior College.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in education, social or behavioral science or related field from a regionally accredited institution is required. Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution is preferred. Experience working in a school setting and with at risk students is preferred. Computer literacy is required. Proven written and oral communication skills. Spanish fluency is preferred.

SALARY/ BENEFITS: This is a 10- month, exempt, professional position funded by a grant. Continued employment will depend on grant funding. Salary range is $23,000.00 to $25,000.00 commensurate with education and experience. Standard NMJC benefits apply. Note: NMJC does not participate in social security deductions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 24, 2000 at 5:00pm MST. Please do not send any application materials via email.

TO APPLY: Submit NMJC application form, letter of application, resume including names of professional references, unofficial transcripts required, official transcripts required prior to employment to:

Lisa Brown
Director of Human Resources
New Mexico Junior College
5317 Lovington Highway
Hobbs, NM 88240

New Mexico Junior College is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer and does not discriminate against any applicant for employment because of race, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.
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EDITORIAL LAYOUT

The Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report has an immediate opening for a part-time editorial layout artist. Must be available weekdays, competent with QuarkXpress, Photoshop and Macintosh. Able to edit, write headlines and news items.

Send resume to:

Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report
PO Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

314 Clerical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST FOR financial services office. Word & Excel skills necessary. 40 hours weekly. Duties include telephone, filing, and general office duties. Nonsmoking environment. Send resume to: Box J-5008, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Collection agency seeks motivated individual with excellent data entry skills. Must be accurate and enjoy detail work. Computer literate- with good written and oral communications skills

#Available to start immediately.
#full time position
#Working days and some evenings
#Base plus commission

Call for an appointment Monday - Friday 8 am to 3 pm (915)684-0579

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316 Sales Help Wanted

$100K PLUS potential for sales person for the world's largest manufactured home corporation. Excellent opportunity for advancement. Must be highly motivated, self starter with a strong desire to succeed. Apply in person only at A-1 Homes, 7206 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX.

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Call For A Personal Interview
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CUSTOMER DEVELOPMENT/ Account Manager

Locally owned staffing firm in search of your expertise. If you have a proven track record in sales this career is for you. Our accent is on growth- We seek highly motivated sales people to tackle Midland area. If you are energetic, crave a fast pace and challenge, call Monday for immediate interview.

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***Midland Memorial Hospital** currently has a full- time openings for

ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Requirements are:
- Ability to Work Under Pressure
- Good Interpersonal Skills
- Data Entry Skills
- Ability to type 50 wpm or 100 keystrokes with errors
- Some Computer Experience

We offer a competitive compensation package that includes paid health, life and dental insurance; paid retirement; and sick child care. Please fax resume and salary requirements to **915-685-6934** or apply in person at:

Midland Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701

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OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

A dynamic and growing Oklahoma city-based energy company is seeking and individual for our Permian Basin area of operations to be responsible for supervision, training, assisting and coordinating all field employees in the operation and maintenance of the pipeline system, processing/ treating facilities, and related equipment. Candidate will coordinate with other departments within the company to maintain a safe and reliable operation in accordance with all local, state and federal rules and regulations. Further, candidate will assume fiscal responsibilities including cost management, budgeting and material requisitioning. Position responsible for employee hiring, reviews, disciplinary actions and training. Must possess skill to develop and maintain relationships with key customers. Business-related Bachelors Degree preferred, with minimum ten (10) years oil and gas industry experience and minimum five (5) years management or supervisory experience.

Send resume and salary history in confidence to:
ACG Forwarding Services
Attn: (Operation Superintendent)
P.O. Box 12516
Oklahoma City, OK 73157
Equal Opportunity Employer

→NEW TODAY←

Marketing Consultant/ Recruitment Specialist

Cumulus Broadcasting has an opening for an aggressive, motivated, self starter. Base salary **plus** commissions. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K & more. Qualified applicants should have experience working with Microsoft Office, Internet and be familiar with Web Pages.

Previous Sales Experience needed. Familiarity with E-Commerce a plus.

If you want to be a part of the biggest & best radio broadcasting company in the Permian Basin call Michelle Murrill **563-5499** between 9 am - 12 noon, Monday & Tuesday.

→NEW TODAY←

Victim Services Coordinator.

Non-profit seeking Victim Services Coordinator. Must be knowledgeable of service agencies within community. Possess ability to identify problems and seek solutions. Knowledge of CPS/ Criminal Justice processes helpful. Ability to work with diverse personalities and ethnic groups. Must be computer literate and possess organizational skills. High school education or above. Bilingual preferred. Send resumes and salary history to Harmony Home CAC, P.O. Box 3087, Odessa, Texas 79760.

316 Sales Help Wanted

MARKETING EXECUTIVE Immediate opening for an entry level sales position. This position requires a special person who can be motivated on the worst of days. CBS KOSA-TV offers this kind of person the opportunity to grow with the most progressive broadcast corporation in America- Benedek Broadcasting. Your attributes must include enthusiasm, thirst for knowledge and hard work ethic. This job is for no "sissy". If this describes you, please send your resume by mail or fax to Tesa M. Whitley, General Sales Manager, Benedek Broadcasting Corp. dba KOSA-TV, 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, TX 79763. Fax (915)580-8010. EOE.

→NEW TODAY←

ONE OF THE Best kept secrets is today's earnings of the multiple line insurance agent. They rank above most doctors, lawyers and company executives. Farmers Insurance Group, for a short period of time is now interviewing for prospective agent in the Midland Odessa area. If you have a degree or a successful management past contact Ben Wester, Farmers Insurance Group, for interviews. 699-1878.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES ASSISTANT/ Coordinator- Requirements: Excellent verbal/ writing/ organizational skills. Multi-task oriented. Computer literacy in Windows 95. Strong work ethics. Attention to detail. Positive attitude. Ability to professionally handle clients. Office experience in television a plus. No phone calls. Send resume to Tesa M. Whitley, GSM at KOSA-TV, 1211 N. Whitaker St., Odessa, TX 79763, (EOE). Competitive compensation based on experience.

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SALES. No experience required. Comprehensive training program. Good starting income plus high commission potential. Outstanding benefits. Call Joe Gonzales- American General Life & Accident Insurance Company. 915-563-1055.

TOP PAY for Top Performer! Salesperson familiar with all phases of roofing industry. Send resumes to: Box P-6009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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TXU is a multi-national leader in electric and natural gas services, energy trading, energy marketing, telecommunications, and other energy related services. With more than nine million customers in the U.S., primarily in Texas, the United Kingdom and continental Europe, and Australia, TXU ranks as the ninth-largest energy service company in the world. The following position is currently available in our Midland office:

Office Assistant

This self starter will provide clerical and administrative support to district customer service employees while interfacing with customers, responding to inquiries and resolving problems.

Duties include processing invoices, reviewing summary billings for schools and municipalities, maintaining file systems, and assisting with special projects. Must be a team player, have good written/verbal communication skills, have the ability to work with customers in problem situations, and coordinate activities while working with all levels of management. Proficiency with PC software, including Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, Lotus 123 and Lotus Notes is also required.

TXU offers a highly competitive compensation and benefits package. Qualified candidates may forward their scan-friendly resumes and salary history to:

TXU Employment Office
Energy Plaza
1601 Bryan St., Suite 03-002
Dallas, TX 75201-3411
Fax : (214) 812-8419
Email: starjobs@txu.com
Reference Job Number 20-0010

For more information about TXU, please visit our website http://www.txu.com

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→NEW TODAY←

Human Resources Assistant

Western Container Corporation, the premier manufacturer of plastic bottles for the Coca- Cola bottling system, is looking for a career-minded team member to provide assistance in our Corporate Compensation and Benefits.

We are looking for excellent organizational skills and proficiency in word processing and spreadsheet software. Good interpersonal skills required. Human Resources and/ or payroll related experience would be a plus.

Excellent benefit package includes 401(K) plan with dollar for dollar matching up to 6%, paid holidays, vacation leave, medical/ dental insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, and education reimbursement.

Fax resume to: **Tammye Chaney, (915)684-3340, or mail to: Western Container Corp, 15 Smith Road, Suite 600, Midland, TX 79705.**

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PREFERRED PICKS OF THE WEEK

Preferred Personnel has the following candidates on stand- by awaiting your call! Available for temporary, temp- to- hire or Direct Hire opportunities.

PPI Pick#1: Certified Professional Legal Asst. 80wpm typing, dictaphone, 10- key and shorthand

PPI Pick #2: Professional Draftsman Microstation and AutoCAD, Land, Geo and Electrical

PPI Pick #3 BBA- University of Texas- Austin Emphasis on International Business. Desires entry level oportunity in marketing.

Call Preferred Personnel to request your Pick of the Week! 684-5900

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#1 Rental Car

Hertz the leader in the Rent A Car Industry is now accepting applications for:

CUSTOMER SALES REPRESENTATIVES

Responsibilities include renting/returning vehicles, assisting with customer problems, and promoting sales of optional services. The qualified candidates should have a minimum of 6 months experience in a customer service environment. Competitive salary and benefit package.

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- Flexible Benefit package
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These positions involve a variety of shifts. Must be available for AM's, PM's and weekends.

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Monday through Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
Hertz Corporation
10014 W. Co. Rd. 116
Midland, TX. 79711
(Just West of KMID TV Station)

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★★★★★ **MEDIA SALES** ★★★★★

Cumulus Broadcasting has 3 immediate openings for Sales. We're looking for aggressive motivated self starters. Base salary plus commissions. Established accounts and leads. First year potential 40K. Two years outside sales experience required. If you want to be a part of the biggest & best radio broadcasting company in the Permian Basin call Michelle Murrill **563-5499** between 9 am - 12 noon, Monday & Tuesday.

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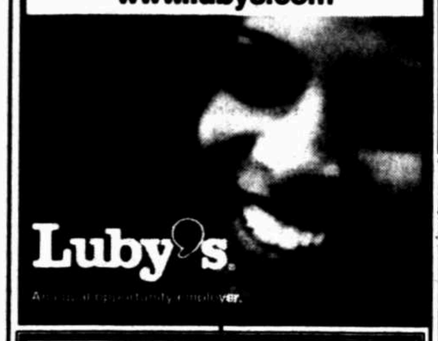

OFFICE MANAGER

Part-time office manager with exemplary organizational skills. Serves as database manager, receptionist, bookkeeper, and special events coordinator. People skills required. Commensurate with experience. Send letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to:

Museum Director
P.O. Box 62000
Midland, TX 79711-2000

Application deadline 2-11-00.

BUSINESS/OFFICE MANAGER

Full Time Opening for a business /office manager. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years full charge bookkeeping/ Office management experience. Must have Excel or Lotus Experience. Competitive salary offered with excellent benefits. Please fax or mail your resume with salary requirements to:

Susan Slaton c/o Cumulus Broadcasting
P.O. Box 61147, Midland, 79711
Fax: (915) 563-1188. No phone calls please.
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→NEW TODAY←

Abtex Beverage Corporation is looking for a highly motivated, self directed, extremely talented individual to fill several positions.

Key Account Manager

Candidates must have at least 4 years sales experience dealing with major retail business. Ideal candidates will have exceptional communication and superb customer service skills. Must be able to meet goals and objectives in a fast paced market. (Abilene)

Business Development Manager

Candidates must have at least 2 years of sales experience, with the passion for success. Ideal candidates will have exceptional planning and organizing skills and possess strong presentation, closing, and follow up skills. The focus of this position is to investigate, develop, and manage new sales opportunities. Professional appearance is a must. (1-Abilene/ 1- Midland or San Angelo)

Competitive salary with bonus potential and a complete range of benefits including company vehicle, 401K and group health.

Please send resume to:
Abtex Beverage Corporation
Attn: Personnel Dept.
650 Colonial Drive
Abilene, Texas 79603

Get Framed!

See how this ad caught your eye with its effective use of a black border as a frame? Ask Brandi, Pam, Emily, Jennifer, Rick or Nancy about framing your ad today!

682-6222

or fax to

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American Energy Services, a fast growing fracturing and acidizing company, has several openings for equipment Operators at our Midland, Texas District.

Requirements
- Minimum 21 years of age
- Good driving record
- Pass DOT physical and drug screen
- Class A CDL license preferred
- Disability Insurance

Pay
- Starting Pay $7.50- $14.00 Hr DOE
- Annual Bonuses
- Earn up to $30,000 the first year
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Benefits
- Excellent Medical/Dental
- Prescription Card
- Optical Coverage
- Life Insurance
- 401K Retirement plan
- Quarterly Bonuses
- Safety Bonuses
- Paid vacations

Please apply at:

2401 E. I-20 Access Rd., Midland, TX
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Come Grow With Us

FWA PETERSON DRILLING

A UTI Company

The leading contract drilling company in the Permian Basin is seeking experienced candidates for the following positions:

Drillers • Derrickmen • Motormen • Floormen
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Complete benefit package including:
Health Insurance, Paid Vacation & 401K plan.

Qualified applicants should apply in person at:
640 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79702
Pre-employment drug screen required.

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318 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

WE ARE going to hire 5 people this week to service families in the Midland area with funeral and cemetery prearrangements. The people we are looking for must be honest, sincere, self- motivated, and be willing to treat every person they talk to the same way they would want to be treated. If you have these qualifications, we would very much enjoy talking to you, and explain the benefits our company has to offer you. For interview call 682-3061.

318 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

DIRECTOR OF DINING SERVICE

Position available for an experienced healthcares food service manager in Midland, TX Responsible for managing multi locations, budgeting, employee management skills, financial and very customer focused. Fax resume to MSD attn: Larry at 480-951-9372 or mail to 6263 N. Scottsdale Rd, Ste 210, Scottsdale, AZ 85250.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY Needing upbeat, positive, licensed cosmetologist for manager of salon. Must have managerial experience. Serious inquires only. 1-800-947-4361.

→NEW TODAY←

Pharmacy Manager wanted. Must be licensed. Great pay, great benefits and retirement package. Sign on bonus. Contact John Drinkard, Albertsons Odessa, Texas **915/332-8291.**

Real Wheel Deals ONLY $25.00 w/Photo ***Call for information*** ***682-6222***

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Job responsibilities include scheduling oil volumes on pipelines from multiple producing regions, evaluating and administering oil sales and transportation documents, analysis of pricing movements and special projects as assigned.

Requires a minimum of five years industry experience in oil movements, pricing analysis and contract administration. Additional requirements include strong communication, analytical and computer skills (Internet/Excel/Word) and the ability to work under deadlines (Bachelor's degree recommended). The successful candidate must be dependable, flexible and work well with others.

Devon offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience and excellent fringe benefits. If you are interested in a career with an active, growing, independent company, please send your resume and salary history to

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Devon Energy Production Co.
Attn: Personnel Department
20 N. Broadway, Suite 1500
Oklahoma City, OK
73102-8260
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→NEW TODAY←

WE'RE EXPANDING! JUMBURRITO, Inc.

Is looking for management with previous quick service restaurant experience. Individuals must be service orientated, self starters, with the ability to motivate themselves to achieve performance goals. If this sounds like you: Please forward your resume to:
Brenda Napier
PO Box 50807
Midland, TX 79710
o Phone Calls Please.

318 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MUDLOGGER / WELL SITE GEOLOGIST

With experience in Permian Basin area. Salary DOE/ Benefits. Fax resume to:
915-563-0086

SEEKING EXPERIENCED Gas Chromatographer. Please call 337-4744. or mail resume to: PO BOX 69210, Odessa, TX 79769.

SLICKLINE OPERATOR- Need experienced operator to operate 1 ton Slickline Unit. Good hours, good pay, good benefits. Apply at Plunger lift Systems Inc. No. 14 East Industrial Loop. 699-1200

320 Business Opportunities

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE Person needed: Auto, machinery, electrical and building maintenance preferred but will train the right individual. Apply in person only, Snowhite Laundry, 303 S Terrell, Midland.

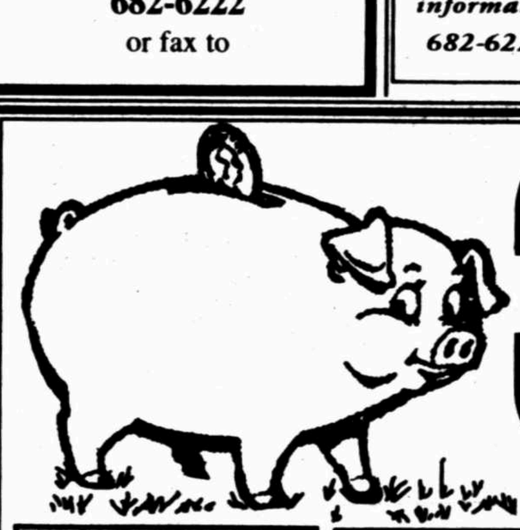
BOBTAIL DRIVER/ Warehouse person needed immediately. Must have "clean" Class A or B CDL, HAZMAT endorsement. Propane license helpful. Apply in person only: 11501 County Road 125 West, Odessa, between 8:00am- 5:00pm.

EMC is Looking for qualified linemen and helpers. We offer health insurance, vacations. Pre-employment drug testing. CDL license preferred. 6501 S. FM 1788.

EXPERIENCED Garage Door Installer needed to contract out installations. Full to part time. Please Call 553-0527.

EXPERIENCED MASONS needed for work in Pecos, $18 per hour. Mason helpers $8.00 per hour. Call 915-267-3771, or 915-447-6939.

TECHNICIAN NEEDED to service water treatment systems. Any knowledge of plumbing and electrical is helpful. Please call or fax your resume to: 570-9995 or 570-5792.



3 Big Ways to Save!

FREE BEE
15 words, 4 days, FREE!
FREE! That's right, we'll advertise your household item (Under $50) for 4 days absolutely FREE! (Mon.– Thurs.) Submit your 15 word ad in writing (please fax it, mail it, or bring it in)

SUPER SELLER #1
7 Days/$10
With Super Seller 1, we'll advertise your household item (priced under $500) for 7 days, for only $10.

SUPER SELLER #2
7 Days/$18
With Super Seller 2, we'll advertise your household item (priced under $1000) for 7 days, for only $18.

Price must be included in your ad, one item per ad, private individuals only.

682-6222 Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified

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Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

***Marty's Weekday Special**

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced $300 or Less
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$4.00

Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

682-6222
Fax 682-6999

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415 Sporting Goods

ILLINOIS ANTIQUE RAILROAD watch, $350. Please call 522-1182 for information.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

USED QUEEN or full bedroom furniture and sleeper sofa. Call 686-0117

435 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECANS. Shelling, selling and buying pecans. FM 554 and Gardendale. 550-7609.

445 Household Furniture

46" PIONEER big screen TV/ black entertainment center- $1,100. Black/ beige five piece dining set- $350. Pair black bar stools- $60. Coffee and two cream color end tables- $300. Black lacquer bedroom set- $1,500. Miscellaneous. 694-0323.

EARLY AMERICAN wing backed sofa and footstool, green/ navy plaid, $400. Please call 689-6512.

THOMASVILLE dining set double pedestal table extends to 8', six chairs, solid pecan, immaculate $650. Longboy/ trundle bed, drawer chest $275. 915-362-2746.

QUEEN SIZE Sleeper sofa. Light Oak coffee table with glass. Two end tables. Cherrywood desk (sofa table) with chair. Call 684-8135 anytime.

MOVING- Furniture for sale. Sofa, glass dining table/ chairs, dresser with mirror, 19" TV. 2 side chairs. Call 682-0406 for appointment.

445 Household Furniture

OAK DINING Room table and chairs. Olive wood dining table and china cabinet, Cherry wood entertainment center and computer armoire, washer, microwave. Priced to sell Call 686-0602

OVER BOUGHT must sell camel back queen sleeper sofa and love seat. Paid $2,000, asking $1,000. 684-8132.

GET YOUR Sweetheart a Grandfather Clock for Valentines. 6 to choose from. 682-2602.

VERY STYLISH, Elegant rectangular Country French coffee table. 3 Beveled glass inserts. $265 Firm. 683-6719

KINGSIZE BED- firm, excellent condition. $350. Day bed, excellent condition- $85. 689-0988 or beeper 742-2012.

FOR SALE Beige leather sectional couch with queen sleeper, $750. 2 light end tables, $25/ each. 6 chair heavy wooden kitchen table- Nice, $350. 694-7339.

450 Appliances

ONE YEAR Old Proscan 36" Television. $700 Call 520-3542 after 5 p.m.

★ FREE REMOVAL Of your unwanted appliances. Sales & Service 550-6540.

REFRIGERATOR- $150. Works good. Delivery available. Call after noon 683-7040.

STACKABLE WASHER/ DRYER unit. Good condition- $250. Please call 522-1881 for more information.

WASHER & DRYER. $185 for set. Works good. Delivery available. Call after noon 683-7040.

445 Firewood

SEASONED FIREWOOD: Oak or mesquite- delivered or picked up. Call Larry Tucker. 689-7151.

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EAGER BEAVER Firewood- Oak, Piñon, mesquite. Delivery. Stacked. Small quantities available also. 685-3521, mobile 664-0577.

460 Sporting Goods

FOR SALE: Greentree membership. Please call 697-9518 for more information.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Adams "Tight- Lie" woods $60. Big Bertha X-12 irons, $184 set. (clones). Reshaft, Regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

460 Antiques & Arts

INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy & sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687-2004.

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470 Musical Instruments

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0652.

ENGLEHARDT 3/4 CELLO, with case. Excellent condition $340. Call 520-6957.

480 Camera & Supplies

RCA FULL SIZE Camcorder with hard case and two hour battery. Excellent condition. $200. 699-6192.

CANON 35mm automatic camera, complete program with extras, excellent condition, $125. Call 694-1404.

485 Electronics

S-VHS EDITING System. Panasonic Ag-7650/ & AG7750, controller, Panasonic MX-12, (2) JVC duplicators, Amiga 3000, more miscellaneous. 520-6006

CABLE TV Converters and Decoders. Call us for fast shipments, best prices. COD, Discover, MC and Visa accepted. Go Electronics, Inc. 800-676-7781.

490 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

HEWLETT PACKARD Laser Jet- 3 printer. Good working condition. $225. Call 520-5066

495 FOR FREE

TO GOOD homes; seven Cock-A-Poo puppies, one month old. Five males, two females. Call. 520-6745.

495 FOR FREE

BOB-TAIL CAT: Gray/ white female, very lovable free to good home. Call 689-3227.

LOVABLE 8 yr old- Lab, Heeler/ Cocker mix. Not for small children. House/ kennel included.697-1531.

ONE LAB/ CHOW mix. Very friendly, good with children and cats. Please call 520-2678.

500 Pets and Supplies

ROSES ARE red violets are blue, I am the pup for you Valentine. AKC Chihuahua. 8 weeks old. Call 694-6149

FULL BLOODED Beagle pups. Parents on premises, $200. 520-7182.

AKC YELLOW Labrador- 6 months old. $150. 915/556-8070..

AKC BOXERS 3 males, 1 female. Champion bloodlines, $250 each. 398-5467 Big Spring.

STANDARD POODLE, AKC, male, 4 years old, white. Trained. $150. 520-9729.

FULL BLOODED German Shepherd Pups. 5 males- 9 weeks. $100 each No papers. Call 694-8113.

AKC REGISTERED Yellow Lab puppies. parents on premises $300. Call 687-6269.

AKC LAB PUPPIES; Top quality. Excellent pedigree. Brains, beauty and versatility. Strong healthy pups. Parents on premises. 806-633-4358.

CARALOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding. Puppy, beginner, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

MUST SELL; TWO female Chihuahuas, 4 1/2 months old. Please call 686-8732 for information.

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Cats are good for your heart!

"Peach" DSH, male, 2+ yrs, neutered, very loving. **"Ebony"** DLH, black, loving spayed, 5 mo. female. **"Pepe"** DMH, black/white, declawed, neutered 10 year male. **"Patches"** DSH, grey Calico female 5 mos. spayed. **"Checkers"** DSH, grey, female Calico, spayed 5 mos. **"Bobby"** DSH, grey/white Tabby male, 1 yr., neutered. **"Poppy"** DSH, grey, Tabby, female 1 yr, spayed. **"M"** DSH, black/grey Tabby, 3+ spayed female. **"Maya"** DSH, grey Tabby female, spayed 1+ yrs. **"Sally"** DSH, Calico, 1+ yr spayed female.

These, plus many more cats and dogs are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just $60 and cats are just $50. This includes spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and rabies shots. Call 267-7832.

Remember to License your pets with the City Police Dept. $4 per animal!

505 Livestock & Poultry

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer. $3,900 or best offer. Excellent condition. ($12,000 new). 398-5478/ 263-9498 leave message.

HORSE BOARDING: Tack closets, arena, telephone. Northwest area, fed twice daily. $85. Please call 694-4978.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

FIREPROOF FILES; Two and four DRAWER models, letter or legal, $250 and up. Call 683-8774

580 Portable Buildings

8'X10' MORGAN STORAGE shed. Great condition $500 firm. Please call 684-9956 for information.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN
(915) 563-1860

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MORGAN 8'X10' Storage Bought in 1999. Good condition, $1,000 obo. 522-1487.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

2 7/8 WHITE/ YELLOW Band N80 tubing for sale. Raw tubing. Raw casing. Pumping Units. Tanks. Rods. We buy your lease for salvage or production. 915-580-7161.

MUDLOGGING TRAILER- analytical, 32' in excellent condition. $21,000 Firm. Call 685-1173.

TWO 1997 130 bbl Overland Vacuum Trailers, internally coated. Excellent condition. $28,500 each. Call 688-8100 and ask for James.

580 Farm Equipment

1987 JOHN DEERE 750 tractor, has 208 hours, blade, disk, shredder, 500 rototiller. Call 685-1768.

INTERNATIONAL 1952 Farmall F-cub. Tractor. Unbelievable condition. Garage kept. Has blade-breaking plow and disk. $2,500. 686-9777.

Real Wheel Deals
ONLY $25.00 w/Photo
Call for information
682-6222

515 Automotive Sales

→NEW TODAY←
NASCAR WINSTON CUP race tickets. Sunday April 2, 2000. $750 for group of 10 Tickets. Please call 682-1418.

MUST SELL this week- Bargain! 14'x40' garage/ workshop. Slight damage, will deliver, 563-3108.

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR (The Jazzy Chair). Perfect condition. Owner deceased. Please call 694-9847.

DISPLAY MODELS, Last of 1999 discontinued spa/ hot tubs- eight to choose from. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

UPRIGHT FREEZER-, Exercise bicycle. Call 694-9830.

515 Automotive Sales

BOOKSHELVES- various sizes. Can be viewed at 4411 W. Illinois, Suite A6. 689-6936.

→NEW TODAY←
FOR SALE; One ticket for Elton John concert in Lubbock on February 8th. Call Jim at 682-2535.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2). 1 Way/ round trip anywhere in the US. $129 each way. 877-359-1929.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

→NEW TODAY←
TWO ELTON John Tickets- Must sell! $100 cash only. Please call 552-9055 for information.

515 Automotive Sales

MTD YARD Machine riding mower 13HP, 38" cut, $700 negotiable. 522-1552/ 556-4477 cellular, 495-4534 pager.

ELTON JOHN TICKETS; Two tickets in section 233. $85 dollars. Two tickets in section 221- $92.95. Call 570-1672.

→NEW TODAY←
CRAFTSMAN RIDING Mower- 10HP, electric start, 30" mower/ mulcher, 5 speed, rear engine, used very little, $700. 699-0741.

SPECIAL PURCHASE: 10'x16' workshops, $46 a month. Remaining stock. Delivery/ financing. 563-3108.

320 Skilled Trades

FWA PETERSON DRILLING

A UTI Company

The leading contract drilling company in the Permian Basin is seeking experienced candidates with deep hole experience for the following positions:

Drillers • Derrickmen • Motormen • Floormen

Complete benefits package including:
Health Insurance, Paid Vacation & 401K plan.
Qualified applicants should call
915-694-2531 or 1-800-685-9109.
Pre-employment drug screen required.
Equal Opportunity Employer

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→NEW TODAY←
Level 1 Service Technician Helper/Trainer
Must be dependable and be able to pass a drug test and have a clear driving record. You must have a desire to work and learn. Have an understanding of natural gas engines and compressors. Basic hand tools are required. Interested individuals please apply at :111 S. "B" Street or call 570-8666.

PLUMBER, licensed, good working and driving record. Personable individual for service work. Drug test. Ken's Plumbing, 683-3224.

PLUMBERS HELPER: Needs hand tools, experienced, good driving record, drug test. Ken's Plumbing. Call 683-3224.

SERVICE PLUMBER. Safety minded service plumber. 401K plan with a 50% match, paid health insurance, complete uniforms including laundry, safety incentives, paid holidays & vacations, and production incentives along with excellent wages. Applicant must have neat appearance, good communications skills, good safety records. Pre- employment drug screen required. Qualified persons should apply in person or send resume to The Darville Company, 213 N. Hancock, Odessa.

→NEW TODAY←
TECHNICIAN OPENINGS for business telephone systems and computer networking. Salary based on experience+ benefits. Salary & benefits. Mail resume: Box J-5011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE employment; Experienced licensed Commercial Plumbers and Experienced Helpers. Please call 686-0002 or 570-0232.

320 Skilled Trades

FIFTH OR Sixth grade teacher, needed for math two time a week. Call after 6:30 p.m. 682-9380

→NEW TODAY←
TUTORING PROVIDED- for ADD and general education students. Any time Call 520-4244

320 Skilled Trades

PERSONAL CARE for elderly. Very reasonable rates. Meals and maid service provided. Call 687-2533.

Let Classified Work For You!
Call 682-6222

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→NEW TODAY←
We are **Southwest Coca-Cola**, a part of the world's number one leading non-alcoholic beverage company. To be considered applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

Cooler Service Technician

1-3 Years mechanical repair experience, have both mechanical and electrical abilities. Able to lift 75 lbs. Detail oriented with excellent verbal, written, and people skills. Team player who is self- motivated and safety conscious. Must provide own hand tools. Refrigeration experience helpful.

Applicants for position must meet Company driving standards, have a stable work history, demonstrate a strong customer service orientation, and be drug-free. We offer a competitive wage and an outstanding benefit package.

Apply in person between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm at:

Southwest Coca-Cola
2700 West Van
Odessa, TX 79763

Southwest Coca-Cola is an EEO/ AA/ VET employer

→NEW TODAY←
SR. SHOP TECHNICIAN

Rust Tractor Company has an immediate opening for a Sr. Shop Technician in Farmington. Duties will include troubleshooting, repairing, and reconditioning of Caterpillar on highway truck engines and the process of work orders. Preferred applicants must have 3- 5 years of hand- on repair experience on Caterpillar truck engines. Must be able to work safely, communicate effectively, prepare written service reports and perform in a timely fashion. Computer skills are necessary. Trade school preferred. The position offers a competitive starting salary and benefits package to include: 401(K), profit sharing plan, health insurance, paid sick leave, vacation and holidays. Qualified applicants are encouraged to fax/ mail resumes or apply in person at:

Rust Tractor Company
4000 Osuna NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109
(505)343-2726
An EEO/ AA Employer
Drug Screen Required

320 Skilled Trades

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CLEARLY THE BEST CHOICE

Join ClearSource. A new kind of telecommunications company. ClearSource constructs state-of-the-art telecommunications networks and provides cable TV, Telephone and high-speed Internet services to its customers. We are looking for dedicated professionals to join our Permian Basin Team.

Quality Control Inspector

Responsible for inspecting all underground construction work in residential areas to comply with company standards. Coordinate, resolve and inspect all restoration processing to ensure total quality customer care. Receives any customer inquiries in newly constructed areas and visits customer premises when needed to explain location of CATV lines. Minimum qualifications include High School diploma or GED; basic math skills, valid driver's license and satisfactory driving record. Previous experience in CATV or telephone construction preferred.

For confidential consideration mail to 1825 B Kramer Lane, #100, Austin, TX 78758, Attn: Human Resources. Fax resume to 512-381-1966 or email jobs@clearsource.com. Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug Free Work Place.

→NEW TODAY←
*Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) is accepting applications for the position of Electrician/ Technician for the Cooperative's Fort Stockton office. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with a clear driving record. Three years experience in troubleshooting, repairing and maintaining electrical controls. Skills in both oral and written communications in the English language. Must be able to work under adverse conditions, including holidays, overtime and weekends. Travel will be required.

Call 800-749-1509 or send your request to RGEC, Administrative Department, PO Box 1509, Brackettville, TX 78832. Applications may also be picked up from any area office and must be postmarked on or before February 11, 2000. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

320 Skilled Trades

Hershey- Nabisco-Mars
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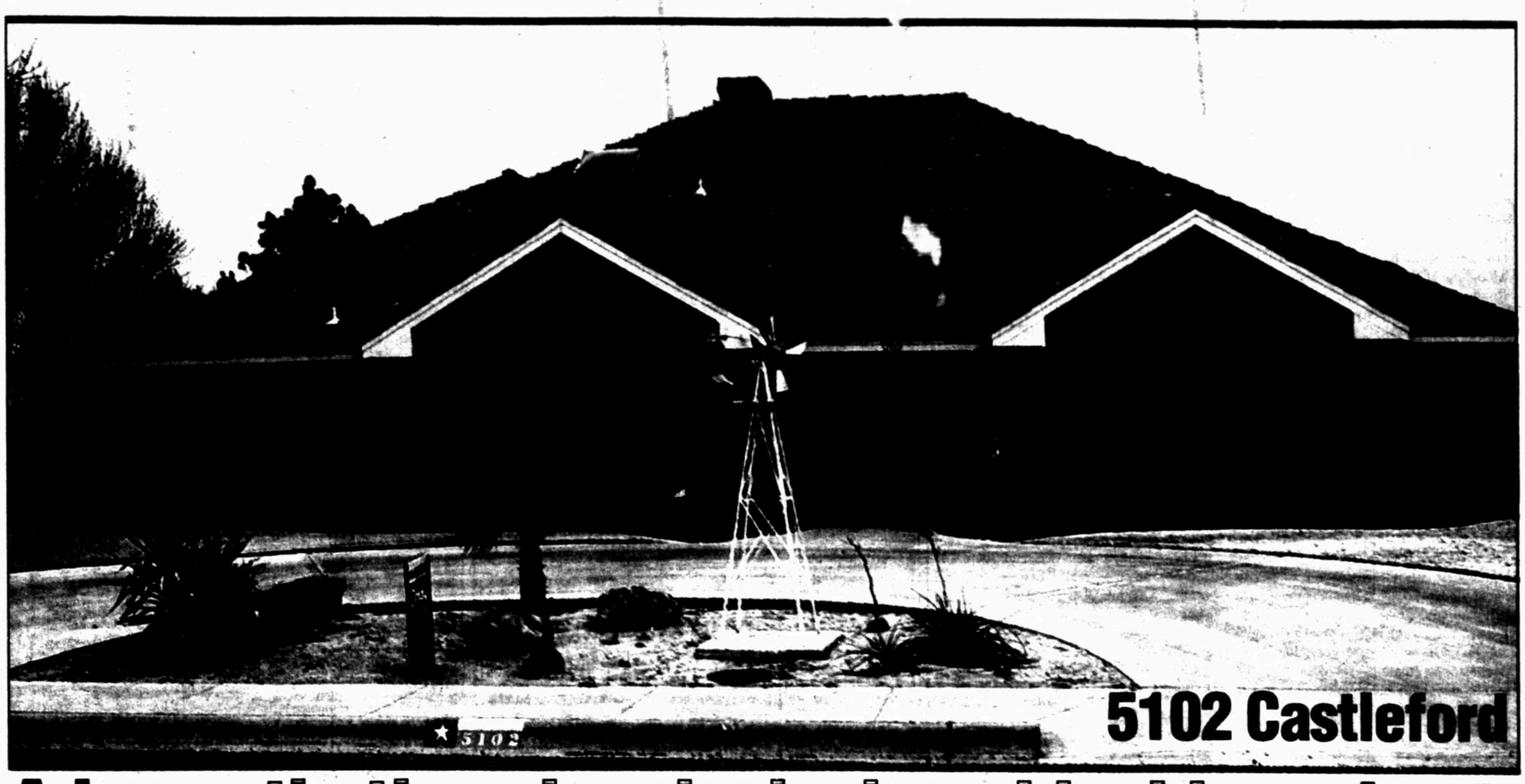

5102 Castleford

A home that's uniquely designed inside and out

Above: The custom designed living room has a unique eight-sided ceiling inset. A massive brick fireplace with a raised hearth is set into the corner.

Left: The gourmet kitchen has custom oak cabinetry and laminate surface countertops with wood trim. The large double sink has a reverse osmosis unit and a built-in soap dispenser.

Bottom left: The master bathroom has a tall canted ceiling with two skylights. A large garden tub is set in the corner of this attractive bathroom.

Bottom center: In the center of the home is an attractive atrium with glass doors on three sides. A skylight is set high in the ceiling.

The master bedroom is spacious and has a tall, vaulted ceiling.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

This week's home is a tan brick beauty with a circle driveway. 5102 Castleford, a dwelling in Saddle Club South, is located on a curving, quiet street. The front of the home is attractively accented with arch topped windows and a wide covered entryway. The manicured landscaping is bordered with concrete edging.

Just inside the front door, which is made of heavy wood and has an etched glass inset and matching side lights, is a short foyer. The floor is tiled and a pendant light hangs from the ceiling. Along the right-hand wall is a coat closet behind mirrored sliding doors.

Directly ahead from the foyer is a living room that is just amazing. The ceiling has an eight sided inset that adds about two or three feet to the height of the room. The ceiling and the inset in the ceiling are lined with crown molding. A massive brick fireplace with a raised hearth is set into the left corner of the room. French doors on the far wall open out onto a covered patio and one of the home's two back yards.

Along the left wall is an atrium. The atrium has glass sliding doors on three sides and adds a bit of the outdoors into the interior of this home. The atrium has a tall, canted ceiling and has walls that are a grey painted paneling. Tons of light floods in from the skylight set at the top of this room. Accent lighting is set about halfway down the walls. A waterfall, set into the corner, may also be for sale with the home.

Throughout this home the rooms are painted beige with white trim and many of the rooms have beige plush carpeting. This home has a security system, intercom system, automatic sprinklers and a reverse osmosis unit. The bedrooms all have lighted ceiling fans.

To the right of the living room, and along the front of the home are two bedrooms and a bathroom.

The first bedroom, on the left side of the hall, has a window on its side wall and a wide closet behind mirrored sliding doors. The closet has shoe and sweater shelving.

The second bedroom, across the hall, has a tall vaulted ceiling with an exposed center beam. A large window with an arched top is placed on the front wall. A wide closet with shoe and sweater shelving is placed behind mirrored sliding doors.

At the end of the hall is an oak storage unit for linens. Next to the storage unit is a full bathroom. This bathroom has a tall ceiling with a skylight. A one-piece vanity with a shell-shaped sink is set atop oak cabinets. The vanity area is lit by recessed lighting. This bathroom has a tiled tub and shower combo.

To the right of and behind the living room is a short hall that leads to the master suite. Another oak storage unit is set into the hallway.

The master bedroom is a large space with a vaulted ceiling. A lighted ceiling fan hangs from the exposed beam in the ceiling. Two windows look out onto a side yard. The master bath has a definitely unique design. It has a canted ceiling, with an almost "half-vaulted" feeling to it. Two skylights are set into the ceiling. The floor is finished in a slate looking tile. The double vanity is made of a solid surface material and has shell-shaped sinks. A makeup area is set between the sinks. Makeup lighting with decorative hoods lights the vanity area. Across from the vanity is a walk-in closet set behind mirrored sliding doors. The spacious closet has shoe and sweater shelving. There is a ledge above the closet entrance that is great for displaying collectibles or decorative accents. At the far end of the bathroom is a large, garden tub set in a tile enclosure. Steps lead up to the tub, adding an elegant touch to the bathroom. A picture window is set just above the tub and looks out onto a side yard. Next to the tub is a large tiled shower. Tucked between the shower and closet is a water closet for the toilet. This small room is set off by swinging "saloon" style wood doors. A storage cabinet is placed above the toilet.

To the left of the living room is the formal dining room. This elegant room has a vaulted ceiling with an exposed beam. A chandelier hangs in the center of the room. On the front wall is a tall window with an arched top. The window is split down the middle vertically with about a three inch spacer. This window has a dramatic and elegant effect in this room. The floor of the dining room is tiled. A chair rail traces its way around the room.

To the left of the dining room is the kitchen. This cozy kitchen has custom oak cabinetry with laminate surface countertops and backsplash. The countertops have a matching wood trim. A hen and rooster wallpaper border traces the top edge of the room.There is space above the cabinets for collectibles and decorative accents. A large window with a great view of the neighborhood is set into the front wall of the kitchen. Directly below the window is the large double sink. This sink has a garbage disposal, a reverse osmosis unit and a built-in soap dispenser. A breakfast bar is designed into the wrap around counters. Appliances include a Whirlpool dishwasher, trash compactor, electric range with a downdraft vent, a self-cleaning oven and a rather large microwave.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the breakfast nook. A picture windows looks out onto the second yard and a lighted ceiling fan hangs above the table.

Behind the kitchen is the utility room. This room has oak cabinets and an oak storage unit built-in.

This home has a two car rear-entry garage with automatic doors.

This home has two back yards, one on the left side of the home and one on the right. The yards are separated by the driveway for the garage. Both yards have tall privacy fencing. The left yard is large enough for a pool, has a storage building. A small dog run is adjacent to the storage building. The second yard wraps around the right side of the home. This yard has a covered patio.

This uniquely designed home is one that the home-hunter should take a look at. Its elegant layout and custom detailing are truly remarkable, and it's priced just right at $130,000. This home is open today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or a private tour, please call Janice Murrell of Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors at 570-8200 or 570-6725.

Story and page design by Bobbie Scott

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The Difference Between a Realtor and a Real Estate Broker or Agent

Some people may assume that the word Realtor is just a shorter way to say real estate broker or agent. But, as the Permian Basin Board of REALTORS®, Inc. points out, that is a false assumption because the term Realtor is actually a distinction given only to those real estate brokers and agents who belong to the National Association of REALTORS® and subscribe to its strict code of ethics.

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Bill Scott, President
Permian Basin Board of REALTORS®, Inc.

SHOULD YOU REDUCE YOUR SALES PRICE?

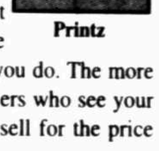
Pricing a property is a difficult and a critical aspect to selling your home. If your home is overpriced, it may not be in the range of the ultimate buyer -- and may not be appealing to a buyer who is looking at better properties in your present price range. You lose showings and possible offers if the price is too much. How to tell if your property is overpriced? Is it being shown a lot, but no offers, or has it not been shown much at all? Either of these indicates that the property is overpriced. Competing homes in your price may be in better shape, larger, newer or have more amenities. Although you can make improvements to the property -- costing you more money -- the improvements may not add the value as compared to the costs, as well as taking up valuable marketing time. And, some things such as age, outdated plan or area cannot be improved by spending any amount of money. A price reduction is the quickest way to get attention from Realtors and prospective buyers.

To determine how much of a price reduction you should make it is wise to take a close look at what other similar homes have sold for in the immediate past and what similar properties are currently listed for. Just reducing the price a little so you can say the home is at a better price does not do much good. A re-evaluation of the market is best, as many things can affect sales - such as rising or falling interest rates, expansion or reduction of local businesses, and so on. Prices in the whole market may be drastically changed in a very short time period. Your own situation may have changed since you listed the property. Your need to sell may have increased and a bit below market may be the way to go. Your Real Estate Professional is your best source for the facts and figures on your local market.

This article submitted by Anita Noles, Marilyn Jo Smith and Norma Pine, Owners of RE/MAX of Midland/Chaparral Realtors.

Why The Seller Needs An Agent

People sometimes wonder why it is better to sell their home through a real estate agent. Here are four reasons:



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First, an agent can save you time. Through office listings and multiple listing services, an agent has access to many more prospective buyers than you do. The more qualified prospective buyers who see your home, the sooner it will sell for the price you want.

Second, an agent can save you trouble. If you are selling your home yourself, you will probably know nothing about the folks who show up to look. Are they truly prospective buyers or merely lookers? There will be very little time during the showing for you to find out.

An agent, on the other had, will have interviewed prospects beforehand to find out their financial status, their objectives in buying a house, the type of house they need, and their timetable for buying. The agent will also have had time to chat with them in the car, both to further establish a good rapport and to gain additional information about what they want and what they need.

Before they set foot in your house, the agent will know whether they are qualified prospective buyers.

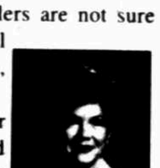
Third, an agent can save you money. Having a larger pool of qualified prospects increases your chances of selling for the best possible price.

Fourth, an agent can save you hassle. Experienced agents are also usually good negotiators, acting as third-party intermediaries to smooth the negotiation process. Selling or buying a home is sometimes stressful, and an agent can help keep everyone's feathers unruffled during the process.

Submitted by Victoria Printz of RE/MAX of Midland/Chaparral Realtors.

WHAT IS CLOSING?

Many buyers and sellers are not sure about when the actual transfer of ownership, closing, takes effect.



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After a buyer and seller have signed the required papers, a mortgage company may require that the paperwork package be either faxed or mailed to the lender before the funding part of closing can take place. Depending on location of buyer, seller, or lender this process could take minutes or days to complete.

Paragraph 9 of the Texas Real Estate Commission promulgated residential contracts addresses a closing date. "The closing date of the sale will be on or before (blank) or within 7 days after objections to matters disclosed in the Commitment or by the survey have been cured, which-ever date is later (the Closing Date).

Paragraph 10 of the TREC contract discusses possession of the property. This paragraph contains a blank for the buyer and seller to complete with a date or a set of conditions by which possession shall occur.

Sometimes possession will be stipulated to read "closing and funding:

Paragraph 10 also states, "Any possession by Buyer prior to closing or by Seller after closing which is not authorized by a temporary lease form promulgated by TREC or required by the parties will establish a tenancy at sufferance relationship between the parties."

Either early occupancy by buyer or delayed occupancy by seller creates an entirely different set of legal issues. "The absence of a written lease or appropriate insurance coverage may expose the parties to economic loss."

Remember, closing is not complete until all original documents have been signed by all parties and money has been made available to seller.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors and currently serving on the Texas Real Estate Commission.)

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ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE
Fun-loving, upbeat and passionate describes this single white professional female, 49, 5'8", 119lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, art museums, dancing, dining out and more, is seeking a secure single white male, 44-54. Ad#.7018

SWEETER THAN SUGAR
This sweet single white female, 50, 5'2", with long blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, the outdoors, dining out and more, is seeking an honest, caring and fun-loving single white male, 48-52. Ad#.4631

CALL NOW
Single white mother of one, 30, 5'4", who enjoys bowling, going for walks and more, is seeking single white male, 30-36, who likes to get out and do things. Ad#.8597

DIAL THIS NUMBER
This single white mom of one, 27, 5'2", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is seeking an honest single white male, 32-37, who shares her interests in sports, the outdoors, movies, quiet times at home and more. Ad#.2457

THE RIGHT CHOICE
You'll feel at ease with this pleasant, outgoing, single black mom, 18, 5'7", 180lbs., who enjoys movies, taking walks and watching movies, if you're a nice, sincere, single male, 19-28, ready for friendship and maybe more. Ad#.8763

TOGETHERNESS
Understanding, caring single white mom of two, 20, 5'7", 110lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys spending time with her kids and traveling, is interested in getting to know a tall, lovable single white male, 20-26, with or without kids. Ad#.4740

FRIENDS FIRST
Friendly single Hispanic female, 52, 5'4", 145lbs., with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys meeting people, the arts and crafts, is hoping to meet a single Hispanic male, 45-60. Ad#.4567

DUAL TRUST
Romantic single Hispanic female, 18, 5'6", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys listening to music, singing, dancing and more, is seeking an outgoing single Hispanic male, 18-26, for friendship first. Ad#.2984

DON'T BE SHY
Say hello to this outgoing, open-minded, divorced black mom, 31, who enjoys movies, attending church, and taking long walks, and hopes to hear from an honest, family-oriented single male, 29-45, interested in sharing friendship and good times. Ad#.7587

FIND OUT TODAY
Caring divorced white mom, 45, 5'5", with brown hair and blue-green eyes, who enjoys sewing, crafts, spending time with her son and more, is interested in meeting a humorous, kind single male, 45-50, for companionship. Ad#.5393

MORE TO LOVE
Friendly, caring single Hispanic mom, 21, 5', 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys soccer, horseback riding, traveling and more, is seeking an energetic, understanding single Hispanic male, 21-25, who likes to have fun. Ad#.3821

YOU NEVER KNOW
Quiet at times, this employed single white mom, 36, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, swimming and horses, hopes to meet a easy to get along with, humorous, single white male, 34-44, who likes children. Ad#.7041

LASTING MEMORIES
An open-minded animal lover who enjoys life in the country, this single white female, 33, 5'6", with brown hair and hazel eyes, seeks a single white male, 30-40, that doesn't play games. Ad#.9774

COUNTRY LIVING
This humorous and personable single white mom, 28, 5'2", red hair and blue eyes, who likes horseback riding, all outdoor activities and movies, is seeking a friendly single male, 23-37, who loves children. Ad#.5750

IT HAS TO BE YOU
Warm single white professional female, 45, 5'7", 118lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, working out and collecting art, seeks a loving, family-oriented, honest, college-educated, single white male, 45-55, who appreciates a lady. Ad#.2997

THE TWO OF YOU FOREVER
Have some fun with this caring, self-employed single white female, 18, 5'11", 115lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who loves horseback riding, swimming and football. She seeks a single white male, 18-21, who's interested in a possible marriage and family. Ad#.5302

HEY YOU, LOOK OVER HERE!
If you're an honest single white male, 40-52, who loves to have fun, then get in touch with this humorous single white female, 37, 5'5", 103lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include dancing, rodeos, cooking and horseback riding. Ad#.9059

HILARIOUS
Outgoing, intelligent and humorous single white female, 37, 5'5", 103lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, quiet dinners and long walks, is seeking a humorous and compatible single white male, 38-52, for friendship first. Ad#.6296

CHOOSE ME
This outgoing single white female, 31, 5'8", 185lbs., with green eyes, who enjoys going to the movies, shopping and taking long walks, is looking for a sincere single white male, 30-50, to spend quality time with. Ad#.3117

FUN AWAITS HERE
Bubbly single Hispanic female, 23, 5'7", with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, shopping and dancing, is in search of a mature single Hispanic male, 23-29, to build a relationship with. Ad#.6781

WALK INTO MY LIFE
This talkative single white female, 21, 5'10", with auburn hair and grey eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is seeking a sweet and sincere single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad#.3646

CRAZY & FUNNY
Outgoing single Hispanic mom of two, 24, 5'2", with short dark brown hair, who enjoys socializing and watching television, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 20-28, who likes kids. Ad#.6827

MINUTES AWAY
Honest, caring single white female, 18, 5'1", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include fishing, hunting, swimming and more, is looking forward to meeting a single white male, 18-21, who shares similar interests. Ad#.6397

INCREDIBLY CUTE
I'm a fun-loving, caring single Hispanic female, 20, 5'1", with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys football, spending time with friends and watching is looking for a single Hispanic male, under 23, with similar interests. Ad#.1455

UNTIL NOW
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5'4", 164lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys basketball, watching television and movies, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 21-25, to spend time with. Ad#.9759

LOVE IN FULL BLOOM
Shy single white mom, 19, 5'6", 120lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys rodeos, photography and spending time with family, is seeking a sincere and fun-loving single white male, under 25, who likes children. Ad#.7982

BORED WITH TRADITION
Attractive single black professional female, 26, 5'5", 158lbs., who enjoys going to the movies, traveling and spending time with friends, is seeking a handsome single black male, 21-36, 5'10+, who shares similar interests. Ad#.5165

PROFESSIONAL
Fun-loving single white female, 40, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys bowling, skiing and having fun, is seeking an upbeat, sincere single white male, 35-50. Ad#.6821

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Family-oriented single white female, 46, 5'4", 150lbs., with dark red hair and hazel eyes, is a non-smoker who enjoys family time, socializing and more. She is seeking a single black male, 30-50, to share a possible long-term relationship with. Ad#.3987

FULL OF ENERGY
A little outspoken, this educated single white female, 20, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, always has something to say. She's looking to meet a self-confident single white male, 21-27, who likes traveling and having good times. Ad#.8423

IT'S IN THE STARS
Sweet, fun, single white female, 20, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, an employed student, enjoys computers, movies, music and astrology. She seeks a nice, outgoing, single white male, under 26, for friendship first. Ad#.9888

HERE SHE IS
It's not too late for romance because this funny single white female, 23, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is out there waiting for you if you're a single white male, over 28, who enjoys movies, dancing and horseback riding. Ad#.8706

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Caring, fun single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys her profession, reading, movies, museums and the arts, is seeking a similar single white Christian male, 45-53, with strong values and integrity. Ad#.6942

A KEEPER
Witty, fun single Hispanic female, 35, 5'2", 110lbs., with dark brown hair, who enjoys horseback riding, biking and sports, is in search of an active, energetic single male. Ad#.6689

SEARCHING
Outgoing single white female, 24, 5'4", 247lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to the movies and quiet times at home, is in search of an energetic single white male, 34+, who has the same interests. Ad#.5180

HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW
This humorous single white female, 20, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys billiards, spending time with friends and good conversation, is looking for a loving single white male, 20-30, who has a good personality. Ad#.9403

ENJOY ME
People and family-oriented person, this single white professional female, 47, enjoys taking long walks, seeks an educated, compassionate, single white professional Christian male, 45-50, to have lots of fun and do interesting things with. Ad#.9021

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
Employed single Hispanic female, 20, 5'3", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies and having fun, is searching for a caring single black male, 19-24. Ad#.3172

FULL OF HUMOR
Easygoing single white mom of two, 44, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair, enjoys fishing, bowling, dancing, and walking. She would like to meet a sincere single white male, 40-50, who likes kids and has similar interest. Ad#.6696

GET THE ANSWER
She's a divorced white female, 41, 5'6", a very pretty, slender, blue-eyed blonde, who really enjoys craft work, music, and dancing. Are you the handsome, single white male, 41-48, with similar interests, that she'd like to share her life with? Ad#.8321

FAMILY ORIENTED
Outgoing, employed single white Christian mother of one, 32, 5'4", full-figured with reddish-blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, church, and family times, is seeking an easygoing, expressive single white Christian male, 32-45. Ad#.1005

ARE YOU A GENTLEMAN?
Kind, caring, and humorous, this single white female, 45, 115lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys taking walks, live theater, the mountains, art, and more, is seeking a tall, dark, handsome, professional single white Christian male, 45-55. Ad#.8286

LOOKS AREN'T IMPORTANT
Humorous and loving, this employed single Hispanic female, 18, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys poetry, playing pool and video games, is seeking a responsible, understanding, single male, 18-29. Ad#.9772

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Hispanic female, 25, 5', 100lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, reading, and writing, is seeking an honest, caring single white or Hispanic male, 21-32, with no children. Ad#.5056

HERE SHE IS
A definite people-person who enjoys sports, reading and movies, this single white female, 47, 5'4", 110lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, hopes to meet a single white male, under 60, that shares similar interests. Ad#.6320

GIVE A CALL
Intelligent single white Christian female, 49, who enjoys meeting new people, living life to the fullest and laughter, is looking for an educated, affectionate single white professional male, 45-56, who has a great sense of humor. Ad#.4478

LONELY NO MORE
Congenial, divorced Hispanic mother of two, 23, is seeking friendship, maybe more, with a fun-loving, family-oriented single Hispanic male, 23-33. Ad#.2694

FAITH & HOPE
Outgoing single white female, 31, 5'4", with long brown hair and blue eyes, likes dancing, spending time with family and art, is looking to meet a loving single white male, 35-45, who shares similar interests. Ad#.6480

END HER SEARCH
Said to be an honest, good-natured gal who enjoys cooking, weekend getaways and antiques, this divorced white female, 31, 5'6", 120lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, hopes to meet a compatible single white male, 28-40. Ad#.7662

NONE BETTER
Outgoing single white female, 69, 5'5", 135lbs., with salt and pepper hair and brown eyes, who enjoys spending time with friends, animals and gardening, is looking forward to meeting a single white male, 65-75, to spend quality time with. Ad#.4340

YOU THAT SPECIAL GUY?
Positive-minded and always smiling, this single white female, 38, ~~4'9"~~ 100lbs., with brown hair/eyes, likes watching television, arts and crafts and jogging. She seeks an honest, caring single white male, 38-40, for a possible relationship. Ad#.6511

GET YOUR REST
This special single white female, 65, 5'3", slim, with blonde hair, is seeking a single white male, 60-75, to enjoy television, dancing, movies and more with her. She's full of energy, so you'd better eat your Wheaties. Ad#.8316

SAVING YOUR SEAT
The time is here for you, a single male, to meet the woman of your dreams. She's an outgoing and caring single white female, 54, who is more than ready to enjoy sports, all types of music, dining out and more with you. Ad#.8629

GOLDEN GIRL
From Odessa comes this sweet, single white female, 65, 5'3", 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes. She enjoys movies, watching television, shopping, dining out, cooking, travel, and seeks a caring, generous single white male, 60-75. Ad#.5431

BEST THERE IS
Divorced white Christian female, 72, 5'6", 185lbs., who enjoys dining out, sporting events and spending time with friends, would like a friendly companionship with a single white Christian male, 73-83, to go out and have a good time with. Ad#.1286

LET'S BE HONEST
To learn more about this friendly and likeable single Hispanic female, 21, 4'11", petite with brown hair and eyes, all you must be is a single male, 25-32, who shares her interests in fishing, movies, swimming and long walks in the park. Ad#.6017

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Personable, hardworking and dark-haired single black female, 39, 5', medium build, without children, who enjoys tennis, football, movies, and skating, is seeking a tall, handsome and commitment-minded single black male, 40-55. Ad#.6873

ON FIRST INSTINCT
Self-employed single white mom of one, 40, who enjoys movies, dining out, fishing, and trying new things, seeks a sincere, single white Christian male, 38-49, with similar interests, who likes children. Ad#.8155

JUST YOU AND I
Attractive, caring single black female, 28, 5'5", with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies, volunteer work, and more, seeks an honest single white male, 27-35. Ad#.9656

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Charming, employed single white female, 40, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair, non-smoker, is seeking an easygoing, fun-loving single white male, 50 or under, who enjoys travel, theater, dogs, dining out and sports. Ad#.6526

CALL FOR MORE INFO!
Single white female, 39, 5'2", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys being with friends and family, is in search of a single white male, 38-50, who would love to walk in the rain with her. Ad#.9844

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
Congenial, employed divorced Hispanic mother of two, 35, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a mature, hardworking single male, 25-45, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys camping, fishing, dancing and candlelit dinners. Ad#.7686

HELLO IT'S ME
This caring, understanding single black female, 28, 5'5", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys bowling, long walks and more, is seeking a sincere single male, 26-45, who knows what they want out of life. Ad#.7172

YOU'LL WANT TO MEET...
This degreed single black female, 31, 5'8", 130lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and the simple things in life, is seeking an honest, outgoing professional single white male, 30-43, a non-smoker. Ad#.8792

NEW HORIZONS
Have a great time with this fun, outgoing single white mom, 26, 5'7", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who likes billiards, concerts and dancing. She's hoping to meet a goal-oriented, stable single white male, 24-33. Ad#.1920

LET'S TALK
Very outgoing single white female, 61, 5'5", blonde with green eyes, is interested in movies, dining out and meeting people. She's looking for a family-oriented single white male, over 58, who can carry on a conversation. Ad#.9364

TOGETHERNESS
This charming widowed white female, 68, 5'4", 135lbs., with salt and pepper hair, a non-smoker and non-drinker, who enjoys sports, travel and dining out, is seeking a similar single white male, 62-72, for friendship, possibly more. Ad#.8690

IN THE SAME BOAT?
Outgoing single white mom, 37, 5'11", with blue eyes, a student, who enjoys dancing, reading and spending time with family, is looking for a kind-hearted single white male, 37-45, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2512

GIVE ME A CALL
Friendly, caring, single white mom, 18, 4'11", full-figured, blonde hair, blue eyes, is looking for an honest single white male, 18-25, who enjoys movies, taking walks, dining out, is family-oriented and fond of children. Ad#.9412

ENERGIZED
Humorous single white female, 45, 5'7", 160lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who likes art, is looking to meet a fun-loving, friendly single white male, 39-50, to spend quality time with. Ad#.2408

MAKE THAT CALL
Meet this adventurous, creative, single white female, 40, 5'8", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who likes landscaping, the outdoors, cooking and working out. She seeks an adventurous, creative, fun, single white male, 33-43, who likes children. Ad#.8749

BRIGHT FUTURE
This sincere, quiet, intelligent single white female, 48, who enjoys movies, gardening, plays, cooking and the outdoors, is seeking an active, compatible, healthy single white male. Ad#.1082

YOU CAN'T DO BETTER
Friendly, caring single white professional female , 47, 5'7", 120lbs., is a green-eyed blonde who enjoys museums, comedies, theater, concerts and a variety of outdoor activities. Call today if you are an educated, stable single white gentleman, 45-57. Ad#.5547

JUST FRIENDS FOR NOW
She's a sweet, caring and funny single white female, 19, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, who likes time with friends, music and concerts. If you're a compatible single white male, under 26, she's waiting for your call. Ad#.8522

END HER SEARCH ROMEO
Treat yourself to a wonderful time with her, this single white female, 49, 5'5", 150lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who likes walks in the park, romantic evenings, country music and more. She seeks a sincere single white male, over 35. Ad#.4065

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND
Personable, employed single white female, 31, 5'1", is a medium-built, blue-eyed blonde who enjoys dogs, antiques, travel and dining out, in search of a compatible single white male, 32-40, with similar interests. Ad#.2044

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Friendly, outgoing single white Christian female, 72, seeking companionship with a sincere single white male, who is a non-smoker, enjoys playing cards, and the outdoors. Ad#.6621

FILL MY EMPTY HEART
Outgoing, humorous divorced white mom, 24, 140lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, skiing and the outdoors, is looking for a single male, 21-35, who has a good sense of humor, to spend quality time with. Ad#.3138

COMMUNICATION
Funny, humorous single black mom, 24, 6', 145lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, movies, and shopping, is looking for a single white male, 24-40. Ad#.9467

TREAT ME LIKE A LADY
Outgoing, fun to be around single white female, 24, 5'4", 105lbs., a blue-eyed blonde, who enjoys the theater and more, seeks a fun, energetic single white male, 23-33. Ad#.1372

HERE SHE IS
Check out this professional, single white female, 25, 5'6", with brilliant red hair, and sparkling blue eyes. She enjoys movies, music, dancing, and seeks an honest, straightforward single white male, 23-30, to share friendship and good times. Ad#.7150

THE JOYS OF LIFE
Fun-loving, humorous, single white female, 19, 5'10", with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, hanging out with friends, and watching movies, is seeking a single white male, 20-26, for friendship, to have a good time with. Ad#.8844

YOUR ASPIRATIONS?
Energetic, outgoing single white female, 19, 5'4", blonde with green eyes, likes movies, music and clubs. She's seeking a similar single Hispanic male, 18-25, who's looking for a serious relationship. Ad#.9198

NEW IN TOWN
Outgoing, tall single white female, 43, who enjoys fishing and riding go-karts, is seeking a nice, friendly single white male for companionship. Ad#.2173

HEART & SOUL
A lady with class, this self-employed single white female, 57, 5'8", with blonde hair, who likes music, movies and the mountains, seeks a compatible single white male, 55-69. Ad#.6110

ONLY THE BEST
Young at heart, this outgoing single white female, 60, who likes flea markets, traveling, and outdoor activities, is looking for an active, single single white male. Ad#.8173

DON'T HESITATE, CALL NOW
Single white female, 43, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, surfing the net and animals, is looking for a single white male, 42-47, a non-smoker, non-drinker. Ad#.8058

DON'T MISS OUT
This sweet single white female, 50, 5'2", 122lbs., is a fun-loving, blue-eyed blonde who enjoys crafts, gardening, fishing, country dancing and swimming. She's seeking a similar single white male, 48-52. Ad#.3403

A FUNNY HOMEBODY
Single Hispanic female 40, 5'7", average build with brown hair/eyes, likes arranging flowers, dining out, and dancing occasionally. She's looking for a fit single white male, 38-48, non-smoker who's fun to be with, loves kids, and will meet her halfway. Ad#.7577

A GREAT CHOICE
Outgoing and retired, this widowed white Christian female, 68, 5'4", 135lbs., with salt/pepper hair and green eyes, who likes all sports, travel, and dining out, is seeking a single white male, 60-73, for companionship and a possible relationship. Ad#.3232

TEXAS TWO-STEP
Caring, fun-loving single white female, 50, with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys her work, reading, movies, and dancing, is seeking a compatible single white male, who's a dancing cowboy. Ad#.6122

ONE FINE DAY
Very funny lady who likes riding horses, spending time with her children and more, this divorced white mom, 31, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, seeks a compatible single Hispanic male, 39-40. Ad#.8500

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Laid-back, good-natured single white female, 18, 5'10", with long black hair and brown eyes, who loves music, swimming, bowling, and movies, is looking for a tall, honest single white male, 19-26, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.6536

SHE'S THE ONE
Outgoing single white female, 18, 5'8", a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys dancing, movies and sports, is seeking a sweet, loving single white male, 18-24. Ad#.2855

GOING TO SCHOOL
Fun-loving and outgoing, this green-eyed single white female, 25, likes country music, movies, and more, and seeks a mature single white male, 21-38, with similar interests. Ad#.2411

ALL IN TIME
A single white female, 38, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, full-figured, who can be soft-hearted, independent, and shy likes fishing, reading, swimming and outdoor activities. She is seeking a nice, caring, understanding single white male. Ad#.1009

NOT AT ALL BORING
Quiet, single white female, 24, 5'4", 236lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, horseback riding, movies, and quiet times at home, is seeking a single white male, 25-35, with similar interests. Ad#.6680

CLASSY LADY
She's a pretty, young-looking, physically fit single professional white female, 53, who enjoys oil painting, gardening, and reading. She's seeking a kind, mature, health conscious, educated single white male. Ad#.2144

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Blonde, hazel-eyed single white female, 20, 5'5", 160lbs., enjoys hanging out, going to the lake, and more. She's hoping to meet a single white male, under 30, with similar interests. Ad#.5503

GET IN TOUCH
Attractive, outgoing, outspoken, fun single Hispanic professional mother of three, 28, 5', 135lbs., with dark hair/eyes, wants to spend time with an outspoken, caring, cool-headed, single Hispanic male, 23-36. Ad#.9114

STILL SEARCHING
She's best described as being an understanding single black mom of three, 37, 5'4", 145lbs., with dark hair/eyes, who likes kids, reading, going to Church, and cycling. If you're a compatible single male, 35-45, be sure to call today. Ad#.5107

HONESTY
Outgoing single white female, 18, 5'6", 173lbs., with red hair and blue eyes, likes acting, singing, dancing, musicals, movies and having fun. She's looking for a compassionate, sensitive single white male, 18-28. Ad#.4628

NICE CHANGE
Long walks, nature and traveling are all interests this educated single white mom, 46, hopes to share with an honest, secure single white male, 45-56, who loves the Lord. Ad#.3521

DON'T MISS OUT
Meet this adventurous single white female, 36, who has her heart set on sharing wonderful times with a kind, caring single white male, 35-45, whose interests include music, dancing, playing pool, boating, movies, and sports. Ad#.1337

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
I'm a witty divorced white female, 40, 5', 95lbs., with blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, dancing, reading and cooking. I'm interested in a serious relationship with a sports-oriented single white male, 40-45, non-drinker, non-drinker, who enjoys theater. Ad#.1631

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Outgoing and personable describes this friendly, employed single white female, 46, 5'4", 115lbs., with long brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Are you known as a single black male, 40-46, who enjoys the same? Ad#.9521

QUIET NATURE
Reserved single black female, 20, 5'6", enjoys reading, watching movies, listening to music, dancing, and taking long walks, is in search of a spontaneous single white male, 20-25. Ad#.6080

THE CHOSEN ONE
This sweet, disabled, full-figured single black female, 30, 5'5", loves to enjoy sports, dining out and movies in her spare time. If you are a single black male, 40-41, who shares those interests, we encourage you to call and connect. Ad#.8732

LOVE WALKED RIGHT IN
Sincere, caring single Hispanic professional mother of one, 40, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, music, travel, home decor, and flowers, is seeking a similar single Hispanic professional male, 36-50, who is a non-smoker. Ad#.6939

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Full-figured single Hispanic Christian mother of two, 36, 5'3", with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys Bible study, family activities and more, seeks a caring single white Christian male, 35-45. Ad#.7754

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TAKE A CHANCE
Single white male, 35, 5'9", 185lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys animals and children, is seeking single female, to spend time with. Ad#.1488

MANY OPTIONS
Handsome, outgoing single white male, 50, 5'9", 160lbs., with blue eyes, who likes fishing, camping and traveling, is looking to meet up with a friendly, attractive single white female, under 55, who shares similar interests. Ad#.8178

CALL ME
Easygoing, family-oriented divorced white dad, 35, 6', 165lbs., who enjoys hunting and fishing. He is looking for a single white female, under 42, for friendship first. Ad#.4852

HEAVEN SENT
Single Hispanic male, 18, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys going to the movies, walks in the park and more, is looking for a sincere single Hispanic female, 18-20, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.8539

TEXAN COWBOY
Meet this self-confident single white male, 43, 6', 185lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, traveling, dining out and NASCAR, if you're an honest, spontaneous single white female, 35-45, who shares similar interests, phone him now. Ad#.2778

TAKE A LOOK
Divorced white male, 25, 5'10", brown hair, green eyes, interested in movies, music, long walks and social activities, hopes to find that compatible, sincere, caring and very pretty single white female, 21-28, to share his life. Ad#.5514

A REAL TRUE HEART
Adventurous single white male, 43, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys NASCAR, travel, and dining out, seeks an attractive, easygoing single white female, 30-45, for quality time together. Ad#.1591

LOVES THE LORD
You could say he's an outgoing guy that's definitely a people-person, this single white male, 36, 5'8", 170lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, that likes working out, fishing and time with that special gal, an attractive single female, over 23. Ad#.9813

VARIED INTERESTS
Break the ice and call this personable single white male, 56, 5'8", 200lbs., with brown hair/eyes. He hopes to meet an outgoing single white female, 45-57, that enjoys keeping active outdoors, sports and great new friends. Ad#.2258

FUN OF LOVE
This fun-loving single white male, 18, 6'1", 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys spending time with friends, football and watching movies, is in search of an outgoing single white female, 18-25, who likes to go out and have fun. Ad#.2054

JUST SAY YES
Be sure to call this outgoing single Hispanic male, 28, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, whose life will be complete if he hears from a beautiful single white female, 19-32, who enjoys traveling, movies, sports and working out. Ad#.3670

ATTENTION LADIES...
I'm an easygoing single white male, 65, 6', 160lbs., who enjoys dancing, country music, playing cards and traveling. I would like to find an attractive single white female, under 64, who's not a heavy drinker, for companionship. Ad#.2980

A SWEETHEART
Affectionate single white male, 39, 6', 210lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys dining out, reading the Bible and more, is seeking a single white female, 20-39 Ad#.3613

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Fun-loving, caring single white male, 39, 6', 210lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who likes cooking, sports and walks in the rain, is seeking an understanding, loving single white female, 20-39, who's a non-drinker and has no children. Ad#.4322

LET'S BE TOGETHER
Fun-loving and patient single white Christian male, 39, 6', 210lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, movies and dining out, is seeking an affectionate, fun-loving and honest single white Christian female, under 40, preferably childless. Ad#.9588

A CARING SOUL
This fun, spontaneous and caring single white Christian male, 39, 6', 210lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, is seeking a single white female, 25-38, who enjoys church activities, cuddling, volunteer work and more. Ad#.1533

ALL THAT & MORE
Fun-loving and easygoing single Hispanic male, 45, 5'9", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, traveling, movies and music, is seeking a fun-loving single Hispanic female, age unimportant, to enjoy life with. Ad#.1201

THE NICE GUY
Humorous and good-looking single white male, 32, 6'1", 185lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys reading, a wide variety of music and cooking, is seeking a kind and caring single white Christian female, 25-39, who shares the same interests. Ad#.6995

TYPE "A" PERSONALITY
You'll love getting to know this shy-at-first divorced Hispanic dad, 31, 5'1", 145lbs., with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys working out, going to movies, quiet evenings at home and more, if you're an honest single Hispanic female, 24-35, call now. Ad#.3531

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
Laid-back single white male, 28, 6'1", 172lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who likes racing, outdoor activities, movies, attending church and more, is looking for a petite single white female, under 36, to share quality time with. Ad#.2376

AWAITING YOUR CALL
Outgoing, personable divorced Hispanic professional dad, 37, 5'8", 170lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys drag races, traveling and working on his car, is in search of an athletic single female, 18-31, who's not afraid to try new things. Ad#.5173

NEW IN THE AREA
Enjoy a good laugh with this caring, self-employed single white male, 20, 5'11", 200lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes. He likes horseback riding, scuba diving and wants to write a poem for that special gal, a similar single white female, 18-25. Ad#.7277

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE
Laid-back single white male, 50, 5'10", 210lbs., with salt and pepper hair, who enjoys going to the movies, dining out and quiet nights at home, is seeking a sincere single white female, under 45 who shares similar interests. Ad#.7649

CHASING THE DREAM
This spontaneous single white dad, 41, 6', 220lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys working out, fishing, movies and dining out, is in search of a single white female, 32-43, who likes children and values a true friendship. Ad#.7534

LET'S EXPLORE
This young-at-heart and energetic single white male, 55, 6'1", 210lbs., who enjoys exploring new interests, fine dining, traveling, animals and more, is seeking a sincere, fun-loving single female, with a free-spirit to entertain and appreciate. Ad#.4795

ROAD TO ADVENTURE
Fun and hardworking, this employed single black dad of one, 33, 6'1", 275lbs., who likes basketball, reading, and evening walks, is seeking a caring and understanding single female, over 28, who is willing to take a chance. Ad#.5440

TYPICAL AMERICAN MAN
Humorous, intelligent, employed single white dad of one, 45, 5'11", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys hunting, fishing and attending baseball games, seeks a warm, sensitive, energetic, witty single white female, 37-48, for friendship and fun. Ad#.7736

BEYOND A DOUBT
Spontaneous, cheerful single white male, 27, 6'1", 200lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys rebuilding engines, skiing, fishing and swimming, is in search of an outgoing single white female, 25-35, who enjoys the outdoors. Ad#.9157

STEAL MY HEART
Outgoing single Hispanic male, 29, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys working out, playing sports, traveling and watching movies, is interested in meeting a single white female, 19-32, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4035

TOGETHERNESS
Caring, outgoing, sincere single white male, 27, 5'4", 125lbs., with brown hair/eyes, whose hobbies include sports, long walks and the mall, is seeking an honest, fun-loving, affectionate single female. Ad#.6367

IS IT A MATCH?
Here's a stable, mature-minded, professional single white male, 27, 5'10", with brown hair, hazel eyes, who is hoping to share a meaningful friendship, with a lovely, attractive single white professional female, 20-30, who enjoys music and movies. Ad#.5824

THE MOMENT IS NOW
Financially secure, handsome single white male, 54, 6', 170lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, tae kwon do, water sports and traveling, is hoping to meet a fit single white female, under 50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.5641

LOTS OF LAUGHS
Humorous and outgoing single white male, 25, 5'7", 145lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes movies, the outdoors, horseback riding and more, is seeking a sincere single female, under 29, to share fun times with. Ad#.6339

GOLDEN CHARMER
Fun-loving, outgoing single white male, 19, 6'1", 235lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys playing the drums, car racing, motorcycling and the outdoors, is in search of a compatible single white female, 18-21, who has similar interests. Ad#.5993

HERE HE IS
Fun-loving, humorous single white male, 18, 5'6", 145lbs., a student, who enjoys playing football, wrestling and working out, is in search of an outgoing single white female, over 18, who shares similar interests. Ad#.3208

A STUDENT
Single Hispanic male, 21, 5', with black hair, who enjoys basketball, soccer and more, is seeking a single Hispanic female, 19-26, with a great personality. Ad#.5237

EAGER FOR LOVE
Humorous, easygoing single black male, 46, 5'8", 190lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports and long walks, is seeking an outgoing single female, for friendship first. Ad#.4950

SEIZE THE MOMENT
This shy single white male, 49, 5'8", 195lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycling and more. He wants to find a fun-loving single white female, under 45, for companionship. Ad#.6759

I DON'T BITE
This outgoing single white male, 45, 5'7", 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes skiing, hunting and trying new things, is looking for a fun-loving single female, under 48, to spend quality time with. Ad#.4080

BASHFUL
This shy-natured, honest and caring single white male, 49, 5'8", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes skiing, motorcycles and the outdoors, is seeking a sincere, attractive single female, who likes to have fun. Ad#.9715

LOVEY-DOVEY
This single white male, 38, 5'9", 155lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys billiards, going to the movies and boating, is looking for a nice, outgoing single white female, to spend time with. Ad#.8827

COMMON BOND
Easygoing single white male, 30, 6', 180lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, fishing and camping, is seeking an honest, loving, old-fashioned single white female, 23-33. Ad#.3163

SEE WHAT HAPPENS
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BEST THERE IS
Humorous, easygoing single white dad, 60, 5'11", 240lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, traveling and country music, is looking to meet up with a sincere single white female, to spend quality time with. Ad#.8211

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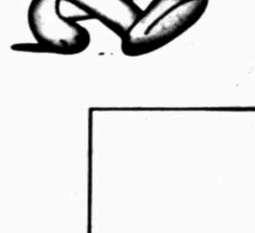

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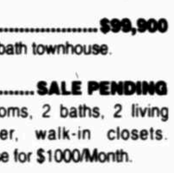

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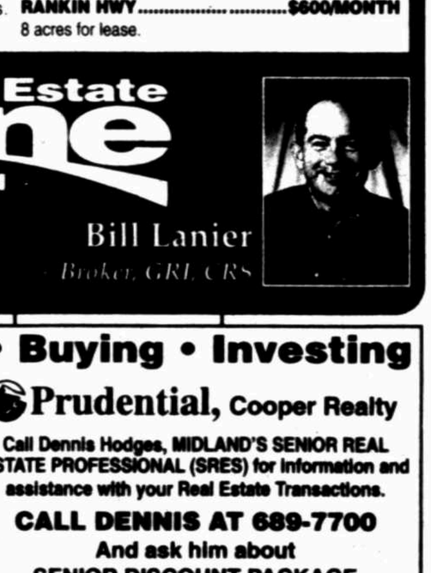

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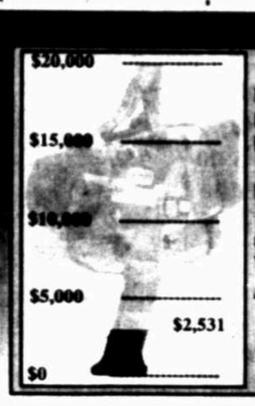

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THOMAS ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 44,500
Large Living Room: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Water Well-Sprinkler System in Front
IDLEWILDE.....Cute Townhome: 2 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty ..... $ 39,900
KESSLER....Beautiful/Fresh Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Sprinkler-Rec.Cent.Heat-Air/Ceiling Fans .... $ 39,900
THOMAS....Nice Neighborhood: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-To be sold As-Is-Lots of Kitchen Cabinets .. $ 38,000
KENTUCKY.....Close to Museum/Downtown: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Great Fix-Up Plan ..... $ 36,500
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ANETTA.....Very Clean: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint In & Out-On 2 Lots=Lots of Space ..... $ 32,500
ROOSEVELT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
HILL ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 29,500
Cute and Updated: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint/Berber carpet-1-car garage
WALNUT ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 28,500
Roomy: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Large Kit-2 Carports-Bonus Lot
TYLER.....Large Home w/Hardwood Floors: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Has Extra Building-Zoned Light Industrial .. $ 28,000
LORAINE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
BRUNSON.....Investment or Beginner: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Call to See ..... $ 25,000
BRUNSON.....Investment Potential: 1 bd-1 b-1 liv-Poss. Starter ..... $ 25,000
KANSAS.....Duplex: Each side = 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Washer/Dryer-Ready to Occupy ..... $ 24,500
CALDERA.....Sagewood Condo: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Upstairs-Fireplace ..... $ 23,500
STONEWALL.....Investment or Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Choose Your Possibility ..... $ 19,000
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N. CO RD 1130...Must See! 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Approx 4 ac-Shop w/Guest Qtrs-HOME WARRANTY ..... $ 185,000
S CO RD 1165....Storage! 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Approx 24x24 liv + 22x22 Plymr-Shp w/3 O.H. Doors ..... $ 125,000
MORRIS (Odessa)...Split Level: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Horse Stalls-Tackroom-RV Barn-Approx 1.6 Acre ..... $ 97,000
E. CO RD 116.....Ready for Horses: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Barn-Stalls-Arena Training Pen-More ! .... $ 96,000
ROBIN (Odessa)...Great Remodel: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 12x24 Portable Storage w/AC-2 Storage Barns .. $ 88,000
TATTENHAM ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N. ASTER (Gardendale).....Cute Modular Built '97: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Approx 3.67 Acres ..... $ 79,000
E. CO RD 127.....Your Country Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 2 ac-Fresh Paint-2 Patios-Horse Stalls .. $ 72,500
FRANCIS (Odessa).....Nice: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Study-Kennels for Business Opportunity, Too! ..... $ 69,900
W. CO RD 116...Yr-Round Insulated/Wired Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Mob.Home-Approx 1.84 Ac .. $ 44,500
W. CO RD 119....Livestock OK Here: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 1.26 Ac Fenced-3 Out-Buildings ..... $ 28,000

LOTS & LAND

DORIS (Odessa).....Res.Rural Lot-Approx .69 ac-Horses & Mobile Home OK ..... $ 1,200
W. CO RD 1127.....Two Rural Lots - Each Approx 1 Ac - No Mobile Homes! ..... $ 3,500 ea
SPACE 104-B.....Eternal Light Mausoleum Space @ Resthaven ..... $ 4,000
S. CO RD 1309.....Approx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Approx 208' Frontage ..... $ 4,000
MARK LN.....Two Lots-Can Build Attached Townhomes-Approx 37'x100' each ..... $ 4,500 ea
S. CO RD 1127 & CO RD 90.....Greenwood Corner Lot-Approx .998 Ac-No Mobile Homes ..... $ 4,995
FLOYD CT.....One Res. Lot/Fairway Park/70' Frontage per MCAD ..... $ 5,000
S. CO RD 1210.....Approx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Approx 208' Frontage ..... $ 6,000
SANTA CRUZ (Odessa).....Zoned Res or Multi-Fam/Approx 62' Frontage ..... $ 6,800
W. 5Th. (Odessa).....One Res. Golf Course Lot ..... $ 8,000
E. CO RD 108.....Corner Lot behind Greenwood School-Approx .5 Acre-Great Access ..... $ 8,000
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S. CO RD 1186....8 lots in Southland Hill Addtn ready to develop-May sell together or as package .... $ 10,000 ea
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N. MAIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N ODEE (Odessa) ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 75,000
Retail Building - Could be used by 1 or 2 businesses - Five 10x10' Overhead Doors for Truck Delivery
ANDREWS HWY.....6 Rooms + Kitchen-Could be DayCare, Office or Light Industrial ..... $ 65,000
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WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 145,950
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 142,950
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow ..... $ 137,950
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Private Bedroom is Large ..... $ 86,000
RIO GRANDE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan ..... $ 86,000
CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities ..... $ 79,000
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 78,900
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Avail! ..... $ 75,500
TREVINO.....New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retiree ..... $ 72,800
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors ..... $ 72,800
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,800
GRAHAM.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours ..... $ 70,200
GRAHAM.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan ..... $ 69,200

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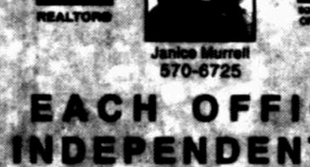
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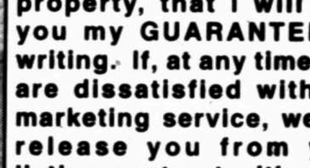
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Custom 1 Owner 3BR, 2BA, 3 LA, 3 CG. Perfect. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

4500 Teakwood Trace ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $159,900
MLS #28656

Teakwood-On the Course $143,000
Could be 3BR w/study or 4BR, 3 bath, den + formals. Ask for joyce 682-3191.

2301 Sinclair-Fantastic Fannin Home! ..... Reduced $135,000
You won't believe it, huge home! Call Caleb 697-9400.

10513 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $134,900
Office/study, light & bright, 1 AC lot. Call Clemmie.

Pecan-Townhome ..... wesellmidland.com $134,900
Fabulous! Wonderful courtyard. Light & bright. Ask for Larry & Debbie 684-0369.

Devonshire-1% Buyer Allowance $133,900
2 story, 3BR/2.5BA/2LA, sec. sys., home warranty, immaculate. Anita 694-5255.

Devonshire-Home Warranty! ..... Reduced $128,900
Versatile plan, formal areas + yard on cul-de-sac. Call Donna 697-0490.

Idlewilde $125,000
Beautiful 3BR, 2BA home, almost new, wonderful plan & built in 1999. Stunning! Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

2301 Regal ..... For Lease $900/Mo.
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Call Ruth 697-1217.

3800 Fairhaven....POOL ..... Reduced $114,900
Two living areas, wonderful pool/patio area. Call Donna 697-0490.

2906 Marie Dr....www.victoriaprintz.com $113,500
Knollen Estates! 3BD, 3 full baths, 2AC's, 2CG, lots of windows! Victoria 689-4800.

Mockingbird $110,000
Approx. 1 acre, 3BR, 2LA plus garden room, workshop. Call Anita 694-5255.

2606 Hughes ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $108,900
MLS #27561 or call Chris 567-6200 pager.

Arrowhead $106,900
Completely updated, large master bdrm, pretty pool. Call Clemmie.

1402 W. Pecan-Price Reduced + Allowance! $106,000
Spacious 3BR, 2BA, townhouse. Formal liv. w/FP. Shari 742-2819pgr.

4305 Crestwood-4BR, Crown Moulding $105,900
Just so pretty. It's Awesome! Redwood fenced landscape. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Timber Lane $105,000
Adorable 3BR, 2BA, huge master, zero lot line. Ready to go! Call Chris 567-6200 pgr.

W. Wadley $104,900
3/2.5 patio home, 2 LA's + office. Carpet allowance. Call Anita 694-5255.

1808 Missouri $99,999
Lots of character in Museum District. Call Caleb 697-9400.

2301 Bellechase Ct....www.victoriaprintz.com $99,900
Open plan! 3BD, 2.5BA, 2 large dining, mirrored walls, cul-de-sac! Victoria 689-4800.

Cottonflat Rd $99,900
Appx. 15 ac. 3 bed, 2 ba brick house. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Springmont-INCREDIBLE! ..... wesellmidland.com $98,750
Plantation shutters. FD, island kitchen, jac. tub, seq. master. Hurry & call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Fairgreen ..... Reduced $96,900
3BR, 2BA, Fairmont Park. Call Chris for more details 567-6200 pgr.

"L" Street $96,900
Cute 3BR in Fannin District. 2 Living, Formal Dining. Much updating. Corner lot.

10809 E. Co. Rd. 108 ..... $96,900
New Construction in Greenwood. Call Clemmie.

2504 Idlewilde ..... Reduced $96,000
Practically brand new - owner anxious. Call Caleb 697-9400.

11602 W. Co. Rd. 40 ..... $94,900
Stalls for horses, open kitchen area, workshop. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Westminister $94,500
Wonderful family home with large bedrooms & lots of extras! Call Norma Pine 682-0662.

4012 Angelina.-Huge Living, Formal Dining $93,000
3BR, 2 1/2 BA, Great house, great area. Ruth Young 682-7884 or RuthYoungRealtor.com.

Fairhaven $90,000
Wonderful 2 story w/3BR & 2.5BA home. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

3313 Crestmont...www.victoriaprintz.com.....OPEN TODAY! $89,900
Wow! 3BD, 2BA, 2 CG, corner lot, cul-de-sac. Pergo floors, tile, flagstone patio! Victoria 689-4800.

2702 Marauntha ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $88,000
MLS #29202

Claremont ..... Reduced $88,900
Big house! 3BR, dining, fireplace. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

4713 Timber Lane...www.victoriaprintz.com $87,500
New construction! 2 master suites, 2.5 baths, fireplace, private patio. Victoria 689-4800.

Wydewood-Recent Ext. Paint & Carpet $87,000
3/2, beautiful open plan, super drive-up. Hurry. Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.

Dengar-SUPER GORGEOUS - GAME ROOM ..... Reduced $86,000
Extremely Pretty 3BR, Rear Gar. hot tub, ask for Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

3604 Whittle Way $85,000
3 BR, 2 BA, all brick in Wydewood area. Call Gloria 563-2732.

2211 Princeton-Make An Offer - Large Den $84,900
Old Midland. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Indiana $84,500
Beautiful 3BR, 2BA, 1LA, FP, w/1BR Apt. Call Linda, 520-5522.

Joy $83,900
3BR, 2BA, Plantation shutters. Cul-de-sac. Open kitchen. Chris 567-6200 pgr. 24 hours.

3310 Crestmont ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $83,500
3BD, 2BA, swing set, R/O unit. Great plan! MLS #28887

3600 Jordan $82,900
Great home, over 2700 sq. ft. - 3 % buyer incentive, call Cheryl 682-8820, 689-4600.

Cimmaron ..... Reduced $82,500
3br, 2ba. "All Redone". Super charmer! Beautiful. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

3111 Golf Course ..... Reduced $81,000
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of sq. ft. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Sands $79,950
Fantastic remodel! Beautiful tile floors, berber carpet, neutral colors. Billie 697-5545.

Regal $79,900
Huge master bedroom, many closets. Hurry! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

2502 Dengar...www.victoriaprintz.com $79,900
Spacious 3/2/2 w/formals, large utility, pretty yards & brick fence! Victoria 689-4800.

Wydewood $78,900
Formal dining, large rooms, new carpet. call Clemmie.

3515 Hyde Park-Living, Dining, Den - Pretty Home $78,900
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath, near LHS & Rusk. Call Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

2100 Lindora Way...www.victoriaprintz.com $78,500
Close to park! 3BD, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/tons of recents! Victoria 689-4800.

3533 Hyde Park...www.victoriaprintz.com $77,900
3 bd, 2 bath, darling home w/soaring ceilings and walls of windows. Victoria 689-4800.

3318 Camarie $77,900
3BR, 2BA, Great Location. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

Lanham $75,900
Pretty townhouse. Call Clemmie.

Dentcrest $74,000
Recent carpet, paint, in Fairmont Park Addition. Great Buy. Call Sam 699-2163.

Sinclair ..... SOLD
Pristine condition. Beauty...This pretty home for perfectionists. joyce brickey 682-3191.

3617 Louisiana-Trees Galore! ..... Reduced! $72,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA home. New carpet. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

1004 Bonham-"Pretty" Superior Addition $71,500
This has everything - too pretty for words - joyce brickey 682-3191.

Providence-Great Price $69,900
Great Price! 3bd/2ba/2c gar. Workshop. Cute! Cute! Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.

4416 Haner $69,900
Nice home in Odessa - Call Clemmie.

Newly-Updated ..... wesellmidland.com $69,900
Huge LA, FD. Fabulous. Ask for Larry & Debbie 684-0369.

Apperson $68,000
3BR/2BA, Seq. master, office, enclosed porch. Call Anita.

2108 Geraldine...www.victoriaprintz.com $68,000
Darling townhome! 2 BD, 2BA, covered patio, 2CG in great area! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W. Co. Rd. 52 ..... Reduced to $68,000
Quiet! 3/2/1LA, 2 story w/acreage.

Shell $67,900
Nice 3BR house, updating, corner lot. 2LA, & ceramic tile. Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

3228 Cimmaron-Recent Tile $65,000
Clean, Clean! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA, 2 car garage. Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.

Elma-Light & Bright ..... wesellmidland.com $62,500
Darling! Lots of cabinets - great closets. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Lamesa, Tx. $62,500
4 bed, efficiency syst., studio, 3 stg. bldg. Ruth Young 697-1217.

Country Club $61,900
Absolute Doll House. 3BR, 2BA, 2 CG, immaculate condition! Must see. Norma 682-0662.

LaSalle Circle $59,900
Great 1st time buyer home. Formal dining. Recent carpet, paint, and vinyl.

1404 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com $59,900
3/2/2 w/seq. master, cathedral ceilings, special landscaping & lots of updates! Victoria 689-4800.

Storey....Too Cute ..... Reduced $59,900
Story book home. 3BR, 2BA, 2 LA, hardwood floors. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

4322 Bedford ..... Reduced Again $58,450
3 BR, 2BA. Lots of new WORKSHOP. Alice Howard 694-3040.

Miller...Over 1700 sq. ft.-Great Bargain ..... Only $58,000
Pretty carpet, tiles, pretty home. Fairway Park, call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Laddy-"Owner Says Bring All Offers" $58,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA. Stone fireplace in den. Much TLC! Call Norma Pine 682-0662.

4408 Palmer $57,500
3 bed, 2 bath, cute house. Call Lavonne 694-0444 or elavonne@aol.com.

4817 Ric Dr $57,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Call Linda 520-5522.

320 Willowood ..... Reduced $55,000
3 bd, 2 bath, updated, 2 car garage, recent paint, French doors, tile! Victoria 689-4800.

Woodcrest-Huge MBR, Rear Entry Garage - OFFERS! $55,200
Fresh paint, FP, sprinkler, berber carpet. joyce brickey 682-3191.

4309 Parkdale .....
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas. Call Linda 520-5522.

Illinois $54,900
3BR, 2BA - all brick in nice location. Call Gloria, 563-2732.

300 Kessler $54,900
3 bed, 2 ba., sprinkler System. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Melton Alley ..... wesellmidland.com $54,500
Superb! Tiled kitchen, loads of storage! Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

4603 Crenshaw $54,000
Cute, Clean, Ready to Own! Call Cheryl 689-4600.

Princeton ..... Reduced $53,500
Low Down, Low Payments. Adorable. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

5125 W. Illinois $53,000
3BR, 2BA nice brick home, good location. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer.

1506 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com $52,900
Darling 3 bd, 2 bath w/tons of updates! Excellent condition. 349 Ranch Estates. Victoria 689-4800.

5200 Thomason...www.victoriaprintz.com $52,900
Updates everywhere include tile & cabinets! 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 living, large utility too! Victoria 689-4800.

Melton Alley ..... wesellmidland.com $52,500
Fantastic! Brick floors, sep. tub/shower. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Humble $50,000
3 bdr, 2 bath, large living area. Tall ceilings. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Humble $50,000
Great 3BR, 2BA, 2LA home on corner of Midland Dr./Humble. Call Linda, 520-5522.

4404 Anetta $49,900
Neat 3 bed, 2 living & 2 large storage sheds. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Odessa-Halifax $49,000
3/2, 1 car garage, cute! Call Anita 694-5255.

Illinois ..... Reduced $48,000
3BR, 2BA, nice brick home with new carpet & paint. Call Gloria, 563-2732.

2805 Kessler-Extra Nice! $48,000
Completely refurbished! 3 BD, 1.5BA. Call Alice Howard 694-3040.

Parkdale $45,700
Updated, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Call Clemmie.

Odessa ..... Reduced $97,900
4BR, 2BA, 1LA, adorable home. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

2400 W. Shandon ..... Reduced $95,900
Beautiful 4 BR, 1 LA or 3 BDRM, 2 LA, nicely updated. Call Cheryl 689-4600.

1605 N. "H" St.-Owner Says Bring All Offers! ..... Price Reduced $94,900
Huge 4BR, 3 BA, 2 LA in Old Midland. New paint thru-out. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

Stanolind...Pretty Townhome-Elegant! Quiet & Private! $93,500
Just beautiful. Loaded wiextras. 3BR & study or 4BR. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Keenland-Country in City ..... Reduced $90,900
This property has been recently updated. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

2604 Culver ..... www.wesellmidland.com $90,500
Workshop w/bath w/1100sf open kitchen/den. pergo floor. Larry/Debbie 888-254-5613.

1703 Princeton $90,000
Charming 4BR + bonus office area. Hardwood floors. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

3003 Stanolind-Workshop - So Much More! ..... Reduced $86,000
4BR, 2 1/2 BA, 3 liv. areas, lots of new, walk to Lee. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Goddard ..... Reduced $86,000
Large living area, formal dining, low maintenance yard, call Clemmie.

Dengar ..... Reduced! $81,000
4BR, 2BA, oversized liv. & dining, corner FP in den. Norma Pine 682-0662.

1304 McDonald ..... Reduced $77,000
Exceptional four bedroom that's priced right & ready to move into. Call Kirk 682-9820.

2500 Nesby-Steps to Fannin Elementary ..... Reduced $66,000
Great Buy! Beautiful 4 BR, formal dining, Sooo pretty! Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

3512 Boulder-Odessa $94,000
4 bedrooms, 2 baths.

Emerald ..... Reduced $84,000
Odessa's Gem! 4BR, 3BA, 2LA. See it with Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

Parkdale $57,000
3 or 4BR home. Lots of house for area. Call Linda, 520-5522.

Odessa-Santa Rosa $44,000
3BR's, 1 LA, 1.5 baths, fresh updates. Call Cheryl 689-4600.

3220 Ohio $43,000
Fireplace, 2 bed, water well, large yard. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

4715 Erie...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced! $39,000
Nice 3/2 w/berber carpet, formal dining, ref. AC, recent paint & 1 garage! Victoria 689-4800.

Roosevelt-Some Updating $39,900
3 bed, 1 1/2 baths. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Devonian ..... Reduced $38,000
$4,000 allowance for central air, carpet. Call Shari, 742-2819 pgr.

600 North "A" Street $36,000
Great investment property. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

3011 Roosevelt-NEEDS work & new Owner! $37,500
Bargain 3BRs, 1.5BAs, new central heat & air. Chris Beckett 567-6200p.

3009 W. Ohio ..... Reduced $36,500
Lge. older home, pretty hardwood floors. Call Clemmie.

1209 College $35,900
Lots redone - new fence, nice carpet and vinyls. Deborah,520-2112.

Thomason Dr $35,000
3BR, 1BA. For Sale. Call Lisa Kelly.

Co. Rd. 1210 ..... $35,000
2BR, 1BA, living & kitchen w/1.85 acres. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer, 563-2732.

4617 Storey...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $35,000
Nicely updated! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 living, 1 garage & enclosed patio. Victoria 689-4800.

4206 Pasadena ..... www.wesellmidland.com $34,500
Cute! Nice carpet, lg. den, light & bright! 1 CG, sprinkler. Larry/Debbie 888-254-5613.

4700 Crockett $32,000
Very nice 3 BR on corner lot.

Calhoun-Doll House! ..... Reduced $29,000
Completely redone 3BR, 1BA, a must to see! Alice Howard 694-3040.

950 W. 31st, #17-Odessa $28,900
Darling 2BD, 2 bath condo w/tons of updates. Fabulous! Cheryl 689-4600.

Spraberry ..... Reduced $27,000
2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of house for the $$$$. Call Joel Oldham to see.

Co. Rd. 161/2 ..... $26,000
2BR, 1BA w/chain link fence. Darling house out of city limits. Call Gloria 563-2730.

Terrell $25,000
3BR, 1BA w/2 lots. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

Thomas Ave $24,900
3BR, 1BA. Great investment property. Fair condition. Call Joel Oldham to see.

Jackson $21,000
2BA, 1BA w/extra corner lot. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

Tyler $20,000
1BR, 1BA, Duplex w/water well. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

Scharbauer $17,500
2 bedrooms TH. Great investment opportunity! Jody Smith 694-9426.

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

215+ Acres...Prime Property!...www.victoriaprintz.com $860,000
215 Acres on North side of Co. Rd. 60, barns, wells! Victoria Printz or Caleb Mallot.

1320 E. FM 1784 (Yellow Rose Ranch) $750,000
Main house, guest house, formals, 33,000 sf - barns & stables. Race track, pool & tennis court. Clayton 682-9494.

16084 N. Wichita-Gardendale...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $395,000
20 acre pecan orchard! 3 bd, 2.5 baths, basement/shelter, pool! Victoria 689-4800.

Wadley $375,000
New York Bagel Cafe - Turn key operation. High appraisal. Chris Beckett, 567-6200.

Pecan Acres $349,000
One of the most beautiful 4+ study, 2 1/2 acres, "horse barn". Call Joyce 682-3191.

2211 S. Co. Rd. 1118 ..... $297,000
Supreme horse farm. Unlike no other! Call Caleb.

S. Co. Rd. 1065-50+ Acres $295,000
5 BR, 3 BA plus guest house, barn, horse stalls, dog kennel, 2-stock ponds. Call Sam.

#2 Dunblane ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com ..... Reduced $275,000
MLS #28406

WCR 150 & SCR 1285-Attention Developers! $224,000
Approx. 64 acres off I-20 and FM 1788. Shari Hamilton 742-2819 pgr.

Oriole $199,900
2 acres, 4BR, 2BA, 3 car garage. 2 water wells. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

Pilot $155,000
Prime Airport central location. Income producing property. Gloria Farmer 563-2732.

4900 Rustic Tr.-Green Tree North! $120,000
6 lots for sale, owner will also build, call Norma Pine for more details 682-0662.

S. Co. Rd. 1218-Great Country Property in Greenwood $115,900
3 bdrm, 2 bath, sunroom. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

500 E. Co. Rd. 140 ..... $115,000
3 liv. areas, in-ground pool, storage sheds, call Clemmie.

10200 E. Co. Rd. 95...www.victoriaprintz.com $115,000
Ready for your horses! Walkers, arenas, stables! 3bd/2bath/pool! Victoria 689-4800.

2906 Marie...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $113,500
Knollen Estates! 3bd, 3 bath, spacious kitchen on 2 acres! Call Victoria 689-4800.

17058 Derby ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $109,900
MLS #27784

2905 S. Co. Rd. 1083 ..... $107,500
New Construction in Greenwood, call Clemmie.

Cottonflat Rd. $99,900
15 acres, nice 3 bed, 2 bath, brick home. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 697-1217.

10807 E. Co. Rd. 108 ..... $95,900
New Construction in Greenwood, Call Clemmie.

11602 W. Co. Rd. 40 ..... OPEN TODAY $94,900
Workshop, 6 horse stalls, seq. master, sunroom. Deborah 520-2112.

FM 307...Greenwood School - So Much Space for the Money! $93,000
1.25 Acre, 3BR, F. Dining, Deluxe MBR! Joyce brickey 682-3191.

1300 A E. Co. Rd. 130 ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $89,900
MLS #20081

W. Co. Rd. 135 ..... $89,000
Off the beaten trail. 3BR, 2BA, 2 living, extra land. Clayton 682-9494.

Co. Rd. 1270-Horse Lover's Delight ..... Reduced $88,900
Between Midland/Odessa. 3BR, 2BA on 4+/- acres. Call Shari, 742-2819.

3005 E. Co. Rd. 143-New Listing - .50 Acre, FP, Jacuzzi Tub $79,900
5+BD, wonderful, must see. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

711 W. Tennessee $75,000
Small office building with covered parking. Northwest central business district near "A" Street. Downtown convenience & park at your front door.

W. Co. Rd. 180 ..... $75,000
40 AC, water well. Hwy. Frontage. Restrictions. Clayton 682-9494.

**10703 E. Co. Rd. 105...Greenwood...wesell

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3921 EDGEBROOK	220,000	3209 TEALWOOD	139,900	3500 CAMARIE	69,900	3613 ROOSEVELT	34,900
5305 GREEN TREE	169,500	2803 W. DENGAR	124,900	4907 CANADIAN	58,900	2503 W. CO. RD. 123	25,000
4804 OAKWOOD	156,000	2504 GULF	118,900	FM 1379	51,500		
2303 STUTZ	145,000	2204 BEDFORD	107,000				

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1-2:30

3209 TEALWOOD Donna Omar 139,900
Terrific 4/3/2LA with formal dining just 2 years old. Lots of tile and Berber carpet.

1429 LANHAM Danny Norwood 129,900
Wonderful new listing. Fabulous TH w/tons of space, light & amenities. Great patio.

4808 ELMA Dana Chandler 84,500
Sparkling clean, 3BR plus bonus room, 2.5BA, wood floors, lots of new.

1802 W. CUTHBERT Patti McClung 69,900
Huge reduction! Don't miss this cute Old Midland house with hardwood floors.

OPEN 1-3

3606 GODFREY CT. Eula Heine 89,500
Large home on cul-de-sac near Lee High and Rusk Elementary.

OPEN 1:30-3

2301 SINCLAIR Lou Matson 130,000
Spacious 3BR/2BA/3LA, two fireplaces, RV storage and parking.

OPEN 1:30-3 (CONT.)

3803 FANNIN Betty Ford 74,000
In the shadows of Rusk and Lee. 3/2/2/2 living.

OPEN 2-3

2303 STUTZ Roberta Aldridge 145,000
Very nice 4BR patio home wonderfully maintained, spacious rooms, tile floors, high ceilings.

2204 STANOLIND Claire Heck for Roberta Aldridge 144,000
An outstanding jewel in the heart of Old Midland. Beautifully updated, charming inside & out.

OPEN 2:30-4

2819 W. SHANDON Lee Denny 119,500
Lovely 5BR/3BA, spotless, ready for occupancy.

2204 PRINCETON Danny Norwood 117,000
You won't find a better home than this w/4BRs, an office, totally updated. $2,000 buyer inc.

OPEN 2-4

5602 FENWAY Joanne Langston 223,000
The most gorgeous TH on the market! 3BR/2.5BA, formal + den (off Wadley, N. of Abell Jr. Hi).

OPEN 2-4 (CONT.)

4900 HEATHER Pat Paxton 158,000
Super 4BR/3.5BA, 2-story contemporary on beautiful block! Must see today!

OPEN 2-5

3101 LOCKHEED Joanne Langston 129,900
All redone, light and wonderful. Nearly 3000 sq. ft. Pool. Lease w/option possibilities.

2513 PRINCETON Gloria Lott, GRI 102,500
Look! Look! You'll be glad you did! Below appraisal. 3BR, marvelous kitchen, den & more.

OPEN 3-4:30

3002 MEADOWBROOK Dana Chandler 119,500
Great price reduction on this totally updated 4BR/2LA home. Don't miss this one!

3113 GOLF COURSE Betty Ford 79,900
Fabulous Shull built townhome. 2/2/1 really lovely.

OPEN 3-4:30 (CONT.)

4402 HARLOWE DR. Diane Green 45,500
Cozy and cute 3BR located off Midland Drive. Lots of new including carpet. A must to see!

OPEN 3-5

5500 RIDGEMONT Patti McClung 164,900
Here's a super 4BR on corner lot in Grassland! Great floor plan! A must see!

OPEN 3:15-4:15

1911 CRESCENT PLACE Claire Heck for Roberta Aldridge 250,000
One of a kind patio home w/great 1-story plan. Spaciou rooms, quality custom features.

#9 OAKLAWN PARK Roberta Aldridge 210,000
Luxury one-owner patio home in coveted area. Tranquil setting in secluded area. Large rooms.

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4903 SAN ANTONIO Lou Matson 86,000
One of the largest in Northgate. 3BR/2BA. Vaulted ceiling in LA. Bonus room & workshop.

$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

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COUNTRY CLUB-The ultimate custom home in "Old Midland" - wonderful updating, fabulous yard 555,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunning studio, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful 495,000
ISLAND CIRCLE-Super location, great plan, lovely decor, wonderful amenities, sparkling pool 475,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP's. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful 460,000
LAZYWOOD LANE-A special world of Southern charm, private gardens, beautiful terraces, brick floors, French doors, elegant moldings. 4BR/3.5BA, formals, garden room, den, incredible setting on 1 1/3 acres 459,000
RACQUET CLUB-Stunning Frank Welch architecture, 4BR/5BA, formals, walnut study, gameroom, pool, 435,000
SINCLAIR-2 story Warwick beauty 4/3.5/2LA + study, custom gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool, paddle tennis court 399,500
SEABOARD-Gracious 2-story charmer, 5-6BR, formals, den, garden room, playroom, pool 395,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. Owner Agent 375,000
SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, pool, fabulous guest house 339,950
DOUGLAS-Completely remodeled in Old Midland! Fabulous 3BR w/bonus room & exquisite decor 339,000
BEDFORD-Fabulous Old Midland location w/wonderful new construction. Best of both worlds! 335,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Gorgeous in Greentree! 4/3/2 with sparkling pool, quality amenities and beautiful decor! 298,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Old Midland colorful, comfy home, large 6BR/5BA/2LA, 2-story w/pool, 10,000 paint allow 295,000
CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool 295,000
BAYBROOK CMP-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you! 278,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Great Old Midland home in lovely landscaped double lot. Spacious rooms, outstanding plan, wonderful location 275,000
HIALEAH-Gracious home in Saddle Club Estates. Lovely yard & pool, excellent plan, much updating 265,000

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BOYD-Lots of charm & character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master bedroom and baths, French doors & more. 259,900
SPRINGFIELD-Spacious 4BR w/3FP, plantation shutters & tile throughout, dream kitchen 250,000
CRESCENT-Wonderful Crescent Place patio home. 1-story plan w/great custom features 250,000
SUNRISE-Fabulous 5BR in Green Tree! Grand yard, delightful pool, outstanding condition 249,500
JUNIPER CT.-One of the best in Green Tree! Lovely 5BR/3.5BA gorgeous landscaping, fabulous pool 247,500
RUSTIC TRAIL CMP-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view, could be 5BR, new paint 229,900
WEDGEWOOD-Wonderful 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates w/formals, den, gameroom, pool, RV parking & more 225,000
BASSWOOD-Huge 2-story in Green Tree. 4BR/3.5BA. Enormous den w/wet bar. Very large rooms. 224,000
FENWAY CMP-Exquisite patio home. Extraordinary quality, amenities, decorating. Fabulous 3BR/2.5BA/2LA/2GA Plan 223,000
EDGEBROOK-Beautiful Bill Brown construction in Mockingbird w/pool. 4/3/2LA. Don't miss 220,000
SINCLAIR-TOTALLY remodeled in fabulous Old Midland neighborhood 4/3/2 lots of trees, great drive-up 219,000
BAYBROOK-Like new custom, gorgeous everywhere, incredible landscaping, best buy in Mockingbird 215,000
BOYD-Lots of charm and character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master BR's and bath. French doors and more 215,000
OAKLAWN-Wonderful Oaklawn TH - beautiful area, great plan, very well maintained - bonus room 210,000
LOCKHEED-Gorgeous 4BR in lovely Old w/beautiful pool 205,000
SHELL-Owner/Agent. MaMar. Smashing 3BR/4BA, heated pool. French door/windows, sub-zero 205,000

$100,000-$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

NAMED MIDLAND'S BEST REAL ESTATE FIRM 1997 AND 1998 IN MRT SURVEY AND HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2000

NEW LISTINGS	61
TRANSACTIONS UNDER CONTRACT	81
TRANSACTIONS CLOSED	41
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	183

It's a Great Market! Call If We Can Help You, Too!

SINCLAIR CMP-Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formals, den, hi ceilings, lush landscaping, pool 199,935
CHERRYWOOD-Simply beautiful 4BR/3BA with gorgeous pecan cabinets and granite island 199,900
DREXEL CMP-Fabulous 2 story in Grassland 195,900
CRANSTON-Beautiful new construction - great price, loaded w/super features 195,000
WEDGEWOOD-Spacious 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates. Wet bar, huge yard, priced below appraisal 193,500
S L-Super 4BR plus lovely apartment for in-laws. All in Old Midland 190,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it 189,500
HOLLOWAY-Fabulous charmer in historic district. Incredible quality & amenities. Totally unique 185,000
YSLETA-Beautiful setting in Mission Country Club, spacious 3 BR/3LA, nice pool 183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Exciting, luxury TH under construction in Meadow Park 183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Versatile, luxurious new construction TH by Gilbert Bates 183,500
COUNTRY CLUB-Great Old Midland location, pretty landscaping, 3BR + 2BR guest house 179,000
HARVARD-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA, sparkling pool in Old Midland, family or entertaining home 174,500
SHELL-Wonderful neighborhood! 4/3 with 3LAs and shop. Pretty yards! 169,500
GREEN TREE BLVD.-Green Tree townhome 3/2.5, lot of new added 169,500
DRIFTWOOD-Victorian charm in Green Tree Country Club. 4BR/3.5BA/2LA 169,000
OAKLAWN-Oaklawn Park TH. 2BR/2BA w/23 x 15 hobby or home office. Offers please 167,500
RIDGEMONT-Great floor plan on corner lot in Grassland Estates 164,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Beautiful 4BR. Separate guest quarters. Old Midland 164,500
HUMBLE-Old Midland charmer w/tons of updates, space, storage, plus a gleaming swimming pool 159,900
CASTLEFORD CMP-Beautiful custom one-owner home in Saddle Club. Highest quality throughout 159,900
TEAKWOOD TRACE CMP-Teakwood beauty on golf course 4BR/2BA 2-story 159,500
HEATHER-Saddle Club-2 story contemporary 4BR w/dynamite good looks 158,000
OAKWOOD-Incredible TH in "The Oaks" at GTCC. This 3/2.5 is loaded w/extras! Soar/ng ceilings & more 156,000
DRIFTWOOD-Smashing 3BR w/3LA + garden room on Green Tree golf course 153,900
RICHMOND-Great location in Polo Park, beautiful home with security system, marble fireplace 4BR 153,000
TERRA CT.-Stunning 4BR/3BA with many custom features 150,500
HUMBLE-Updated and impeccable 4/3 w/2LA and gorgeous landscaping 150,000
GREEN TREE-2% buyer incentive. Better than new, spacious 2-story TH, bedrooms upstairs. Everything updated 149,900
CROWLEY-4BR w/workshop, large master BR/BA, light & bright arched windows, 3-car garage 149,900
KNIGHTS PLACE-Outstanding 4BR in Polo w/exceptional landscaping in large yard 149,500
GRASSLAND-Lots of light, spacious rooms, super kitchen, whirlpool in MBR 145,000
STUTZ-Very spacious 4BR, open plan w/great updates, Saltillo tile, lots of new, low maintenance yard 145,000
MEADOWPARK-Really nice 4BR in popular Meadowpark. Great plan, pretty decor, many extras 144,900
STANOLIND-Charming 3BR jewel in Old Midland. Totally updated, beautifully landscaped too 144,900
PARKHURST-Gorgeous quality built 4BR on quiet cul-de-sac 143,000
SINCLAIR-You'll feel right at home. Almost 3500 sq ft! 3BR/2BA/3LA. Immaculate! 140,000
KESWICK-Your new home is here! 4BR/2.5BA, open kitchen w/island and breakfast bar 140,000
SHELL-Perfectly maintained 4/2 w/3 living and office in Fannin area, super updates 139,900
HIGHLAND-Like new 4BR/2.5BA in Grassland w/large rooms, great entertainment plan. Seq. master 139,900
TEALWOOD-2 year old Rasnick resale. Beautiful 4BR/3BA/2LA w/formal dining. Must see 139,900
GARFIELD-Move right into this smashing TH, stunning decorator furniture included! Gorgeous pool 137,500
STONELEIGH-Beautiful Polo Park 4BR w/3-car garage 135,000
NORMANDY-Terrific Polo Park 4BR with wonderful "teen retreat" room! 134,900
SINCLAIR-Stunning and spacious 3BR/2BA/3LA + office in Fannin area. Great corner lot w/RV parking 130,000
LOCKHEED-Extra special and spacious 3BR/2LA w/fabulous yard, beautifully maintained 130,000
LOCKHEED-Recently remodeled Old Midland with pool 129,900
LANHAM-Wonderful TH w/3 large bedrooms plus an office and a wonderful patio 129,900
BEDFORD-Wow! Old Midland 4BR w/brand new look! See today 126,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Light, bright, happy! Super updates w/hardwood floors, master bath w/spa tub & skylight 125,000
LANCASHIRE-Simply superb! Beautiful decor, lush lndscp, 4/3, fab kitchen, cabinets galore, great price 125,000
AUBURN CMP-Lighted trees, quiet cul-de-sac location, nicely appointed, spacious 4BR, very roomy lot 125,000
MAMAR-Fabulous home plus a great room for studio or in-law quarters. The possibilities are endless 124,900
DENGAR-Exceptional in Fannin School area, gorgeous master suite and a resort-style backyard 124,900
SHELL-4BR in Fannin, great neighborhood, nice landscaping 123,000
SHANDON-Fabulous 5BR/3BA/2LA. Lots of tile, super kitchen 119,900
HIGHLAND-Gorgeous Grassland 4BR/2.5BA 119,900
ARROYO-Townhouse type. 3BR/3BA, high ceilings, huge master and bath 119,900
WESTMINISTER-Wonderfully different plan, gorgeous pool & terrace, humongous closets, 2LA/3BR/2.5BA 119,500
QUAIL POINT-Wow! Snazzy Quail Point TH w/dynamite patio 119,500
MEADOWBROOK-Mint condition! 4BR/2LA/2.5BA, side yard, 1 yr best warranty, sprinkler, GDO, fans 119,500
GULF-Marvelous home in Fannin district. 3LAS + study or 4th bedroom 118,900
PRINCETON-Great "Old Midland" home with open plan, lots of light, hardwoods & more 117,000
PRINCETON-Sensational Old Midland home with 4BRs plus an office! totally redone inside & out 117,000
RICHMOND CMP-Great price in Polo Park. Fantastic home! 115,900
GULF-Lush yard w/large living, workshop and mother-in-law suite 115,800
AUBURN PL.-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA, home located in quiet cul-de-sac! 115,000
BELFIELD-New carpet, tile and paint, AC/heat, fence. Wonderful floor plan, great area 115,000
SENTINEL-Fabulous home nestled in Old Midland w/sparkling in-ground pool. Remodeled beyond belief 114,900
PURPLE SAGE-Super 4BR/3BA, formal dining, lots of new! Fabulous kitchen 114,500
MAXWELL CMP-4BR/3BA w/seq. upstairs BR. Updated with much new! 114,000
HARVARD-Charming 3BR/2BA w/beautiful hardwood floors. Excellent condition. Lots of new 113,000
GODFREY CMP-New 3/2 with great features, quality Hoffman construction 112,000
TIMBER LANE-Just beautiful 2 1/2 year Kahler resale. 3BR, gorgeous kitchen 111,000
GLENEAGLES-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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ST. ANDREWS-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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HARVARD-3BR/2BA w/2 addition half baths, nice patio off of den, lots of light. 2 dining, RV cover 110,000
SEABOARD-3/2 w/3 living areas in Fannin area w/some great updates 109,000
WARD-Spacious 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining, oversized 2-car garage, large lot, near Cowden Park 107,600
BEDFORD-Charming and fresh, 3BR w/great decor, large workshop, popular location 107,000
PRINCETON CMP-Motivated seller. Priced below appraisal. Desirable location, beautiful 3BR 102,500
VENTURA CMP-Lovely patio home in popular area. Great tiled patio, lots of new 102,000
BEDFORD-Custom, "one owner" home in popular Old Midland. Great updating, pretty landscaping 102,000

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

GOLF COURSE-Sophisticated patio home w/spacious rooms, seq. master & saltillo tile 99,900
BEDFORD-Lovely "Old Midland" w/spacious bedrooms, baths and kitchen. Wonderful large yard 99,500
HAYNES-Great spacious duplex - over 4600 sq. ft. 3BR/3BA each side. Must see 99,500
GULF-Updated contemporary, high ceilings, light and bright. Huge live oaks 98,900
ARROWHEAD-Wow-3BR/2LA+ a study! Fireplace in sequestered master 98,500
LINDORA WAY CMP-Dazzling 1997 custom built JC Cunningham home. 3BR/2BA/2 garage 98,500
HUNTINGTON-Exceptionally nice, spacious rooms, many updates. Great landscaping 98,000
FANNIN-Beautiful home in Fannin area. Complete remodel. 3/2 w/a great open kitchen/LA 96,000
BRIGHTON CMP-Great buy in Saddle Club South. 3/2, many extras 95,000
DENGAR CMP-Wonderfully clean 4BR in Fannin area. Lots of space! 94,900
TERRACE-Sensational home in Fannin with spacious bedrooms, bonus room, and abundant storage 94,900
NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA 94,500
STUTZ-So much for the money: spacious rooms, 4BR with 2.5 baths, lots of new in past 2 years 92,500
SHERWOOD CMP-Home warranty offered on this light and bright custom Kahler built home 92,000
SEABOARD CMP-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge LA/FD & lots of built-ins 91,500
WARD-Possible 0 down. Super nice home in wonderful condition. Very open plan, light & bright 89,900
MAXWELL CMP-Non-qualifying assumption, pool and workshop 89,900
PURPLE SAGE-4BR, whirlpool tub, terrific kichen, 2 separate yards & patios 89,900
GODFREY CT.-Large home on cul-de-sac. Near schools. Recent paint throughout 89,500
WHITNEY-Unique design. 3/2/2/2LA, new sprinkler - front & back, roof, paint interior and exterior. 5CF 88,500
GULF-Charming Lee High area. 3BR/2BA, great value for size 87,900
GULF-3BR/2BA home in Fannin area. Decorating allowance offered 87,900
PRESTON-Charming 3/2 w/great kitchen and large living. Near schools + $1500 incentives 86,700
SAN ANTONIO-Nice and large 3BR/2BA. Gourmet kitchen, open floor plan 86,000
WHITNEY CMP-Super spacious living in this light & bright open floor plan 86,000
GULF CMP-Unique floor plan. MaMar. 3/3/2/2LA, cabana, hot tub 85,000
ELMA-3BR/2.5BA plus bonus room. Recent new - A/C, dishwasher, GDO-parquet flooring 84,500
WESTERN CMP-3/2 w/2LA, sophisticated townhouse w/New Orleans style patio 84,000
MANOR-3% buyer incentive. Move in for total of 3%, large 3BR/3BA, new tile, carpet, paint, 3-car grage 83,900
LAVACA-Wonderful, totally updated home in popular area with too many updates to list here 82,900
CRESTMONT-Beautiful gray brick home in Fairmont. 3/2 with bonus room that could be 4th bedroom 82,500
KANSAS-Charming 3BR/2BA w/pretty hardwoods. Exactly what you've waited for 82,000
MANOR CT. CMP-3BR/2BA on quiet cul-de-sac. Superior addition location. Tree-shaded 81,000
GOLF COURSE-Lovely lovely one-owner TH. 2BR/2BA/1LA,FP, big rooms 79,900
DOUGLAS CMP-Well maintained home in mature area. 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras 79,900
NEELY CMP-It's only perfect! Lovely formals, spacious den, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, custom decor 79,900
CIMMARON-Pretty, spacious 3/2, wonderful landscape. Super + in an office/hobby/hide away 79,900
REGAL-1 large LA. 3BR/2BA/2-car garage. Lovely - convenient to schools, park and Loop 250 79,500
NORTH N-Beautiful space, landscaping, trees. Formal area, cozy den, lovely huge garden room. 3BR/2BA 79,500
BOYD-Home warranty, hot tub, workshop, wonderful 4BR/3BA 79,500
MICHIGAN-Old Midland Charm. Lots of square footage. Berber carpet, 10x24 outside storage 79,500
AINSLEE-Delightful older 4BR/3BA in lush neighborhood 79,500
GOLF COURSE CMP-Nice 3/2 in Old Midland. Sunroom and additional carport in back & circle drive in front 79,500
CIMMARON CMP-4BR in Fannin district. Large corner lot 79,000
TEALWOOD-Sale or lease this bright, contemporary 2BR w/over 1900 sf 78,000
LAVACA-Magazine pretty! Very spacious home in Northgate! 3/2/2, sprinklers, Ready for you 77,500
CONROE-Fabulous, totally redone Northgate home that shines inside & out! Bonus room an extra plus 76,500
JORDAN CMP-Great plan, large living, nice kitchen. 3BR/2BA, small office, quiet street 76,000
WINDSOR CMP-Great 4BR near schools and shopping. Priced right and ready for occupancy 75,500
PLEASANT-Huge! Over 4000 sq. ft. for all the room you need 75,000
FANNIN-Approximately 1900 sq. ft., big rooms, oversized yard, good value. Near Rusk, Lee and a park 74,000
NORTHRUP-Terrific swimming pool, 3-car garage, 2-carport, 3BR/2BA TH 73,000
LANHAM-Dandy townome in spotless condition 72,500
NORWOOD-Great plan, lots of light, 3/2, private patios, tiny yard 72,500
LANHAM-Wonderful & spacious 2BR TH w/loft that could be 2nd LA or 3BR, tons of storage 72,000
GODFREY-Versatile townhome could be 2 or 3BR. Great value for price 72,000
DENGAR-Lots of space in this 4/2 located near schools and shopping 70,000
McDONALD-Great location in Rusk/Lee area. 3/2/2. Corner lot across from Rusk school 69,900
OHIO CMP-3/2/2 doll house! Vaulted ceilings, skylights, deck, shop, great assumption - 7.25% interest 69,900
DENGAR-Fabulous 4BR in "Fannin area" w/new kitchen 69,900
CAMARIE CMP-4BR/2BA, rear landscaped yard with sparkling in-ground pool and hot tub 69,900
CUTHBERT-Beautiful hardwood floors through out this nicely updated Old Midland home 69,900
OXFORD-Quiet street, lovely 3/2 with double ovens and storage too! 68,900
CLUB DR CMP-Totally charming 3BR in Old Midland and delightful for entertaining 67,500
BENTWOOD-Looking for a great home with a workshop? This is it! 65,000
DOUGLAS CMP-Quiet, safe neighborhood 3BR/2BA/1LA, formal dining, plus bonus efficiency apartment 65,000
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA, large kitchen, 2 dining areas, pantry on a quiet street 64,900
WHITTLE WAY-Absolutely charming 2BR/2.5BA TH w/heated & cooled atrium! Shows beautifully 64,000
GREENBRIAR-3BR/2BA/2LA/2-car garage. High efficiency A/C, insulated 3 yrs, fans and track lighting 64,000
SUMMIT RD.-Looking for a great home with deer and turkey hunting and fishing close by? Lake Spence 63,850
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000
ROOSEVELT-Charming 3BR/2BA/2LA, carport, nice yard w/5 trees and completely updated in 1998 59,900
CANADIAN-3BR/2BA/3-car. Priced below market for a quick sale 59,900
BAUMANN-Wheel chair accessible, non-qualifying assumption, water well, workshop, great home 57,000
DOUGLAS-Fantastic buy. You won't beleive how nice. Recently updated so nice 55,900
PLAYER CT-3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, corner fireplace, located on quiet cul-de-sac! Call now! 53,500
BENTWOOD CMP-2% buyer incentive. Updated, exceptional large rooms, seq. MBR, FP, roomy baths 52,000
ILLINOIS-Two houses, two blocks from Midland Memorial 52,000
FRANKLIN-Quadraplex - great investment property. 2/2 bedrooms and 2/1 bedrooms. Good tenant 50,000
LOUISIANA CMP-Looking for a great home? This is well worth the call! 49,999
RIC-Almost perfect! Big, big living area w/3BR, RO & WS 49,900
ILLINOIS-Cute cottage, zoned 0-1 w/hardwood floors and new windows 49,900
BOYD-Old Midland cottage with lots of charm and lots of new 47,500
ERIE CMP-3BR/2BA/1LA, fresh paint, 12" tile in kitchen & entrance in '98 47,000
ROOSEVELT-Nice 3BR/2BA with fireplace. No garage 46,000
HARLOWE CMP-Super, clean, cute and cozy location in quiet neighborhood with wonderful yard 45,500
ROOSEVELT-Lovely 2BR/2BA w/FP. Spacious rooms, lots of storage. Wonderful covered patio 45,000
WADLEY-Great home, corner lot, ready to live in. 3BR/2BA 45,000
SINCLAIR CMP-Distinctive "contemporary" w/detached studio, great for music, lg. yd w/well & sprinklers 44,900
EDWARDS-Large 2 or 3BR, quiet, well maintained street 43,900
STOREY-3BR/1BA/1-car, current rental property 42,900
COWDEN-2BR/1BA/1LA, bonus room, garage, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, brick fence 41,500
TRAVIS-Large 2BR/2BA + office or 2nd LA, high ceilings, FP 39,900
CUTHBERT-3BR on nice corner lot w/side entry parking. Great covered patio, priced right 39,500
STOREY-Investment property. Repairs in progress. Lower price as is condition 39,000
HILL-Large 4BR/2BA could be set up as mother-in-law suite 37,500
BROOKS-3BR/1BA, front living and a large den w/FP, central heat and air. Great starter 37,000
WILSHIRE-3BR, refrigerated A/C. Great for first time buyer 35,900
SEMINOLE CMP-So much new and excellent condition make this 3BR/2BA a cream puff 35,750
NOBLES CMP-Charming cottage. Absolutely wonderful starter home. Hardwood floors. So much new 35,000
THOMASON-Great 3/1, getting new carpet and paint. Nice yard and garage. Check this out 34,900
ROOSEVELT-Lots of new: updated kitchen, front & back doors + storm doors, carpet, paint, 14x15 shop 34,900
KENTUCKY-Adorable 3BR/1BA in perfect condition across from Ulmer Park. Eight blks S of hospital 29,950
HOWARD-3BR/1BA w/2LA. Good investment property 28,000
COLLEGE-Perfect for investors! Cute 1 bedroom dupiexes. Lots of character! 24,900
409 5th CMP-Cute home in Stanton! Very good location! 19,900
BOULDER #804-2BR/2BA/1LA, FP, second level faces Loop 250 12,000

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E. CO. RD. 110-Very special property on 10 acres, great condition, wonderful living areas, delightful kitchen, sparkling pool 249,900
N. CO. RD. 1241-Classic country home, great decor and plan. Barn, arena, wells and more 239,000
W. HWY. 176-Cowboys paradise. 3BR/2BR on 16.92 acres, arena, 250 trees 205,000
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city. 5BR/4BA. Updated, inground pool, barns, stables, arena 171,500
E. CO. RD. 110-Wow! 4 BR/3 full & 2 half baths, 3 LAs on 2 acres 154,900
S. CO. RD. 1138-Wow! Greenwood, new 24x24 shop, carpets, tile, paint inside & out! 4/3/2, 1.43 ac 149,500
W. CO. RD. 68 CMP-Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see 139,900
S. CO. RD. 1130-Dandy 3BR Greenwood suburban on 5 acres. Priced for immediate sale 125,000
S. CO. RD. 1065 CMP-Buy a Ranch! 68 fenced acres and 3/2/2/1garage. 2 water wells and barn and stalls 117,400
W. CO. RD. 54 CMP-Great country property! 3WW and a nice shop. Very nice house and good location 114,900
FM 307 CMP-34+ acres w/lighted arena, stalls and cross-fenced pastures and 3/2/1 house 105,000
E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood country living 4BR/2BA, workshop, fenced for horses 84,900
ELKINS RD.-3/2/1 with 2 car garage on 20 acres! 2 owner home 83,900
E. CO. RD. 108 CMP-Great 3/2 in Greenwood, lots of extras, workshop and additional parking 77,000
E. CO. RD. 90 CMP-Larger than most for price in Greenwood! 3/2, pretty ceiling in kitchen and dining area 68,900
E. CO. RD. 108 CMP-4BR in Greenwood, spotless, plus 2-garage and 2-car carport and pool 67,500
E. CO. RD. 90-3/2 on 1.5 acres in Greenwood! Not behind the schools, very nice drive-up w/horse pens 67,500
CO. RD. 3201-Stanton. 3BR brick home on 5 acres. W. of Stanton. 20x26 workshop, large carport & more 65,000
E. CO. RD. 90-Greenwood 3/2 - high ceilings plus bonus room and office area 64,900
E. CO. RD. 140-Redone & spotless on 1 ac. Beautiful hardwood floors. 3BR/3BA/2LA, 2-c garage w/3-c carport 62,500
E. CO. RD. 150-2BR/1BA, 2 car carport, true cowboy family home, fenced, new roof in 99, hardwood floors 59,999
S. CO. RD. 1285-Prime acreage between Midland and Odessa off of 1788; mobile home w/10 acres 57,900
S. CO. RD. 1135-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools 49,950
S. CO. RD. 1135-So nice 3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools 49,950
S. E. 2001-Andrews County. 3/2 on 1.60 acres 49,950
W. CO. RD. 110-Country near the city! 4 acres w/2BR/1BA/2LA, 2 car carport 42,500
S. CO. RD. 1210 CMP-3% buyer incentive. Precious 2BR/1BA, new carpet, paint, roof, central HVAC, 2 acres 34,900

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

RACQUET CLUB DR-Last available lots in coveted Racquet Club South 150,000 each
BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520
GODFREY-Large, approximately 1 acre lot in Trinity Estates 125,000
SINCLAIR-5 acres in desirable area for development 100,000
BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided 86,220
ISLAND CIRCLE-One of the last lots available in prestigious Green Tree North across from the water 85,000
CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000
SUNRISE-Desirable .79 acre lot facing golf course in Green Tree North 58,000
CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! 49,900 ea.
MIDKIFF-2 acres, great location on North Midkiff 40,000
L-Rare and beautiful lot in museum district, special site 37,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Great Green Tree North residential lot 34,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Super Green Tree North residential lot 34,500
FAIRWOOD-Choice lot in wonderful Mockingbird Heights 34,000
JUNIPER CT.-Wonderful, large lot in Green Tree South 32,900
SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining 33,000-45,000
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LIFESTYLE

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Challenges to growing roses can be overcome

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but growing roses in West Texas can be a challenge. Roses need an acidic soil, good drainage and good water, none of which occur naturally in great supply in Midland, said champion Midland rose grower Jim Galyean.

The best time to plant rose bushes is between the last week of February and the last two weeks of March. That means prospective rose growers have a few weeks to select quality rose bushes and prepare a place to plant them.

Raising roses in West Texas can be done — and beautifully too — if, like in pie baking, a person will only follow the recipe.

"Roses do not like competition," Galyean said. "Especially from trees and other shrubs. Roses must have six-and-a-half to seven hours of sunshine per day; a very good drainage system because they simply can't survive in wet conditions; and they must have an acid soil with a pH of six or seven, which is not common in West Texas."

To help out with this situation, many rose gardeners raise their rose beds. Not only does this practice help make working with roses and enjoying them easier, but, Galyean said, it can help deal with the problems that often occur in rose growing.

"Raised rose beds will eliminate two of the problems you run into while growing roses," he said, which are "drainage and interference from roots and other plants. Landscape timbers or railroad ties will correct these two problems, in addition to providing a good landscape area."

Another problem roses face is right under foot. West Texas soil may be great for oil, but it is not the best for growing roses. However, Galyean said, this, like the other troubles, is easily dealt with.

"Soil is another item that must be corrected," Galyean said. "Our West Texas soil is alkaline and, unfortunately, sandy. This causes a packed, non-porous planting medium. Roses like a very porous soil with a good drainage. To accomplish our soil goal, I use (a mixture of) one-third soil, one-third builder's sand and one-third compost, and mix it thoroughly."

Midland College will offer a class on growing roses in West Texas.

Taught by Jim Galyean, the class will meet 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, starting Feb. 10. For more information call 685-4508.

After preparing the soil, rose growers can pick the roses to put in it. The choice of roses depends on the reasons for planting, Galyean said, which may include growing for beauty and enjoyment, growing for giving to church or maybe sick friends, or growing to incorporate into the home landscape.

Regardless of the reason, Galyean emphasized the importance of picking good quality rose bushes.

"Purchase your roses from a reputable firm, like a nursery," Galyean said. "Bargain roses seldom survive and usually they are bought with no warranty. Rose bushes have a national grading of 1, 1-1/2 and 2. The quality of the bush is graded by the grower on the national scale.

"Always purchase A-one bushes," he said. "Your chance of survival is increased by at least 40 percent. Businesses selling number one plants will always have a warranty program."

Galyean recommends planting rose bushes about 2 inches from the bud onion.

"In West Texas, dig your holes 14 inches wide and 14 inches deep," he said. "Build a mound in the center of the hole so it supports the middle of the root system, with the grade 2 inches above the soil. Pack the remaining area with the soil you removed by hand to insure no bubbles exist."

Galyean said to fill the hole with water to 2 inches from the top. Let it drain and repack soil — no bubbles — and place the rest of the soil around the bottom of the bush.

(Galyean advised that if growers are not using a raised rose bed, and the hole they dug at ground level doesn't drain within 15 minutes, to go dig somewhere else because that location doesn't have good drainage.)

Water well, ensuring the soil is watered throughout the entire bed. Rose bushes must be watered every other day for three weeks, but *do not over water*. Do not feed newly-planted rose bushes under any circumstances. Feeding begins when roses have leafed out.

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For more information on growing roses call the Permian Basin Rose Society or 689-0776.

Right photo: A beautiful yellow rose opens its petals.
Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Below: Red dream roses.
Photo courtesy of Anthony Tesslar International

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MENU
(week of Feb 7-11)

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: cheese biscuits, assorted cereal, waffles, juice, low fat milk.
LUNCH: baked potato & toppings or fruit pie, tossed salad, fruit wedges, cornbread, fruit drink, low fat milk;

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: sausage biscuit, juice, low fat milk;
LUNCH: fish puffs or hot pockets, lettuce & tomatoes, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, fruit drink, low fat milk;

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: cinnamon rolls, juice, low fat milk;
LUNCH: nacho grande or cheese enchilada, Spanish rice, corn, salad, pinto beans, fruit drink, low fat milk;

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: breakfast fruit bread, juice, low fat milk;
LUNCH: Mexican chalupa or spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, salad, fruit cocktail, fruit drink, low fat milk;

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: cheese roll, assorted cereal, juice, low fat milk;
LUNCH: hamburger or toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, crispy cubes, lettuce & tomatoes, fruit drink, low fat milk;

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GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MENU
(Week of Feb. 7-11)

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
LUNCH: chicken nuggets, potatoes w/gravy, hot rolls, black-eyed peas, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.
LUNCH: spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, pears, choc. chip cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: bacon-eggs, biscuit-jelly, juice, milk
LUNCH: tacos, pinto beans, lettuce-tomato salad, salsa-cheese cups, Jello w/fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: waffles, sausage, juice, milk.
LUNCH: BBQ on bun, potato salad, veggie beans, mixed fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk.
LUNCH: hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad w/pickles, ranger cake, milk.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Bush morning glories put on brightly-colored show

By Joan Merritt

If you are a late riser, you will probably miss nature's floral presentation of bush morning glories that grow in Midland County. You must go early to see the blooms, since they close by midmorning and remain open longer only if the sky is overcast or cloudy.

In addition to their visual beauty, bush morning glories have an unseen but very interesting root and survival system. At times an example of *Ipomoea's* secret underground movement can be seen near the intersection of County Roads 1110 South and 170 East. The best time to look for their root system is after the ditches have been graded by the county's monster machines (aka road graders and mowers), with assistance from the farmer's tractor.

However, bush morning glories are not helpless against this attack. They defend themselves by developing enormous thickened roots called tubers that store water and nutrients. The tubers grow deep in the sandy soil and enable the plants to survive both man-made and natural hardships.

Some of these tubers are said to weigh from 25 to 50 pounds, but the ones I have seen are much smaller. Once after the road sides and ditches had been bladed, Don and I decided to dig up one of the partially exposed tubers and try to transplant it in our yard. We had carefully dug more that 2 feet deep before breaking off a part of the elongated root, which resembles a sweet potato and shares the same genus (*Ipomoea batata*).

We planted the damaged tuber deep in our sandy soil and, much to our delight, it sprouted and even put on some leaves. But, along with our hopes and expectations, it shriveled and died. I have since read that this flower should be started from a seed, as it is virtually impossible to transplant.

The amount of time needed for bush morning glories to put on buds and start blooming unfortunately coincides with the amount of time needed for weeds to become a road hazard. This brings out the monster machines with their steel blades, knifes and plows, causing havoc among the morning glories, destroying all their visible parts and sending them underground again in Y2K survival mode.

The tubers are dormant in the winter; they need only a light rain during the growing season to send up numerous green shoots. They do not make vines that twist and climb as do most morning glories, but rather have flexible stems that curve gracefully. The resulting attractive bush grows to be about 2 feet high. The tips of its long, narrow leaves lightly sweep the sand around the edges of the plant with a feathery touch.

The drought of 1997 didn't adversely affect bush morning glories, since their tubers had prepared them for just such an emergency. With the help of some rain, they victoriously resurfaced, maturing into bushes and putting on hundreds of new blooms each day. The neighboring farmer couldn't cultivate his land, since it was in a soil bank program, and the lack of rain kept the weeds from being a problem; the result was that it was unnecessary for the graders or mowers to go into action. This left the morning glories free to grow and bloom profusely without interference from man.

For years sand had blown from a field on the north side of County Road 170 East, catching and building up several feet high along the opposite fence line — and creating a raised flower bed which made a perfect display area. On a cloudy August morning in 1997, Don and I were overjoyed to find a beautiful lavender-pink exhibit of these flowers on both sides of the road. Some plants had as many as 50 large colorful blooms that were still glistening with dew drops, nature's diamonds. The shape of these blooms has been likened to a bell, funnel or trumpet, and all three are descriptive. Morning glories are aptly named, for they are indeed in their glory in the mornings. By noon that day the clouds had dissipated, the sun had come out and the flowers soon closed, but not before we had delighted in natures' wildflower pageant. It was a morning glorious event!

In an old 1928 book "Texas Wild Flowers" by Ellen Schulz, she recounts the legend of how morning glory blooms were fashioned. This is my freely translated version of Schulz' story:

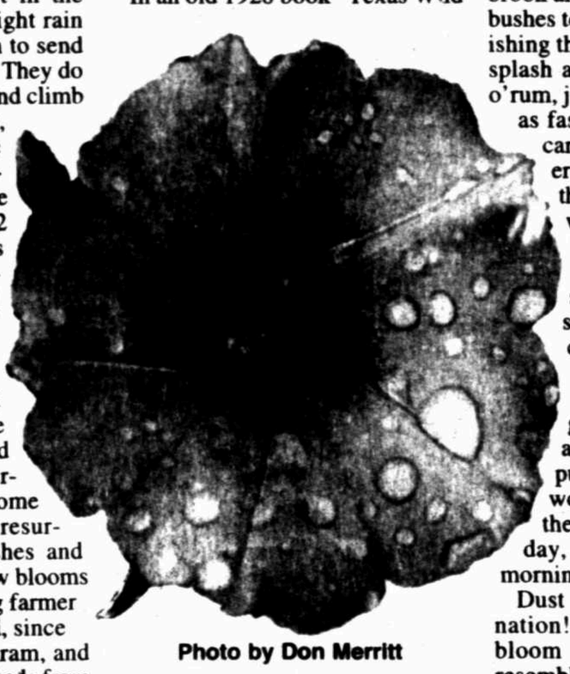

Photo by Don Merritt

When the earth was still young, fairies were everywhere. Fairy children loved to frolic in the meadow among the wildflowers and butterflies, find lizards on the sunny hillsides and walk though the woods, where they could hear birds singing. But their favorite place to play was in a little rippling brook.

One morning as they started out to play, Fairy Mother said to them, "Now children, Rainbow Fairy has just finished making the lovely frocks you are wearing today and Dew Fairy already has too many cloths to wash tonight, so please don't get them dirty by playing in the brook." They promised, but like (fairy) children everywhere, they soon forgot their Mother's instructions and were having great fun making fairy sand castles and splashing in the water, when suddenly they realized they had disobeyed their mother.

Fairy Bright-Eyes has the bright idea of washing their frocks in the brook and hanging them on nearby bushes to dry. Just as they were finishing this chore ,they heard a loud splash and deep scary sound "jug o'rum, jug o'rum!" They ran home as fast as their fairy feet would carry them to tell Fairy Mother what had happened. "Why, that was just the old bullfrog who lives in the cattails at the edge of the brook. You needn't be afraid of him," she said and sent them scurrying back to get their clean clothes.

While they had been gone, their fairy frocks had grown tightly to the bushes, and no matter how they pulled and tugged, the frocks would not come loose. And there they remain to this very day, looking very much like morning glory blooms.

Dust off your childhood imagination! Hold a morning glory bloom upside down to see its resemblance to the filly frocks that the fairy children placed on the bushes to dry a long time ago when the earth was young. Perhaps fairies would still roam the earth if we only believed in them.

My sentiments concerning Bush Morning Glories are best expressed by the flowing verse that a dear friend, Frances Williams, shared with me:

"Were I O' God, in churchless lands remaining
"Far from all voices of teachers or divines
"I would find in flowers of thy ordaining
"Priests, sermons, shrines."
— Author unknown

Many authors, known and unknown, have made use of flowers in their writings. One of these is Shakespeare, who made symbolic use of morning glories in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — but that's another story.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

December wedding unites local couple

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Belated congratulations and best wishes to television personality Krista Ironside and investment representative Al Escamilla, who were united in marriage on Dec. 18 at the Vacaville Christian Church in California's Wine Country.

McKnight-Harrison

Attending the bride were friend Tiffany Carpenter of Fairfield, Calif.; sister Linda Hurtado of Tampa, Fla., and niece Natalie Falcon of Alpine. Al was attended by friends Rick Menchaca, Midland's newly appointed city manager, and Sandy Torres of the Midland law firm of Torres & Torres.

Also in attendance were the bride's mother, Carol Warren of Vacaville, her father, Bob Warren, and his wife, Juliet, of San Francisco; her brother, Scott Warren, and his wife, Melissa, of Sacramento, and the groom's mother, Carmen Flores, and her husband, Raul, of Monahans.

The wedding reception was held at the Italian restaurant, Alberto's, which is tucked away on a charming downtown street. Hundreds of fresh red roses decorated the tables, cakes and the bride and groom's champagne flutes. Spotted at the reception were Miss California Teen USA Alexandra Thompson, and Miss California USA Rebekah Keller.

The weekend's festivities also included a karaoke party at the Japanese restaurant, Hisui, where the bride, a former Miss Napa County and Miss San Francisco, entertained family and friends.

The couple honeymooned in San Francisco, staying at the St. Francis Hotel in the heart of Union Square. It was a busman's holiday for Al, who enjoyed a visit to the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange while in the city by the bay.

They are now at home in Midland's Grassland Estates. Krista is with Big 2 News and Al, with Edward Jones.

JAZZ OR FOOTBALL? Football or jazz? Oh, what a quandry, but those who opted for a Sunday afternoon of music were delighted with their choice.

The West Texas Jazz Society recently presented trumpeter Dave Alexander of Dallas, along with the society's Jazz Combo, at Zucchi's Restaurant in Odessa. The dimly-lit venue provided the perfect, intimate setting for such an event.

Dave, whose band is named The Legends of Western Swing, told the audience that "I'm a jazz musician with a bad case of rodeo." He then referred to championship fiddle player, Ricky Boen of Greenwood, who shared the stage with him part of the time, a "rodeo musician with a bad case of jazz."

The headliner graduated from the University of North Texas's prestigious College of Music. Many locals remember his father, the last Ashley Alexander, who played out here at the Odessa Jazz Parties for a number of years.

Attendees were even entertained during intermission when flamenco guitarist Bill Wilcox of Alpine took the stage.

Among those spotted in the crowd from Midland were Gisela and Fred Stella, Sally and Bill Stella, Nell Ellis, Charlotte Hall and Gary Sims. Odessans included Katie Rogers, Joann and Wayne Jones, Linda and Dr. Mike Reznik, and Mary Harrington, who brought members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Lindsayan string Quartet as her guests following their concert earlier that afternoon.

MIDLAND'S FORTHCOMING series of benefits mentioned in last week's column is not complete without mentioning several more major charitable events.

Community & Senior Services will hold its annual Gourmet Gala on Saturday, March 25. Benefitting the Meals on Wheels program, the event will be held at Midland Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees will sample delicious cuisine from some of Midland's best restaurants, dance to the music of the band, Showdown, and participate in a silent auction. For more information, contact CSS at 689-6693.

Chairing the gala is Rick Darling, manager of On the Border Restaurant.

Ragin' Cajun 2000, benefitting the programs of Special Olympics Texas in the Permian Basin, is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 4 to 11 p.m. at Midland Center.

The event is a New Orleans-style celebration featuring live entertainment, celebrity waiters, live and silent auctions, and a menu consisting of a savory blend of shrimp, crab legs, German sausage, crawfish and vegetables, all boiled up in Cajun spices and served, according to Area 18 Development Director Jo Ann Hudson, in a "pile with a smile" in the middle of each table.

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental retardation.

For more information about tickets and/or sponsorships for this third annual event to be held in the Basin, call the Area 18 Special Olympics office at 684-5024 or 570-6058.

The High Sky Children's Ranch will host its 26th annual Crystal Ball on Saturday, April 8, at Midland Country Club. This "Crystal Fantasy" black-tie event will include dinner and dancing to the band, The Pictures, in addition to a spectacular array of crystal items for the live auction and an exciting and unique display of silent auction items. The latter will include fine jewelry, weekend trips for two, autographed memorabilia, and more.

Fred Westmoreland, chairman of this year's ball, and Board Chairman Larry Edgerton are extending an invitation to help support the ranch with your attendance. Proceeds contribute to the expenses associated with providing care and treatment for abused, neglected and troubled children and their families in the Permian Basin.

Tickets and sponsorship information may be obtained by contacting High Sky Children's Ranch at 694-7728.

Mark your calendars for May 19-21 for the 17th annual Celebration of the Arts, sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland to spotlight the wide variety of arts opportunities in the Permian Basin.

Kicking off the festival is the Preview Party on May 19. This Friday evening extravaganza will feature distinguished culinary artists offering their tastiest foods to the accompaniment of visiting performers. Partygoers will be the first to meet this year's Celebration of the Arts Distinguished Artist and view the new commemorative poster.

Seventy juried artists will display and sell their art inside Midland Center, while activities and entertainment will take place in Centennial Plaza during the three-day event. A recently-added feature is a silent auction of commemorative plates designed and painted by the Celebration's previous Distinguished Artists.

Robin Sams and Jeff Darr are returning this year as Celebration of the Arts co-chairs. For further information about the event, which benefits Midland's non-profit arts organizations, contact the Arts Assembly at 687-1149.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Book Review Unit to meet

Staff Reports

Midland Woman's Club Book Review Unit will meet for luncheon and program at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

Featured speaker will be Marilyn Allen, who will present a program of poetry favorites.

Marilyn Allen

Beta Sigma Phi selects Sweethearts

Staff Reports

Midland's chapters of Beta Sigma Phi presented their 2000 Sweethearts at the annual Sweetheart Ball Saturday at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

The international women's organization has six chapters in Midland. Members help raise funds for community organizations. Proceeds from the silent auction, with items donated by local businesses, will benefit the scholarship fund.

This year's Sweethearts are:

■ **Linda Elliott,** Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter. Ms. Elliott, a member of Beta Sigma Phi for two and a half years, is president of her chapter this year after serving as recording secretary the year before. She is the transcription supervisor at Westwood Medical Center and has worked in the health information management field for more than 20 years. Her daughter is a third-year college student, where she is studying biology.

Linda Elliott

■ **Laurel Dow,** Xi Alpha Mu chapter, has been a member of the organization for nine years. She has served as second vice president, treasurer and corresponding secretary; was chairman of the publicity, scrapbook, program and ways and means committees, and served on the secret sister, service, yardstick and yearbook committees.

Laurel Dow

■ **Dovie St. Peters,** Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter, joined the organization in 1979. She has served her chapter as vice president, secretary, social chairman, publicity chairman and yearbook chairman. She is an administrative assistant with Carvel Mills Inc. She and husband, Thomas, have three children and three grandchildren.

Dovie St. Peters

Jane Weldon

■ **Jane Weldon,** Preceptor Nu Phi chapter, also has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1979. She has received the Order of the Rose and was elected Woman of the Year by her chapter in 1999. She and husband, John, have two children. Ms. Weldon earned a degree in psychology from Texas Christian University and is a consultant for Mary Kay.

Ann Poteet

■ **Ann Poteet,** Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter, has been a member for more than 30 years after joining in 1966. She has been secretary, treasurer, city council representative and member of various committees. Currently she is president of her chapter and was awarded the Silver Circle pin for 25 years of membership. She volunteers for Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she is a buyer for the hospital's gift shop and has donated more than 4,000 hours of service. She has one son.

Caroline Holmes

■ **Caroline Holmes,** Laureate Nu chapter, is a charter member of her chapter and served as its first president. A Beta Sigma Phi member for 33 years, she is again chapter president and has served in all offices and on all committees. She has attended one International convention in Vienna, Austria. She and husband, John, have three children and two grandchildren. She is a member of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church.

Blondes go over to 'the dark side'

By Clifford Pugh
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — For most of her life, Carolyn Kocsis has been a natural blonde. But the 31-year-old accountant found that people in the business world didn't take her seriously.

So she dyed her hair dark brown and noticed a world of difference.

"Men and women tend to listen to me with more depth than when I was blond," she said.

She now has more clients and more professional respect — and she attributes it to her darker hair color.

"When you walk in the door (as a blonde), people automatically think you got the job because of the way you look or that you're really stupid. You have to always fight for who you are," she said.

Nowadays, it may no longer be true that blondes have more fun. From Hollywood to Houston, a growing number of women have recently traded their golden locks for a darker, more natural-looking color and praise the results.

Gwyneth Paltrow, who wore her blond hair in a swept-back look reminiscent of Grace Kelly at last year's Academy Awards and is a blonde in "The Talented Mr. Ripley," has found a measure of anonymity with dark hair.

"I personally have more fun being a brunette because nobody recognizes me. I've been sneaking out all over the place," she told Newsweek.

Jenny McCarthy, who rose to fame as a ditsy blonde on MTV's "Singled Out" and "The Jenny McCarthy Show," went back to her dark roots last fall and plans to stay there.

"It's definitely more of a respect issue. People listen to what I'm saying more," she told Houston Chronicle film writer Louis B. Parks. "(Being) blond just draws so much attention. It's striking; it's more head-turning. People notice. (As a brunette), I don't get so much attention, and I prefer that, to tell you the truth."

Cameron Diaz, who is the blond owner of a professional football team in "Any Given Sunday" and is barely recognizable as a frizzy-headed brunette in "Being John Malkovich," keeps switching her hair color.

"I think I'm more accessible as a brunette," Diaz said in Cosmopolitan magazine. "When I first went brown, guys who would never talk to me were suddenly talking to me. I was like, 'God, where have you been?' ... I think brunettes have more fun anyway."

Yet Diaz recently went blond again while filming the movie version of the hit 1970s television series "Charlie's Angels." You be the judge which hair color works best for her.

FOR YEARS, Houston actress Mary Hooper was a platinum blonde and found that people treated her differently than they do now that she has auburn hair.

As a blonde, "People think you're dumb. Men think you're easy," Hooper said. "But you do get a lot more attention. It just depends on what kind of attention you want."

One time at a cast party, Hooper remarked about a review she had read in The New York Times. A woman eyed her platinum-blond hair and asked her incredulously, "You read the New York Times?"

Even so, when Hooper was up for the title role in a local production of "Evita" a couple of years ago, "I was ready to bleach that hair, honey, at the drop of a hat," she said. "Look at what blond did for (Evita Peron). She was basically a little Hitler, but she was beautiful and blond, so it came off differently."

'When you walk in the door (as a blonde), people automatically think you got the job because of the way you look or that you're really stupid. You have to always fight for who you are.'
— Carolyn Kocsis, accountant and natural blonde

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— Jenny McCarthy, actress and famous 'ditsy blonde'

Stephane Guidry of Houston is a natural blonde who immediately noticed the difference in how she was treated when she dyed her hair black a few years ago.

"Oh, God, yes. You get a whole lot more respect," said the 34-year-old color specialist at Belle Ami salon.

She believes darker hair color is also empowering. One of her clients recently went from blond to a darker shade and "her whole attitude totally changed from the time she was in the chair," Guidry recalled. "She felt strong."

Hosanna Ley has enjoyed being a redhead and a blonde in recent years. But she recently returned to her natural light-brown color, in part because she plans to begin swimming regularly as part of her exercise program.

"Color bleeds out really fast, and if I bleach it, it may turn green on me (from the chlorine in the water)," said Ley, a 20-year-old makeup artist at Tint salon in Houston.

Friends like Ley as a brunette because her hair color matches her skin tone better and her eyes are not so washed-out looking, she said.

"Brown helps me blend in a little bit more," she added. "I don't stand out in a crowd like I used to as a blonde or a redhead, which is kind of nice."

Houston hairstylist Michael Kemper understands why Hollywood celebrities and some Houston women are going dark.

"Being a blonde says you're the sexy bombshell. Being brunette makes you the everyday ordinary girl," he said.

Kemper credits the move toward darker hair to Madonna, who darkened her blond hair, slicked it down, and parted it in the middle about the time her album "Ray of Light" was released in 1998.

"Two years ago, no one had a center part. Now every girl in the mall has that center part," he said.

But Kemper doesn't seem to think much of the trend toward darker hair and gives it about a two-year lifespan.

"People are just wanting to see something different, but I don't think that cafe society or the upper professional woman is going to fall for the trend," he said. "The reality is the Texas blonde is always going to be blond."

WHILE MANY Texas women still believe in the adage that it's best for their hair to be "fried, dyed and shoved to the side," a growing number are choosing a darker, more natural look that doesn't need hair spray and hot rollers, said Riaro Gomez of the Riaro+Jon salon.

"It's a fresh look. I think people love change. We're all ready to look different in some way," he said. "And it's cheaper than a face lift."

But Gomez warns that anyone thinking of going brunette should be careful, because haircolor that is too dark can make a person look tired and old.

"If you put dark brown on your hair, it can be a disaster because it will look flat, shoe-polish looking," he said. "When you see the movie stars, it's not really a solid color all over. It's dimensional darker colors with many little shades woven into there."

Gabriel Clark, a hairstylist at Jon Barton salon, says some people are going back to a natural color in part out of boredom with their current hairstyle and also to simplify their lives.

"Being blond is a lot of maintenance, and changing your haircolor is a lot of work. It's a commitment of time and money," he said. "People are changing their priorities."

California congresswoman Mary Bono snipped her pale locks and went to her natural darker hair color for that reason. Working on Capitol Hill and commuting home to Palm Springs convinced her that she "really didn't have time to be blond," she told The Washington Post.

Nowadays, a number of women are choosing to even return to their original shade of gray because they are tired of spending hours having their hair colored.

Karen Curry, a fortysomething accounting supervisor for a Houston law firm, had colored her hair for years. But with the encouragement of her stylist, Angela Taylor at Jon Barton salon, she decided to return to her natural silver-gray to save time and money.

Taylor cut Curry's hair in a trendy short cut that has drawn compliments from strangers, particularly from women, who tell her they wish they had the courage to follow her lead.

Curry said her husband was skeptical at first, equating gray or silver hair with old age. But he came around after overhearing a hip young clerk at Borders bookstore tell her, "I think your hair looks so cool."

Curry doesn't miss the hours she spent at the salon having her hair colored.

"When you're doing it every five to six weeks, that's (a lot of) money," she said. "But the main thing is time. With a cute, wash-and-wear cut, you can just blow and go."

LADIES...DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

"Sweet Adelines is having a membership drive. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Hwy. in Midland. 694-0857 or 362-0814

AROUND TOWN

VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, has two weekly group meetings.

The men's support group will meet 10-11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. All men with visual impairment are invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The women's group will meet for a craft-making session and Valentine celebration 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 9 at the VAN House. Those attending are invited to bring sack lunches. All interested people are invited to attend.

For information about either group call 694-2648...

...KAPPA DELTA Alumnae Association will have a "field trip" to Big Spring. Members will meet at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 8 at 1004 Stanolind to caravan to the historical Potton house, then have lunch at Spanky's Restaurant. All area Kappa Deltas are invited. For more information call 682-3376...

...WEST TEXAS Orchid Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Persons attending should use the back door entrance off Midkiff St. For moreinformation call 699-4296...

...STAMP CLUB will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Airport Postal Facility. The public is invited to this free meeting. Persons attending are advised to enter the building through the east side, from Wright Drive. For more information call 699-0202...

...AARP SOUTHEAST Community chapter No. 4816 will meet at noon Feb. 17 at Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 685-7231...

...WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild invites all interested parents and children to a Valentine storytime at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the meeting area in Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250. Admission is free. Call 699-7820 or 570-9112...

...ARCO ARTICULATORS Toastmasters will meet 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in Suite 584 of the Arco Building, 600 N. Marienfeld. Call 697-8354, 687-3232 or 688-5819...

...MIDLAND QUILTERS Guild will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 8 and 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ Family Center. Call 694-1388...

...HOT DOG HOEDOWN Fund-raiser, sponsored by the Greenwood Parent-Teacher Club, will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 25 at the Greenwood Elementary School cafeteria and gym. Included in the family event will be arts and crafts booths, bingo, games, entertainment and food booths. Call 683-2331...

...NAMI-MIDLAND Inc., a non-profit support group for families of people who have been diagnosed with mental illness, will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 14 in Classroom A, Westwood Medical Center. Call 684-6709 or 694-4248...

...45-PLUS DANCE Club will host a dance 8-11 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Midland Downtown Lions Center, 200 Plaza. Tiny Lynn and Band from Lubbock will perform for this non-smoking, non-alcoholic event. Admission is $7.50 per person. Singles and the general public are invited to attend. Call 694-8442 or 694-1869...

...MIDLAND PI Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae clubs will observe Monmouth Duo with a "Girls Night Out" 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at No. 25 Hialeah Drive. Alumnae new to the area are invited to attend. Call 686-2070...

...WEST TEXAS Harmony, a Sweet Adeline chorus that promotes four-part harmony, will have a membership drive during February. All interested women are invited to visit the group's rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. any Monday during the month at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway in Midland. Call 694-0857 or 362-0814...

Butterfly vine rich in features

By Kathy Huber
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — **Q:** I recently got a butterfly vine and need information on proper care.

A: Butterfly vine (*Mascagnia macroptera*) is a root-hardy, moderate grower in sun or partial sun and a fertile, well-draining soil. Evergreen during a mild winter, it demands little but gives a lot.

The glossy foliage is bright green and a complementary backdrop for the spring-to-frost yellow blooms. The flowers are followed by papery, winged, chartreuse seed pods that mature to tan and resemble butterflies. The mature length of the butterfly vine is 15 to 20 feet. It is an ideal choice for a lamppost, mailbox or trellis near the deck.

Q: Are pecan leaves good or bad as mulch?

A: Pecan leaves contain tannic acid, and this fact has perhaps prompted rumors that the leaves will damage growing plants and should not be used as a mulch or in compost. When this acid reacts with alkaline soil, a neutral organic salt, calcium tannate, is formed. But this is not harmful.

Another misconception is that pecan leaves add too much acid to the soil. Pecans grow in alkaline soil and, according to experts, organic materials produced from alkaline growing conditions are mainly alkaline. (When we grow plants that prefer a more acidic soil, such as azaleas, we add sulfur to boost acidity.)

Some gardeners like shredded pecan leaves in a mulch because they are fibrous and decompose slowly. But since our soils (in the Houston area) are alkaline, I prefer to mix pecan leaves with other organic matter and make a compost to use as mulch. I've composted pecan leaves with other materials for a long time, spread the finished product in flower beds and never experienced any problems.

One key to a successful compost heap is to balance organic materials high in carbon with those high in nitrogen. The greater the variety of materials you add to your heap, of course, the more nutrient-rich the compost. Brown materials, such as dead leaves, break down more slowly. Green materials, such as grass clippings, are nitrogen-rich, and heat up quickly. But if you want to maintain a heap that's primarily leaves, you might add a little manure or bloodmeal to balance the high carbon levels.

Q: We have a church garden where we like to plant annuals on two tiers around a statue. It is shaded in winter, and the annuals don't bloom as well as in spring and fall. We would prefer plants not more than 12 to 16 inches tall and with good color. What flowering shrub would you recommend for a spot along the south side of the building that does not need a lot of water but has good color?

A: If pansies fail to flower due to insufficient light, you might try primroses and sweet alyssum. I prefer *Primula obconica,* which produces clusters of flat, round flowers on 12-inch stalks in shades of purple, lavender, blue, deep rose, pink and white. This annual/short-lived perennial performs well in bright shade from late fall to spring. The alyssum could trail over the tiers and scent the garden. This low-growing, mounding annual is covered with teeny all-white or white and lavender fragrant blooms. It works well with the primroses.

Edging lobelia is only 6 inches tall and will trail over a tier. This cool-season annual comes in brilliant blues.

Hummingbird bush, *Hamelia patens,* is a drought-and-heat-tolerant, billowy shrub with reddish-orange tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. The foliage becomes increasingly bronzy red from summer into fall. Its mature height is about 5 feet, but given recent mild winters, unpruned shrubs are huge.

Q: Could you please give some background and instructions on how to plant and grow air potato vines?

A: The air potato, *Dioscorea bulbifera,* native to the tropics, is a fast-growing vine with large, spade-shaped leaves. The vine gets its name from the potatolike tubers that appear under the foliage in late summer and fall. I understand these potatoes are eaten in some countries, but we enjoy the plant only as an ornamental.

The potatoes are harvested before frost and planted in April in a sunny spot in organically enriched, well-draining soil. Vines freeze back and reappear in warm weather.

Mail garden questions to Kathy Huber, garden editor, Houston Chronicle, P.O. Box 4260, Houston, Texas 77210. The bulk of mail prevents individual replies to each unpublished letter.

DEAR ABBY

Funny epitaphs get last laugh

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed your tombstone series. Isn't it great that humor can lift our spirits even when the subject is death and tombstones? It is a unique legacy and a wonderful way to remember those who go before us.

Van Buren

At a particularly frustrating time in my life, when I just wasn't getting something right, I wrote this poem. I'll bet others can identify with it, too:

EPITAPH FOR A PERFECTIONIST

"It has to be right, no less will do!"
She vowed and firmly believed it.
In life she aimed at perfection;
In death she finally achieved it.
They buried her corpse on a lonely hill
At the foot of a stone that read,
"May she rest in perfect peace,
"For now she is perfectly dead."
— JOHNNYE JO, N.C.

DEAR JOHNNYE JO: I'm pleased that penning the verse was therapeutic for what ailed you. Perfection is something most of us strive for, but few attain. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have another humorous epitaph to add to your collection of tombstone stories.

The reference made to the old cemetery in Key West, Fla., brought to mind another tombstone in that cemetery. It reads: "Now I know where he is every night."

People in Key West must have a great sense of humor! — LORRAINE B., VICKSBURG, MISS.

DEAR LORRAINE: Yes, one that's out of this world. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While you're on the subject of tombstones, I saw one in a cemetery near Breckenridge, Texas, that read: "Rest in Peace — I Hope."

For my own monument, I would like "Rest in Pieces" inscribed. I have had so many operations in different towns that I could never gather all of me together in one grave. — ADELLE O., APPLE VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR ADELLE: Hold this thought: Sometimes less is more. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The enclosed is a bit of doggerel I wrote while working on the wording of my last will. As a poet of modest publishing success, when I run into the inevitable roadblock, I resort to nonsense words that aren't meant to do anything or say anything:

In whom do I confide
When I finally decide
My Epitaph:
"By God — he tried."

To the point, I think! — HOWARD CANN, RENO, NEV.

DEAR HOWARD: I hope this isn't an indication of my mental state, but your epitaph makes perfect sense to me.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in contact with my high school sweetheart for almost a year. We are both 32, and it has been 14 years since we've seen each other. My best friend looked him up for me and he begged her to send me his e-mail address. We are both engaged to other people.

His girlfriend is 10 years younger than we are, but we are still in love and find each other very attractive.

At first, he wanted to see me very badly. But when the date for our meeting approached, he seemed to forget about it. However, he continues to write, and gives me subtle messages that he may still love me.

About three weeks ago he brought up meeting again and began calling. He said he had done enough damage to our relationship and he was serious about getting together this time, but when I asked him to make real plans and set a date, he ignored me. He just sent jokes and letters about what's going on with his ex-wife.

What can I do to make him go through with his plans this time? I think he's scared or just a jerk. Frankly, I'm getting fed up. Should I just stop writing? — OUT OF PATIENCE, SANGER, TEXAS

DEAR OUT: If your former high school sweetheart were interested in anything more than e-mails, you would have seen him by now. It's time to log off the Internet and concentrate on your flesh-and-blood fiance — because if he gets wind of this flirtation, he'll feel very betrayed. And he'll be right!

DEAR ABBY: I read the item you printed saying that if the three wise men had been women, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, cleaned the stable, helped deliver the baby, made a casserole and brought practical gifts.

What B.S.! They would have first gone to the beauty salon, had a wash, set and manicure, then home to pick out a proper outfit. Then they would have changed the outfit five times, called everybody they knew to yak about the trip, and arrived late. VERY late. — STAN GERSHBEIN, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR STAN: Spoken like a true male chauvinist. However, you may have been topped by Paul Harvey. He said what would REALLY have happened was that halfway to the oasis, the camel would have broken down because no one remembered to check his water level.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill.61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Club News

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter DD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Nicki Moshell with Maggie Artley as co-hostess. Ms. Moshell gave the program on her Precious Moments collection.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Inc. of Midland met at the Hilton Hotel and Towers. Mary Gillam welcomed new member Jay Lynn Turnbow. Penny Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Altrusa Grace. Ruth Price gave the accent. Dovie St. Peters introduced Francine Weaver, who gave a program on leadership and leadership training. Janis Moore led the Altrusa benediction.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Donna Snyder with Genell Emerson presiding. Ms. Snyder read the minutes and Cel Wiginton gave the treasurer's report. Virginia Earhart discussed plans for the annual Super Bowl party. Ms. Emerson read communication from International. Ms. Earhart discussed the Valentine's Dance. Plans to honor Ms. St. Peters, chapter Sweetheart, were announced. Peggy Brown reported on membership. Beverly Acker discussed yearbook additions. Rita Noah, Beverlye Bristow and Neva Garvin also gave reports. Ms. Snyder gave a program on the history of Life magazine.

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 17-23.

MONDAY
Open Pairs
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
2. Mary Ane Ochs, Betty Hill
3. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
EAST-WEST:
1. Lena Nichols, Bob Baker
2. Glenda Simmons, Barbara Steinert
3. Sally Whiteley, Joyce Mitchell

TUESDAY
Open Pairs
1. Mary Hammond, Jimmie Penn
2. Marie Morris, Joe Salman
3. Sandra Rea, Nancy Liberty
4. Jerry Williamson, Betty Sheeler

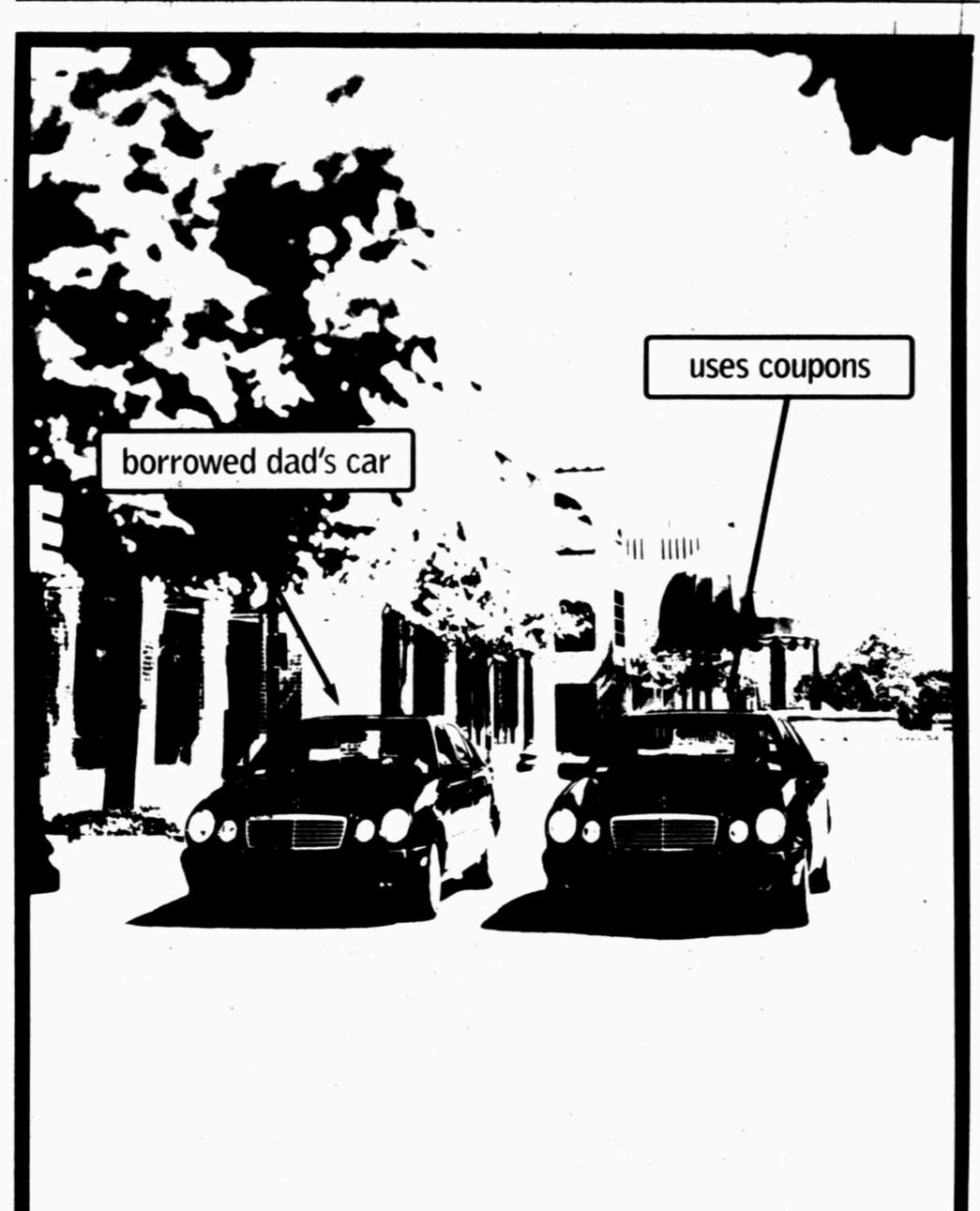
WEDNESDAY
Open Pairs
1. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
2. B.J. Filley, Ann Servatius
3. Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley
4. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey

THURSDAY
Open Pairs
1. Betty Hill, Mary Anne Ochs
2. E.J. Henderson, Joyce Mitchell
3. Debbie Kemp, Bitsy Loewenstein
4. Snookye Howard, Eleanor Kimberlin

FRIDAY
Open Pairs
1. Jane Myers, Flo Curry
2. Janet Stoltz, Vangie Lindsey
3. Debbie Kemp, Helen Owen
4. Sadie Hudson, Frances Mills

SATURDAY
Open Pairs
1. and 2. Tie: Ann Servatius, Jimmie Penn, Billie Armstrong, Becky Hamilton
3. B.J. Filley, Sally Whiteley
4. and 5. Tie: Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes, Dixie Gifford, Joe Salman

SUNDAY
Club Championship
1. Jimmie Penn, Mary Hammond
2. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
3. Sarah White, Lena Nichols
4. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englett
5. Sandra Rea, Clarence Marley



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IT'S HARD TO LOOK CHEAP WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THAT'S WHAT U.S. SHOPPERS SAVE EACH YEAR JUST BY CLIPPING COUPONS. IN FACT, ONE YEAR OF WEEKLY CLIPPING CAN SAVE YOU $400 OR MORE — ENOUGH TO COVER A WHOLE CAR PAYMENT. SO, GRAB YOUR SCISSORS AND LOOK FOR OUR COUPONS IN YOUR SUNDAY PAPER. BEFORE LONG YOU COULD BE SO RICH, YOU WON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

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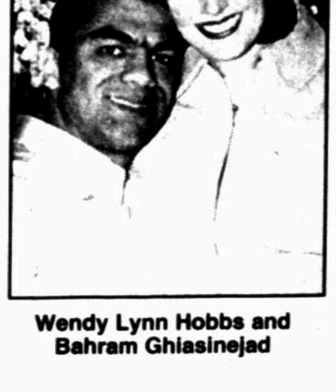
ENGAGEMENTS

HOBBS-GHIASINEJAD

Wendy Lynn Hobbs and Bahram Ghiasinejad, both of Dallas, are planning to be married 7:30 p.m. March 3 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. Parents of the bride are Lee Hobbs and Sheri Hobbs, both of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Abbas Ghiasinejad of Plano are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Hobbs is a 1993 graduate Lee High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is employed at Brink's Home Security. Her fiance graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1989.



Wendy Lynn Hobbs and Bahram Ghiasinejad

HIGHTOWER-ROBERTSON

Amber Lane Hightower and Troy Randall Robertson, both of Midland, are planning a wedding at 7 p.m. June 10 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Jack Hightower and Robin Hightower of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robertson of Seguin are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Hightower and her fiance are both graduates of Midland High School and 1999 graduates of Texas Tech University.

Amber Lane Hightower and Troy Randall Robertson

GREEN-CAUBLE

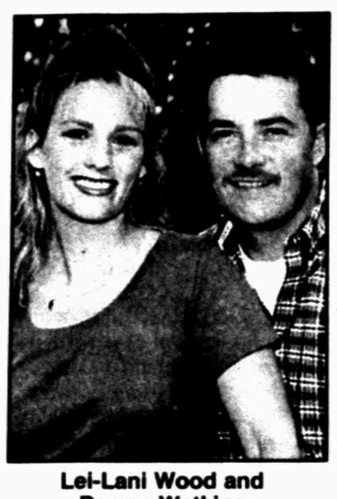
Mindy Green of Big Spring and Trey Cauble of Midland are planning to be married June 17 at 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring. The bride-elect is the daughter of Steve and Trissa Green of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Billy and Mary Helen Green and Roy and Sallie Bailey, all of Snyder. Parents of the future bridegroom are Ricky and Trisha Cauble of Midland. His grandparents are Richard and Mae Cauble of Big Spring and Bobby and Della Hogue of Midland.

Mindy Green and Trey Cauble

WOOD-WATKINS

Lei-Lani Wood of Greenwood and Darren Watkins of Arlington are planning to be married 5:30 p.m. March 25 at the Bed and Breakfast at the Ranch in Fort Worth. Miss Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood of Greenwood. Cheryl Watkins of Arlington is the mother of the future bridegroom.

Miss Wood is a 1993 graduate of Greenwood High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Texas in Arlington, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed with Heartplace in Arlington. Her fiance graduated from Sam Houston High School in Arlington in 1987. He is a master electrician employed with Sadd Electric in Arlington, and an instructor at the Independent Electrical Contractors of Fort Worth.



Lei-Lani Wood and Darren Watkins

HADAWAY-JOHNSON

Misty Dawn Hadaway and Keith Edward Johnson Jr. are planning a 2 p.m. Feb. 26 wedding at Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Jerry and Debbie Hadaway of Midland. Keith and Bobbie Johnson of Iraan are the parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Hadaway is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School and a 1999 graduate of Midland College, where she earned a degree in applied science. She is employed with Midland Memorial Hospital Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Associates. Her fiance graduated from Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District in 1995 and from MC in 1999, where he earned a degree in applied science. He is employed in the radiology department at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Misty Dawn Hadaway and Keith Edward Johnson Jr.

MURPHY-HIEMSTRA

Former Midlander Melinda Murphy and Thomas J. Hiemstra, both of New York City, are planning to be married 7 p.m. April 15 at Mission San Jose in San Antonio. Parents of the bride-elect are Jim and Natalie Murphy of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Myra Hiemstra of Mamaroneck, N.Y., and Jippe and Annette Hiemstra of New York City.

Miss Murphy graduated from Lee High School in 1982 and earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Texas A&M University in 1986. She is a morning TV reporter with News 12 NJ. She is a EMMY winner and a member of NYC Board of Education Advisory Council, Writers' Guild of America and New York Academy of TV Arts and Sciences. Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Mamaroneck High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from Colby College in 1988 and a master of business administration degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1994. He is vice president of sales with Ruhrkohle Trading Corporation. He is a member of the Netherlands Club and Westchester Field Hockey.

Melinda Murphy and Thomas J. Hiemstra

WEDDINGS

BOS-GRANDY

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — Jamie Erin Bos of Riverside, Calif., and Michael Lindon Grandy of Midland, Texas, were married in December at Mt. Timpanogas Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in American Fork.

Arthur and Heidi Bos of Riverside are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Paul and Aleta Grandy of Midland.

Laurie Bos Webster was honor attendant for her sister, who also was attended by her sisters, Linday Bos and Allison Bos; Jennifer Grandy, Shannon Grandy and Roslyn Grandy, sisters of the bridegroom; and Annie Blais.

Honor attendant for the bridegroom was Brannen Trost.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of La Sierra High School and is a student at Brigham Young University in Provo. Her husband graduated from Midland High School in 1995 and is also a student at BYU, where he is employed with Environmental Modeling Research Laboratory.

After honeymooning in Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lindon Grandy

HASSLINGER-STARK

DALLAS — Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas was the setting for the 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 wedding of Kelly Marie Hasslinger and Leslie Edward Stark, both of Dallas. Monsignor Donald Zimmerman officiated.

James and Patricia Hasslinger of Houston are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Edward and Joy Stark of Midland.

Carol Hasslinger was honor attendant for her sister. The bride's other attendants were Loretta Garcia, Solana Reed, Erin Larson, Michele Stark Carey, sister of the bridegroom, and Lesli Lamb.

David Stark served his brother as honor attendant. He also was attended by David Schmidt, Michael Ciampa, Alphonsis Sommers III and Brad Gamble. Ushers were Roy H. Carey, and brothers of the bride Brian Hasslinger and Steve Hasslinger.

After a wedding trip to Belieze, the couple lives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Edward Stark

HARDY-HEBERT

Billie Jean Hardy and David Todd Hebert, both of Midland, are planning to be married 1 p.m. March 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milton, La. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kenneth Hardy of Kaplan, La., and Paulette McCloskey of Abbeville, La. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reinhardt of Maurice, La.

Miss Hardy is a graduate of Remington College in Lafayette, La. She is employed with Julian Gold. Her fiance graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. He is employed with NATCO Group Education Centers.

Billie Jean Hardy and David Todd Hebert

Honeymoon trips traditional — or not

By Stephen J. O'Brien
N.Y. Times News Service

WACO — For young couples these days, taking the plunge can mean more than getting hitched. The trend of newlyweds incorporating adventure and experience into their honeymoons could even include taking a spin in a real-life submarine for some.

"There's a submarine coming out that will let couples stay under water for a couple of days at a time," said Lori Seto, travel editor for The Knot, a New York-based wedding planning company. "I think it will be popular because it's such a unique experience."

While a trip to the underwater world isn't for everyone, many couples these days want to go on educational or experience-based honeymoons, travel industry experts say. Some couples are choosing to stay at five-star hotels that also offer culinary classes hosted by the hotel's chefs. Others are taking year-long backpacking trips through Thailand or taking month-long safari tours of the African Serengeti.

"I think the picture of people sitting on the beach all week is not what everyone wants," Seto said. "With all these opportunities out there people are going further and packing more in."

That is, of course, for those newlyweds who can afford the cost of flying half-way around the world and who have the time. Those restraints and the desire many couples have to keep things simple have created a wide variety of honeymoon trips.

'If a couple is having a huge wedding where they're stressed out and dealing with all kinds of things, they may want to go somewhere laid-back. They may not want to go to a place where they don't know the language or have to meet a daily sight-seeing schedule. You have to know yourself and pick somewhere that's going to (be) the most enjoyable for you.'
— Lori Seto, travel editor for The Knot wedding planning company

And even for some who can afford more exotic trips, traveling to a secluded place with few side attractions is still popular, travel agents say. Quiet romance still takes top priority for many newlyweds.

"There are a lot of people who take shorter trips down to the Gulf of Mexico to South Padre, Galveston, New Orleans or other spots along the coast," said Kathy Babitzke of Waco-based The Travel Planet. "For most honeymooners, they aren't interested in side trips. What they want is a nice place to stay."

10 DAYS AND $3,500

The average honeymoon these days lasts about 10 days and costs $3,500, but travel experts say you can cut back as needed and make your post-wedding vacation enjoyable and economical. Popular destinations include places like Las Vegas, Disney World in Florida and Niagara Falls.

But the most popular trips, and many times the most economical, are the all-inclusive getaways to places like Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico.

"If you're on a budget, this is a great way to go because you don't have to worry about how much food or beverages cost," said Tracey Dean, owner of Welcome Aboard Travel in Prior, Okla.

A four-night trip to Cozumel from Dallas is $776 per person. A seven-night stay is $1,[illegible]0 per person.

Playa del Carman, a secluded area south of Cancun, has become popular for couples who want to get away from crowds of people. Another popular spot is Hawaii, which has breathtaking views of mountainous landscapes and plenty of activities for those who want to add some adventure to their honeymoons. A 7-day trip to Hawaii for two, including airfare and hotel but no drinks or food, runs about $2,500, travel agents said.

All-inclusive trips can really mean all-inclusive, as many cruise lines are finding out. In 1999, Carnival, one of the largest cruise lines in the world, averaged almost six weddings a day aboard its 14 ships. Royal Caribbean International performed close to three weddings a day aboard its 11 ships.

Many of the ships also are catering to older couples who have children from previous relationships. Seto said many ships and resorts have honeymoon packages that let the newlyweds have private time while the youngsters are entertained in sports activities and day care.

"A lot of couples these days are on their second or third marriage and already have children," she said. "They want to bring the kids along but there have to be things for them to do. The industry has begun to accommodate them."

Travel agents say the best way to have a good honeymoon is to plan ahead. Once couples have decided when they're getting married, then they can begin deciding what would be the best honeymoon package. Soon-to-be newlyweds also should look at their finances, how much time they have and what type of vacation would best suit them.

"If a couple is having a huge wedding where they're stressed out and dealing with all kinds of things they may want to go somewhere laid-back," Seto said. "They may not want to go to a place where they don't know the language or have to meet a daily sight-seeing schedule. You have to know yourself and pick somewhere that's going to (be) the most enjoyable for you."

Budgets many times are the biggest determining factors in where newlyweds go and how long they stay. Wedding planners say stretching honeymoon dollars often is about priorities. A thousand dollars a person can get you out of the country to a nice resort with little fanfare and added features, like horseback riding or scuba diving. Or a couple can stay close to home and put most of the money into staying at a five-star hotel, complete with fine cuisine and bottles of exotic champagne.

"You can spend it all on where you go," Seto said, "or how nice of place you stay. It's up to the couple."

And it does matter what time of year you're getting married. A wedding in the fall is fine, but vacationing in the Bahamas or other islands in the Atlantic can be risky that time of year, because fall is hurricane season. Prices come down during this time — September, October, November and early December — but travel agents say it probably isn't worth the risk.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, about 10 days before the item is to appear in the newspaper, including items for Around Town, Club News, luncheons and fashion shows.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of milestone events — including engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements; quinceañeras, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs — free of charge. Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper (including wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements) is 2 p.m. the Friday that is 10 days before the publication date.

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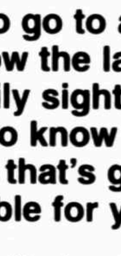
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BLACK: Designer attributes his business success to 'mostly luck'

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"You could look right at it," Black said. "It didn't look like the sun anymore. I said, 'The planet Mars is going to crash into the Earth. Didn't you hear it on the radio?' She completely believed me, ran inside, got her mother and sisters all excited, and I got in huge trouble for elaborating this hoax."

He remembers his childhood as having a "lot of scares — sandstorms, air-raid drills, fallout drills. It was a big Cold War period. We were also very concerned about tornadoes. The Walgreens Drugstore had bomb shelters for sale: big steel domed things that you were supposed to bury and cover with concrete. The whole idea that the Russians were going to bomb Midland is kind of ludicrous, but we were ready."

At the insistence of his mother, he studied piano, and, as a teen-ager in the summer of 1964, he was a volunteer for President Lyndon Johnson and wrote "dispatches for the Reporter-Telegram about the Democratic Convention in Atlantic City from a kid's point of view. I wanted to be a journalist."

Although his parents didn't move to Houston until 1965, Black was already attending school elsewhere. His parents, who are now deceased, had sent him to St. Thomas Choir School in New York when he was in the fifth grade.

In 1965, Midland was "in the depths of one of its periodic slumps," Black said. "It hit the construction business very hard. There was no work for Dad here. He was already 65 and took it as a good time to retire. Two of my (three) sisters (Lois, Gail and Dorothy or Dawn) lived in Houston at that time.

"I kept going farther and farther away — prep school in Massachusetts and college in Chicago. I never really looked back."

Black, who worked as art director for Newsweek, Rolling Stone, The New York Times and New York magazine, is now CEO of Roger Black, Inc., with offices in Seattle, New York and San Francisco and joint ventures with designers in London, Paris, Barcelona and Monterrey, Mexico.

"That has been successful much more than I imagined," Black said of his company, which branched into Internet design in the mid-1990s. "By moving from just doing print work to doing print and Internet stuff, the whole thing took off. We've gone from 30 designers at the end of 1998 to over 90 (at the end of 1999)."

He attributes his business success to "mostly luck. It's like everything else. You hope that you have a feel for where the right place and right time is going to be but actually getting there is just good fortune, and I have been pretty much at the right time and right place."

Travel is his middle name, and he's as likely to wake up on a continent other than North America as he is in his own bed. But, in recent years, he's found his thoughts returning to the flat horizon of his youth.

"We have imprinted on our consciousness where we were born or grew up," Black said. "The only other place I feel as at home is on the ocean where it's flat. I have lived in other places, and it always makes me nervous if I don't see the horizon. ...

"As everyone gets older, they start thinking about their roots, what the point was. It's a funny thing. If you have traveled as much as I have, simpler places become much more appealing."

After leaving West Texas in his past for more than a decade, Black has been spending time each year for the past five in Midland and the Davis Mountains.

"My mother started, with a bunch of other people, Mitre Peak Girl Scout Camp. She was the first director of the camp when I was a little, tiny child. I spent the summers down there with her, four summers in a row. I still have memories of horseback riding in Big Bend, looking down the cliffs. You can't even go on horses in the park anymore.

"And the famous dude ranch, Prude Ranch, had a summer camp in those days that I went to the summer I was 7. Those are very impressionable years. That stuff sticks. Right now, I officially live in New York City. I also have a house in California and Florida. I move pretty constantly. I like to move around though it's nice to have a place where you can stand on the front porch at night and not see any lights."

He has no plans of retiring or slowing down, but he is looking for a ranch to call his own.

"The world is finding Marfa and Alpine and Fort Davis," Black said. "So I figure it's now or never."

ART: American Museum of Miniature Arts opens newly renovated home

(From 8E)

she died, one of my sisters got it, and that was one thing I really wanted. And so I saw it, and I bought it, and after that it was all downhill."

Model airplanes provided the spark for Huston.

"I've loved miniatures since I was a little boy making model airplanes at home," Huston said. "I have been fascinated with miniatures ever since, and they still fascinate me. They are a way of seeing in three dimensions that you don't get in a painting, which is a two dimensional representation of three dimensions."

Grandchildren inspired Mrs. Roberts interest.

"I've always liked little things," said Mrs. Roberts. "I had two sons and never got to play with the girl toys. When a granddaughter came along, I thought now we can play dolls."

Mrs. Roberts bought her first dollhouse on a trip with her husband. He was hauling a horse.

"We had the truck and trailer, and we stopped by a miniature show," Mrs. Roberts said. She laughed. "There was a dollhouse in the window, and I bought it. Some girls here in Midland started a little miniature shop. They built a little bookshelf dollhouse for my granddaughter. I fixed that for her. She could use the things that it didn't matter if she stomped on them. We had her house and my house. At the same time, I had to build my grandson a train set. I was hooked."

For millennia, humans have created miniature art. Egyptian rulers were entombed with miniature versions of their most prized possessions, and ancient Chinese tombs have yielded entire armies in miniature, exquisitely crafted in precious metals. Michelangelo used models in the design of St. Peter's Basilica in the 1500s. Christopher Wren did the same as he envisioned St. Paul's and other great cathedrals in the 1700s.

German royalty are credited with fashioning the first dollhouses, said the "History of the Miniature Arts" release prepared by the Dallas museum. They were used as teaching tools for the young women in the household.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, dollhouses and their miniature furnishings became popular art. The Queen's Dolls' House, designed by architect Sir Edwin Lutyens in the 1920s for Queen Mary, took the best craftsmen of the time three years to complete. Today, a half-million visitors pay admission to see this royal treasure in Windsor Castle in England.

"Because artisans extensively research every detail of a time period for accuracy, miniatures are a terrific way to teach art, history, culture, architecture and even math because the miniatures are to absolute scale," said Ms. Rhodes. "So exact is the craftsmanship that one often cannot tell whether a photograph of a miniature is scaled or life-sized. It's a captivating way for both children and adults to learn."

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Sunday, February 6

Gallery 1114

The Gallery will present the works of three artists during it's first show for the year 2000. Featured artists are Robert Green of Abilene, Becki Smith of Odessa, and Janet Whitman of Midland. This show runs through Feb. 27.

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary work. Member artists include Kitt Beck, Julia Bias, Ramah Bosecker, Mark Cox, Karen Hembree, Joyce Howell, Gabriel Lewis, Sharon Navage, Susan Randle, Becki Smith, and Kathy Williams.

Gallery's hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appointment. Call: (915) 685-9944.

Oil Glazing

The Midland Arts Association has scheduled a program on the Old Masters method of glazing in oil. The program will be presented at the Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave., beginning at 2:30 p.m. today by Michael Mark, a noted artist from Millerton, N. Y.

Mark received his master of fine arts from Tufts University in Boston. He has taught in Europe, and currently teaches in Massachusetts. The program here will last 3 to 4 hours and includes a slide show and a hands-on workshop.

Brigl Collection

Select pieces of the William A. Brigl Collection are on exhibit in the Garden Room at Midland Country Club through February.

The William A. Brigl Collection consists of the remaining original oils and watercolors painted by the artist during his lifetime.

Brigl, who was born in Bavaria in 1903, came to the United States in 1930 and lived and painted in Midland from 1980 until his death in 1990. The artist studied with Monet early in his career as well as Joseph Sailer and Nicoli Fechin.

Brigl's paintings hang in several museums as well as prestigious private collections in the United States, Europe and Australia. He is well known for his powerful seascapes as well as his religious figures and street scenes of Paris and Chicago. His landscapes include Wisconsin, New Mexico and the Big Bend area in Texas.

A full biography of the artist will be made available during the exhibit by Mike and Carole Byford of Studio MiCa.

MC exhibition

The first exhibition of 2000 in the McCormick Gallery at Midland College is a retrospective of the past and present works of college art professor, Warren Taylor. The exhibit remains through Feb. 18.

The exhibition features works from the past 25 years and a current series of works with music themes. Taylor joined the MC faculty in the fall of 1979. This marks his first solo exhibition in the college gallery, which is located in the Allison Fine Arts Building.

A section of this exhibition will

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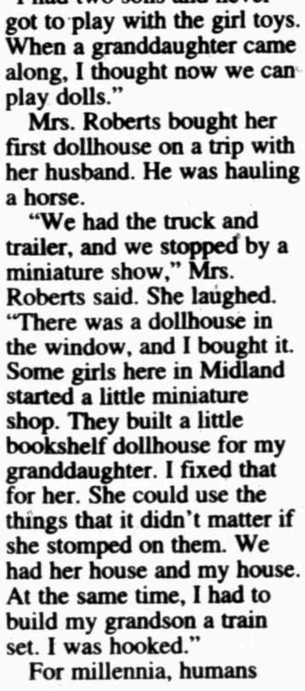

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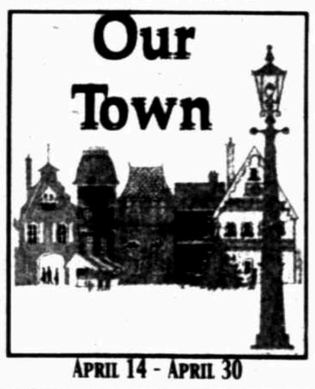
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travel to Kansas in March-April and will end at the Dearing Galleries of Taos, N.M. in July-August this year.

The artist is currently featured in the Winsor-Newton International Competition at St. James Palace in London. This exhibition will travel to Stockholm, Brussels and New York. Taylor is one of five American artists represented in the exhibition that globally drew 22,000 entries.

Monday, February 7

Dedication

Odessa - The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will dedicate its newly completed Visual Arts Studios at 2 p.m. Monday. The $4.1 million square-foot complex encompasses 27,000 square feet and houses two-dimensional and three-dimensional design studios, an art gallery, classroom and related work areas for study and lectures.

The two-dimensional studio is designed for printmaking, painting, drawing, and graphic design, and the three-dimensional studio will accommodate ceramics, sculpture, woodworking and metal fabrication.

Guest speakers will include UT System Chancellor William Cunningham and Rita C. Clements, chair of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee for the UT System Board of Regents.

A reception and guided tours will be conducted immediately following the dedication.

The dedication is to be held in the gallery of the studios. For more information call (915) 552-2806. The Visual Arts Studios were designed by the architectural firms of Rhotenberry Wellen of Midland and F&S of Dallas.

Membership drive

West Texas Harmony, a Sweet Adeline chorus is having a membership drive during the month of February. Women who love to sing and want to be part of an international organization that promotes four-part harmony are invited to visit any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway. The rehearsals are an opportunity to learn about barbershop style singing through education and performances in Midland and Odessa. For information call: (915) 694-0857 or (915) 362-0814.

Tuesday, February 8

Monthly meeting

The Midland Quilters Guild will hold the monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday and at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Both meetings will be held in the Golf Course Church of Christ Family Center. For information call: (915) 694-1388.

Watercolor event

An exhibit of watercolor art by Janis Petty Moore is on display at Bank United this month.

Mrs. Moore has studied at Midland College and in workshops for the past ten years, but only since her retirement three years ago has she had time to devote to developing her work in watercolor. Since that time her paintings have been accepted by juried art exhibitions. She is preparing to show in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Hilton Head, S.C. this spring. She displays her paintings on corporate sites and in private collections.

Her interest in art goes back many years. She also is interested in music and theater. Her paintings try to capture interesting and beautiful things.

The exhibit can be viewed during banking hours at 401 W. Texas Ave. through Feb. 29.

Demonstration

Herb Cooper, an artist well known in the area and a retired Midland School teacher, is giving a program for the Midland Palette Club meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 9:30 a.m. His work has been exhibited in many shows in the area and he has won awards for excellence for his work. The meeting is open to anyone interested in arts and painting. This free demonstration is partially supported by the Midland Arts Assembly and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For information call: (915) 694-0516.

Thursday, February 10

Valentine storytime

MIDLAND-The West Texas Storytellers Guild will present a Valentine storytime evening Thursday at 7 p.m. Its sharing love with parents and children, and stories of understanding and kindness. To be held Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Barnes & Nobles meeting area, (2617 W. Loop 250 N.)

The general public is invited to this free admission meeting.

For more information call: (915) 699-7820 or (915) 570-9112.

Saturday, February 12

Poetry Society

The Permian Basin Poetry Society will meet Saturday at 2 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Midland County Library. Midland College English professor, James Fuller will speak on "Poetry of the Diaspora: Diversity in the Word," a presentation of poetry that reflects the diversity of poetic expression of people of color around the world. Following Mr. Fuller's program, poetry society members and the audience will be invited to share poems from various countries and cultures. The meeting is open to the public.

For information call: (915) 520-4679.

Live broadcast

Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network will be broadcasting live Jacques Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" ("The Tales of Hoffmann") from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Les Contes d'Hoffmann opera is in three acts performed with two intermissions.

Neil Shicoff will be heard as the love-struck Hoffmann, with Ruth Ann Swenson as the Four Heroines, Bryn Terfel as the Four Villains, Susanne Mentzer as Nicklausse, and Pierre Lefebvre as the Four Servants. The conductor will be James Levine, and the announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

For more information visit the Texaco web site at www.texaco.com or the Metropolitan Opera web site at www.metopera.org.

Blues concert

MIDLAND - Permian Basin Blues Society and 102.1 KF2X presents "Mick Taylor" (ex-Rolling Stones guitarist) with special guest: K.K. and The Rays featuring "Abner Burnett" at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

Tickets are $20 in advance. P.B.B.A. members free. Tickets are available at Endless Horizons, Odessa and The Midland Community Theatre. VIP tables available by calling (915) 580-0444.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Exhibition set

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition will be held March 2 to April 9 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Juror for the show is Xiang Zhang, a member of the Oil Partners of America, who will present a workshop in oils March 3-5 at the Midland Palette Club.

Zhang grew up in China and graduated from the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing. His work has won awards in both regional and juried shows. His painting "Kid's Band," a group portrait of young jazz musicians, received a merit award in the 1995 Arts for the Parks Competition.

The three day workshop will include working with a model and still life.

Contact Doris Spires or Marie Marinovich at 682-8401 or 699-7136 for more information.

The exhibition is partly supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Poetry Society

MIDLAND - All students enrolled in Texas schools or home schooled are eligible to enter the Poetry Society of Texas state student contests for 2000. Fifty-four different contests are included, with categories for students from first grade through college. Entries must be received by March 1. There is no entry fee.

First place winners for college students will receive cash prizes. First place winners in grades 1-12 will receive engraved plaques. All second and third place winners will receive certificates.

First place poems will be printed in a book of winning poems published by the Poetry Society of Texas. Recognition will be given in the book to all first, second, and third place winners and honorable mention placements, and to their schools and their sponsors. Winners will be invited to read their winning poems at the State Student Awards Festival in Dallas.

For rules and information call: (915) 520-4679 or write Leona Welch, State Student Contests Chair, 501 Amsden, Denison, Tx. 75021. Rules available at Midland library and bookstores.

MCC venue

Midland Community Concert will close its 1999-2000 series on April 7 with an appearance by the popular folk singers, Jay Unger and Molly Mason. The concert will be at Midland High School. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For information call: (915) 620-0033.

Crystal Ball

MIDLAND-The High Sky Children's Ranch is celebrating its 26th Annual Crystal Ball on April 8. This is a black tie event and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a traditional breakfast buffet, and dancing to the music of "The Pictures" at the Midland Country Club. There will be a live auction of crystal and a silent auction with an array of items.

All proceeds will go to expenses associated with providing care and treatment to approximately 650 children and families annually.

Deadline for all sponsor reply cards is Feb. 25, to ensure inclusion on the invitation. Invitations are to be mailed in mid-March. General admission to the event is $150 per couple.

For information call: (915) 682-3503 or (915) 498-4405.

Gala Ball

The Midland Symphony Guild is holding its Twelfth Annual Gala Weekend, February Fantastique, this month.

Presentation of the 2000 Senior Belles will be Friday, Feb. 18 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center at 6:30 p.m. Performing for the event will be "Big Bang Beat."

The Gala Brunch introduction of the 2000 Freshman Belles will be Feb. 19 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center at 11:00 a.m. Music will be provided by the Odessa College Jazz Band, directed by Lon Clark, and Reba McHaney, Principal Harpist for M.O.S.C.

Lunch begins at 10:30 a.m.

Concert

St. Ann's Millennium Choir will present a concert of Christian Music that starts with early church music, progresses through Renaissance and closes with modern anthems and spirituals at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The choir, under the direction of Kay Brahaney, will be joined by the Lone Star Brass Quintet and other area musicians.

A special highlight will be soloist Jeff Monette. Monette is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a Midland Opera Theatre Scholarship recipient.

The Millennium Concert will be at St. Ann's Church. The public is invited to attend this free concert.

For information call: (915) 682-6303.

'Texas Toast'

ODESSA — Permian Playhouse is presenting another helping of "Texas Toast." This year's production will be "That's Show Biz," a musical comedy that chronicles the variety of ways that man has invented to entertain himself. The stars of the show are locals.

The production is being directed by Frank and Betty Ann Barrow of Denton. This marks the 6th time that Texas Toast has come to Odessa. The show is scheduled for February. Dates and times will be announced later.

For more information call 550-5456 or (915) 362-2329 after 1 p.m.

Upcoming Outside Midland-Odessa

Festival

Taos, N.M. - The Taos Talking Picture Festival is scheduled for April 13-16.

This festival is a celebration of cinema artists and their art. Created by Taos Talking Pictures, a New Mexico-based non-profit 501 media arts organization, the festival was launched in 1994 to encourage the thoughtful production and informed consumption of mass media.

Since its inception, the festival has showcased more than 600 films and videos from more than 40 countries. The festival includes the Taos Media Forum, a one-of-a-kind gathering of filmmakers, media theorists and educators concerned about the impact of the mass media on our culture. The festival will bring 120 films from around the world to New Mexico this April.

Festival tributes will be announced in February, including the recipients of the Cineaste Award.

For more information call: (505) 751-0637 or ttpix@taos-net.com, or www.ttipx.org.

Productions

LUBBOCK-Texas Tech University Theatre's spring season offers three All-American productions: a classic with a twist, an original dance and musical extravaganza, and a zany, ribtickling farce.

Tennessee Williams' vivid and powerful drama, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" will be on stage Feb. 18-20, 25-27.

Dancers and musicians combine their talents to present "Rhythmic Flirtations: An Evening of Percussion and Dance," April 7-9. Rhythmic Flirtations is an imaginative and compelling dance and musical extravaganza.

The spring season concludes with "The House of Blue Leaves," April 21-23, 28-30. The play deals with Artic, a middle-aged zoo keeper, and his dizzy wife, aptly named Bananas.

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Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

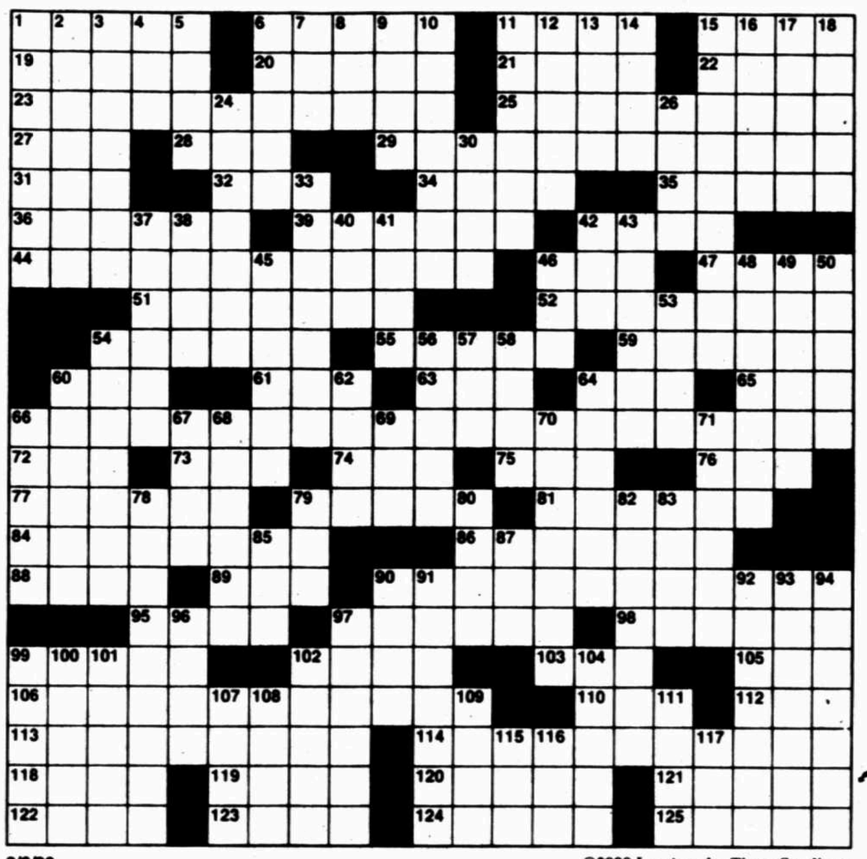
"CELEBRATING THE UNION"
By MATT GAFFNEY

ACROSS

1 Bandit baggers
6 Dreaded Soviet system
11 Taxis
15 Loony tunes
19 Bit of mischief
20 Province bordering Madrid
21 "There should be — against that!"
22 Thames school
23 Picnic items for the 1st year
25 Umpire's call
27 — standstill
28 Web address: Abbr.
29 Puritanical preacher for the 2nd year
31 Motown, Mich.
32 She bear: Sp.
34 Weed whackers
35 Yonder
36 More appealing to a horse, say
39 Hose
42 Rice-shaped pasta
44 Country singer for the 15th year
46 Average guy
47 Baron's superior: Abbr.
51 Indulge
52 Gilbert and Sullivan offering
54 Seasoned sausage
55 Not long ago
59 Sub finders
60 Certain attys.
61 Chess pieces
63 Classical start
64 1950's pol. inits.
65 Tennis redo
66 Theme of this puzzle
72 Toy maker
73 Family members
74 Debtor's letters
75 Lobe location
76 Make-believe
77 Covered with grass
79 Elvis song, say
81 Wheels for families
84 Kept at, as a barn
86 Sells in shops
88 Vintner's prefix
89 Stan or Spike
90 Utensils for the 25th year
95 Met or Cub, e.g.
97 Top layer
98 Warfare
99 Certain chemical: Comb. form
102 Former Yugo notable
103 Woman
105 Hit sign
106 Monetary backup system for the 50th year
110 Wash. neighbor
112 — -Magnon
113 Sierra Nevada resort
114 Hawaiian viewing for the 60th year
118 Elevator man
119 Oz traveler
120 Finish
121 Gossiper
122 Coy act
123 Ogles
124 Hotel offerings
125 Quick Halloween costume

DOWN

1 Duvalier's moniker
2 Rampaging
3 March honoree, informally
4 It's you, in Vienna
5 Light tan
6 Irritates
7 Sch. Jefferson founded
8 Aflame
9 Kim's husband
10 Fuel mixture
11 Hindu social systems
12 Choir section
13 Cows' home
14 Do the butterfly
15 Bonn bigwig
16 "A Day — Races"
17 Castle feature
18 Sound of slumber
24 Proportionately
26 Screenwriter Gloria
30 Color quality
33 More sore
37 "The die —": Caesar
38 And others, to Antony
40 Sun — -sen
41 Rhone city
42 Alley —
43 Della and Pee Wee
45 Jack who played Felix
46 High spirits
48 Sign of stress?
49 Sesame, for one
50 Role fillers
53 Parks on a bus
54 Paella ingredient
56 Deep boredom
57 Yellow River joiner
58 Puppy —: crush
60 Weaken
62 Finger feature
64 In —: owing debts
66 "I — emotional": Whitney Houston lyric
67 — -ball
68 Paragon of fitness
69 Show approval
70 Spring holidays
71 Rescue price, perhaps
78 Hotel nerve center
79 List topper
80 First name in mysteries
82 Make out
83 Fido's brand
85 Cloth ending
87 Close of the day
90 — precedent
91 Organized
92 Outrageous
93 Tell the tale
94 — attention
96 Bewildered
97 Home movies, perhaps
99 Beaming
100 Raccoon relative
101 "The Living End" novelist Stanley
102 Issuance from Uncle Sam
104 Basketball
107 London gallery
108 Sea call
109 Rat Pack name
111 Ice cream brand
115 Stir
116 The word, often
117 Nervous laugh



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000:

You're more unpredictable and quirky than you have been in prior years. On many levels, you are undergoing a transformation. Communicating your feelings and needs remains important. Others will be responsive and supportive. Money is an active topic of thought and conversation. Be careful of frivolous spending, especially this summer. If single, a new love may appear on the horizon. This person could force you to take a hard look at yourself. If attached, you put the old zing back into your relationship this summer. PISCES helps you understand money matters more clearly.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Take a deep breath. If necessary, pull away from the craziness that surrounds your life. Take some time off to recharge, think and center. Visit with a young relative who you find amusing and very interesting. Don't push. This is your day of rest. Tonight: Early to bed.
This week: Revamp plans on Monday and Tuesday, then execute them. You'll get the results you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Focus on what is important to you. Do nothing halfway. You will be pleased with the end result. Instincts help you with an older relative. Others respond to your suggestions. Make time to gather with friends. A favorite pastime calls. Tonight: Where your friends are.
This week: Don't waste time. Zero in on what you want on Monday. After that, you are on cruise control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take the initiative. Others respond to your energy. Make plans for a day outing, or see a favorite art show. You gain understanding because of a key conversation. Guard against putting others on a pedestal. In the long run, you'll both lose. Tonight: In the limelight.
This week: Others want you to take responsibility. If you do, you'll get all the applause on Wednesday and Thursday. Why not, then?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Take time with a partner who has a case of the jitters. By taking off and changing your setting, you'll soothe your soul and get yet another perspective. Do not minimize the importance of a different environment. Try a talk again. Tonight: Distant horizons call.
This week: Check out another's perspective. Do your homework. Wednesday, act on what you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Ask questions, but be prepared for unusual answers. Your vision of what could be is obviously a lot different from another's. A close friend or partner shares what is going on with him. Togetherness is enhanced. Honor another's vulnerability. Tonight: Nice and close.
This week: Let others run with the ball while you relax and watch what happens. You get a different point of view as a result.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Go with an energy surge this morning. Clear out any odds and ends that need to be done. Socialize and visit with friends in the later day. You find another's affable manner irresistible. Realize what you want in a relationship. Tonight: Another knows how to appeal to you.
This week: Others hold the cards on Monday and Tuesday. Negotiate on Wednesday and Thursday for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Creativity surges; how active you become depends on how much you are into your imagination. Taking a lazy day could be OK. You need some time off. Listen to what another shares. Be sensitive to someone who makes a big difference in your life. Tonight: Kick back.
This week: You had better like the work ethic, as you have a lot of work ahead of you. Leave networking until later in the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Build greater security. Someone close to home creates uproar. Decide to back off. Be more active — some exercise might be right up your alley. Invite a friend or loved one to join you in a preferred winter sport. You naturally enjoy yourself. Tonight: A child becomes chatty.
This week: Your imagination goes hog-wild. Let it. Try funneling it into work. Maybe you can accomplish while you're having fun!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make calls early on, as you might opt to become the happy recluse later on. Whether you curl up with a good book, surf the Net or visit with a child, you need some quiet time. Another clearly enjoys your company. Pick when you want to be out and about. Tonight: Anchor in.
This week: Dig into your resources. Use your unusually high energy to clear out any obstacles. Another approach works wonders. Your job is to find it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with money demands and swings. You manage your funds well. Plan on joining friends for an extended meal and an event that's fun for everyone. Together, you relax and catch up on news. What could seem light and witty carries much more weight than you think. Tonight: Out.
This week: A talk causes you to think through a decision and change your mind. This process could take the whole week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Start your morning as you like. You often respond to everyone else first. Good news knocks on your door. Let your natural ebullience take over. Indulging a loved one or friend fits the bill. Do a better job of listening. Tonight: Shop, or go out for some ethnic cuisine.
This week: Making money might easily be the only reason you work. Wednesday and Thursday, consider ways to make your work more rewarding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ No one forces you to do anything. Take your time, mellow out and know what you want to do. A major purchase you have been mulling over seems irresistible. Still, investigate it a little more so you can get a good price. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.
This week: You beam on Monday and Tuesday. Don't worry about a negative response to your idea — just go for it.

Goren Bridge

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East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 6 3
♡ Q J 8
◇ 9 4 2
♣ A 8 4

WEST
♠ Void
♡ 10 9 6 3 2
◇ K J 10 6 5 3
♣ K Q

EAST
♠ 5 4 2
♡ 7 5
◇ Q
♣ J 10 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 8 7
♡ A K 4
◇ A 8 7
♣ 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

The language of bridge is very colorful. It is derived from sports, history, allusions of sex and almost every facet of life. The "Alligator Coup" is an example.

THE ALLIGATOR COUP

The auction is typical of a modern five-card major sequence. South's hand did not meet either criterion for a jump shift but, after spades were raised, it became slam oriented. Three hearts was designed to learn more about North's minimum opener and, once North showed a sound opening, Blackwood led to the spade slam.

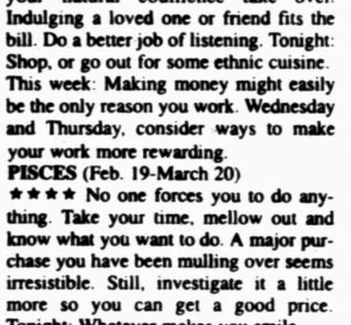
West led the king of clubs, taken by the ace. A club was ruffed in the closed hand, and a trump to the queen, on which West discarded a diamond, permitted another club ruff., West parting with another diamond. The remaining trumps were drawn followed by three rounds of hearts, ending in the closed hand, with East discarding a club on the last. That gave declarer a complete count of the hand — East had started with three spades, two hearts and seven clubs, hence only one diamond.

The only chance for the slam was an endplay. To accomplish that, declarer had to hope that East's singleton diamond was a high honor. A low diamond was led and, had West carelessly followed low, declarer would have accomplished his goal.

But West also had a count of the hand. To foil South's nefarious scheme, West rose with the king of diamonds to swallow partner's queen and continued with the jack, and there was no way declarer could avoid losing a second diamond.

Why Alligator Coup? Because to win the day West's jaws had to open wide like the alligator snatching its prey.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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FEBRUARY 6-12, 2000

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: The second annual Art in the Park features four sculptures by Tim Glover, Meredith Jack, Paul Kittelson, and Jim Robertson, all of Houston. Exhibit continues through August 2000, Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 2:30 p.m. and Understanding the Universe, 4 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children must be accompanied by adult. School field trips and adult programs may be scheduled by calling 683-2882.

The Brigl Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigl, Garden Room, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349, through February, 683-8445.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: ART CLASSES: Adventures in Art 1999-2000 classes, a fun program of art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art classes for students ages 6-12, held 2:30-4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month. The topic for the class today is "Artist as an Architect." Tuition charged. **EXHIBIT:** Art Focus XC, paintings by Dallas area artists, through February 13. **EXHIBIT:** Journeys, children's book illustrations by Diane Stanley, through February 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Featured artists are Robert Green of Abilene, Becki Smith of Odessa, and Janet Whitman of Midland, through Feb. 27. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: A retrospective exhibition and current works by art instructor Warren Taylor, including watercolors, prints, drawings and collages, through Feb. 18, McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., Midland College campus, 3600 N. Garfield. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Stones Unturned, records of Confederate veterans buried in Fairview Cemetery, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Picasso Ceramic Editions: From the Edward Weston Collection, through Feb. 20, South Wing Galleries. **EXHIBIT:** Deborah Newburg: Monotype, through Feb. 27, Here and Now Gallery. **EXHIBIT:** In the Third Dimension: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, through Jan. 7, 2001, Sculpture Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: Scaling Up, a traveling exhibit from the Chemical Heritage Foundation, displays achievements of chemists, engineers, and industrialists, through Apr. 1, 1500 I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-4403. Admission charged.

Permian Playhouse: MYSTERY: "The Mousetrap," 2:30 p.m., 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa, 915 362-2329 or 550-5456. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House Museum: EXHIBIT: A collaboration of pictures that depicts the Dust Bowl and The Great Depression of the 1930s. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Make it Move, an interactive traveling exhibit. **EXHIBIT:** My Town, an interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. Museum hours Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

Midland Palette Club: DEMONSTRATION: Herb Cooper demonstrates watercolor painting, 9:30 a.m., 907 W. Wadley. Free, open to the public.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: PROGRAM: The Peking Acrobats from the People's Republic of China, 7 p.m., UTPB Gymnasium, 4901 E. University, Odessa 552-2650. Free admission for UTPB students, admission charged for all others.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Parker House Ranching Museum: EXHIBIT: Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, including paintings, photographs, posters, and memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 am-3 pm Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple (Maple and 13th St.), Odessa, 915-335-9918. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Arts Assembly of Midland: ACTING WORKSHOPS: Registration for KidsAct free workshops from 7-9 p.m., Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff. Call 687-1149 for more information. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 8 p.m., every Friday except holiday weekends. Star talk and telescope viewing following show, weather permitting. Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members. Children must be accompanied by adult.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Music Man," through Mar. 18, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Arts Assembly of Midland: ACTING WORKSHOPS: KidsAct free acting workshops for grades 1-6 led by Midland Community Theatre school director Judith Geibler, sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland, beginning each hour from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Each 40-minute workshop concludes with a short performance for family and friends. All workshops are held at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff. Pre-registration is available through Midland schools and Friday, February 11, 7-9 p.m. at Midland Park Mall. Call 687-1149 for more information. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Music Man," through Mar. 18, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Permian Basin Blues Society: PERFORMANCE: Legendary guitarist Mick Taylor, formerly of The Rolling Stones, with opening performance by KK & The Rays, featuring Abner Burnett, 9 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 580-0444. Free to PBBS members, admission charged for all others. Tickets available at Midland Community Theatre box office and Endless Horizons in Odessa.

Permian Basin Poetry Society: PROGRAM: Midland College English professor James Fuller, speaking on the topic "Poetry of the Diaspora: Diversity in the World," poetry of people of color around the world, 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library, upstairs meeting room, 301 W. Missouri, 520-4679. Free, public invited.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; http://www.iglobal.net/arts.

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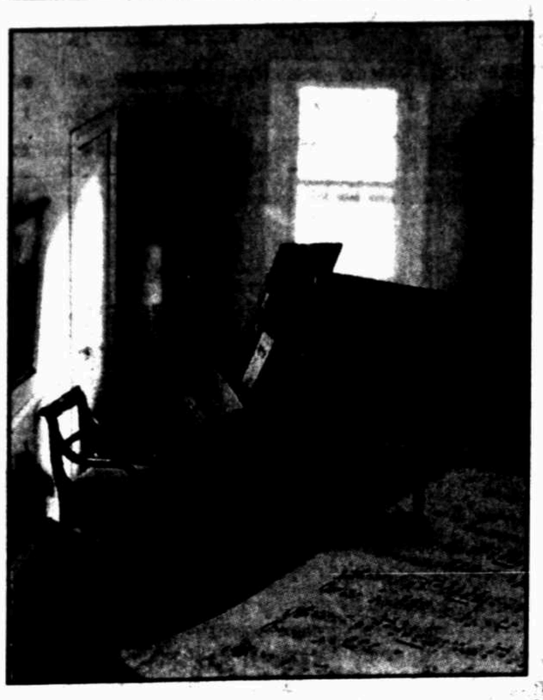

The American Museum of Miniature Arts reopened Saturday in a $4 million renovated space occupying three levels and 17,800 square feet at 2001 N. Lamar in Dallas' historic West End. Among the exhibits on display are: shown below, Reisen Street, an American city block circa 1937; at left is The Master Bedroom; at bottom left, The Landscaping; and at bottom right, The Family Room.

Tiny art reveals gigantic craftsmanship, ability

By Georgia Temple

Housed in a 3,000-square-foot bungalow on Routh Street for a decade, the American Museum of Miniature Arts this weekend opened its newly renovated 17,800-square-foot, tri-level home in the historic West End district in Dallas.

"It's greater than what we thought we'd ever be," said Anne Rhodes, president of the museum's board of governors. "Bill Robertson from Kansas City designed it, and it is simply elegant. He's famous nationally and worldwide as a miniaturist."

The museum is the only one of its kind in the Southwest as well as the largest public museum of miniatures in the country. Many viewers are surprised to find militaria — replicas of toy soldiers from 300 B.C. to the current day — novelty photographs and posters, scale models, books and the set from "The Wizard of Oz." All in miniature, of course.

"It's much more than people expect to see when they come in here," Ms. Rhodes said. "They've never seen anything like our exhibit of militaria. They're just in awe. Most of them are totally mind boggled by what we've got and what they're seeing."

Many are surprised to find historically accurate and detailed uniforms, battle scenes and weaponry as well as displays that reflect modes of transportation.

The military and transportation displays form a "teaching collection that should inform children and adults alike," said board member Perry Huston. "We want to make a statement about art and the use of these materials and history. The presentation that we make of these objects has to be quite accurate. ... Each piece is a little work of art."

Although the official opening was Saturday, the museum has had visitors since January. Ms. Rhodes recalled a comment made by a visitor from Kentucky who wrote: "The only tiny thing about this museum is the houses and room boxes. The craftsmanship, the artistic ability, is gigantic."

Originally founded in 1982, the museum opened to the public in 1988 as The Dollhouse Museum. Those on the membership rooster came from across the United States and England.

Before 1988, Ms. Rhodes said, "We had exhibits in different places. The Houston group did an exhibit in the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and they found that it was the best money-making exhibit that they'd ever had. And so by doing different little exhibits, we found there really was an interest in miniatures, and it would go over, and it has. We're self-supporting."

The name was changed to the American Museum of Miniature Arts in 1997 to reflect the diversity of the collection. When the museum moved to its new location in the former Oil Well Supply Building, it became identified as the Museum of Miniatures.

"There wouldn't be a museum if it hadn't been for Anne Rhodes," said Midlander Deanie Roberts, a former member of the Board of Governors. "She has been in there from the get go, and she has done everything including mop the floors. She is the pillar of that thing I guarantee."

A question marked the beginning of the museum.

"One of the ladies from Austin, Mary Austin Beretta said, 'What are we going to do with our miniatures when we die? Our children will probably sell them in a garage sale. Let's start a museum,'" Ms. Rhodes recalled. "And that's what we did."

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free for children 3 and under, $3 for children ages 4-11, $7 for ages 12 and up and $5 for those 65 and older. For detailed information call (214) 969-5502.

The only paid staff are a director and a secretary. Volunteers do the rest. The common bond they share is their love for miniatures.

"I got started because I saw a little China chocolate set that looked exactly like the one my grandmother had that we used to drink hot chocolate out of when we went to visit her," Ms. Rhodes said of her plunge into the world of miniatures. "When

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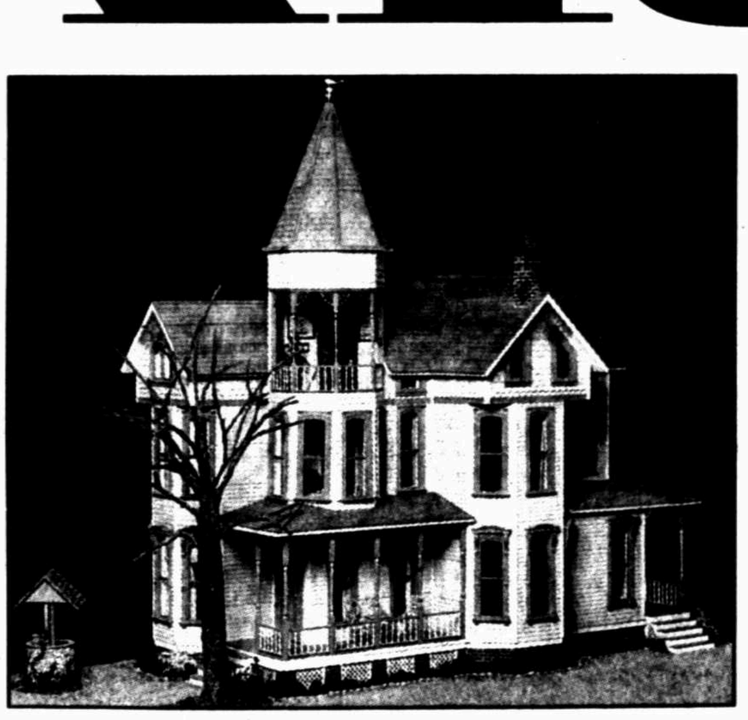

Newspaper designer developed artistic vision in West Texas

By Georgia Temple

The Los Angeles Times and the National Enquirer have someone in common: designer Roger Black, who has face-lifted some of the country's largest newspapers and magazines in the past two decades. Although he's been a big-city dweller for most of his adult life, he began developing his artistic vision in a boomtown in West Texas.

A former Midlander, Black is the son of noted architect J.J. Black. His mother, Eleanor Black, was instrumental here in the Red Cross, the Girl Scouts and the Parent-Teacher Association. Although most of his family moved away as he did years ago, his aunts, Martha Black and longtime Midland Community Theater volunteer Dottie Fox, still live here. And now Black's vivid childhood memories have encouraged him to look for a West Texas home away from his current homes.

"You could stand on any sidewalk and look down the end of any street and see into the horizon," recalled Black, whose parents moved to Houston when he was 16. "It was kind of a special place to be all by ourselves. No MTV. No rock 'n' roll. We weren't aware we were cut off from the rest of the world, but we were on our own. It seemed fine, perfectly OK. We had everything we wanted."

The life of a child in the 1950s was "much more suited for a small town than today," said Black, who designed Midland Community Theatre's Summer Mummers program for the 50th anniversary. "Television didn't come to Midland until 1953.

"I remember people bought their TV sets in anticipation of getting anything to watch. When KMID came on the air, we watched the test pattern. The test pattern had an Indian with a headdress on and that beep sound, and that was it.

"The first program came on at 5:45 in the afternoon. The first kids' program was 'Crusader Rabbit.' Hardly anybody remembers. 'Crusader Rabbit' didn't make much of a splash in New York, but in Midland he was important. He was the first entertainment that came on the air."

In those days, Black said, "Midland was a terrific place for kids. Utterly safe. You could go anywhere, no one worried about you. We would meet at the parks, fool around. Everyone seemed to know everyone else."

Black was a jokester who once used a dust storm to pull an Orson Wells "War of the Worlds" trick on a friend and her family. He ran to his friend's house, called her outside and pointed at the red sun.

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Former Midlander Roger Black has worked as art director for Newsweek, Rolling Stone, The New York Times and New York magazine, and is now CEO of Roger Black, Inc., with offices in Seattle, New York and San Francisco and joint ventures with designers in London, Paris, Barcelona and Monterrey, Mexico.

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BASIN BRIEFS

The rig count is up during the last week of January.

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Environmental excellence

Nominations are being sought for the Bruno Hanson Environmental Award for environmental achievement in the oil and gas industry.

The criteria of the award is the creation of new and creative technologies, projects and methods for oil and gas production or drilling.

Past recipients of the award, which is sponsored by Midland College, include Phillips and Conoco. The award will be presented at a banquet April 13, in conjunction with the Midland Reporter Telegram and Hearst Newspapers Energy Awards. The awards banquet is held in conjunction with the Executive Oil Conference, April 13-14.

Nominations for the Bruno Hanson Environmental Award may be sent to Hanson Corp. P.O Box 1269, Midland, TX 79702 or 684-6136 fax, Bhanson28@aol.com. For information call: 684-5826.

Cheney

Cheney to serve as Chairman

Dick Cheney, will resume the position of Chairman of the Board of Halliburton, while retaining his position as Chief Executive Officer. It is a post that the former Secretary of Defense occupied before the Halliburton-Dresser merger in 1998. Halliburton Chairman William Bradford, who formerly held the position as Chairman of Dresser Industries will retire after 30 years of service to Dresser and more recently Halliburton. Cheney and Bradford were instrumental in negotiating the 1998 merger of Halliburton and Dresser, which created the world's largest energy service company.

New column

With the increase in oil and gas acquisitions and development, the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report has initiated a new column on oil and gas finance to be written by Art Hobbs, energy lending officer for Norwest Bank.

Questions are welcome for the column, which begins this week, on page 2.

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Oil prices are under pressure

■ Opec members want prices at $25, but economist predicts prices below $20.

Staff Reports

The pressure on crude oil prices is coming from two directions — down and up. Some want $25 oil prices for most of the year, but some are predicting that they will stabilize below $20.

Kuwait, OPEC's strongest advocate for extending self-imposed oil output cuts after they expire next month, wants prices to remain above $25 a barrel for the remainder of the year, the country's oil minister said.

Brent crude oil has more than doubled to $26.39 a barrel since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and four other nations agreed in March to reduce output by 7 percent of world supply to end an oil glut and boost prices that fell below $10 a barrel in December 1998.

Sheikh Saud Nasser al Sabah said he would like the "average price in 2000 at the same level" as current prices, even though the U.S., the world's largest oil consumer, considers it too high.

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Five States, Henry venture on waterflood

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

A partnership of expertise and capital has resulted in a venture, expected to add 20 years to the economic life of a West Texas oil field, and recover an additional 2.4 million barrels of oil.

Henry Petroleum Corp. and Five States Energy Co. have announced a joint venture to unitize and initiate water injection into a 640-acre secondary recovery project in Andrews County. Henry Petroleum Corp. is a regional oil and gas company with secondary and tertiary recovery expertise in the Permian Basin. Five States Energy Co. is an oil and gas investment company that invests in quality projects with regional oil and gas operators.

The recovery project, announced this week, is expected to expand the economic limits of the historic Henry Cowden Grayburg-San Andres Unit by two decades while increasing production three fold.

The recently unitized property which currently produces 200 barrels of oil per day, is expected to produce 300 barrels by the end of the year, and to peak at 600 barrels per day in late 2001 when full injection is begun.

Dennis Johnson, President, Henry Petroleum, said waterflood potential for the property, which has produced 1.8 million barrels of oil to day, was identified in late 1998, and was acquired and unitized by Oct. 1, 1999. Since then Henry has drilled six injection wells, one producer and one water source well and has constructed injection facilities on the project. Water is being injected into four of the injection wells at the rate of 2,500 barrels of water per day, and is

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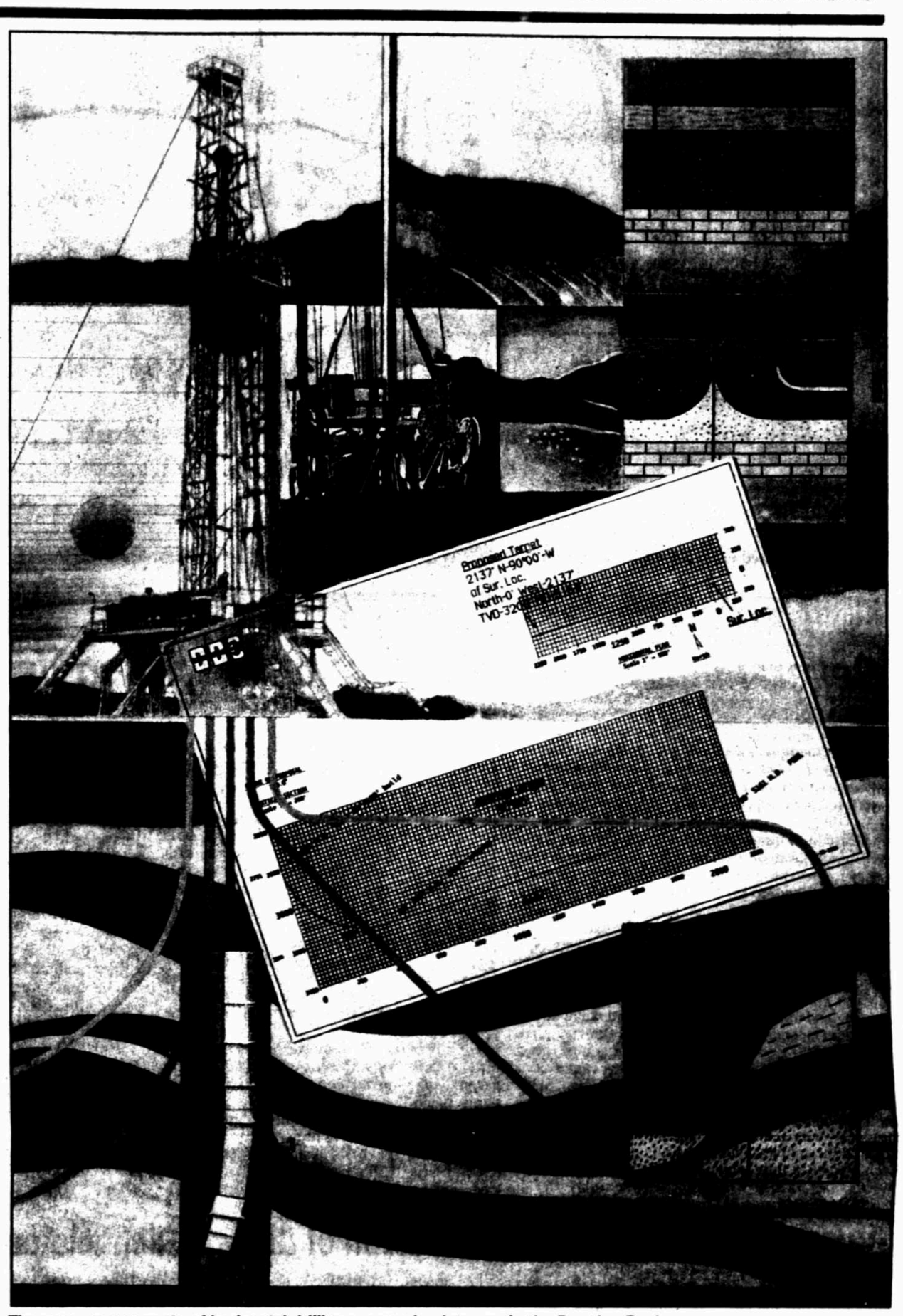


The many components of horizontal drilling are coming into use in the Permian Basin

Basin's horizontal potential expanding

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Advancement on the horizontal drilling learning curve, could be a key to opening new drilling plays and increasing production in the Permian Basin.

Following the horizontal success of CMS Oil and Gas in the Devonian, south of Midland, many operators are taking a second look at the potential for long reach laterals and the lessons learned by CMS, and its directional driller, Directional Drilling Contractors (DDC). "I am confident that new understanding about how to drill long reach laterals in the Permian Basin can lead to a revival of horizontal drilling in the Basin," said Ron McIntyre, DDC manager. McIntyre drilled the first horizontal reach lateral for Mobil in the Parks field.

He said the prime lesson learned during the successful drilling of three prolific producers for CMS oil and gas was that extended power sections work. Extended power sections contain more stators and more rotors, to provide more torque.

At one time the only way to get more torque on the horizontal bit, was with dual power heads, or the combination of two motors. But that was expensive, adding as much as $2,000 per day.

Oddly longer power sections, containing more rotors and stators, is a technology that was promoted heavily by Midland-based Clayton Williams Energy in the Austin Chalk, where its value was proved in a number of record-setting laterals. UPR was the first to use the longer power sections, but for some reason dropped it.

But, when he could not get enough torque to drill long laterals, and the bit began to stall, it was Clayton Williams that put the pressure on Sperry Sun to build and use the extended powers sections. Today the extended power sections, which allow drilling contractors to put more weight and power on a bit, without stalling it, are available from nearly all horizontal tool companies.

"We used the extended power heads almost exclusively," said McIntyre. "We let the bit do the walking." He said the higher speed and torque allowed the bit to follow porosity without stalling.

He said a three-cone button bit, works well in tracking porosity in the soft chert and hard devonian. "We have tried PDC bits, but they dull much faster than you think," said McIntyre.

Once the bit has found the porosity, the entire 5,000 plus feet lateral is fraced to provide permeability.

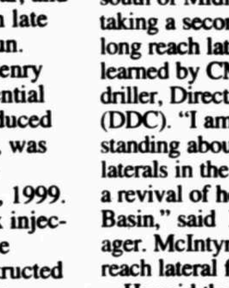
It is a formula that is paying off in lower drilling costs, higher production rates and less time to put gas in the lines. "We are able to drill a 5,700 ft. lateral in about 2/3 the time as a regular power head," said McIntyre. "Drilling time is three weeks to kickoff and 14 days to horizontal target. That means less drilling time and gas in the sales line much faster."

McIntyre said these simple lessons could easily translate into additional horizontal drilling plays in different formations of the Basin.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Alan Keyes for U.S. Senator from Texas?

McCain won big time in New Hampshire, and to hear the political pundits discuss it on TV, it was all about "truth telling" and honesty. So where was Alan Keyes.



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In following this presidential campaign I have come to two conclusions: First, is that oil is a non-issue. Second, Alan Keyes is the champion truth teller and should have finished higher in the polls.

No one in this country connects oil to national security — not candidates, not voters. The only mention of oil was when high oil prices were blamed for the high heating bills in New Hampshire. The Clinton administration threatened to save the day by selling oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves. George W. said he would "jawbone" with the Arabs to get them to lower the price of oil.

The fact that oil and national security are non-issues is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in America. It should be evident, to even the casual observer, that the love-hate, relationship between Islamic producers and America's consumers cannot exist forever. Someday in an explosion of violence, in the nearer term than the far term, oil will become the unwelcome actor, on the stage of public policy.

I have also come to the conclusion that I am addicted to Alan Keyes. I can't help it. I surf the TV channels, I see his face I immediately stop and listen. I find it harder to pass up an Alan Keyes interview than a Justin Wilson cooking show.

I have not heard so much common sense and courage come out of one mouth, since Harry Truman was running around, trying to fist fight with reporters, and making hard choices about A-bombs. The world does not easily forget honest, decisive, courgeous leaders like Harry Truman, and one does not easily ignore Alan Keyes for the same reasons. As one who runs only with the conservative herd, I am finding a growing contingent of Keyes supporters in the right wing, red neck coalition.

If McCain is a truth teller. Keyes is the ultimate truth teller, and should have been higher in the polls. There is no double-talk, no careful measuring of words, or rehearsed anwers, no careful phrasing, no guarded moments, no evasive answers. Like Harry Truman, he tells it like he sees it. Best of all there is not a hint of political-correctness in his rhetoric. It's refreshing, and, the fact that all that conservative, common sense rhetoric is coming out of a black face makes it even more credible and courageous. For a black man to advocate conservative views makes Keyes an outcast and "Uncle Tom" in the black community.

I don't know Alan Keyes' position on oil and gas, the domestic oil industry, or energy security, but I am betting that it is closer to those of West Texas producers than Bill Clinton and Al Gore. And, whatever it is, I know it will be honest and not political.

I may sound like an Alan Keyes supporter. In reality I am probably his worst enemy. That's

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By Norman Johnson

Meetings

WTGS to hear Vacuum field topic

The West Texas Geological Society has set its monthly luncheon meeting for 11:30 a.m,. Feb. 8 at Midland Center. Dr. Emily Stoudt and Michael Raines with Texaco will speak on San Andres formations in the Vacuum field of Lea County. The presentation will discuss depositional facies, seqequence stratigraphic framework and comparison to outcrops in the Guadalupe Mountains. For reservations call: 683-1573.

Tran-Pecos SPE meeting set

The Trans-Pecos Section of SPE will meet, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 8, at Odessa Country Club. Prentice Creel with Halliburton Energy Services will make a presentation on "Solutions to Solving Permian Basin Cementing Problems." For reservatioins call: 368-1417.

PBGS draws visualization presentation

Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet 11:30 a.m., Feb. 9, at Midland Center. Kent Densing, President of Densing Exploration, and Aftab Alam, President of Prime Geoscience Corp. will speak on multi-attribute, visualization of seismic structure and stratigraphy. For reservations call: 684-0700.

SPE study groups set meetings

The Permian Basin Section of SPE Study Group will meet 11:30 a.m., Feb. 8 at Midland Center. The topic of study will be "Coiled Tubing Drilling" presented by Doug Love, Halliburton Technical Specialist. Call 683-2065.

The SPE Reservoir Study Group will meet 11:30 a.m., Feb. 10 at American Legion Hall to discuss the use of 3-D seismic to indentify spatially variant fracture orientation in the Manderson field. No RSVP required.

Energy Finance

Several financial options available for acquisitions

By Art Hobbs

I have identified an oil and gas property I want to purchase. What are my basic financing options? Where do I start?

There are a number of options on the spectrum of financial risk. They run from commercial banks on the low end, to private equity markets on the high end.

Commercial bank money is generally lowest in cost, but due to federal banking regulations lending parameters are much stricter. Unregulated, private equity lenders, whether they are individuals, or corporations, are usually willing to assume more risk, but will require a larger return on their money.

In the middle of the spectrum is mezzanine or "in between" financing. This is usually for a specific project in which there is significant upside potential, and may involve a loan for both the purchase and development of the property. This arrangement can vary from a temporary lender-borrower relationship to a permanent partnership relationship and requires diligent negotiation.

Many operators now use vendor financing to drill and complete prospects. In this arrangement the vendor uses his equipment to earn a "sweat" equity in the prospect. The terms of payout can vary. Vendor financing is generally available only after a property has been purchased and a drilling contractor or service company can utilize their equipment.

Examine first the possibility of using conventional low cost bank money first, then move on to other options. Many energy banks also offer mezzanine financing. If neither of those options are available, your banker may be able to point you toward a reputable private equity lender or suggest another option.

What are the typical capital parameters for large corporate equity providers?

Many large corporate equity providers will not invest in deals under $10 million, others will. Individual equity providers will normally invest in deals of any size. Most corporate equity providers want a 20 to 50 percent rate of return and look to exit the relationship within three to seven years. For those investments under $10 million, wealthy individuals are your primary source.

How are mezzanine deals usually structured? What are my prime considerations?

Another name for mezzanine finance is project finance. If you have a waterflood project or infield development drilling project to complete, then mezzanine finance is probably the right deal. Mezzanine financiers are looking for projects with upside potential because they will be lending money for drilling. The upside potential must be large enough to help repay debt or the financier will not fund the deal. An equity interest is usually taken in the deal because of the greater risk factor. An overriding royalty interest and/or net profits interest is typically the equity for the deal. Outside of the equity interest taken, most mezzanine deals are structured like conventional bank deals.

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PRICES/ *Oil ministers to hold meeting to coordinate output policy*

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Western importers are concerned that higher oil prices could spark inflation and stall world economic growth. Prices charged European factories rose in December, propelled by rising energy costs, in the latest sign that inflation is accelerating across the 11-nation euro region — an indication that the European Central Bank may raise interest rates.

A group of U.S. politicians is pushing for the sale of some oil from the country's emergency reserves to combat prices near nine-year highs.

Still, U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said yesterday the U.S. had no intention of tapping the reserves. Richardson, who said yesterday that he considers current oil prices too high, will visit Kuwait later this month, said al-Sabah.

Gulf Arab oil ministers will hold a meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Feb. 23 to coordinate oil output policy ahead of OPEC's summit in Vienna on March 27.

The World Bank predicts that crude oil prices will peak before July, because prices are already close to a nine-year high. The World Bank in a press statement said OPEC members are likely to raise production targets at their March meeting in Vienna, because they know a sustained period of high prices would hurt demand and encourage their competitors to produce more oil.

World Bank economist Shane Streifel predicts prices will stabilize below $20 per barrel, down from the current $28 per barrel. "Production always increases when prices are high," said Streifel. "It's just a matter of time."

BP Amoco shares rise on expectation of Atlantic Richfield purchase

London (Bloomberg) — BP Amoco Plc shares rose almost 7 percent, the biggest one-day gain since last March, on expectations the company will complete the $35 billion purchase of Atlantic Richfield Co. even if U.S. regulators vote to block the deal.

The five-member U.S. Federal Trade Commission, meeting at 1:30 p.m. Washington time, is likely to vote to go to court to stop the purchase, people familiar with the review said.

The buyout has raised concern that by controlling Alaskan oil production, the combined company would be able to drive up gasoline prices on the U.S. West Coast, according to the FTC's staff. Still, some analysts are skeptical the FTC would be able to prove in court that BP Amoco could manipulate prices.

BP Amoco "could well win the court case," said Bruce Evers, an analyst at Investec Henderson Crosthwaite. "The FTC has failed to demonstrate beyond all reasonable doubt that BP Amoco would have an undue influence on the West Coast."

BP Amoco shares rose as much as 37.5 pence, or 6.9 percent, to 583.5 pence, the biggest one-day gain since March 11. BP Amoco shares have fallen 7 percent this year amid increasing concern about the U.S. review. Arco shares in Germany fell as much as 3 euros, or 3.8 percent, to 75.5 euros.

The companies have made a revised offer in recent days to win FTC approval, but it falls short of meeting the FTC staff's demand that they sell all of Arco's Alaskan oil production and related facilities, the people said.

The FTC hasn't opposed an oil merger since the early 1980s when it blocked Mobil Corp.'s bid to buy Marathon Oil Corp.

BP Amoco Chief Executive John Browne met Thursday with FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky and other commissioners to make the company's case, people familiar with the discussions said.

An FTC vote on the purchase last Friday was postponed until today as a courtesy to Browne and to give the panel more time to review BP Amoco's latest proposal, people said.

'Positive Sign'

Some analysts said the postponement may signal that the FTC will allow the purchase to proceed.

"I would take it as a positive sign that the vote was delayed," said Angus McPhail, an analyst at S&P Marketscope in London. "It seems like (the FTC) is going through this with a fine-toothed comb."

BP Amoco also agreed to give antitrust enforcers until Feb. 7 to review the transaction, extending by four days the agency's deadline for taking action. The original Feb. 3 deadline was set Jan. 14, when the company triggered a 20-day clock by notifying the FTC it would proceed with the transaction.

The FTC staff usually does not negotiate with companies during a 20-day countdown to a merger deadline. The extra four days gives the staff time to prepare for a possible court fight.

PITTS/ *I would like to see Keyes move to Texas and run for senator*

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because I belong to a legion of Keyes fans who like what he says and admire his courage, but won't vote for him because we think he can't win. There's a lot of us in Midland. The reality is: George W. will be the next President of the United States. Keyes can't win because he doesn't have the blessing or support of the Republican establishment. But I think he could win as a U.S. Senator from Texas.

As a Texan I would like to see Alan Keyes move to Texas, and run for the Senate against Phil Gramm. Keyes has a conservative intellect, and honesty too precious to waste on a tiny, liberal state like Maryland. I think Keyes would find a big following among the voters of Texas.

The present image of the oil and gas industry as held by Al Gore and others is that of a useless, greedy, polluter — not as an industry that makes it possible for cars, trains and planes to move, or to heat and cool homes. If that image is ever to change, Texas needs an uncompromising, politically-honest leader who will stand up for us and articulate our story with conviction. Alan Keyes is a proven truth-teller.

Plains All American to sell pipeline segment for $129 million

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (NYSE: PAA) announced today it had entered into a definitive agreement with a unit of El Paso Energy Corporation (NYSE: EPG) for the sale of a segment of the All American Pipeline which will soon be inactive. The purchase and sale agreement provides for a total sale price of $129 million. After taking into account estimated costs to remove certain equipment and underground piping at various crude oil pump stations and associated transaction costs, net sale proceeds to Plains All American are expected to be approximately $120 million to $124 million. Net proceeds will be used to reduce outstanding bank debt.

The segment of the All American Pipeline being sold extends from Emidio, California, to McCamey, Texas. In November 1999, Plains All American announced its intention to sell approximately 5.2 million barrels of crude oil line fill located in this segment of the line and owned by Plains All American. The line fill sale and the associated purging process are expected to be completed in February.

The transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including completion of the line fill purging, consent from PAA's lenders, routine due diligence by the purchaser, regulatory approvals and abandonment of existing tariffs on the affected section of the pipeline. Closing for the transaction is scheduled for 10 days following the later of receipt of all regulatory approvals or completion of purging of the pipeline.

"The sale of this underutilized pipeline segment represents another very positive step for the Partnership. When completed, the sale proceeds will enable us to reduce debt and improve our overall financial flexibility without a material reduction in our earnings capacity," said Greg L. Armstrong, Plains All American's Chairman and CEO.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements concerning a sale transaction that involve certain risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, receipt of governmental approvals and consents from third parties (including the partnership's lenders), satisfactory completion of customary due diligence, successful completion of the pipeline purging and other factors and uncertainties inherent in the marketing, transportation, terminalling, gathering and storage of crude oil discussed in Plains All American's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. is engaged in interstate and intrastate crude oil transportation, terminalling and storage, as well as crude oil gathering and marketing activities, primarily in California, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Plains All American Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Plains Resources Inc., holds an effective 54% interest in Plains All American and serves as its general partner. Plains All American's common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PAA". Plains Resources Inc.'s (Amex: PLX) common shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "PLX". Plains All American is headquartered in Houston.

EXPANDING/ *Waterflood project is between Henry Petroleum, Five States*

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expected to increase to 4,000 barrels per day when a second water source well is drilled.

The waterflood project is the latest of five partnership projects between Midland-based Henry Petroleum and Dallas-based Five States Energy Co.

Jim Gibbs, Chairman of Five States, said the partnership is a win-win venture that benefits both companies. "Henry Petroleum has the regional and technical expertise to find and develop quality projects, and makes it possible for Five States to buy into these commercial producing properties."

Gibbs said, Five States, which invests in oil and gas assets by partnering with experienced regional operators, was attracted to the Permian Basin because of its long life reserves, and because of its predictable reservoirs and expense flow streams.

Johnson noted that in the future, investment firms, outside the Basin, such as Five States will increasingly play a role in helping develop the oil and gas assets of the Permian Basin.

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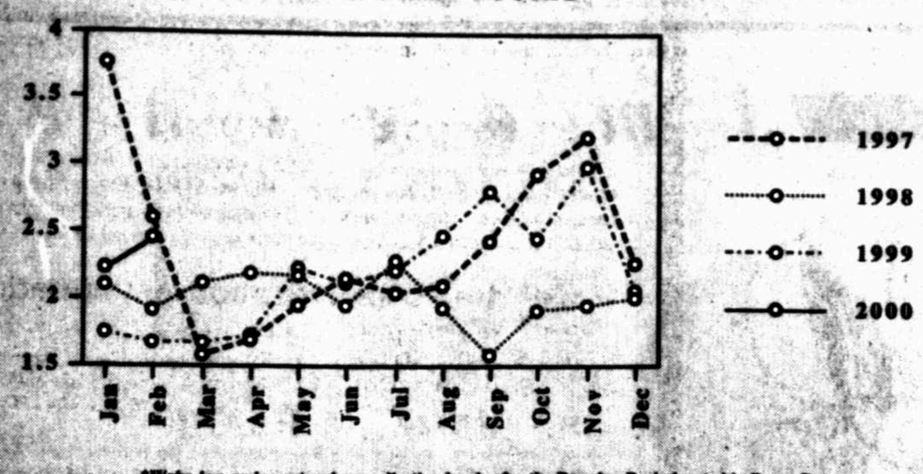
Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County
Courtesy of Robert K. Anderson Companies

Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.45	$2.23

Current Spot Prices

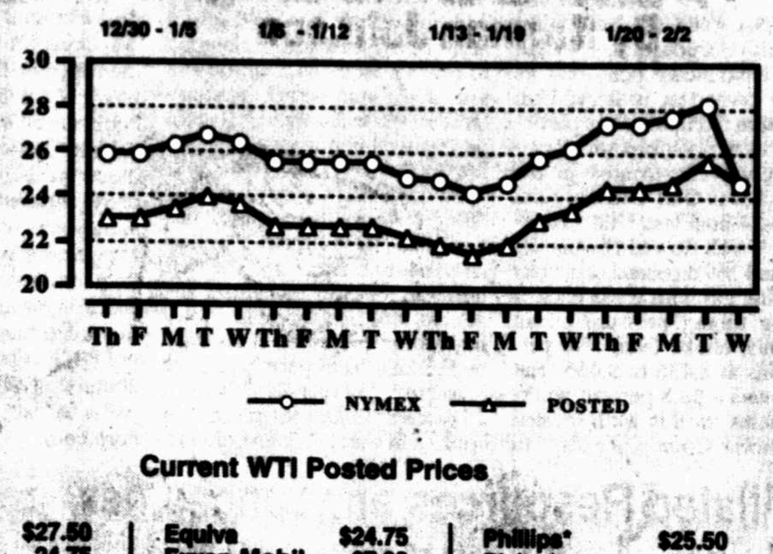
- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$2.45**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$2.58**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$2.34**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:

NYMEX $27.05

POSTED $24.83



Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco	$27.50	Equiva	$24.75	Phillips*	$25.50
Arco	24.75	Exxon-Mobil	27.00	Plains*	24.75
Genesis*	24.75	Koch*	24.75	Sun*	24.75
Chevron	27.97	Navajo WTI*	24.75		
E.O.T.T.	24.75	Navajo NMI*	27.05		

Oil prices effective 2/2/2000

* Net Price without transportation charge

*Oil Prices effective 2/3/2000

Development Wells

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Crockett County

Union Pacific Res. Co.
Graves 12 #5
Ozona (Canyon Sand)-D; T & STL RR Co./R. R. Hoover; A-4858, Blk MM, Sec 12; 666 FNL 954 FEL of lse; 666 FNL 954 FEL of survey; 28.8 miles SW of Ozona; obj:8000; permit #491478; API #105-38332

Reagan County

TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc.
Scottich Rite Schumaker #2
Pink Draw (Fusselman)-D; T & P RR Co./R. H. Sherwood; A-418, Blk 1, Sec 24; 635.94 FEL 2650 FNL of lse; 110 FS'LYWL 8 miles FS'LYSL of survey; 18 miles N of Big Lake; obj:10500; permit #491424; API #383-35042

Schleicher County

Parallel Pet. Corp.
Hulldale Penn Reef Unit #3107
Hulldale (Pennsylvanian Reef)-Recompletion-Horizontal Well; TC RR Co./A. K. Bailey; A-1378, Blk LL, Sec 84; 1500 FNL 4452 FEL of lse; 1500 FNL 1800 FEL of survey; .9 miles NE of El Dorado; obj:5775; permit #491495; API #413-32077

Sutton County

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Canyon Ranch #8313S
Sawyer (Canyon)-D; TWNG RR Co.; A-697, Blk 14, Sec 83; 2200 FNL 4780 FEL of lse; 2200 FNL 500 FWL of survey; 21 miles SE of Sonora; obj:5550; permit #491511; API #435-35055

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Fields 49 #3
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-367, Blk B, Sec 49; 2550 FSL 575 FWL of lse; 2550 FSL 575 FWL of survey; 5 miles SE of Sonora; obj:5750; permit #491422; API #435-35051

Terrell County

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LDT
Geaslin "199" #10
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Houston Wheeler; A-1291, Blk Y, Sec 199; 660 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 990 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj:7500; permit #491362; API #443-30816

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LDT
Geaslin "186" #8
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Mrs. A. M. Dunnam; A-260, Blk Y, Sec 186; 1000 FNL 560 FEL of lse; 1000 FNL 560 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj:7500; permit #490789; API #443-30812

Tom Green County

IBEX Res. Oper., LLC
Johnson Estate #2A
Beekeeper (Palo Pinto)-Re-Enter; C. M. Dunn #546; A-4730, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FEL 2173 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 2173 FNL of survey; 7 miles NE of Christoval; obj:5782; permit #491456; API #451-00716

Upton County

EOG Resources, Inc.
Amacker "88" #
Amacker-Tippett&SW (Wolfcamp)-D; C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G. RR Co./Mrs. L. A. Self; A-598, Blk D, Sec 88; 660 FWL 1955 FNL of lse; 1955 FNL 2006 FEL of survey; 10.5 miles NW of Rankin; obj:9600; permit #491473; API #461-34028

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Andrews County

Cross Timbers Operating Co.
Texas N #6
University Block 9 (Devonian)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 9, Sec 14; 721 FNL 720 FWL of lse; 720 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 11 miles SW of Andrews; obj:10800; permit #491498; API #003-38567

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Holt, O. B. "H" #7
Cowden, North-D; C.F. Cowden; A-1047, Blk 43, Sec B, 1220 FNL 1370 FWL of lse; 1220 FNL 1370 FWL of survey; 12 miles SW of Andrews; obj:5500; permit #491484; API #003-38568

Cross Timbers Operating Co.
University "9" -D- #6
University Block 9 (Devonian)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 9, Sec 22; 790 FWL 520 FSL of lse; 2120 FNL 1850 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Andrews; obj:10800; permit #491398; API #003-38566

Howard County

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Bond "22" #2
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./C. H. Wilson; A-1220, Blk 31, T1S, Sec 22; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 4 miles SW of Coahoma; obj:8300; permit #491520; API #227-35453

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Bond "22" #1
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./C. H. Wilson; A-1220, Blk 31, T1S, Sec 22; 660 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 4.75 miles SW of Coahoma; obj:8300; permit #491519; API #227-35452

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Bond "22" #3
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./C. H. Wilson; A-1220, Blk 31, T1S, Sec 22; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 4 miles SW of Coahoma; obj:8300; permit #491382; API #227-35449

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Bond "22" #4
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./C. H. Wilson; A-1220, Blk 31, T1S, Sec 22; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 4.75 miles SW of Coahoma; obj:8300; permit #491381; API #227-35450

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating, LLC
Brennand #18
Iatan, East Howard-D; T & P RR Co.; A-592, Blk 29, T1N, Sec 47; 1575.26 FEL 2349.61 FSL of lse; 2349.61 FSL 2399.59 FWL of survey; 5 miles W of Westbrook; obj:3500; permit #491404; API #335-34076

Crownquest Operating, LLC
Brown, E. H. "A" #29
Iatan, East Howard-D; T & P RR Co.; A-592, Blk 29, T1S, Sec 11; 1174.8 FWL 1174.8 FNL of lse; 1174.8 FWL 1174.8 FNL of survey; 9 miles SW of Westbrook; obj:3500; permit #491403; API #335-34075

Crownquest Operating, LLC
Brown, E. H. "A" #28
Iatan, East Howard-D; T & P RR Co.; A-596, Blk 29, T1S, Sec 11; 1149.82 FWL 2049.65 FNL of lse; 1149.82 FWL 2049.65 FNL of survey; 9 miles SW of Westbrook; obj:3500; permit #491402; API #335-34074

Crownquest Operating, LLC
Brown, E. H. "A" #27
Iatan, East Howard-D; T & P RR Co.; A-596, Blk 29, T1S, Sec 11; 996.54 FWL 2331.06 FSL of lse; 329.94 FEL 329.95 FNL of survey; 9 miles SW of Westbrook; obj:3500; permit #491401; API #335-34073

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Dickens County

Burk-Gunn Oil Co.
Navigator Unit #28
Navigator (Tannehill B)-Re-Enter; H. & G.N. RR Co./F. M. Kelsey; A-657, Blk 1, Sec 164; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 400 FNL 2580 FEL of survey; 9 miles SE of Spur; obj:4550; permit #491507; API #125-30615

Gaines County

Home-Stake Oil & Gas Co.
Hardberger #2
Champmon (Strawn)-D; Terry CSL, LGE. 302; A-986, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 500 FNL 1210 FWL of lse; 500 FNL 1730 FEL of survey; 13 miles E of Seminole; obj:11500; permit #491518; API #165-35493

Union Oil Co. of California
North Riley Unit #1296
Riley, North-D; C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G. RR Co.; A-95, Blk G, Sec 365; 6658 FSL 4628 FWL of lse; 2620 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 12 miles WSW of Seminole; obj:7400; permit #491434; API #165-35491

Union Oil Co. of California
North Riley Unit #1298
Riley, North-D; C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G. RR Co.; A-95, Blk G, Sec 365; 5297 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1320 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 12 miles WSW of Seminole; obj:7400; permit #491433; API #165-35490

Union Oil Co. of California
North Riley Unit #1251
Riley, North-D; C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G. RR Co.; A-110, Blk G, Sec 395; 3896 FSL 4555 FWL of lse; 1245 FSL 735 FEL of survey; 13 miles WSW of Seminole; obj:7400; permit #491435; API #165-35492

King County

Burns, P. C. Oil Producers Inc.
Masterson "J" #1
Juniper (Bend Congl.)-D; J. B. Rector; A-414, Blk A, Sec 68; 660 FNL 1700 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 1700 FEL of survey; 18 miles NE of Guthrie; permit #491500; API #269-32362

Yoakum County

Walsh Pet., Inc.
West Brahaney Unit #147
Brahaney-D; John H. Gibson; A-356, Blk D, Sec 447; 3875 FNL 2530 FEL of lse; 100 FSL 2530 FEL of survey; 7 miles SW of Plains; obj:5600; permit #491445; API #501-34383

LOCATIONS AND RE-ENTRIES

Eddy County

SDX Resources Inc.
NW State #19
T17S, R28E, Sec 29; 917 FSL 330 FEL of Artesia; 11.5 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 3500 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-30891

SDX Resources Inc.
NW State #28
T17S, R28E, Sec 31; 973 FSL 959 FEL of Artesia; 11.5 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 3500 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-30893

SDX Resources Inc.
NW State #16
T17S, R28E, Sec 32; 330 FNL 1650 FEL of Artesia; 12 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 3500 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-30890

SDX Resources Inc.
NW State #20
T17S, R28E, Sec 32; 330 FNL 330 FEL of Artesia; 12 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 3500 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-30892

Concho Resources Inc.
Southern Cross 19 State #1
T18S, R24E, Sec 19; 1050 FNL 1300 FEL of Wildcat; 8.5 miles SW of Artesia; Rot 9000 Morrow; API #30-015-30896

Concho Resources Inc.
Southern Cross 20 State #1
T18S, R24E, Sec 20; 1200 FSL 1100 FEL of No Antelope Sink; 8 miles SW of Artesia; Rot 9000 Morrow; API #30-015-30897

Concho Resources Inc.
Southern Cross 22 State #1
T18S, R24E, Sec 22; 1700 FNL 1100 FEL of No Antelope Sink; 11 miles SW of Artesia; Rot 9000 Morrow; API #30-015-30898

Lea County

Yates Pet Corp.
Hytech AUM State #1
T10S, R34E, Sec 2; 660 FSL 660 FWL of Wildcat; 6 miles SW of Crossroads; Rot 12,200 Miss; Re-Entry of Hytech Energy Corp. Dalco #1, P&A, Old TD 10,500; API #30-025-25749

Yates Pet Corp.
Tostito AUO State #1
T10S, R34E, Sec 4; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of East Lane; 7.5 miles SW of Crossroads; Rot 9200 Abo; API #30-025-34875

Yates Pet Corp.
Tamale AUL State #1
T10S, R34E, Sec 9; 660 FNL 660 FWL of Wildcat; 8 miles SW of Crossroads; Rot 12,200 Miss; API #30-025-34874

Yates Pet Corp.
Taco AUK State #1
T10S, R34E, Sec 10; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of Wildcat; 7 miles SW of Crossroads; Rot 12,200 Miss; API #30-025-34873

Yates Pet Corp.
Sand Springs ASU St #3
T11S, R34E, Sec 11; 1500 FSL 1500 FEL of Wildcat; 12.5 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 12,300 Miss; API #30-025-34861

Yates Pet Corp.
Blitzen AUB State #2
T11S, R34E, Sec 16; 800 FSL 850 FEL of Wildcat; 14.5 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 13,250 Devonian; API #30-025-34859

Yates Pet Corp.
East Sand Springs Unit #2
T11S, R34E, Sec 24; 660 FSL 1700 FWL of Wildcat; 10.5 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 12,400 Miss; API #30-025-34862

Yates Pet Corp.
Donner AUH State Com #1
T11S, R34E, Sec 26; 660 FNL 1000 FEL of Wildcat; 11 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 12,400 Miss; API #30-025-34860

Yates Pet Corp.
R L Burns ATL #1
T16S, R35E, Sec 11; 330 FSL 330 FEL of Wildcat; 4 miles W of Lovington; Rot 12,700 Miss; Re-Entry of R L Burns Corp Witt #1, P&A, Old TD 12,111; API #30-025-24559

David H Arrington Oil & Gas Inc.
Mayfly "14" State #4
T16S, R35E, Sec 14; 1651 FNL 371 FWL of NW Shoebar; 4 miles SW of Lovington; Rot 12,900 Strawn; API #30-025-34865

David H Arrington Oil & Gas Inc.
Pheasant Tail #1
T16S, R36E, Sec 27; 2100 FNL 660 FWL of Wildcat; 3 miles S of Lovington; Rot 12,700 Morrow; API #30-025-34866

Arco Permian
Corbin State #2
T18S, R33E, Sec 24; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of EK; 8 miles SW of Buckeye; Rot 5600 Delaware; API #30-025-34863

Arco Permian
Corbin State #3
T18S, R33E, Sec 24; 660 FNL 660 FWL of EK; 8 miles SW of Buckeye; Rot 5600 Delaware; API #30-025-34864

Altura Energy LTD
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #623
T18S, R38E, Sec 29; 1837 FSL 2482 FWL of Hobbs; 1/2 mile W of Hobbs; Rot 4600 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34869

Altura Energy LTD
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #624
T18S, R38E, Sec 29; 1150 FSL 1948 FWL of Hobbs; 1/2 mile W of Hobbs; Rot 4600 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34870

Altura Energy LTD
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #813
T18S, R38E, Sec 29; 1450 FSL 469 FWL of Hobbs; 1/2 mile W of Hobbs; Rot 4600 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34871

Myco Industries Inc.
Sharbro Fed #2
T23S, R32E, Sec 17; 2310 FNL 660 FEL of Diamondtail; 17 miles SE of Halfway; Rot 8650 Delaware; API #30-025-34867

Myco Industries Inc.
Sharbro Fed #3
T23S, R32E, Sec 17; 2230 FNL 1980 FEL of Diamondtail; 17 miles SE of Halfway; Rot 8650 Delaware; API #30-025-34868

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Unit Corporation announces completion of two discovery wells

TULSA, Okla. (PRNewswire) — Unit Corporation (NYSE: UNT) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Unit Petroleum Company, has participated in the completion of two discovery wells located in the Upper Texas Gulf Coast region.

On a 24-hour test, Unit's Keeran No. 1 well flowed 156 barrels of oil and 269 thousand cubic feet of natural gas with 1,908 pounds flowing tubing pressure on an 8/64 inch choke from Frio perforations at 8,436 to 8,466 feet. Unit owns a 68.8 percent working interest in this well, located in Victoria County, Texas. In addition, Unit has 640 gross acres in the area and is planning to develop the Frio Reservoir and test additional zones encountered in the wellbore. First sales on this well commenced on Jan. 24, 2000.

In Jackson County, Texas, Allegro Investments, Inc. has completed its Pruitt No. 1 well as an Upper Frio discovery. The well tested 1,100 Mcf of natural gas per day with 1,600 pounds flowing tubing pressure on an 9/64 inch choke from perforations at 5,262 to 5,272 feet. Unit owns a 25 percent working interest in this well. Unit and Allegro plan to drill additional wells to test several prospects which they have identified on their 800 acre lease block. First sales on this well commenced on Jan. 20, 2000.

Unit Corporation is a Tulsa-based, publicly held energy company engaged through its subsidiaries in oil and natural gas exploration, production and contract drilling. Unit's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol UNT. For more information about Unit Corporation, visit its website at http://www.unitcorp.com.

Affiliated Resources announces new acquisition

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Affiliated Resources Corporation (OTCBB:ARCX) today announced that it has acquired an 85% interest in Seneca Energy Partners L.P., a Texas Limited Partnership, engaged in the oil and gas business, in a stock for partnership unit transaction. The transaction also provides for a management agreement with Seneca's General Partner, Lonestar Investment Management, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company.

Under terms of the agreement dated Dec. 27, 1999, Lonestar exchanged 85% of Seneca's limited partnership units for 800,000 shares of Affiliated common stock and an irrevocable option to purchase 425,000 shares of Affiliated common stock for a price of $.10 per share. Lonestar, which remains General Partner and retains its 1% interest, will continue to manage Seneca. The venture will reimburse Lonestar for out-of-pocket expenses which includes an accrued expense of $45,000. The remaining 14% of Seneca will be retained by current limited partners, Jay R. Beatty and Michael R. Bradle, Affiliated's new president and chief operating officer.

Currently, Seneca has an interest in 16 oil and gas wells in West Virginia with a reserve report value of approximately $182,000. According to Peter C. Vanucci, chairman and CEO of Affiliated, "This acquisition is the beginning of a new business entity designed to increase shareholder value and improve cash flow. To this end, Seneca's management has identified $3,000,000 of additional working interests which the company intends to fund with the proceeds of a private placement of preferred stock it intends to conduct at a later date. I am delighted to be able to add an entity that will not only produce positive benefits to our shareholders but is also consistent with our existing Chemway business which blends and packages petroleum products."

Affiliated Resources Corporation is engaged, through its Chemway division, in the blending, packaging and distribution of automotive aftermarket fluids and is currently pursuing related acquisitions.

Ocean Energy names new investor-relations vice president

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Ocean Energy (NYSE: OEI) today announced that Bruce W. Busmire has been named Vice President, Investor Relations.

Busmire joins Ocean from Altura Energy Ltd., where he served for three years as Controller for the Houston-based partnership between BP Amoco and Shell. Prior to that assignment, he was with Amoco for 16 years, holding various positions in finance, accounting and in Investor Relations.

"We recognize the increasing need to proactively and consistently communicate our goals and strategies with our shareholders and the investment community," said William L. Transier, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. "Bruce's knowledge of the industry from a financial and investor perspective will be invaluable to us as we enter a period of operational growth."

Busmire earned his master of management degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1992. He also holds a CPA and a BBA in accounting from Lamar University.

Ocean Energy, Inc. is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, production, and acquisition of crude oil and natural gas. North American operations are focused in the shelf and deepwater areas of the Gulf of Mexico, the Permian Basin, Midcontinent and Rocky Mountain regions. Internationally, the Company explores for and produces oil and gas in West Africa (Cote d'Ivoire and Equatorial Guinea), Egypt, Russia and Indonesia. Ocean Energy also has exploration programs underway in Angola, Pakistan and Yemen.

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Flexbar has recently completed a paper to be presented to the Southwest Petroleum Short Course in Lubbock. The paper deals with the difference in actual downhole friction compared to computer-generated defaults. For information on this or any of Flexbar's research and testing, contact the company.

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Contour Energy Co. replaces reserves using new strategy

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Contour Energy Co. (OTC Bulletin Board: CONC) ("Contour" or the "Company") announced Wednesday that its 1999 exploration and development program replaced 120% of its 1999 production of 21.3 billion cubic feet equivalent (Bcfe) (as adjusted for asset sales in May) at a cost of $0.48 per thousand cubic feet equivalent (Mcfe). Total production to be reported for the year will include an additional 3.3 Bcfe attributable to the property interests sold in May.

The Company's independent engineering firm has confirmed total proved reserves at Dec. 31, 1999 of 204.4 Bcfe and a Net Present Value discounted at 10% of $241 million based on SEC year-end prices of $2.11 per thousand cubic feet of natural gas (Mcf) and $24.66 per barrel of oil. Year-end proved reserves are 68% developed and 78% natural gas.

Contour participated in a total of fifteen wells during 1999 of which twelve were successful. Contour enjoyed a one-hundred percent (100%) success rate in its four-well exploration program, which included one Gulf of Mexico well and three south Louisiana tests. The eleven-well development drilling program achieved a 73% success rate.

Contour's exploration and development program capital expenditures totaled $12.4 million (unaudited and excluding $3.3 million in allocated general and administrative costs) and resulted in new discoveries and extensions of 25.6 Bcfe at a finding and development cost of $0.48/Mcfe. After giving effect to reserve revisions, net total reserve additions for 1999 are 22.8 Bcfe.

John F. Bookout, Jr., Contour's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer stated, "We are pleased with the results of our drilling program this year. Following the restructuring and sale transactions in May 1999, our focus and strategy was to evaluate and develop the Company's higher potential south Louisiana and Gulf of Mexico prospects. The drilling results over the last half of 1999 affirm that strategy. Not only did we replace reserves at a very attractive cost, but we also increased production rates to about 60 million cubic feet equivalent per day (MMcfed) at year-end, up from our first quarter 1999 average rate (adjusted for asset sales) of 58 MMcfed".

Contour Energy Co. is engaged in the development, exploration, acquisition and production of oil and natural gas. Natural gas represents about 85% of the Company's equivalent production.

Contour Energy Co. common stock and preferred stock are traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbols CONC and CONCP.

Halliburton completes sale of joint venture Dresser-Rand

DALLAS (PRNewswire) — Halliburton Company (NYSE: HAL) announced today that its subsidiary, Dresser Industries, Inc. (Dresser), has completed the sale of its 51 percent joint venture interest in Dresser-Rand Company (DR) to a subsidiary of its joint venture partner, Ingersoll-Rand Company, for a price of $579 million. The proceeds from the sale, net of intercompany amounts payable by Dresser to DR, were $536 million. The sale results in an after-tax extraordinary gain of approximately $220 million, or $.50 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2000.

On Dec. 30, 1999, Halliburton completed the sale of a 49 percent interest in Ingersoll-Dresser Pump Company (IDP) to Ingersoll-Rand.

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El Paso Energy to buy Texas PG&E natural gas businesses

HOUSTON (AP) — A division of El Paso Energy Corp. said Monday it agreed to buy the Texas natural gas businesses of three PG&E Corp. units for about $840 million in cash and debt.

Houston-based El Paso Field Services Co. will buy the natural gas gathering, processing, transmission and storage businesses of PG&E Gas Transmission, Texas Corp. and PG&E Gas Transmission Teco Inc. The assets include 8,500 miles of pipeline and nine plants that can process 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

The assets serve all the state's major metropolitan areas, the largest industrial load centers, and are positioned to serve existing and planned gas-fired electric-generation plants, many natural gas trading hubs, El Paso said.

The deal is expected to close in the middle of this year. El Paso said it will pay $279 million and assume debt of about $561 million.

Robert G. Phillips, president of El Paso Field Services, said the acquisitions will immediately boost his company's earnings per share. He said El Paso had sought the PG&E units for a long time and they will fit well with the company's proposed merger with Houston-based Coastal Corp.

El Paso Energy, with $16 billion in assets, had 1998 income of about $225 million, or $1.85 a share, on revenue of about $5.9 billion.

Oil & Gas Brief

Oneok buys Clearinghouse

Oneok Resources has retained The Oil & Gas Asset Clearinghouse to market a divestiture package of non-strategic properties consisting of 110 operated and non-operated wells in 26 field. The properties, which produce 165 bopd and 1,333 Mcfd are located in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin and Texas Gulf Coast. For more information call: 281 873-4600.

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Ralph Gillette, has joined **The Nicholas Consulting Group** of Midland, an oil and gas engineering and consulting firm. Gillette will be responsible for business development. Gillette, who has 40 years experience in engineering and construction, previously worked for Ref-Chem.

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Cliff Hicks has joined **Prescott Perforating Inc. (PPI)**, a tubing conveyed perforating company based in Roswell, as a consulting Technical Sales Engineer. Hicks was formerly with Halliburton. He has over 19 years in field and sales experience in the Permian Basin and overseas. He resides in Midland and is a member of SPE.

Prescott Perforating Inc. is owned by Dick Prescott, who was a pioneer in the field of tubing conveyed perforations. He began his career in 1976 working with Roy Vann, creator of the VannSystem, which was purchased by Halliburton.

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Devon Energy Corp. announced today that **Moulton Goodrum, Jr.** has been elected to its board of directors. Mr. Goodrum replaces Terry L. Savage, who resigned from the board. Mr. Goodrum's term will expire in 2001.

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Petroleum Geo-Services awarded one of industry's largest land seismic contracts

HOUSTON and OSLO, Norway (BUSINESS WIRE) — Petroleum Geo-Services ASA (NYSE:PGO)(OSE:PGS) announced today that it has recently been awarded one of the largest land seismic contracts in the industry. This contract was awarded to the Company by Saudi Aramco for a large 3D seismic program in Saudi Arabia. The job is expected to start in the summer of 2000 and will continue for three years with an option for Saudi Aramco to extend it for an additional two years. During the first three-year term, this contract should yield revenues in excess of USD 50 million.

Bjarte Bruheim, president and chief operating officer of PGS, commented, "This is a very important contract for PGS that will help it establish a presence in one of the most important land seismic markets in the world. This contract will allow the Company to demonstrate its geophysical skills with one of the premier oil companies in the world. We are confident that this opportunity will lead to additional opportunities to deploy recently developed geophysical technologies to enhance the development of oil and gas fields and better monitor the depletion of hydrocarbon reserves. Richard Degner and the entire PGS Onshore group should be commended for their success on this bid."

Additionally, the Company announced that its 1999 results earnings release and conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000. The earnings release announcing year-end results will be issued prior to market open and the conference call will be at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Interested parties may listen to the call via Petroleum Geo-Services Web site at http://www.pgs.com. PGS suggests you connect with the site at least 15 minutes prior to the call to ensure adequate time for any software download that may be needed to hear the call. There will be a digital replay of the conference call available beginning at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time on the day of the call through Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000 at 800/625-5288 or 303/804-1855 for international callers, reference conference ID No. 653005.

Petroleum Geo-Services is a technologically focused oilfield service company principally involved in two businesses — geophysical services and production services. PGS acquires processes, manages and markets 3D, 4D and 4C marine seismic data. Such data is used by oil and gas companies in the exploration for new reserves, the development of existing reservoirs, and the management of producing oil and gas fields. In its production services business, PGS owns four floating production, storage and offloading systems and operates numerous offshore production facilities for oil and gas companies. FPSOs permit oil and gas companies to produce oil and gas from offshore oil and gas fields more cost effectively. The Company also provides data management solutions, 4D reservoir monitoring, interpretation and characterization studies and other specialized geophysical services. PGS operates on a worldwide basis with headquarters in Oslo, Norway, and Houston.

Shares rise as Baker Hughes' top official resigns

HOUSTON (AP) — Shares of oilfield services giant Baker Hughes Inc. surged 19 percent Monday after chairman, chief executive officer and president Max L. Lukens resigned.

Joe B. Foster, chairman of Newfield Exploration Co. and a Baker Hughes director since 1990, took over as interim chairman, chief executive officer and president.

Newfield, an independent oil and gas exploration company based in Houston, promoted chief operating officer David Trice to fill Foster's post. He already was set to replace Foster on Feb. 15, but the timetable was accelerated Monday.

Meanwhile, Houston-based Baker Hughes named a committee to find a permanent chief executive officer.

"This is a strong company, and it will attract strong candidates to lead it," said Foster, 65. "We will search both inside and outside the company and inside and outside of the oilfield service industry."

Investors applauded the developments, pushing shares up $3.87 1/2 to $24.68 3/4 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Foster stressed that Lukens' departure was unrelated to accounting problems announced in December at the company's Inteq division, which makes drilling equipment and systems.

Baker Hughes' shares fell to a 52-week low of $15 after an internal audit revealed accounting problems that could cost Baker Hughes $40 million to $50 million before taxes.

U.S. Count Profile

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	617	639	445
USA Offshore	125	125	101
Canada	558	530	353
U.S. Directional	176	177	155
U.S. Horizontal	56	51	32
U.S. Gas	624	637	443
U.S. Oil	131	140	119

This information updated January 28, 2000

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Crockett	02	Loving	00
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McCullough	01	Mitchell	00
Menard	00	Pecos	04
Reagan	01	Presidio	00
Runnels	00	Reeves	01
Schleicher	00	Sterling	02
Sutton	02	Ward	05
Terrell	02	Winkler	01
Tom Green	01		
Upton	03	DIST. #8A	
		Bailey	00
DIST. #8		Borden	01
Andrews	03	Cochran	00
Brewster	00	Cottle	00
Crane	00	Crosby	00
Culberson	00	Dawson	02
Ector	02	Dickens	00
Glasscock	02	Floyd	00
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Garza	01
Hale	00
Hockley	02
Kent	00
King	00
Lamb	00
Lubbock	00
Lynn	00
Motley	00
Scurry	00
Terry	01
Yoakum	03
TEXAS TOTAL	*62*
NEW MEXICO	
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Basin Total	114
Year Ago	47

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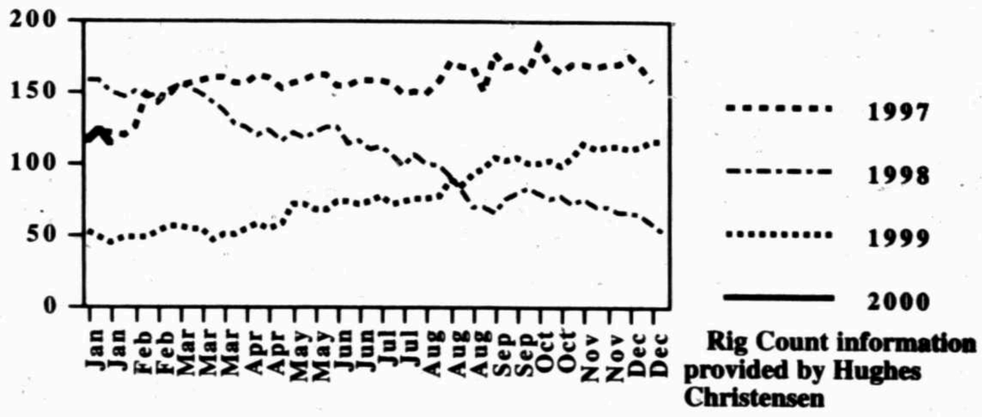

Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Wildcats

TEXAS RRCD 7C

Reagan County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "A" #2501
Wildcat-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-485, Blk 1, Sec 25; 660 FNL 4639 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 16 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491437; API #383-34999

TEXAS RRCD 8

Ector County

OXY USA Inc.
Bearcat #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-267, Blk 44, T1N, Sec 31; 467 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 2310 FNL 1540 FWL of survey; 2.5 miles E of Goldsmith; obj:10000; permit #491499; API #135-37794

Midland County

Stephens, Autry C.
Parks "5" #1
Wildcat-D; R. E. Estes #5; A-1027, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 13 miles SW of Midland; obj:11300; permit #491384; API #329-34245

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Borden County

Manti Operating Co.
Clayton #1301
Wildcat-Recompletion-Horizontal Well-Sidetrack; T & P RR Co.; A-161, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 13; 1220 FSL 1440 FEL of lse; 1420 FNL 1200 FWL of survey; 12 miles N of Gail; obj:8642; permit #490407; API #033-31197

Dickens County

Cholla Pet., Inc.
Key #1
Wildcat-D; H. & G.N. RR Co.; A-180, Blk 1, Sec 347; 650 FNL 1800 FWL of lse; 650 FNL 1800 FWL of survey; 4.5 miles SE of Dickens; obj:4999; permit #491374; API #125-30722

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc.
IRA, N. W. "E" #6
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./R. G. Stirling; A-2949, Blk 97, Sec 169; 514 FEL 1027 FSL of lse; 1243 FWL 1027 FSL of survey; 4.5 miles N of Ira; obj:6850; permit #488663; API #415-33718

Terry County

Jones, L. E. Operating, Inc.
Sims Santa Fe Snyder "4" #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/B. M. West; A-763, Blk C-36, Sec 4; 23 FWL 2247 FSL of lse; 2247 FSL 2621 FEL of survey; 14 miles SE of Brownfield; obj:10000; permit #489816; API #445-31891

Completions

Lea County

Nearburg Prod. Co.
Anaconda 11 Federal #1
Teas; T20S, R33E, Sec 11; 660 FNL 660 FEL; EL 3582 GR; TD 9720; PBTD 9631; Spud 11-2-99; Comp 12-23-99; production is through perfs:6545-6552; IP:12-28-99 Pump 24 hrs 141 BO, 123 BW, 69 MCF; API #30-025-34701

Conoco Inc.
SEMU #135
North Hardy; T20S, R37E, Sec 25; 1330 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3509 GR; TD 7960; PBTD 7864; Spud 8-11-99; Comp 10-1-99; production is through treated perfs:7610-7800; Treat:3000 gals 15% NEFE w/BS, 10,000 gals XL acid, 4000 gals gel acid; IP:10-2-99 Pump 24 hrs 3 BO, 25 BW, 6 MCF, GOR 2000; API #30-025-34666

Conoco Inc.
SEMU #136
North Hardy; T20S, R37E, Sec 25; 1980 FSL 1090 FWL; EL 3510 GR; TD 8044; PBTD 7100; Spud 9-2-99; Comp 12-22-99; production is through treated perfs:6506-6542; Treat:48 bbls 15% NEFE w/BS; IP:12-25-99 Flow 24 hrs 450 BO, 36 BW, 300 MCF, GOR 667, 25/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 790, GOR 667; API #30-025-34667

TEXAS RRCD 7C

Crockett County

J. Cleo Thompson
Meadows #1
Ozona (Ellenburger)-completion; D&SE RR Co.; Blk QR, Sec 4; 1056 FSL 1400 FEL of survey; 4 miles SW of Ozona; calculated absolute open flow of 601,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:7203-7225; TD 7225; PBTD 7234; GE 2468

Reagan County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "A" #2608
SRH (Clear Fork)-completion; T&P RR Co./E.J. Rudd; Blk 1, Sec 26; 1980 FNL 6020 FEL of survey; 16 miles NE of Big Lake; pump 14 barrels of water, w/gas-oil ratio of 2571; production is through treated perfs:4018-4718; TD 8000; PBTD 6020; GE 2455

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Nat. Gas Corp.
Askew & Glimp "55" #7
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; HE&WT RR Co.; Blk C, Sec 55; 1320 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 12 miles S of Sonora; pump 219,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:5366-5754; TD 6100; PBTD 5040; GE 2102

Louis Dreyfus Nat. Gas Corp.
Edwin S. Mayer Jr. #22
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; Edwin S. Mayer, Jr.; 2000 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 10 miles SW of Sonora; calculated, absolute open flow of 1,131,000 ft of gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6466-7771; TD 8100; PBTD 8051; GE 2390

Louis Dreyfus Nat. Gas Corp.
Richardson #7
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; HE & WT RR Co.; Blk B, Sec 139; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 7 miles NW of Sonora; pump 421,000 ct of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6714-7280; TD 7510; PBTD 7443; GE 2294

Louis Dreyfus Nat. Gas Corp.
Edwin S. Mayer, Jr. #22
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; GC & SF RR Co.; Blk D, Sec 69; 500 FSL 1180 FEL of survey; 10 miles NW of Sonora; calculated absolute flow of 1,131,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6478-8226; TD 8600; PBTD 8541; GE 2278

TEXAS RRCD 8

Howard County

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Snyder, Susie B. #2018W
Snyder-completion; T&P RR; A-1219, Blk 30, Sec 20; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 5.7 miles S of Coahoma; Completed 12-4-99; TD 3100; permit #488867; API #42-227-35402

Martin County

Stephens, Autry C
Cox "10" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; T&P RR Co.; Blk 37, Sec 10; 467 FEL 2173 FNL of lse; 3 miles NW of Tarzan; Completed 1-2-00; Test 1-6-00 24 hrs tested; 1 1/4" Pump; 28 BO, 40 MCF, 70 BW, Gas-oil ratio 1429; TD 12,306; permit #483857; API #42-317-33235

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7500'	2 7/8"	6.50#	N-80	FL4S	Used	Inspected
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5700'	2 7/8"	8.70#	L-80	EUE 8rd	Used	Inspected
10000'	2 7/8"	8.70#	N-80	EUE 8rd	Used	Inspected
2300'	5"	18#	N-80	FL4S	Used	Inspected
10000'	5 1/2"	14#	J-55	STC	Used	
10000'	5 1/2"	15.50#	J-55	LTC	Used	
60000'	5 1/2"	17#	J-55	LTC	Used	
30000'	5 1/2"	17#	N-80	LTC	Used	
20000'	5 1/2"	17#	L-80	LTC	Used	
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16000'	5 1/2"	15.50#	J-55	LTC	API
250000'	5 1/2"	17.00#	J-55	LTC	API
6300'	5 1/2"	20.00#	L-80	LTC	API
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FIRST OF A THREE-PART ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS AND A FORECAST OF TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES

Increasing number of employers require computer skills

By Jeff McDonald

Advances in technology mean changes in work force requirements and new standards for those who seek to join that work force. Just ask anyone on the front lines of the employment struggle.

"We are seeing more and more requests from employers, more and more requirements for computer skills, new technology skills," said Lewis Robison with the Texas Work force Commission. "That's something that everyone is looking for."

Robison cited a recent employment ad for the U.S. Secret Service that called for the usual requirements like good physical condition and moral character, but also stressed computer skills.

"They have to, a lot of law enforcement has to nowadays," he said. "In their case, many crimes are performed on computers, and they're using all the new technology that's out there."

The Secret Service example illustrates Robison's point that work force training should include computer literacy, regardless of where the trainee seeks employment.

The impact of new advances in data storage and retrieval, communication and production technologies — many of them interactive with one another — are felt not only in the office, laboratory or other high-tech environments, but also in such traditionally low-tech environments as building or road maintenance, or the front counter of a fast food restaurant.

"That's true. They are needed everywhere," said Robison. "It's not a luxury anymore. It's a necessity. And we are seeing more and more requirements with computer skills listed."

Robison also cautions that those entering the workplace today with computer or office technology skills learned 10 (or even five) years ago, might consider taking a refresher course because of the dramatic changes that may have occurred in technologies, their capabilities and their applications over a relatively short period of time.

"Constantly changing, constantly. Programs change every day, new capabilities appear every day," he said. "And in the same vein, you have to stay computer-literate because of the proliferation of new programs, new applications. Any education is always helpful, of course. But now it's not a matter of education. It's a matter of continuing education."

Among those committed to preparing a work force that can meet the demands of a growing, evolving technology is Midland College. Over the years, Midland College has developed a network of communication channels and satellite campuses that keep school officials and planners abreast of the changing needs of the workplace ... and what can be done to train the workers to meet those needs.

On the main campus, small business owners meet with Chamber of Commerce officials and representatives of major corporations and government agencies for a monthly business networking breakfast. At the south facility, those wishing to enter the workplace (whether as an employee or a business owner) may take advantage of computer and continuing education courses, welfare-to-work programs, and small business development counseling services. At the Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton, courses in office technology and current computer applications can be tailored to specifically meet the needs of the workplace.

"The main area that we see that is in the software, and we are constantly trying to go ahead and upgrade to the new versions," said center director, Brenda Lee.

"We do push that a little bit. We can upgrade a little quicker than the businesses might be ready for, in order to be a leader, to encourage the businesses to move ahead.

"We have about 130 students in our computer classes this semester and they are learning the software. And so, when these students are in the work force, they push the employer to move ahead, to keep up with the new software."

Ms. Lee said the current class includes both business owners and employees from a wide variety of industries including energy/oil field, agriculture, retail and service businesses.

The center also offers a self-paced, continuing education course designed to accommodate the busy schedules of people already in the workplace, yet still needing to expand their familiarity with new technology and new applications.

"We have designed the course to be extremely flexible, where students can work on the software at home, or come up here and work on them at the center. And this is designed for very busy people who need to keep up on the software. This is continuing education."

Similar endeavors to prepare employees for new and developing technologies in the workplace are under way in the private sector as well.

"As technology is taking over, and the office is included in that, most everything nowadays seem to be done on the computer in one way or another," said Don Dobbins, a branch director for American Commercial College, which has campuses in Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene and Wichita Falls.

"So what we try to do at our schools is to take a student that has very little or very limited computer knowledge and give them the level of knowledge they need to enter the workplace.

"That includes word processing skills, database skills ... spreadsheet skills. And it's taking those skills and getting an entry-level position in the workplace. And it's not just computer skills. They're still going to need to know how to type, how to format a letter and all those basic skills," Dobbins said.

"And then we're also going to include the technology, the terminology and everything they need in, say, the medical field. It's the same with the legal field, or the accounting field, where the get the basic skills and then they also get the accounting terminology, an introduction to accounting law, and so on."

According to Dobbins, students may also enter ACC to take a single course, rather than a program of courses, in order to acquaint themselves with specific software applications needed in the workplace.

"Five years ago, they may have taken WordPerfect version 5. Well, we're now using Corel Suite, and they might want to take that as they would WordPerfect version 8. So they could come back and get that update. They could take a single class."

Which is good news for people like Robison and others at the TWC working each day to put Texans back to work.

"This is something that they're telling us now, that you need to be generalist," he said. "And that if you don't get a level of computer literacy, then it's more difficult to enter the workplace. And like I said before, any education is always helpful. But now it's not just a matter of education. It's a matter of continuing education to stay on top."

MC modernizes computer science department to train students for industry

By Johnnye Montgomery

In response to demands from the business community and from prospective students, Midland College has compacted and modernized its rambling computer science department into an industry needs-driven curriculum focused on providing students with leading-edge skills

Starting next fall, Midland College will offer five associate's degrees and seven certificates.

James Draper, director of information technology, and Nancy Hart, Business studies chair at Midland College, began to make the changes shortly after Draper's coming on board in January 1999.

First, they combined the systems technology office with computer science to make one information technology department. Next, electronics and computer maintenance were brought into the department to cover the entire spectrum with a department that would maximize the use of equipment and instructors.

The department has also entered into academic partnerships with Microsoft, Cisco Networking Systems and Oracle, and is presently seeking a Novell partnership, thereby enabling students to prepare for nationally recognized certification tests — the high-tech equivalent of a plumber's or electrician's license.

Draper said the changes meant that some course names had to be changed and led to training and coordination of schedules.

But the hard part is well under way, he said.

"Starting in the fall, we're going to offer an associate's degree in programming, one in networking, one in data management (which is the old business applications), one in computer office applications (the old office system technology associate's degree) and one in computer maintenance. We're no longer going to have a separate degree in electronics because the computer maintenance program is going to have enough electronics incorporated into it to prepare a student to be an electronics technician if that's what he/she wants to be."

He said the department is especially sensitive to the need for certification preparation.

"We're aware that having associate's degrees doesn't mean as much as having nationally recognized certifications. If a student ends up in Butte, Montana, nobody up there is going to care if he has an associate's degree from Midland College, no matter how wonderful it is or how crafty he is.

"But if he is a Microsoft-certified engineer, or a Novell CNE or a Cisco CCNA, or is A+ MOUS certified, that's recognized; that's a skill set that will get him a job, whether he works part time at a nice salary while pursuing a four-year degree, or wants to make it a career choice.

"So we're teaching Microsoft courses, Novell courses and Cisco courses that are prepping our students to take those certifications."

Draper said Oracle was the newest partnership, and it was obtained as a direct result of the college's sensitivity to the needs of the community.

"We recently recognized that we have a lot of businesses in the community that would like for us to teach Oracle database. So we're going to incorporate some of the Oracle training into our data management associate's degree, so that when our students leave here, they will have not only have exposure to the (Microsoft) Access database, but they'll have exposure to SQL and Oracle +.

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Future of UTPB is on the Web, on television, president says

By Harry Harrison

ODESSA — Though programs at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will be the same as the last five years, they are constantly being evaluated and upgraded, according to President Charles Sorber.

The idea is to enhance the learning environment of the students, he said.

Along with this is an effort to interview the major employers of the Permian Basin and find out what they expect in prospective employees. The plan is to offer a corporation an accountant when they need an accountant, and not expect them to hire a librarian and have to retrain that person.

Sorber said this is an ongoing project that is beginning to show the fruits of its efforts.

The university will be expanding existing programs this year. Plans are to expand the Humanities and Fine Arts and enhance multi-disciplined studies. A bachelor of arts will be offered in leadership evolution.

There are plans to offer a bachelor's degree in drama with the possibility of a master's in the same field. The university wishes to continue its program of producing plays with Midland Community Theatre.

The U.S. Air Force has given the school a $100,000 grant to expand its computer program and the life sciences department will undergo minor changes. Classes offered in area communities will continue, along with strong cooperation with the junior colleges and community colleges.

Sorber sees the future of UTPB expanding on the Web and on television. At the present, about 10 percent of the university's classes are on the Web or closed network television. He sees a continuous growth in this department and says that the school will continue to move in this direction.

A television class allows a student in, say, Big Spring to take the university's class at Howard College. And, while the student has to attend the class at the scheduled time, he is not forced to drive the 50 miles to get to the classroom.

An even more time-friendly method to take a course is via the Web. The student simply logs on to the Web at his or her convenience and finds the desired class. The course must be completed within the semester, Sorber said.

These new programs can be far-reaching. A new program offered by UTPB is a master's degree in kinesiology (physical education). It is offered on the Web and one of the first students to enroll was from North Pole, Alaska, he said.

Sorber said that none of these cyberspace programs will supplant the traditional campus. And because of that, the university is undergoing a $25.8 million construction program, which includes a $15 million, 70,000-square-foot building that will house the new library and lecture halls. Another $5 million is being targeted to build a 27,000 square-foot Visual Arts Studio. The remaining $5.8 million is to be used to upgrade the heating and air conditioning systems in the existing buildings.

Speed, value to drive local Internet providers in 2000

By Paul Wiseman

First, there were "dog years." Since dogs age about seven times faster than humans, you would multiply by seven to figure out "what that was in dog years." As the technology age dawned, we became familiar with light years, which are really a measure of distance (how far light travels in a year). As the technology age advances, we continue to see increases in computer speed and innovation, knowing that everything we thought was true could change in a matter of minutes. This has given rise to counting time in "Internet years" which, while indefinite in span, are more akin to nanoseconds than to 12-month calendars.

More than most people, local Internet service providers (ISPs) must stay alert to changes in order to stay competitive with each other and with the national providers such as America Online or Compuserve. Two of Midland's largest ISPs, USAOnline and Apex 2000 Internet Services Corp., agree that speed and value- added services are key components of staying ahead of the competition.

Ty Roberson, an owner of Apex 2000, observed that the Midland market is maturing. "With the continued growth of the Midland/Odessa Internet market over the last two years, we've needed little sales work to get new customers.

"That market is now maturing, so we'll have to compete more to get new customers."

That competition may mean either lower prices or more value for the customer.

Apex 2000 offers Internet classes, as well as filtered access, which removes pornography and other offensive sites. Roberson noted that his company had charged for filtering in the past, but now offers it for free.

USAOnline offers classes to new subscribers. Called eschool, the first classes, which began in the fall, were on how to get around the Internet, but future plans include other types of software.

Basic service at Apex 2000 includes allowing each customer access to their billing information. Roberson explained that subscribers would also be able to track their connection history.

USAOnline soon will take a huge step toward real competition with the nationwide companies, by offering nationwide access. Subscribers will be able to dial into USAOnline with a local number from over 600 cities across the continental United States and a few cities in Canada.

Marissa Beckett, the company's corporate operations manager, indicated that her company would continue to offer personal service even after the expansion. "Our technical support line will still be answered by live people," she said, adding that an 800 number will provide free access to tech support from anywhere in the United States. "We never want to get away from offering small-town service."

The company also tries to give its subscribers a reason to go to its home page when they log on. The USAOnline home page has links to a wide variety of newspapers, shopping pages and other Web sites catering to various interests.

In March, the company plans to open a business center at Midland International Airport, where customers, for a fee, can send or receive e-mail, faxes and have access to a computer, a copier and other business machines while waiting on their flights.

Both ISPs are working on their clients' "need for speed" as well. Web pages are becoming more and more graphics-intensive, taking longer to download. Traditional telephone lines have topped out at 56kbps, so further speed will have to come from other technologies. One possible source for faster and cheaper connections is Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines. This technology uses dedicated telephone lines to deliver six to eight megabytes per second (Mbps), many times the current dial-up line maximum of 56 kbps. It will be cheaper and faster than existing high- speed options like Integrated Services Digital Network lines (ISDN), which deliver speeds of 64 or 128 kbps. Roberson reported that this technology should be available in the area later this year.

USAOnline currently offers point-to-point wireless connections and is expecting to soon make a major announcement regarding a new wireless service. Apex 2000 is also looking into wireless this year, according to Roberson.

Ms. Beckett sees clients asking for freedom to roam as well as speed. Her company's wireless service and their dial-up availability across the country are offered in response to that perceived need.

"Our research and development team in El Paso is constantly looking for the means to faster and more easily accessible Internet service," she said. "There are so many exciting and revolutionary things coming into the market now."

As local ISPs rush to compete with each other and the big players, they should provide an interesting arena in which to watch the year 2000 — whether you measure that in dog years, light years or "Internet years."

ISPs find open door for other computer services

By Paul Wiseman

"If you give correct help to customers, you'll get a loyal following," said David Hight, Executive vice president of Planetlink, a local Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Planetlink, along with two other local ISPs, Internet Global Services Inc. (Iglobal) and Mars Hill, have discovered that quality local Internet service can open the door to other computer-related business opportunities. These range from providing local area networks (LANs) to building and servicing the computers that dial into the ISP's lines.

Mars Hill Vice President Joby Fussell said their ISP service "gets us in the door to do LANs and WANs (wide-area networks)." He explained that his company actually derives more of its business from those seemingly peripheral services than from Internet subscribers. They also host a number of Web pages for local companies.

Diversification is survival to Fussell. While Mars Hill was one of the first two ISPs in Midland, Fussell is concerned that local providers will

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Advanced technology center to provide skilled work force

By Harry Harrison

David Daniel, the president of Midland College, is enthusiastic about the institution's future in the coming years. The school administration is excited about the new technology center that it will share with the Midland Independent School District.

In addition, there is an expansion and building program planned for the college.

Daniel expects the college to grow by at least 10 percent in the coming year.

The Midland Advanced Technology Center is at the forefront of making Midland College a more viable community college. The center will offer local employers an opportunity to find a technically skilled labor force in the area. The competitive edge of any organization is driven by employees who are capable of using state-of- the-art equipment.

This center is a unique educational venture involving Midland College, MISD, and a number of Permian Basin partners. The facility, located at 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave. is approximately 80,000 square feet. College-level work force education courses will be offered in the following areas: automotive technology, building science technology, business computer applications, computer graphics technology, computer integrated manufacturing, computer maintenance and repair, computer networking, electronics, information technology and welding technology.

These courses may lead toward a certification of proficiency and associate of applied science degree.

The first phase of this program will be open in time for the fall semester. This phase will include all of the computer courses and the electronics course, the exception being the computer-integrated manufacturing classes. The second phase of the program is scheduled to open in January 2001.

Daniel said that the initial enrollment is already 1,500 students. To qualify for enrollment at the center, a student must be a high school graduate or have an equivalent, and have grade level reading and math skills.

The center will be serving the training needs of a work force development program and will make use of a variety of instructional formats, he said. These range from one-day formats, to short courses, to customized training programs designed to meet the needs of business or corporate clients. The center will also support students with career guidance counseling placement, tutoring services and an online library. These services are incorporated into the overall curriculum.

For those students not yet ready for college-level courses, the center can offer them 11th- and 12th-grade courses through MISD. The classes offered are automotive technology, building trades and construction, business computer applications, computer graphics/drafting, computer networking, electronics, information technology, small engine repair and welding and metal trades.

Many of these courses will also give the high school student college credit.

Also in Midland College's future is the current building and expansion program. When Midland Air Park closed one of its runways, the college was able to acquire extra acreage for campus growth. The present loop around the campus will be expanded into a figure eight, moving to the north. Inside the new loop will be the Dorothy and Todd Aaron Medical Science Building. This structure will house the new physicians assistant program the college is initiating with the cooperation of Texas Tech University Health Sciences.

A second building will include much needed classrooms and laboratories for the sciences as well as general studies.

The Cogdell Campus of the college, located at 201 W. Florida Ave., is included in the expansion plans.

This south campus will be expanded to the east. The hope is to open a preliminary child development center. The college also wishes to work with the staff of the community center — site of the former Asbury United Methodist Church — which is located just across the street, to form a more significant and encompassing community center.

Plans are also in the works to expand MC's campus in Fort Stockton.

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"We're shaping our curriculum and changing it to follow what the industry leaders are needing in the way of skill sets," he added. "Obviously, Microsoft is one. Cisco Networking Systems are the big dogs in the Internet equipment business, so having Cisco as an academic partner takes care of the electronic equipment Internet connection. Having Oracle as a partner takes care of another part of the database. And our computer maintenance program will not only prepare students for careers in computer maintenance, but also to take the A+ certification test. We also have a Microsoft MOUS certification, which is actually done on site here at the college."

Draper said the challenge to the department, once all the components are in place, will be just to stay current.

"We'll have to constantly learn. You can't just do things the way you did five years ago or two years ago. And the equipment needs are monstrous, because we have to have reasonably state-of-the-art equipment.

"We try to be very sensitive to which classes must have state-of-the-art, and which class can do with a little less than state-of-the-art, and we flow our computers down through a maze where they're good in this class for a year, and in this class for a year or two, and after that, they'll be good in computer maintenance, and then what's left of them will go to the dumpster.

"By doing it this way, we're trying to get the most bang for the buck. It challenges our maintenance people to keep them running, but it gets a lot more use from them."

Another challenge, Draper said, will be to keep instructors.

"By keeping current, and keeping their certifications up, they become extremely valuable, and they'll have to love to teach in order to stay here."

Draper said he thinks that love is exactly what will keep instructors in place.

"This is such a different environment. After our students take four semesters of Cisco and sit for the CCNA exam and get certified, they'll be able to make $30,000 to $40,000 per year with no experience. That skill is in such demand that they really won't need anything else.

"A kid with high-tech skill, without any more than rudimentary knowledge of history, little knowledge of math or English, will be more economically valuable in that environment than if she goes out and gets a bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

"And teaching those kids is more fun than you can possibly imagine."

Draper was quick to point out, however, that information technology classes are not just for the young.

"You'll see such a diversity in these classes, more than anywhere else on the campus. There'll be students sitting next to people who could be their parents, and it makes a wonderful dynamic. With 600 to 800 students in classes at any given time, we really have a nice mix.

"People don't stay in these classes unless they really like them, and it's a thrill to teach them.

"The challenge of keeping current is tremendous, but this is the only way to run this business, and it's how we're going to run it from now on."

Jan Melton & Associates focuses on new development

By Johnnye Montgomery

Jan Melton established Jan Melton & Associates in 1996 after previously owning and managing ReMax of Midland. She's been in real estate in Midland for 13 years, and is a builder and developer.

The present firm consists of Ms. Melton and Callie Stevens.

A recent development of Melton & Associates is Mission Ridge Estates, located on the corner of Big Spring Street and Solomon Lane. The firm also has a new area in the final stages of development in the northwest section of town just south of Midland Country Club. Residences are designed especially to provide low-maintenance housing for busy or retired Midlanders who may prefer to do minimal or no yard work.

Ms. Stevens said a great advantage of a two-woman office is that they both are able to concentrate on the common goal of understanding and filling the needs of their customers.

"We're able to establish a wonderful working relationship with transferees, as well as a significant number of people who have lived here and change houses."

She said they have no preference as to price range or size, or to residential or commercial.

"We sell both commercial and residential, and in a wide range of prices. I feel that if you sell everything from $20,000 to $500,000 in residential properties, you get a much better taste of the market than if you concentrate on any one price range."

Ms. Stevens, who previously worked primarily in high-rise property management in the Metroplex, said coming back to Midland was a natural thing to do.

"I wanted to work smarter, not harder, and my husband and I both really enjoy living here."

She said Melton & Associates undoubtedly will change to adapt to changing conditions, although nothing radical is planned for 2000.

"We continually strive to work smarter in our day-to-day activities. We're going to be incorporating a Web site into our business, and in fact, that's nearing completion. We plan to focus on building up our new development."

When asked how she thought Midland could enhance its economic status so as to provide more income for the people liv-

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Adobe has place on the Internet

By Johnnye Montgomery

Prudential Adobe Realtors began in 1976 as Adobe Realtors by broker/owner Bill Jackson, a resident of Midland since 1956. The company affiliated itself with Prudential in 1992.

Gary Teinert, office manager and relocation coordinator of Prudential Adobe, said the affiliation gives the firm a national identity, since more than 90 percent of Americans recognize the famous name and symbol of Prudential, and offers the assurance of the continued careful attention to detail

"Prudential Adobe Realtors combines the personal touch with the resources and training of a national organization," said Teinert.

"There are presently 12 agents associated with the firm and they're all full-time, experienced agents who are well-trained in all phases of the real estate market.

"We have the latest marketing tools, an exclusive referral network and state-of-the-art information and computer systems."

Teinert said Prudential Adobe Realtors also has a recognized place on the Internet, with the ability to do business worldwide.

He also sees the varied backgrounds of Prudential Adobe Realtors' agents as an undeniable asset.

"Our people come from a wide array of backgrounds and this gives them knowledge of residential and commercial construction, retail sales, education (since we have people who have been in education administration and teachers), and a vast knowledge of the oil and gas industry."

Teinert said agents with such backgrounds and the extended training offered them through the firm are able to handle properties ranging from economical homes for first-time home buyers to luxury estate.

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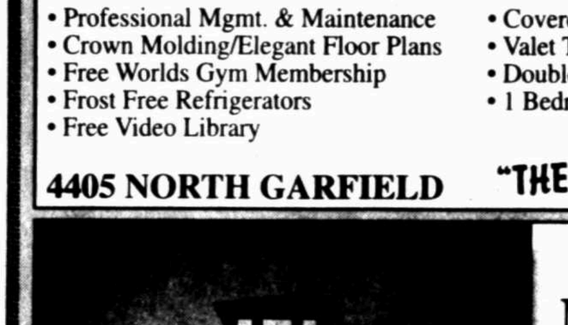

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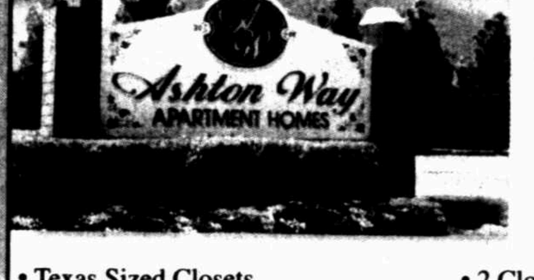

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Future looks prosperous for Berg Motor Co., manager says

By Beth Harrell

Oil prices are up and that's a positive gauge for every business in Midland, according to manager Jed Heard of Berg Motor Co.

"Every business in Midland is affected by the price of oil."

Last year, auto dealers across the nation sold more cars than ever, but Midland dealers weren't part of the boom. However, Heard views Midlanders as more optimistic this year about the economy and expects that to spill over into vehicle purchases. He said that Midland auto dealers are "in for the long haul" and he looks forward to a prosperous future.

Heard thinks that the buyer is changing because of ever-advancing technology. "The consumer is better educated. The Internet, television, newspaper ... all these are opportunities to let the buyer know what you're doing."

Heard doesn't see the Internet replacing the actual dealership. Yet, it allows consumers the opportunity to determine exactly what they want before they leave home. With car purchases being the second largest investment most people make, hands-on shopping is imperative. The Internet may educate the buyer, but nothing beats actually test-driving a car, he said.

Heard notes that sports utility vehicles will continue to be the big sellers, particularly considering Midland's geographic location. "I don't see any reason for that to change any time soon. With Midland being centrally locally, we're hours from the mountains, hours from the beach, hours from the big city ... you want to jump in your vehicle and go."

About one-third of Berg's customers live out of Midland and Heard expects that number to continue rising. "I think some of it's related to the fact that we've become a regional shopping hub. ... They come to Midland for a reasonable shopping experience and part of that shopping is for automobiles."

Midland offers a variety of dealerships and new products are arriving daily. Cadillac currently has a new Deville that offers night vision. "You can see in the dark without eating your carrots, he said joking.

The GMC truck, Yukon, is bigger than ever, with an extended length, Heard said.

He said that vehicles are getting more dependable and "they're certainly as complex as they can be." Some vehicles have as many as three computer systems and the diagnostic equipment required to service these vehicles is extraordinarily expensive, Heard said. When a problem occurs "you can't just go in there and start unplugging $2,500 computer systems," Heard said.

Berg technicians regularly undergo extensive, ongoing training using an interactive satellite system that allows them to communicate with the instructor without leaving the dealership. The company is required to have the right equipment and specially trained individuals in order to continue selling specific types of cars, Heard said.

The mainstay of any business is keeping the customer coming back. "In a town the size of Midland, you live and die by repeat customers. The only way they're going to come back is they have to like you and they have to trust you."

But the industry-wide goal of more personalized service can be difficult to achieve with the mobility of today's society.

Heard doesn't think that one-price dealers are the wave of the future because, "it's been my experience that people like to dicker about the price of a car."

Dotson Nissan is 'kind of excited about year 2000'

By Beth Harrell

Dotson Nissan saw an increase in new car sales in 1999, but used car sales were down by 9 percent. However, notes Fred Dotson, "we're expecting somewhat of an increase this year."

He doesn't think anything has happened to alter consumers' perception of the economy.

" I'm not saying it's going to get worse, but we don't have anything happening here that's going to bring an influx of people to us."

Among many of the vehicle dealers in Midland, the hot topic is diversification. The idea of Midland as strictly oil country is a thing of the past. The future requires expansion into other areas in order to attract new industries and more people, resulting in a larger consumer base.

But Dotson doesn't "see any big change in our economy in 2000 compared to 1999.

"We're just going to keep doing what's been successful for us for the last 32 years."

Dotson believes that most people will try to buy their cars in the town where they're going to get service. And because of the increasingly sophisticated car engineering, owners often return to the dealer for necessary service.

"So much of the service now is the dealer's responsibility," Dotson said.

There will be plenty of new cars to choose from in the coming century. Nissan has redesigned the Pathfinder, adding more horsepower. The four-door pickup is another popular new vehicle.

"We're kind of excited about the year 2000."

The difficulty arises in keeping the cars on the lot and getting shipments in for people to try these new options, he said.

However, there's always the Web for consumers who want to check out the car before heading to the dealer. Dotson believes their Web page helps attract buyers, gives people the opportunity to shop around and offers exposure to the dealership at a small cost.

But there's no danger of the Web page replacing the showroom, because Dotson said that under Texas law, "you can only sell a car from a certain location."

Dotson says the process of buying a car probably won't change significantly in the future. "I understand that a lot of people don't like dealing with a sales person but that's just part of the process. Buying a car isn't like buying a sport coat or a tie."

Because of the increased financial investment in a car, Dotson believes that people are keeping their cars longer. With that kind of attitude, the consumer is looking for a vehicle that will endure. Sports utility vehicles remain the popular first choice, particularly in West Texas, he said.

Rogers Ford thinks more people will lease vehicles

By Beth Harrell

"If I could have another year like last year, I'd sign up right now," said Doss Rogers of Rogers Ford.

Yet he adds that when the economy's down, people are quick to cut back, but when things improve they are slower to respond. His expects that business will improve, particularly within the fleet industry, which is improving.

One of the biggest changes Rogers anticipates is an increase in lease vehicles.

"Cars cost so much. Car payments are less when you lease. The question most people are concerned about is 'how much is it going to cost me to operate this vehicle for a month?' On the average, a person in the U.S. only keeps his car about 24 months. Leasing just makes more sense."

Abut half of the business at Rogers Ford is leasing. That's a tremendous change from a few years ago, and Rogers said he expects the trend to continue.

Another trend Rogers talks about is the Internet shopper. He notes that the consumer is more educated and certain about what he wants in a vehicle.

"They've done all their homework and generally decided what they want ..." before coming to the showroom.

The major decision revolves around where they want to buy the car. Rogers said his Web site gets between 50 and 60 hits daily. One employee's primary job revolves around following up on those Internet shoppers. Rogers views the Internet as just another tool, like the telephone. It's another way for people to get the information they need before purchasing or leasing a vehicle, he said.

The Internet is particularly popular with out-of-town buyers. About one-third of Rogers' business is from outside of Midland, but he expects that number to grow.

"On Saturdays, over 50 percent of our business is from out of town."

He views Midland as the up-and-coming retail base for the area, which attracts an increased number of car buyers.

Future products for Ford include a throwback '57 T-bird with a Jaguar chassis.

"The same guy who designed the Beetle for Volkswagen did the T-Bird design for Ford," Rogers said.

With sports utility vehicles continuing to be so popular, Ford has four SUVs that will meet the needs of almost every consumer. Another future trend for the car manufacturer is the combining of components from Volvo and Jaguar. Now that Ford owns both of those companies, they plan to use different parts in different vehicles.

"You may one day have a Taurus with a Volvo chassis."

Rogers doesn't let the fact that his dealership has been around for 37 years allow him any slack when it comes to service technology. They currently use a diagnostic machine, called a scope, that has a satellite to transmit all pertinent information to Detroit, allowing the technician to be immediately notified of specific parts, tools, or recalls that may apply.

Satellite also allows technicians and sales staff to train on property through interactive classes. "Somebody's in class almost every day, between the sales people and the technicians."

Electronic means are required by Ford now when submitting paperwork and warranty information.

Economy didn't seem to affect Saturn dealership

By Beth Harrell

Members of Saturn sales staffs are trained to "promote Saturn philosophy, not the individual car."

This philosophy includes personal, no-pressure sales with one-price shopping. This method is meant to give the consumer, "a no-haggle, no-hassles" approach to buying a car, said Chris Robin of Saturn of Permian Basin. He points out that the guarantees that come with the purchase gives the buyer peace of mind, knowing that Saturn will back up its product and philosophy.

As always, the perception of Midlanders in relationship to the economy, is vital to the local automotive industry. Robin says that since coming to Midland last year, the perception has always seemed positive. "If it's bad, we haven't felt it."

Starting out in a double-wide trailer, Saturn sold 50 cars the first month it opened. With the completion of the new facility, sales moved up to 75 to 80 vehicles monthly. While Robin won't say that these are record-breaking sales figures, he thinks they're positive numbers. With the grand opening scheduled for March, they anticipate continued enthusiastic sales.

A Saturn showroom appears to be peaceful and comfortable. Employees aren't required to wear suits and ties. They are dressed casually and stroll through the building without an air of urgency often found in other auto dealerships.

How does the Internet figure into the Saturn philosophy? Robins doesn't think there is a future for online purchases.

"A relationship with the facility is important. The consumer needs a person to call for assistance and service."

But he said that the Web site is beneficial to the consumer for gathering information, allowing for a better-prepared buyer.

Saturn began with the focus on the buyer and that's not expected to change. When asked if he felt odd not being on Wall Street with so many of the other Midland dealerships, Robin said that "Location and inventory are important ... but people are the most important."

Robin said that the main goal of his Saturn dealership is referrals from satisfied customers. They're looking for "people who want to buy a car a different way."

Out-of-town buyers, who constitute about 40 percent of Saturn's sales, have a large selection of cars to choose from in Midland. Robin believes that the dealer who puts the customer first will gain the most.

As president of the automotive dealers association in MIdland, Robin said that the dealers' expectations of themselves and their staffs will prove significant in the future of automotive sales. What was acceptable in the 1990s will be average in 2000, and none of the dealers want to be average.

Unlike other dealers in the area who utilize high-tech, interactive, on-site training for sales staff and technicians, Saturn still sends its employees to Springfield, Tenn., for two to three weeks at a time. Training is continuous, keeping sales associates and technicians up-to-date on the latest trends that Saturn has to offer.

People demand better fuel economy and overall lower ownership cost, Robin said. They'll continue to expand their current line, while working on new product lines for the coming decade.

Their newest product will be a sports utility vehicle, due to appear in the "relatively near future," he said.

Langston predicts industry will be downsizing

By Johnnye Montgomery

Langston Realtors, established in 1967 by Harvey Langston, is Midland's oldest and largest real estate firm. It has 50 associates as well as five licensed management people and three or four support staff persons depending on need and season.

It is locally owned and based, with extensive national and international ties and affiliations.

Joanne Langston has been president/broker since the late 1970s, when her husband branched into home construction. Pat Chancellor is vice president/manager.

Ms. Langston said there had been two pivotal decisions in the firm's history, both of which benefited the company enormously.

"The first decision was to add a sales manager to our team. Until a company reaches a certain size and income plateau, all management responsibilities fall on the broker, who is probably listing and selling also.

"Our first manager was Margie Forrest, who now teaches real estate school. Our second was, and is, Pat Chancellor, who has done a magnificent job training, recruiting and assisting our associates. She is always available for advice, encouragement, monitoring difficult transactions, and support. What she has added to the professionalism of our group is immeasurable.

"The other decision was to open a second office on the loop. Obviously, these were good decisions, because our firm doubled in size and market share."

Langston Realtors presently lists 39 percent of Midland's residential listings according to MLS statistics. The company's services include a separate rental and management department that handles some 75 to 80 properties; a relocation department that represents and/or works with all the leading relocation firms; a separate commercial department headed by a broker associate; and a separate marketing department that publishes a monthly homes magazine.

As for the future of Midland, Ms. Langston said she expects seminal changes, the beginnings of some of which are already evident.

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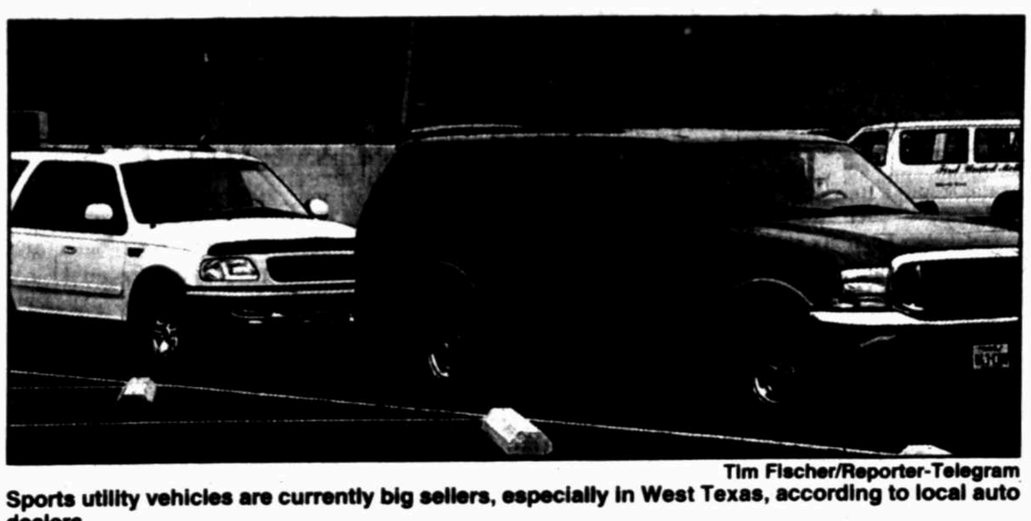

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Sports utility vehicles are currently big sellers, especially in West Texas, according to local auto dealers.

Aztec to upgrade property-rehabilitation firm

By Johnnye Montgomery

Daniel R. Dirlam, president of Aztec Realty Inc., said he established his company in 1986 after losing everything including home, wife and job in the oil bust.

Aztec is family-owned; Dirlam's father, Roy, serves as vice president and his mother, Joanne, as treasurer.

His specialty is property rehabilitation. He buys problem properties and restores them for lease or resale.

He said 1999 was a banner year for him, principally because of low oil prices.

"We differ from other real estate firms in that we are more active during bad economic times than during good times, and that we own most of the properties we sell or lease."

His stated strategy for survival is to be aggressively competitive, he said, adding that as a loner, he can put more blood and sweat into the deal-making than most companies with more overhead.

"We're our competitors' worst nightmare," he said. "When we sell a property, we simply size up the competition and then offer more value for less money. We can do things faster and more efficiently with less overhead than a large organization. This allows us to keep costs down, which ultimately benefits the consumer."

Although he's had associates occasionally in the past, Dirlam said he has found that he works best alone. This doesn't, however, preclude the possibility of his adding an agent or staff member in the future.

With last year's downturn in the economy offering Aztec the opportunity to improve its portfolio of homes, Dirlam said the firm is quickly upgrading and moving into higher-end homes in more prestigious areas.

He said with the rebound of oil prices, he expects Midland to continue to improve as a place to live and do business, and that the entire area will likely see noticeable increases in real estate values.

When asked what advice he would give to civic leaders and government leaders to maintain Midland's desirability as a place to live and relocate to, he said they're presently on the right track.

"Midland is very well-suited for retirees, with its low cost of living, many recreational activities, and the great weather, and I think what's needed most of all is for all of us to work to keep this a good, family-oriented place to live."

Sherman sees bright future for auto industry

By Beth Harrell

Jack Sherman sees a bright future for the local car industry because the economy is looking better, although the need for continued diversification in Midland is strong.

"The economy looks pretty good, but I think for the future this area really needs to push for diversification." he said.

On another positive note, Sherman notes that the fleet business is picking back up.

"We see some fleet business that we haven't seen in a while."

With Jack Sherman covering the market across the board with everything from entry-level vehicles to commercial 2.5 ton trucks, there isn't a problem meeting the needs of the individual and the fleet services.

The Jack Sherman Chevrolet-Mazda dealership continues to keep up with the latest technology. The Internet offers consumers the opportunity to preview purchases and allows the sales staff to contact consumers who haven't been to the showroom.

"The key to it is answering inquiries quickly. While people can get information, the transaction has to be completed at the dealership," Sherman said. "There are a lot of misconceptions about what the Internet is actually going to do."

Not many people want to buy a car without actually driving it first. Trade-ins are another reason that consumers won't be purchasing vehicles from the Internet. Almost everyone who buys a car has a trade-in and that requires hands-on sales staff effort.

Other evidence of future technology includes the make-up of actual cars. "Cars and trucks are so technologically advanced now. It's extremely important that we have the right equipment to service these vehicles. There's more computers on some of these cars than there were on the first spaceships."

Sherman thinks that there will be a major need for specially trained technicians. There are plans to bring more young people into the automotive technician field because vehicles are becoming more and more advanced, requiring continuous training for technicians. A program called distance learning allows the technicians to train on site through interactive instructors. "You can't fix it with a pair of pliers and chicken wire anymore," Sherman said joking.

He said Americans love their sports utility vehicles (SUVs) more than any other. Sherman's dealership sells three SUVs to every one passenger car.

He believes that the flexibility and freedom the vehicle offers will continue to appeal to consumers. People feel safer because they're higher up and SUVs generally require low maintenance.

There is an expectation that changes in cars will prompt people to buy new ones. Along with those changes, Sherman emphasizes the higher number of incentives and more flexible finance plans. There will always be people who need assistance acquiring a car because of credit issues, but Sherman points out that "People are getting back on track financially and that's going to be good for our business."

According to Sherman, most retailers in Midland see things getting better economically. "Overall, it looks as bright as it has for a long time."

Prudential Cooper: Internet soon could change Realtors' jobs

By Johnnye Montgomery

Brian and Rhonda Cooper have been the broker-owners of Cooper Realty for eight years, and they now employ 10 agents in the firm, which deals almost exclusively in residential real estate.

They originally started as a Better Homes and Gardens franchise, the first in Midland. They switched over to Prudential in May 1999.

Cooper said the emphasis at Prudential Cooper is on quality, and that most meetings held in the office are for educational purposes.

"We're really hard trainers here," he explained. "My goal is not to be the biggest real estate firm in Midland, but the best. I'd rather have 10 good agents than to have more people and less quality.

"We feel that an educated agent can serve the client or customer better when they understand the market and understand

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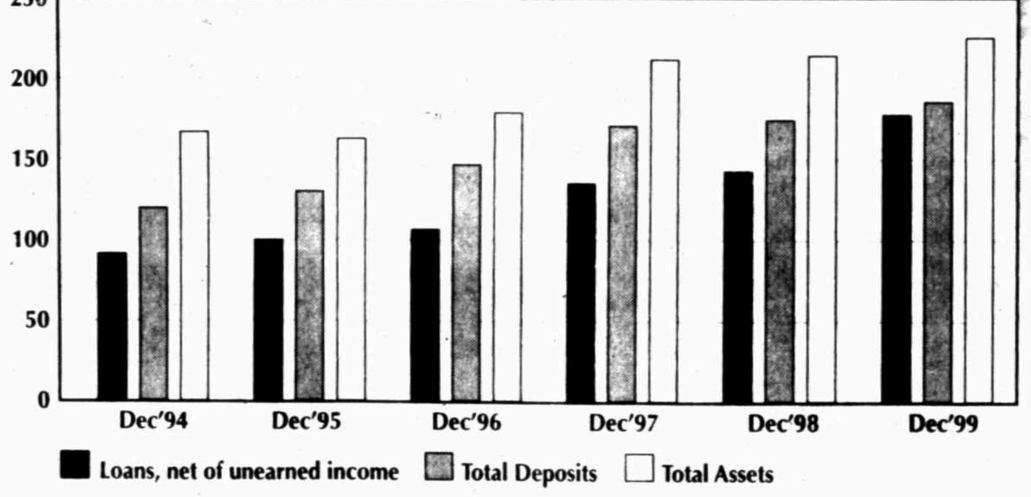

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Investment industry expects return to growth of past years

By Matt Josefy

Technology and methodology are constantly changing, but the premises of investment remain unchanged as time passes by. In a year that saw the DOW, NASDAQ, and others set records on a regular basis, local certified investment advisors continue to offer their expertise to ever-increasing numbers of consumers.

"We're working twice as hard as we did last year to make our business grow," Roy Corgill of Corgill and Associates said.

The investment industry, like every other business enterprise in the Permian Basin, suffered for parts of last year from the repercussions of depressed oil prices, but is now seeing a return to the growth they had been experiencing.

"I hope as the economy comes back online, consumers will start purchasing insurance again," Corgill said of a product that his firm sells.

Even without the added fluctuations of oil prices, investment agencies have a whole new phenomenon to deal with — the PC-equipped baby boomers and busters.

"The way we're doing business is no different than from a year ago, but compared to 10 years ago it is quite different in that investors are much more educated than they used to be," said Van Pearcy, the first Edward Jones representative in Midland. "They have a much better understanding of diversification, or resource allocation."

Perhaps the consumer is even prepared to handle the predicted adjustments to the inflated stock market values.

"They understand that there are points in time when their money is going to be down. They are much more intelligent and comfortable with fluctuations. It was not so long ago that individual investors panicked whenever the market took a down-turn," he said.

'...Investors are much more educated than they used to be. They have a much better understanding of ... resource allocation.'
— Van Pearcy, with Edward Jones

With the ever-increasing capabilities the Internet affords, many consumers are able to do their own research and even purchase stocks online, yet local advisors don't fear for their jobs.

"There is always going to be a market for good advice," claimed Pearcy. "There is always going to be a big part of the public that wants face-to-face, hand-holding advice. You can't get a good warm feeling over the Internet."

"The basic belief of Edward Jones is that we believe there will be do-it-yourself investors, but the thing about West Texans is that when it comes to their serious money, they want to sit down and visit with someone," Pearcy said.

"I don't feel like we have to prove ourselves anymore than we ever have in the past," Corgill agreed. "Most people still want someone where they walk into an office and talk to a live person."

In many ways, Pearcy and Corgill do not view the development of online trading as a threat but a substantial addition to the industry.

"The more information that you can have the better," Pearcy said. "Many of my clients come back to me after doing their own online research and have questions about what they saw."

"There's the adage of 'service after the sale.' Whatever the case may be, our job as a service is still a very needed factor," Corgill said.

That reassurance of professional advice is welcomed in an era that has ever-present danger caused by what Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan calls "the exceptional stock price volatility of most of the newer firms."

"Many people have a lottery mentality to investing — put in a thousand get a million. Yet that happens so rarely. With the 'dot coms,' the good ones probably will make it but there is a very large percentage that won't," Pearcy said. "I talk to older people who have been investing for 60 years and I ask them what they would have done differently. They tell me they would never have sold a thing."

"What's interesting about that is if you go back and look at the Cowles Commission, which the federal government put together after the Great Depression, it is just as applicable as it was back then," Pearcy said. "They were trying to find out how people should invest in the future and they came up with six or seven main things, including buying good quality, holding for long time, diversifying and reviewing periodically."

While the principles remain the same, by no means do the companies intentd to become stagnant.

"As far as my business, hopefully in the next 10 years we will be doing considerably more estate planning because of the need over the next 10 years. There will be an increasing need as $10 trillion is transferred from one generation to the next," Corgill said. "People that haven't already done estate planning need to take a look into it."

The two cite a growing number of investors on the market who minimized the effect of the oil crisis. Changing attitudes have taken the money that used to go into secure retirement funds and placed it on the stock market.

"The market used to be for the rich. Now I've got janitors, roustabout people, the guy that mows lawns, and baggers from the grocery store. Parents are even bringing kids in with questions about mutual funds," Pearcy said. "And with the largest part of the population getting closer to retirement, they've got to invest in the stock market to make their money grow."

"The one animal that has probably made the biggest difference is mutual funds," Pearcy said.

As far as the future, "I think there's going to continue to be big swings in the market as far as numbers, but in percent it isn't that dramatic of a change," Pearcy noted.

Considering the welfare of the Permian Basin as a whole, Corgill thinks Midland has to diversify.

" If we have to make tax concessions, ... to bring in different industry, then so be it."

Companies strive to keep pace with technology

By Matt Josefy

With what Alan Greenspan terms the "tectonic plates of technology" shifting daily, even investment advisors, whose clients finance the new developments, must strive to stay on top of a changing market.

"Investment is no different than any other business in that it is changing almost on a day-to-day basis," said Van Pearcy, the first Edward Jones representative to start business in Midland.

"Basically, it kind of just goes back to trying to stay current with technology in the fast-paced world of computers," Roy Corgill of Corgill and Associates said.

And the two are not just blowing hot air, with their companies having done major overhauls to the capital they use in doing business each day. Edward Jones has been noted in national news magazines for its upgrades.

"It was a dramatic change. All of our technology was changed to satellite three years ago. It is much more cost-effective than data over phone lines for us. We can get the Internet through satellite, as well as access to various services via communications systems," Pearcy said.

By the same token, Corgill and Associates is keeping up with the times.

"We updated all of our equipment and computers, recently. Instead of fax machines, we've gone to e-fax. We're doing a lot more on e-mail," Corgill said.

While the companies must change to survive in a competitive market, it is the consumer who ultimately benefits.

"It's much easier as long as the computers don't go down. It allows for more timely responses for consumers on a communications level and being able to get claims or requests processed quickly," Corgill said.

However, there are some important considerations now that the tempo of telecommunications seems to be approaching the speed of light.

"Maybe Midlanders should stay more in touch with the people who are handling their investment funds" Corgill said. "Annual reviews are most definitely more important now. Especially with the way the stock market moves with today's technology stock going at a million miles a minute."

"We have access to so much more information than we used to. It is changing so dramatically, I can't even fathom what we'll have at our fingertips in three to five years," Pearcy agreed.

While the companies are in the midst of updating their equipment, the consumer is changing as well.

"The biggest change we're seeing is that people are more aware of what's going on today. Consumers are becoming more computer-savvy and more and more are online," Corgill said. "Used to, people would basically put money into a retirement plan and didn't care about it until they turned 65. Nowadays, the younger generation watches almost daily. With online brokerage, they can even invest online."

Toyota manager: Web promotes smarter buyers

By Beth Harrell

Public perception about the economy is better now than it was last year, according to Don James of Toyota of Midland.

"A lot has happened since last year."

With oil prices up, car sales are following suit. And it doesn't hurt to have the No. 1 selling car in the nation for the last three years, he said. As well, the Toyota Tundra was selected as the No. 1 truck.

"We're excited about our products. That's what brings people in."

Another enticement for consumers is service. When asked about future advancements in the service of vehicles, James explains, "You can always do better. We continually strive for better customer service."

Consumers will continue to demand better service. Their expectations will be higher and an automotive dealership's response to those expectations will determine how often clients return, James said.

"We don't want to sell one car. We want to sell everyone in the family a car."

The goal is not only to get the consumer into the showroom but to keep him coming back. Sales staff at Toyota of Midland follow up after both sales and service, knowing that a happy consumer is more likely to become a repeat customer. In Midland, personalized service goes a long way and James plans to make the most of it.

Technology contributes to drawing prospective buyers via the Internet. Although automotive Web sites are common these days, James views them as primarily educational. He thinks that the consumer does more homework now than ever before and the availability of Internet information promotes smarter buyers.

James said that vehicles are more advanced and technicians are required to continually train in order use the proper diagnostic equipment.

"Training is intense and the equipment is so expensive, I don't know how the little guys can keep up."

As people buy newer, more advanced vehicles, they will be more likely to come back to the dealership for specialized services for fear of running the risk of improper diagnostics and repair and because of warranty agreements.

James anticipates that the sports utility vehicle trend will continue for many years. For a majority of Midlanders, it's the ideal vehicle considering the geography of West Texas. Toyota, originally known for smaller economical cars, is now moving rapidly into the larger utility vehicle business, he said.

Keeping up with the needs and desires of the consumer makes or breaks dealers in the automotive industry.

In response to the less than successful Auto Nation method of selling used cars, James explains that the professional sales staff is essential to the buying experience. Negotiating prices, establishing trade-in values and determining the best finance plan all require someone who can knowledgeably assist the consumer.

Bank of America sees 2000 as year of recovery

By Joe Dominey

The institution that is presently Bank of America in Midland began in the 1880s as The First National Bank of Midland. It operated for the next 100 years, becoming the largest bank between Dallas and Phoenix.

Then in October 1983, it was closed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and reopened immediately as Republic Bank. Over the ensuing years it was First Republic, NCNB, and Nations Bank before merging with Bank of America.

Local Bank of America president Larry Burrow, who also is senior banking executive for the Midland-Odessa region, oversees three banking offices in Midland and one in Odessa. Each office has its own banking center manager who reports to various corporate officials, depending on the type of clientele served by that branch.

Burrow entered the banking field as a college student in 1962 at Republic National Bank in Dallas where he worked for about two years. Later he completed his BBA at the University of Houston in 1969, in management and psychology.

He came to Midland in June from Lubbock where he was president of the three Bank of America offices there. He had moved to Lubbock in March 1997, and before coming to Midland had spent 16 years with the bank.

"We're really high on the regional economy this year," Burrow said. "The last couple have been very difficult but most banks have done an excellent job of helping their clients weather the storm.

"We see 2000 as a strong recovery year. Our economists will bear this out, predicting that oil prices will continue to appreciate for the next 90 days, then should settle in the low to mid-$20 range. We're a little surprised natural gas hasn't appreciated," he said.

He stated that natural gas prices have been affected by weather in the northeast, and the lack of cold weather has suppressed prices. "If we have an early spring this could increase demand to generate more electricity to meet air conditioning demand."

Bank of America ranks first nationally in total banking assets.

Burrow said that Bank of America seeks alternative methods of lending support to all the

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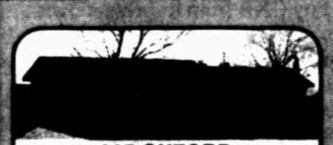

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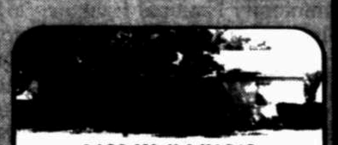

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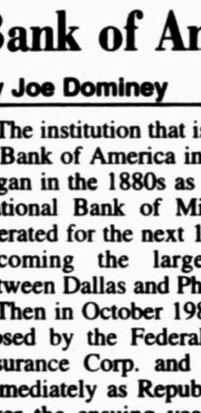

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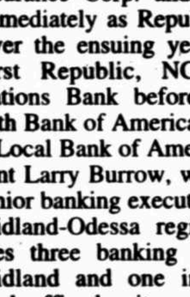

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Bank One ended 1999 'pretty good locally,' Midland president says

By Joe Dominey

Bank One, with main offices at 2301 W. Wall St., and a branch at the Courtyard at Midland Park, is doing better after the two-year oil slump.

A year ago, President Joe Andrews was taking a dismal view of prospects for 1999, seeing nothing on the horizon to provide encouragement.

What a difference a year makes.

While the first half of 1999 was not so great, "we ended up pretty good locally," Andrews said. "Obviously, oil is the main driver of our economy, and today oil is very strong. If it will continue at $20-plus, people will begin exploration programs, workovers, et cetera," he predicted.

He noted that there is a trickle-down effect that feeds businesses down the line.

"When oil got above $15, that got things beginning to move. Our deposits grew by 2 percent and loans 15 percent," he reported.

Bank One most likely falls in the top four banks in size of total loans in Midland. It targets small business operators, oil-field services, and oil and gas producers. As with the other large banks, it has gone through a series of name changes. Originally chartered Commercial Bank and Trust in the early 1960s, the Midland office became Texas American Bank, then TeamBank, before it was acquired by the Ohio-based Bank One organization.

In October 1998 Bank One merged with First Chicago, making it the fourth largest bank in the United States. The transition during the past year involved bringing the two bank's systems into harmony, but ultimately resulted in a smooth-running organization.

"A lot of people in town don't know that we're part of such a large organization," Andrews said.

Any new growth to come this year and beyond will depend on the stability of oil prices, he said.

"We need diversification," he said, echoing the sentiments of his peers. He spoke of the twice-failed economic development sales tax and hoped that the question could be reconsidered in light of the recent loss of jobs resulting from mergers and departures of several major companies.

"Major oil is pulling out of town. The major independents are stepping up. But we've got to do some other things besides oil."

Andrews said Bank One continues to re-evaluate its financial products to make sure they are what customers want. He predicted that the recently approved Gramm-Bailey legislation will result in greater convenience for bank customers and offer one-stop shopping for a wide variety of financial services.

He noted that the local office has brought its brokerage service back in-house with a full-time person.

Bank One's online banking service is "going OK," he said, but is managed out of an urban center. "We get involved when the consumer has a problem."

The local bank shares in a percentage of service fees generated by local online bank customers.

RECOVERY: Bank reorganizes its energy lending department

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markets in which it operates, and is always looking for the opportunity to diversify its loan portfolio.

"It's the kiss of death to be dependent on one industry. In the '80s it was real estate, and a lot of Texas banks were closely tied to that one industry. It hurt banks in Dallas, Austin and Houston, and some went out of business when that market went south.

"We would like to see an influx of manufacturing into this market — perhaps something that is a by-product of the energy industry. You would have considerable transportation savings, as this area is accessible by air, rail, and interstate highway."

Asked about the advisability of reconsidering the economic development sales tax, Burrow said that the question should be revisited.

"You have to look at what's taking place in other markets. I came from a market that defeated an economic development sales tax because of that word, 'taxation.' People will vote for recreational facilities before they will vote to insure their future," he said.

Bank of America this past year undertook a reorganization of its energy lending area.

"It's a much more streamlined and efficient operation now. We don't need to throw as much manpower into serving the energy sector, but can concentrate in the area where the greatest demand occurs."

'We plan to stay in the forefront of automated banking across the county.'
— President Larry Burrow

He said that some of the energy department jobs were relocated to the Metroplex area.

"Our local energy lenders are Lloyd Hales and myself. We can call our counterparts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and communicate in person and/or electronically. It just makes a lot more sense to put our resources where they can be the most effective for our clients in terms of response time and quality feedback."

Burrow said that they haven't lost any key customers because of the streamlining.

" Banks trade clients from time to time, but we've maintained our key relationships."

While not planning any new facilities in 2000, Burrow said new services are always being considered. "We're constantly looking for new consumer products, and try to keep our finger on the pulse nationally, regionally, even locally. We plan to stay in the forefront of automated banking across the country."

He noted that there is a growing demand for online banking. "At the present time nationally we have nearly 2 million consumer customers and between 1,500 and 2,000 small business customers. Online banking will be the premier focal point in the coming years ahead."

Bank of America is offering alternative forms of investments through its subsidiary, Banc of America Investments. "Customers can obtain higher levels of returns. We offer the Money Manager Account. With it you can pay bills — it has regular checking — and can make daily investments."

When asked about his bank's relative size within the market, Burrow said the bank doesn't publish loans or deposits. "That's not as significant as it once was. What is more important to us is having satisfied customers."

He explained that banks now have to look to alternative sources of revenues in addition to interest on loans and checking account transaction fees.

"As financial lifestyles continue to change, Bank of America is committed to listening and responding to our customers, and doing banking like it's never been done before."

Bank United's future is bright as long as price of oil holds, president says

By Joe Dominey

Last February the number of locally owned independent banks dropped by one when Midland American Bank became a unit of Bank United, headquartered in Houston.

President and chief executive officer John Grist recalled his feelings, "I, like a number of other people, resist change. The demise of another independent bank was a reflection of the nationwide trend toward consolidation in the financial services industry."

However, he said the apprehensive reaction was short-lived. "We ended the year fully recovered from all decreases in business resulting from the acquisition. We ended '99 modestly above February '99, the acquisition date. This speaks well of Bank United's acceptance and banking philosophy."

Grist's outlook for the remainder of 2000 is positive so long as oil prices hold. "As the price of oil goes, so goes Midland. Today it spiked at $28. While this is extraordinarily good for us, it's not so for the rest of the nation, where increased energy prices spark fears of inflation.

"It's just my opinion without much to back it up, but I expect oil to remain in $20 to $25 range, and that will permit Midland-Odessa to continue to expand and do business profitably," he allowed.

With higher prices he expects some new exploration and drilling, plus a lot of general oil field maintenance that had been left untended during the oil recession.

"(Oil-field) service businesses are very busy now — getting product levels back up to their potential. I expect this will continue."

Asked whether he expected oil producers would continue to buy producing properties as the majors pulled out, Grist said: "Yes!

" Independents certainly will continue to thrive because they have proven that they can operate at a more reasonable cost."

He said the big challenge facing Midland, and all of West Texas, is how to diversify away from too much dependence on the energy sector. He thought it was time to revisit the question of an economic development effort aimed at diversification.

Asked what would contribute to Midland's economy in the near term, Grist pointed to the new sports facility recently approved by Midland voters.

"The new sports facility will be an economic boon when it's available, and, of course there are the construction jobs it will create during the development period," he said.

In the aftermath of Y2K computer concerns, will Bank United offer online banking?

"Yes. There is still some apprehension about the security of the Internet, etc. However, that has been addressed. Online banking is secure and will be enhanced. Frankly, if people are apprehensive, they have the option of telebanking, accessing their accounts over the telephone for automated responses to inquiries about their accounts. People work all day, they wonder did that check clear? And they can find out via their telephone. Some people are not computer literate and are not comfortable with that level of technology. I can sympathize with that discomfort. So, telephone inquiry is still a viable alternative.

"We were working on Internet banking and offering the service two or three years prior to the acquisition. Now we have Bank United's online service."

Bank United has no current plans to expand facilities, but this month will be opening a licensed securities office in the main bank.

"It will offer annuities, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and insurance products. These (types of investments) are not FDIC insured. This will actually not be a part of our bank, but is a separate corporation owned by the Bank United holding company."

Bank United began offering home mortgage loans last summer. Home mortgage loan applications are processed in Midland and funded locally; however, the servicing is handled through Bank United in Houston.

Grist guessed that Bank United ranks in the top four or five Midland banks according to asset size. "We have total assets of about $237 million. Our loan portfolio is pretty well diversified — about $39 million in real estate; $33 million in energy production loans; $10 million in agricultural loans out of our Stanton branch; $27 million in consumer loans; and $35 million in commercial loans.

"Our segment of the local market has always been and continues to be the small- to medium-sized independent businessman — whether their area of involvement is oil and gas, commercial, retail, wholesale, or agribusiness."

Community National to change owners

By Joe Dominey

Community National Bank, a locally owned, independent bank with main offices at 601 E. Florida Ave., this year is passing the torch to a younger generation, according the bank president Robert D. Southerland.

"We will go to the next level with people in their mid-40s with our pending change of ownership," Southerland said.

In a move approved by their current bank directors, Community National officers Jeb Hughes, Bill Stovall, and Jim Hoisager have assembled an investor group to buy CNB from its present owners. A new one-bank holding company, Midland Bancshares Inc. will purchase the assets of Community National, subject to approval by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency and the bank's shareholders.

The transaction is expected to close on or about Feb. 29.

The present bank management will remain in place. Southerland

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Sports in the 21st century

New complex will promote Tall City pride, Burns said

By Paul Wiseman

Midland's sports world will change in the 21st century with shiny new stadiums for football and baseball.

The sports complex is to be funded by a one-quarter-percent sales tax increase that Midland voters approved in November.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns expects this unique effort to promote pride in the city and bring to town new events and their dollars.

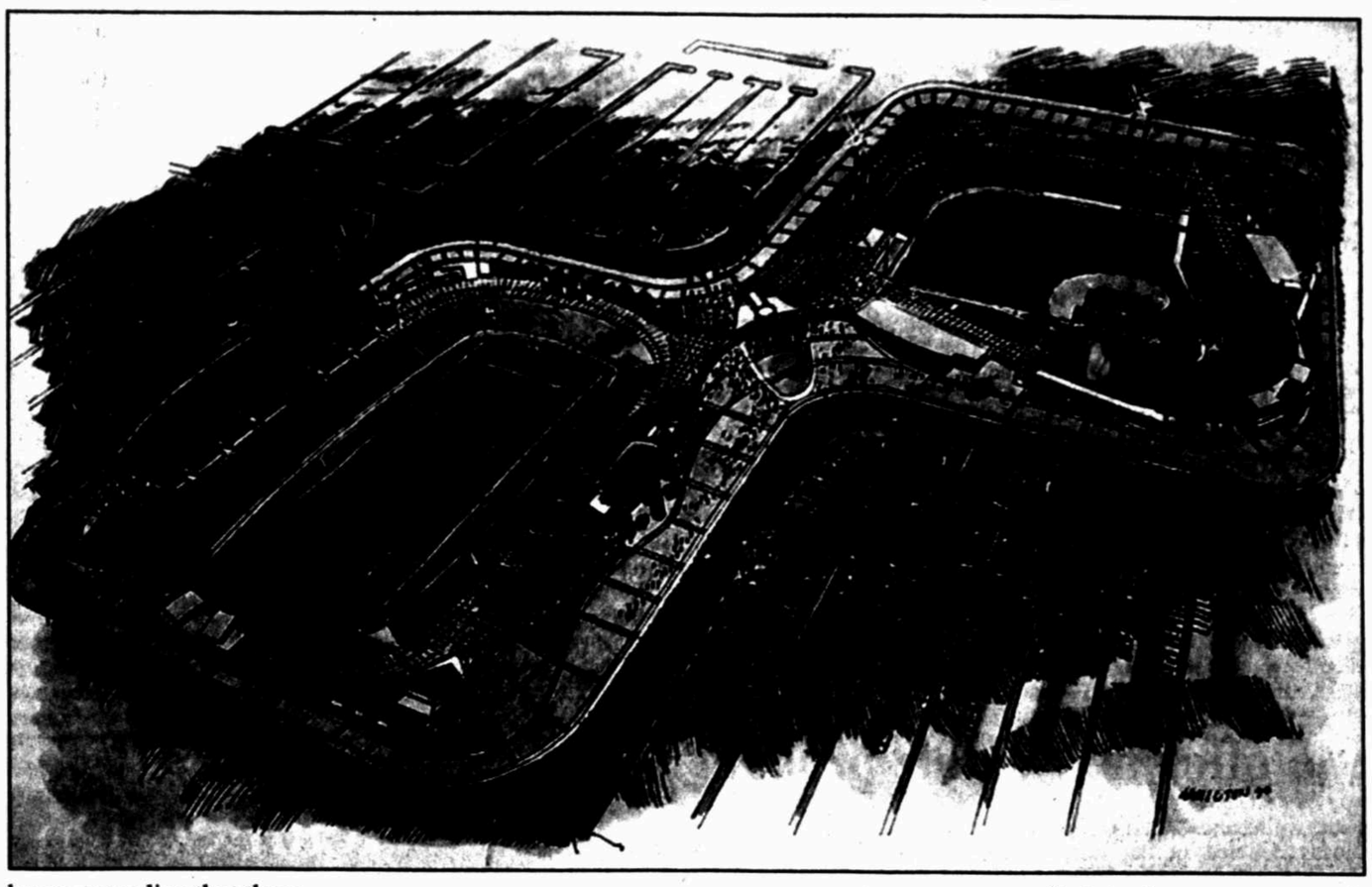
The football part of the complex is slated to kick off in the fall of 2001, while the baseball stadium's first cry of "Play Ball!" should come in the spring of 2002. Parkhill Smith and Cooper has been selected as architects for the complex and Burns says they are taking suggestions on features that will be needed.

"We are trying to double check all groups that will be involved in the stadium's use. We are not leaving anyone out who will use the facility. We want to make sure the design is done properly. ... If you liked the new airport, you'll love our sports complex."

The fact that Midland is now moving ahead with not one, but two, stadiums is amazing, Burns declared.

"We were probably the only city in the nation that has passed two stadiums on the same vote. It was very courageous for the City Council to undertake such a major economic effort."

It would have been even more so if Burns' first idea had floated. He said he originally wanted to include the Midland Center and a performing arts complex in the vote. After a number of speaking engagements in which he promoted the "four-in-one" idea, he began to realize that there was not enough support for anything beyond the sports project.



"When I first had the idea to combine the two stadiums, people told me I was crazy to try to build two stadiums at once."

He attributed some of the success of the vote to the recent on-field success of Midland Lee (consecutive state football championships) and Midland High (contending for playoff spots) as well as the RockHounds.

At a time when oil prices are up, but some oil companies are still moving people out of town, Burns hopes the stadium complex will change residents' attitudes toward the city.

"This will have a big impact on the way Midlanders see their city, how they feel about it. It will build confidence and pride in us as a city," he said.

'If you liked the new airport, you'll love our sports complex. ... This will have a big impact on the way Midlanders see their city, how they feel about it. It will build confidence and pride in us as a city.'
— Bobby Burns, mayor of Midland

Burns expects some cold cash to hit town as well. He hopes the complex will bring people to Midland for sports events such as RockHounds baseball, high school football playoff games — which now usually are played at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium — soccer tournaments, band contests and concerts. He suggested cooperating with Odessa on football or soccer events as well.

Shura Lindgren of the Convention and Visitors Bureau agreed that new stadiums can help bring dollars (and jobs) to Midland. "It certainly will have a positive effect. Our success (in bringing events to town) hinges on what we have to offer. The more we offer, the more success we will have," she said.

The CVB estimates that overnight guests spend an average of $75 daily. Those who drive in for the day from nearby towns to attend a soccer or softball tournament spend about $35. Ms. Lindgren noted that a number close to the $35 figure might be applied to those who drive in to see an event with a ticket fee such as RockHounds baseball.

Along with the CVB efforts, Burns explained that future marketing endeavors would involve both the city and the chamber, although the exact makeup of the entity had not been determined at this time.

A new baseball facility was a key part of keeping professional baseball in the area. The current field, city-owned Christensen Stadium, does not meet the contractual requirements for a minor league baseball stadium. The city faced three choices: building a new stadium, renovating Christensen or losing the RockHounds. The fact that Christensen is old, making renovation difficult, combined with the fact that Midland Memorial Stadium was also outdated, led to the movement to build two stadiums and gain some benefit from combining the two.

The RockHounds themselves have agreed to contribute toward the cost of the complex and "have basically a 15-year deal" to stay in Midland, said Burns. He expects the sales tax and revenue generated by the stadiums to pay off the bonds in 12 to 15 years.

Near the stadium Burns is hoping for more retail development including restaurants, retail and service industries. He said there is a development plan already in the works, and believes history is on his side.

"Fifty years ago, the area around Midland Memorial Stadium was the edge of town." The new stadium complex will be on the current edge of town, at what is already a very high-traffic location, the intersection of Loop 250 and State Highway 191.

Burns sees the stadium complex as one more step in the development of Loop 250. "Over the last five years, we've added not just restaurants, but 100 new businesses," he noted. While those businesses have helped the employment situation somewhat, the mayor believes his next project must be to "do something to solve the jobs problem."

Stadiums to have features for benefit of players and fans

By Paul Wiseman

"Our current stadium is the same age as I am," said MISD Athletic Director Tim Whalen, "so it's old and worn out."

While Midland RockHounds General Manager Monty Hoppel isn't revealing his age relative to the 'Hounds' Christensen Stadium, he stated, "We will have gotten our use out of it."

Whalen noted that Memorial Stadium has a good core (field) but it was really inadequate in a number of ways. There are no dressing rooms or showers for the players. "There's just a room at the end of the stadium for the visiting players," he said.

'It'll be wonderful — we can just go out and play, knowing we're putting our kids on a field with nice, new facilities. The team rooms will be big enough.'
— Tim Whalen, athletic director

Memorial's press box is too small and has no handicapped access. "For a person in a wheelchair to get to the press box, they must be carried up there. It's embarrassing to host a handicapped person," he admitted.

In the new stadium, "It'll be wonderful — we can just go out and play, knowing we're putting our kids on a field with nice, new facilities. The team rooms will be big enough," Whalen said.

Midland Lee coach John Parchman is also enthused about the new facilities. Since Memorial Stadium has no locker rooms or showers, the players must come to the game already suited up. After the game, they take the bus back to the school to take showers and change to street clothes. Will the new stadium make the bus ride to school more pleasant? "Definitely," Parchman asserted.

'This will be a showcase for professional baseball.'
— Monty Hoppel, RockHounds general manager

The new stadium won't help win any games. "It's still 100 yards long," he said. That has been what Parchman has told his charges when they step on the turf at impressive stadiums located elsewhere. Now, the Rebels will have their own new stadium.

Midland High coach David Browning agrees that while he's looking forward to having new facilities, the field won't have a direct effect on games. "Our kids play hard no matter where they are." At the same time, Browning said his players enjoy nice stadiums such as Ratliff in Odessa and Tech's Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

The playing surface will consist of artificial turf. Whalen explained that there has been great progress made in that type of turf in recent years. "They've fixed it up to where it feels and walks like grass," he said, adding that it is softer than artificial turf used to be. The old hard-surfaced artificial turf in many stadiums was blamed for an increase in certain types of injuries.

Spectators will notice many benefits as well, one of which will be an increase in convenience facilities. "We won't have to stand in line for the restroom," Whalen said, laughing.

That's important, because there will be room for more spectators in the new facilities. Current plans are for approximately 15,000 seats, although Whalen would like to see more. "In the past, a lot of people have not had access to Lee season tickets. This should take care of the seating shortage, although I wish we could go ahead and make it 18,000."

He agrees, however, that 15,000 is an improvement over the 10,830-seat Memorial Stadium and understands that more seats would cost money that may not be available.

Midland High School coach David Browning doesn't think the field will have a direct effect on the game. "Our kids play hard no matter where they are," he said.

MISD's high school soccer teams will also benefit from the new stadium. Whalen said there are few other lighted soccer fields in the district, which means most of their games must be played in the afternoon. That causes a lot of lost classroom time while teams travel to afternoon games. "Now they can play at night and not miss school," Whalen said.

The new field will have only a minimal crown, which is good for soccer. Too much crown causes the ball to tend to roll off the field, but some crown is necessary for football. Whalen sees a future for international soccer tournaments at this field.

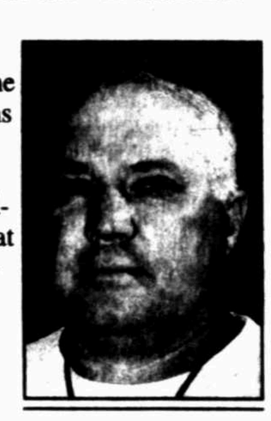
Whalen is also pleased that the city of Midland voted to pay for the facility. "I don't think we'd ever have gotten it built if we'd had to pay for it. It's hard to spend money on a stadium when we also need to spend it on schools."

For the RockHounds, the city already owned Christensen Stadium, so last November's vote was almost the only hope for keeping them here. Christensen does not meet the standards for minor league stadiums, according to the current contract between Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball, Hoppel explained. Christensen had been grandfathered for a period of time, but eventually it would either have to have been renovated or replaced.

Hoppel had watched other cities such as El Paso build new stadiums for their minor league teams over the past 10 years. Waiting until now has some benefits, he noted. "This will give us time to plan and do it right." He has seen what other cities have done, which gives him ideas on what to suggest the Midland stadium should include and what should be avoided.

Fans will like a lot of the new stadium's features, Hoppel predicted. "The sun will not be a factor like it is now," mainly because the stadium will face away from the sun. Seats will be wider and every seat will be box-seat style — there will be no bleacher-type benches. The tread depth on the seats will be wider.

Echoing Whalen, Hoppel said the baseball stadium will have more restrooms. The concourse will be aboye all the seats so fans can watch the game while standing in line at the concession.



Lee High School coach John Parchman said that the new stadium won't help win any games. "It's still 100 yards long," he said.

Attendance will be helped, Hoppel believes, by several factors. "This will be a showcase for professional baseball," he said. "It will help us market better to Odessa and the surrounding area."

The stadium's location, at State Highway 191 and Loop 250, with its proximity to Business 20 and Interstate 20, will put it at a real crossroads of West Texas. "A lot of people come here to shop and eat, and they can stay for the game," he suggested.

Down on the playing field, the surface will be more level, it will be better-lighted, the dugouts will be in the right position (they're too far away from home plate now, Hoppel said) and the bullpen will be better.

Hoppel hopes the new stadium can host the national minor league all-star game, as well as NCAA Division I college tournaments. "The southwest is a popular site for colleges because it's a decent area with good weather."

Norwest to focus on energy lending, private banking services

By Joe Dominey

Another name change is on the way for the bank headquartered at 500 W. Texas Ave. in downtown Midland. In mid-April Norwest Bank Texas, N.A. will become known as Wells Fargo, the San Francisco-based financial services corporation named for the early day stagecoach company.

Long-time customers are used to such changes: originally Midland National Bank, then First City Bank, the bank became Norwest when it was merged with the former ClayDesta National Bank a few years ago.

Wells Fargo acquired the Norwest group about 18 months ago, according to Ron Mullins, president and chief executive officer. Mullins came to Midland in September after managing Norwest-'s West Texas group of 13 small-market banks from headquarters in Hobbs, N.M. As C.E.O. of Midland's Norwest, he oversees the Norwest banks in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Post.

Former C.E.O. Wayne Merritt was elected chairman of the board this past year, and will concentrate on new business development, and community projects. He also is working on developing sources of venture capital for Midland area businesses.

Mullins was reared in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He attended Abilene Christian College, and spent 15 years in Abilene. His father recently retired as chairman of the Norwest Bank in Big Spring, formerly the First National Bank.

The conversion to Wells Fargo has already been completed in New Mexico and went smoothly, according to Mullins. "Wells Fargo will be coming to the marketplace with some very competitive products and services."

He cited an Oct. 11, 1999, article in FORTUNE magazine — which reported industry rankings of the world's most admired companies — that listed Wells Fargo second in the banking group, after J. P. Morgan. Criteria were: overall management quality, product or service quality, innovativeness, acquiring and keeping talent, value as a long-term investment, financial strength, commitment to community and the environment, and use of corporate assets. The Hay Group of Philadelphia conducted the independent survey.

Asked about management's outlook for Midland for the remainder of the year, Mullins expressed optimism. "The challenge is economic development. The oil and gas industry is our backbone, but we desperately need to diversify our economy. This sales (economic development) tax needs to be in the forefront of the issues for the city. It's vital to our survival. We don't have a lot of choice when you consider our competition," he said, mentioning Odessa, Amarillo and Abilene.

The Midland banks and the Midland Reporter-Telegram are sponsoring an economic development forum in late February to explore options for local diversification. Mullins said he hoped this would lead to greater grassroots support to bring the sales tax issue to the ballot again.

Asked about the local Norwest's plans for 2000, he said there would be two main thrusts — expanding energy lending and private banking services.

"We envision ourselves as a dominant player in trust and private banking services in the Permian Basin. We've already proved that. The trend among banks in the trust area has been toward consolidation. Our philosophy is quite the opposite."

In December, Norwest added three veteran trust officers to its staff. Mike Talley, Mike Tandy and Don Parks left Chase Bank to join their growing private banking group, increasing the department to nine employees.

Mullins said that the three would make a wonderful addition to the team and strengthen that department.

Mullins explained that Norwest's trust operations and investments management departments are presently centralized elsewhere. "As of today we hope to gain that function back. Our plan is to be dominant, to be No. 1," he stated, adding that they are looking for more support staff, including a land title person.

He said they also hope to add two more energy lenders to their Oil & Gas Division.

"We believe that our biggest opportunity is in the consumer area, taking care of individual customers. We plan to focus in on providing unique products to our retail consumer base. One new approach is to profile our customers to understand what their needs are and match up the right products."

The reorganization of the executive suite at Norwest affords top management the opportunity to be more involved in the local economy. "Wayne (Merritt) is very active in the solicitation of new business, and is playing a leadership role in several key community organizations," Mullins explained.

Meanwhile Merritt is exploring new sources of venture capital for Permian Basin businesses, in addition to Wells Fargo Energy Capital, a mezzanine credit facility for financing non-conforming credit requests.

Merritt was recently in Dallas, talking to potential venture capital investors.

"In the consumer area, we've got some really unique products. We'll be offering a new Wells Fargo credit card. It's the only credit card that has overdraft protection with no cash advance fee. If a customer overdraws his checking account, funds are transferred from the credit line available. We'll also have money market accounts for the consumer that have a sweep feature, that will zero out each day into an investment savings account into a mutual fund," Mullins said.

He reported that Wells Fargo will offer help with Internet services as well. "We'll help customers establish a Web site to do business on the Internet, and pretty much operate the Web site. It will only cost $49 per month to accept Visa and Mastercard. I think customers will see Wells Fargo as one of the top companies as far as automation technology is concerned."

Norwest is in the process of phasing out its offices in the ClayDesta Plaza building in north Midland, moving into the branch building on the corner of Big Spring Street and Wadley Avenue.

"In mid-February, on Feb. 14, we plan to reopen the closed drive-thru at ClayDesta. The banking facility inside ClayDesta will be closed on Feb. 11 or so. We've been remodeling the interior of the building out in the parking lot, and will reopen with personal bankers, mortgage, safe deposit, etc. We also plan on putting a business lender in that office," he said.

First American to offer new online product

By Joe Dominey

First American Bank president and chief executive officer Bobby Norman sees the Midland economy gaining strength during the remainder of 2000, although it will be a slower recovery than people would expect.

"There has been somewhat of a lagging effect from the oil price dip in late '98 and early '99," Norman observed.

He explained that this lag time has about expired, as he expects will be shown in First American's Economic Index. (The index, a chart of key indicators to track the direction of the local economy, is published monthly).

"The index shows the relationship between the price of oil and the local economy. Oil is definitely a leading indicator. We have seen that during a downturn, when businesses retract, they're slow to reopen and rehire people."

Norman sees growth during the coming year, and is beefing up its energy lending department. "We've added three additional people who primarily target energy and general commercial. And we expect to add two or three more in the next 12 months."

While the Permian Basin economy was in an oil recession until last summer, First American saw positive results. "Total business loans doubled in the last 18 months, and I expect will be up 50 to 75 percent in the next 18 months," he revealed.

But it all depends on stable oil prices.

"I think we're still in a potentially volatile period. OPEC's tactic has potential to provide some stability. During the last 20 years the price should have been in the $17 to $20 range. I was not too concerned about low oil prices. They are a little inflated over time right now. I hope they will ease back rather than drop back. Something in the $18 to $20 range should be good," he surmised.

With 67 offices in 30 Texas markets, First American is essentially two banking organizations: the home office bank in Bryan-College Station, and all the rest. Together they have combined total assets of $2.6 billion.

Norman reported that their Permian Basin banks, with eight locations, account for between $350 million to $400 million in assets, making First American one of the largest banking organizations in Midland-Odessa.

"Midland-Odessa is the largest market outside of Bryan-College Station. Some of our other markets include Amarillo, Abilene, San Angelo, Austin, and Wichita Falls."

The Permian Basin offices were former savings and loan associations, which, through a series of mergers, became state savings banks. As such, they shifted their focus from traditional consumer services and mortgage loans to commercial lending, as well as consumer services.

On the subject of online banking, Norman said First American will be rolling out a new product on March 1: a PC-based Internet banking product.

"What we've tried to do is move it to the Internet where customers can log on, sign up, no diskette required, and get a password. They can do inquiries, review their accounts. This is free service. For $4.95 per month they can add checking account transactions. The fee is expected to cover our postage," he said. "We feel like that's going to be a highly competitive product."

First American probably will be expanding into other markets during the next 12 months. Strategy is to focus on Texas markets, although there is nothing to prevent from crossing state lines, he said.

State National plans to open full-service bank downtown

By Joe Dominey

State National Bank, located in Suite 250, 300 N. Marienfeld St., is a loan production office of State National Bank in West Texas.

State National is part of State National Bancshares Inc., with offices in Texas and New Mexico.

Local manager David Kirk is executive vice president, chief credit officer, and a director of the holding company. In addition to tending to the credit needs of his Midland clients, he oversees the lending operations at the company's banks in El Paso, Abilene, Lubbock, and Las Cruces, N.M.

Kirk said that State National's plans to open a full-service bank in Midland last year were derailed by the company's expansion into other Texas and New Mexico markets, but are now back on track.

"We haven't moved as quickly as we had planned in Midland because of our venture into El Paso. We also acquired United Bank & Trust in Abilene. We plan to open a full-service office in the downtown area by mid-year."

The new bank will offer conventional consumer and business services. He couldn't predict how many new jobs would be

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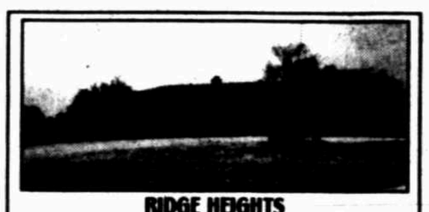

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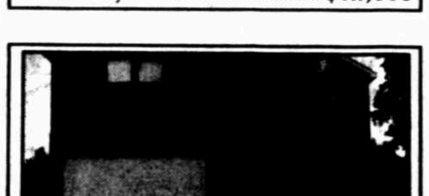

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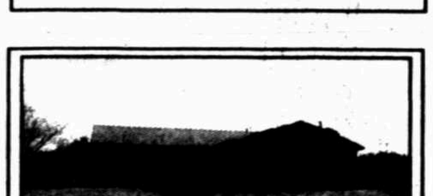

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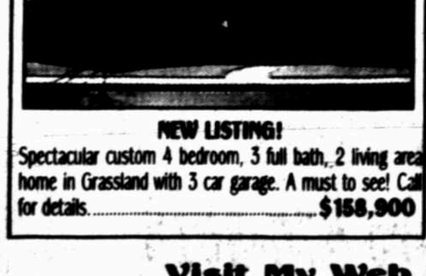

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First National plans to open branch with drive-throughs

By Joe Dominey

File Photo

Ken Burgess, left, is CEO of First National Bank; Steve Harper, right, is president.

A group of local investors resurrected the First National name and opened a downtown office at 123 N. Colorado St., in November 1998. The bank's decor suggests the turn of the century, including an original safe from the old First National on display in the lobby. Now in its second year of operation, First National Bank of Midland is finding its niche.

The bank's stated strategy is to offer personal, "high-touch" service, according to chief executive officer Ken Burgess. Burgess spent sometime as a commercial loan officer in the original First National Bank of Midland and later at United Bank, before moving to Waco and Abilene.

Having opened the bank when oil prices were low, today's banking scenario looks more favorable, according to Burgess, who reported a good pickup in business during the fourth quarter. Looking ahead, he expressed hope that oil prices would continue to hold.

He said that if prices remain stable throughout the year, "it will help improve everybody's confidence."

Burgess speculated that 2000 could be a great year if local businesses become comfortable with the idea of capital spending.

" ...We've got to replace the jobs we've lost, and that's not going to happen in one year."

He pointed out the need for a community commitment to creating new high-paying jobs.

"We need to set goals and pull together as a community. We need to create some diversification, both externally with new industry and locally with the growth and expansion of local business and industry. I hope the community will pull together as a whole in working for economic growth and diversification."

Burgess cited health care as a growth segment, drawing patients from throughout the Permian Basin. Another segment that he believes should be nurtured is manufacturing, mentioning as a prime example Midland-based Tomcat U.S.A., the lighting equipment and portable stage manufacturer that serves a global market.

Most of First National's business comes from attracting new customers who are changing banks, according to Burgess.

First National also continues to focus on business-type lending. Burgess emphasized that offering personalized service to small and medium-sized businesses is another top priority.

"We've added new products a little at a time. The next addition will be online banking, which we hope to roll out in mid-February."

Realizing that one location without a drive-through was inhibiting growth, First National's board of directors approved construction of a full-service branch on North Big Spring Street. It is scheduled to open around June 1.

Burgess said they thought that northeast Midland was underserved by financial institutions, adding that this location also has high-traffic volume.

The new branch, located at the corner of Big Spring Street and Corporate Drive, will feature four drive-through lanes, an ATM, night depository, walk-in lobby with teller stations, and loan and customer service areas. Designed by the Vandergriff Group Architects of Midland, the building will reflect the traditional style of early day Texas banks.

Western National hopes to broaden clientele

By Joe Dominey

Western National Bank, at 500 W. Wall St., is a branch of the Odessa-based bank that was opened in Odessa's west side in the late 1970s by a group of local business people. It remains a closely held, locally owned bank controlled by the Wood family. WNB now has three offices in Odessa, and will open its second Midland office in early May.

Chief executive officer Jack A. Wood sees an improving economy for Midland and Odessa.

"We have considered the two cities one market for years. Our family owns the 7-Eleven stores in Midland and Odessa, so our involvement goes beyond banking. We believe that what is good for one city is good for the other," he said.

Wood said he expects oil and gas prices to remain stable, which will result in continuing improvement of the local economy during the year.

Asked what Western National's niche is in Midland, Wood explained, "We are a diversified commercial and real estate lender. We target borrowers in the medium-size range that appreciate personal service."

He said that WNB hopes to broaden its clientele by expanding its service to consumers. He cited the recent passage of the Gramm-Bailey bill as a positive development. The legislation drafted by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm removes barriers that prevented banks from providing non-bank services, such as insurance, brokerage services, and other non-insured financial products. WNB already offers mortgage loans, and is expanding into other areas.

"Our new services consist of online banking, free checking, overdraft privilege and our new debit card," Wood said.

Online banking is expected to grow rapidly. "We have a saying: 'clicks and mortar.' Banking is now more than bricks and mortar, and we now have to have electronic offerings that customers demand. We believe that online services will eventually become a significant piece of our service offerings."

Western National officially broke ground Jan. 21 for its new full-service branch at 4101 N. Midland Drive. The new branch will feature four drive-through lanes and a walk-in lobby with tellers and loan officers. Tentative completion date is May 8.

Wood thinks that "the Midland-Odessa economy has reached a point where in the absence of negative factors, that it will continue to grow on itself. There should be more consolidation from the smaller communities surrounding Midland-Odessa that will benefit both cities. In addition, an attractive work force and a quality lifestyle will continue to attract employers to our area."

Wood said there are several factors that would effect the local economy in the years ahead.

"Obviously, the No. 1 factor is oil and gas pricing. Other factors include industrial recruitment efforts, spending practices by governmental groups, and the continued quality of educational opportunities."

Wood said that in January 1999, WNB took advantage of a year-old law that permitted banks to change from traditional corporate organizations to S corporations. An S corporation is not subject to federal income tax, but similar to a partnership, its shareholders are individually taxed based on each one's percentage of ownership. A traditional corporation pays income tax, then each shareholder is taxed on dividends distributed.

"This change has the effect of encouraging independent banks to remain independent."

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ing here, Ms. Stevens said that while diversification away from a sole dependence on oil and gas was surely the simple answer to the question, there were complicated issues underlying the answer.

"I don't think retail is where we should go. I think a better answer would be to entice high-tech or even middle-of-the-road tech industry into the area, which would provide us with some relief from the dependence on oil and gas, while at the same time giving people an opportunity to earn more than minimum wage.

"Of course, we're going to be competing with cities all around us who have access to economic development funds. I wish we had voted for that. I'd like to see it on the ballot again. I think we're going to have to look at it seriously again."

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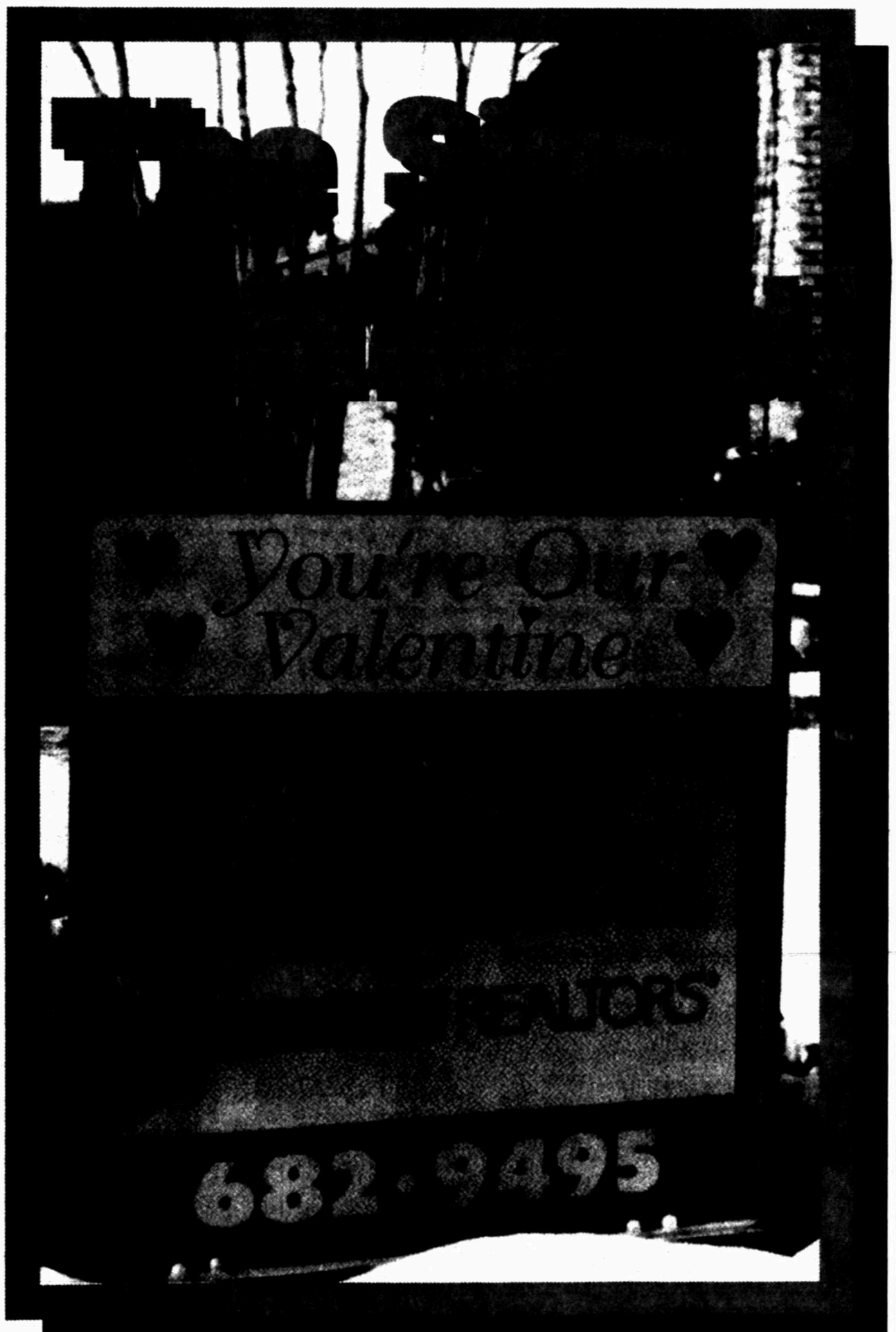

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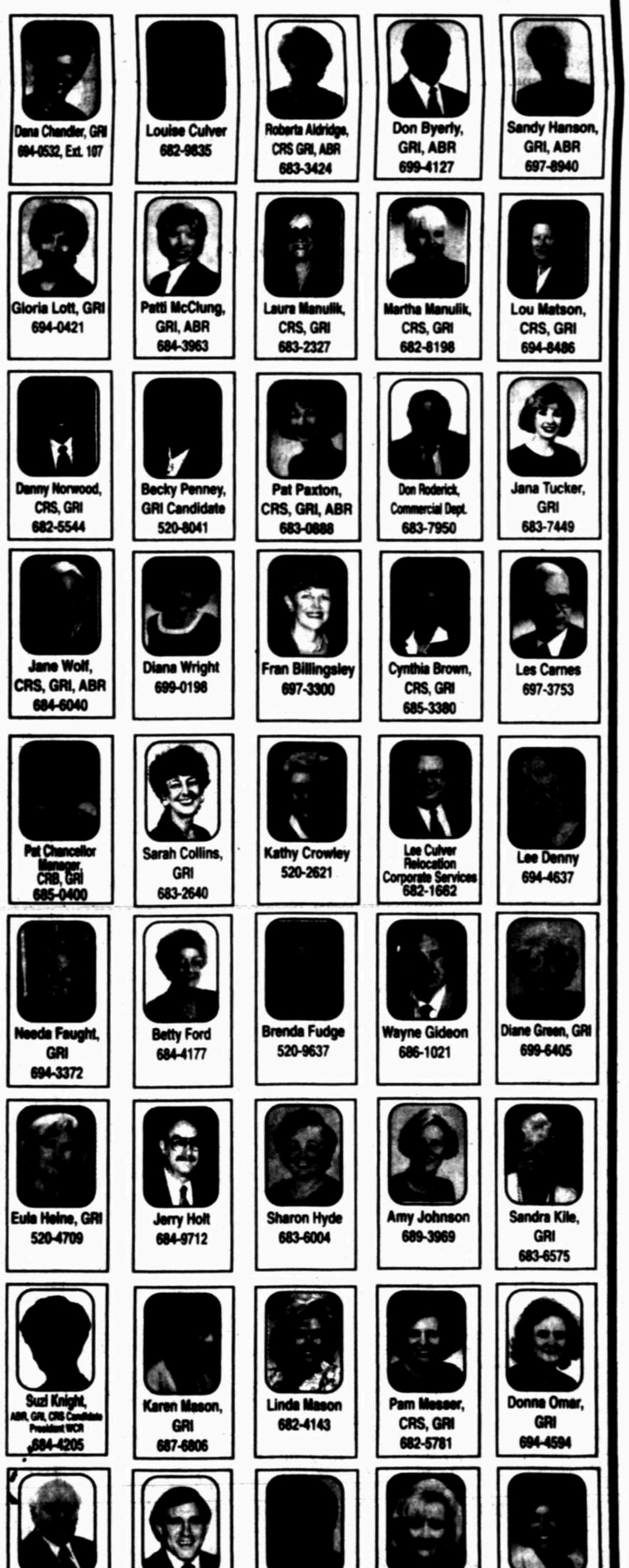

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ReMax Chaparral specializes in all Midland, all price ranges

By Johnnye Montgomery

ReMax Chaparral was created in 1999 with the merger of the 10-year-old ReMax Midland franchise, owned by Anita Noles and Marilyn Jo Smith, and Norma Pine's Chaparral Realtors, which had been in existence for more than 20 years.

Both Ms. Noles and Ms. Pine, in separate interviews, spoke of their unique contributions and commitment to the community and the real estate profession, as well as what they see as Midland's direction in the future.

Ms. Noles said their success in large part can be attributed to their high visibility and the name and symbol recognition.

"I think people see the ReMax balloon, and they know that we do a lot of relocation as well as local real estate, not only in Midland, but internationally.

"One of our assistants went to Israel, and she got lost. She was wandering around and saw an office with the ReMax balloon on the sign, and she went inside. They were friendly folks and they helped her.

"I think a lot of people who come here and may be feeling a little lost have that same assurance that they can find the ReMax balloon and know that they'll meet friendly, helpful people."

Real Trends, a national real estate magazine published in Dallas, ranked ReMax of Midland (before its merger with Chaparral) among the 500 largest brokers in the United States in closed transaction sides in 1997 and 1998.

"One thing that helps us is that all our agents are very experienced. We have no beginners," Ms. Noles explained.

Ms. Pine said ReMax Chaparral has no specialty or niche, since its depth enables it to cover all aspects of Midland's real estate needs.

"We specialize in all of Midland and in all price ranges, and I don't think we want a niche," Ms. Pine said. "Our philosophy has always been to sell to a cross section. I sell a lot of real estate in all price ranges. My belief is that those small buyers will grow, and their families will grow, and I'll grow with them. I've been growing with them for 22 years. You just go with Midland, no matter what the market is doing.

ReMax Chaparral's structure is built around established real estate professional associates, most of whom rent office space and share the company's common administrative office. Ms. Pine said this structure combines the stability of seasoned personnel while providing continuing education via the ReMax satellite system, thus ensuring that all associates can maintain and update professional designations.

"Most of our agents are top heavy in industry designations such as ABR, GRI, CRS, etc." She agreed with Ms. Noles that a major factor in the company's success lies in the experience of the associates.

"In fact, I'd say that most ReMax Chaparral agents have most designations. We have agents like Ruth Young, who has had her own office, and Jo Braden, who has had her own office, and these people are not only very experienced, but they are very competent and knowledgeable.

"We also offer every service that's available, including a relocation department. We're probably more advanced electronically because my husband is in the Internet business, so we can offer a lot of technology that many businesses don't have access to."

Ms. Pine said she expects to see changes in the real estate picture principally in the way buyers interact with real estate professionals.

"With Realtor.coms, e-mail, Web pages and (electronic) promotions, we're going to see our role as Realtor changing more and more to facilitator," she said. "We have people coming from overseas who have already searched the Internet, who are telling us they want to see this house, and this house and they've already read about them on the Internet.

"Yet, you still have to have the human element, the touch and feel and reassurance, because you can't get that over the Internet. Realtors can tell you the history of the schools, and the history of the area, the history of the builders, and you need that."

She said the noticeable trend in Midland real estate is toward more homes in the $80,000 to $130,000 range.

"Most of our new construction in Midland is from $120,000 up. Of course, $120,000 will buy a much larger house here than in Denver or Houston or almost any other metropolitan area," Ms. Noles said.

Century 21 MidTex mainly specializes in residential real estate

By Johnnye Montgomery

Broker Darrell McDonald, co-owner of Century 21 MidTex, thinks Midland is going to continue to grow, although growth is going to be different — with oil industry driven by independents and small operators rather than the major companies.

"But we're going to have to recognize that we have assets other than oil, and in a more grandiose way, or we won't have the kind of future that most of us want. We have 300 days or more of sunshine every year, and that's as good as Arizona or Florida. We have the weather, the medical and health care community and we have the infrastructure to allow us to become a true retirement community, and we need to look at that a little more seriously," he said.

McDonald, and his wife Kay, co-owner of MidTex, moved to Midland in 1982, where they bought into an existing Century 21 franchise in a 900-square-foot office on Wall Street. Soon afterward, they began to expand and established a full-service property management concern. In 1985 they moved to the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and Midland Drive where they built, expanded, and eventually bought out their partner and moved to the present location at 4801 N. Midland Drive. The McDonalds have wholly owned the company since 1995.

McDonald, who had previously been a loan officer and director at a Greenville bank, said he thought the move into real estate was a natural and beneficial one.

"Previous to my banking experience, I'd been a drill bit manufacturer's representative, and to my mind, both the sales and the finance experience are needed in real estate."

The firm's specialty is primarily residential real estate. With 15 full-time agents in the office, McDonald said they are probably at optimum size at present.

"We've never aspired to be either the largest nor the smallest (real estate) company. We just want to run a good business while looking after the best interests of our clients. We've always been very involved in the real estate industry, both client and Realtor side, and we're strong believers in community service, such as United Way, and various other community service organizations, and we're best able to serve those interests if we stay the size we are."

Both McDonald and Mrs. McDonald have served as president of the local board of Realtors, and both have been recognized as Realtor of the Year. He has also served as regional vice president of the Texas Association of Realtors, and last year served on the state's executive board of Realtors.

While the company has a strong history of relocation and referral experience, McDonald said MidTex doesn't solicit corporate third party relocations.

"You become essentially an agent for the company rather than the individual owners, and we'd prefer working with Mr. and Mrs. Seller and Mr. and Mrs. Buyer, who are going to own those homes and raise their families there.

"There's a great deal of satisfaction in that to me. There's nothing better to me than knowing that you're in an industry that meets all the criteria of the American dream — we have property rights and property ownership, and we have capitalism at its best in that we only get paid when we've completed our task.

McDonald said his assessment of the real estate industry in Midland is based in large part on the Permian Basin's great weather and on the general quality of life.

But he does have one area of concern.

"Midland is going to have to be very attentive to its tax base. We've put ourselves into an infrastructure that we need, and I'm all for those things that are being done. But I also recognize when I look at other cities that compete with us that without the firepower of economic development dollars, we're going to have to do something that will put us on equal footing — whether it's a cheaper ad valorem and sales tax base, or some other attraction. People don't like paying at the higher end of the tax base, so we need to be very aware of what we're doing in that regard."

Sutton tries to make process of moving as easy as possible

By Johnnye Montgomery

Top producer Kay Sutton went into business with her husband Larry, a broker with an IRS background, in 1995. Ms. Sutton, whose specialty is in relocation, said the firm works with a number of relocation companies, including Cendant Mobil Service, Prudential and EDS Associates.

A daughter, Shirley Mims, is also affiliated with the company.

The firm is third largest in size, and between second and third largest in transactions in Midland.

Ms. Sutton said she started selling real estate in 1972, when her children were small, in order to produce income while maintaining flexible hours.

"I thought it really sounded good when they told me I could choose my hours. But nobody told me that meant which 12 (hours)."

The Sutton firm offers buyers some very extensive "hand-holding," a service that Ms. Sutton can be absolutely crucial during the first stressful days of relocation, when home buyers new to the area are still getting their bearings while trying to find City Hall, utility offices, the best routes to work and to supermarkets.

"We try to make the process as easy as possible. We have the ability to turn the utilities on for a buyer, which sounds like a small thing unless you've recently spent a half day getting the utilities turned on."

Ms. Sutton said she never quite knows what to say when people remark on how much fun it must be to be a Realtor, driving around all day, showing people houses.

"They'll say, 'Where is your job stressful?' But I spend days on end in the car with people going through total stress. I'm really glad that I can make their experience a little easier and even fun, and while, yes, it is stressful, this is also what I'd rather be doing than anything else I can think of."

Ms. Sutton is also presently serving on a governor-appointed position on the Texas Real Estate Commission, one of the most challenging positions Ms. Sutton said she has ever done.

"The Real Estate Commission has final approval on all (real estate) forms designed, and makes decisions about chastising people, or giving them real estate licenses, and that's really tough," she said. "But the upside is that I know in advance what changes are likely, which can be an advantage. Sometimes my agents don't see my being on the board as an advantage, though, because we live strictly by the rules in this office."

She said she expects to see Midland's growth continuing, following statewide trends, depending somewhat on how rapidly commerce diversifies.

"I think we must depend on something other than the oil industry, and one thing that we have is a city and an area that is very attractive to people of retirement age.

"Midland has wide streets, low crime, good climate, good airport access and a good cost of living.

"People coming from California, or from the east coast are so thrilled when they get here.

"We attract people not only from far away, but from outlying towns in the TV-viewing area — Fort Stockton, Monahans, Alpine, Hobbs (New Mexico). They come to Midland for a big evening out, for our medical facilities and to catch the planes. Many are coming here to retire, and Midland needs to continue to develop this.

"Retirement is a level economy. Retirees coming here have a spendable income of an average of $35,000 per year. That retired couple will pay cash for a home, cash for a car, and still have that $35,000 as discretionary funds — not exactly the same thing as a young family with children and $35,000 to spend.

COOPER: Realtors may soon be responsible for multiple services

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the needs of their clients," said Cooper, adding that it's a goal of the company to have every agent achieve professional designations that they obtain through extensive training.

"Most agents don't even start (to acquire professional designations) until they've been in business three years or more, and we have agents who have been in business two years who already have two designations."

Cooper said Prudential Cooper Realty tends to function more as a team than as a group of individual agents, and that the resulting seamless coverage of client/customer services greatly enhances customer satisfaction, while setting the stage for what he feels is the future of real estate firms if they are to survive the new market.

In discussing that future, he said the increasing accessibility of information over the Internet will not only make home buyers and sellers better prepared and more aware of their options, but it will most likely change the very structure by which real estate brokers are paid for what they do.

"History has always had it that real estate brokerage fees are based on sale price, but I believe there will come a time when you'll see an 'unbundling' of services, where the real estate agent will perform any one of a number of services to help the client/customer, and charge a fee based on that service alone."

As to the future of Midland, Cooper said he thinks Midland will continue to grow, but that there will be a change in demographics.

"Some of the higher-end jobs will shift, I think, and we're likely to see more lower-end jobs here.

"We're also seeing an ethnic diversity that we haven't previously seen. More and more people are walking through our doors who don' speak English, and we're challenged to find ways of communicating with them.

"Because we're so diverse within our company, we have both upper-end housing and lower-end housing, and we're doing well with both. One thing that helps in Midland is the extremely low price per square foot that we pay.

"There are many areas in the country where the lowest cost housing is more than what we pay for our finest."

STATE: Manager can't predict how many jobs new location would create

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created by the opening of the new bank.

"We'll sort of operate on a trial-and-error basis to make sure that we're serving our customers," he explained.

A year ago Kirk noted that Midland's economy is largely influenced by a cyclical oil and gas industry that presents both problems and opportunities during its periodic ups and downs. He had correctly predicted that low oil prices would result in significant dislocations of jobholders. This year he hopes to see a reversal of that trend.

"We've been losing a lot of well-paid professional people as the majors leave. It has been a very big damper on the local economy. But, as our local oil producers expand, they can utilize those people. They have valuable experience, and can provide lower cost opportunities."

He characterized Midland as a community of entrepreneurs who lend vitality to the business environment and his outlook for Midland today is optimistic. "We feel real good about this coming year. I just hope we don't get over-exuberant (with today's oil prices). However, I don't think business people will overreact, but will act conservatively."

He sees State National's growth in the energy sector coming from production-based loans secured by oil and gas reserves.

LANGSTON: Many buyers house hunt on Web

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"Fewer agents will sell more properties. This is a result of the opportunities for agents to enhance their professionalism through additional training, hiring assistance and increased use of technology. Realtors who are willing to pay the cost of those opportunities will list more properties and make more sales.

"This will result in a downsizing in the industry — fewer associates affiliated with larger but fewer firms."

Ms. Langston further stated that the industry would see fewer agents entering the profession and staying, because of escalating costs of conducting business, and increasing requirements for education.

"Being a successful Realtor in today's market demands a 50- to 60-hour work week, owning a computer, fax machine, color printer, digital camera, laptop, etc.; contracting for a Web page, attending conferences, hiring assistants and continually upgrading education. Today's 'pro' is really a pro."

She said she sees a more sophisticated buyer emerging, oftentimes using the Internet to find a home, a Realtor, a mortgage, insurance and other services.

"This means that the services a Realtor offers have to include those of consultant, coordinator, educator. The Realtor will remain the one-on-one contact to pull the home buying or selling process together."

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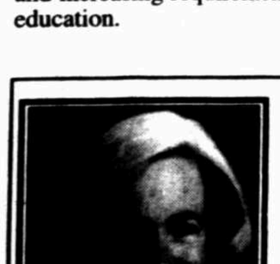

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OPEN: One Internet provider builds computers, offers support

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become a thing of the past unless they focus more on service, support and applications.

"Computers are being sold bundled with an Internet provider," which makes local competition a real challenge, he said.

Competition from ISPs that offer their services for free will create a split between novice or residential customers and business users, Hight believes. "The truth is, 'there ain't no such thing as a free lunch,'" he warned, noting that "free" services usually require the subscriber to view a large number of ads every time they log on. He also recalled reports of busy signals and slow access times with free providers. His company lost one customer to a free provider, only to get her back after about two months. "She realized (the free provider) wasn't all that great."

Planetlink also realized they were getting a lot of calls from people frustrated with help desks at hardware and software companies. These people called Planetlink, almost as a last resort, he said. "They were tired of being told, 'It isn't a problem with our product.'" As a result, Planetlink now builds computers and provides technical support.

Iglobal saw their Internet connections as an on-ramp to another lane of the Information Superhighway — low-cost long distance telephone service. Terry Phillips, Regional Manager for Iglobal, explained that they use a technology called voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) to carry long distance calls over the Internet at a flat rate of 4.4 cents per minute for intrastate and interstate calls. This service is offered through a subsidiary called Telares.

As for Internet service itself, each provider lays claims to top quality customer service and reliable, speedy connections. "People use us because we offer reliable, fast connections. If you're doing business on the Web, your service has to be like the telephone — you pick up the receiver and it's always there," said Fussell.

Iglobal hasn't had a busy signal in two years, declared Phillips. He attributes that to a 5-1 subscribers-to-modems ratio.

Phillips' company is willing to send a technician to a subscriber's home if necessary. "Many of our customers have technophobia — they are not confident of their computer abilities," he noted. For technophobes who want 'therapy,' Iglobal also offers training on how to navigate the Internet, e-mail features, hosting a Web site and more.

"We can become a local company's marketing arm, helping to teach them how to get their message out," Phillips stated. "The large (national) online companies can't do that."

An increase in e-commerce and telecommuting will push the demand for speed, Phillips believes. New technology such as Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines will offer faster access at cheaper prices than current super high speed lines. Hight agreed, explaining that dial-up lines have reached their maximum speed at 56kbps. ADSL has capabilities of up to 6-8Mbps, many times faster than dial-up lines.

Wireless connections are in the offing, although Hight thinks effective connections are still a ways off.

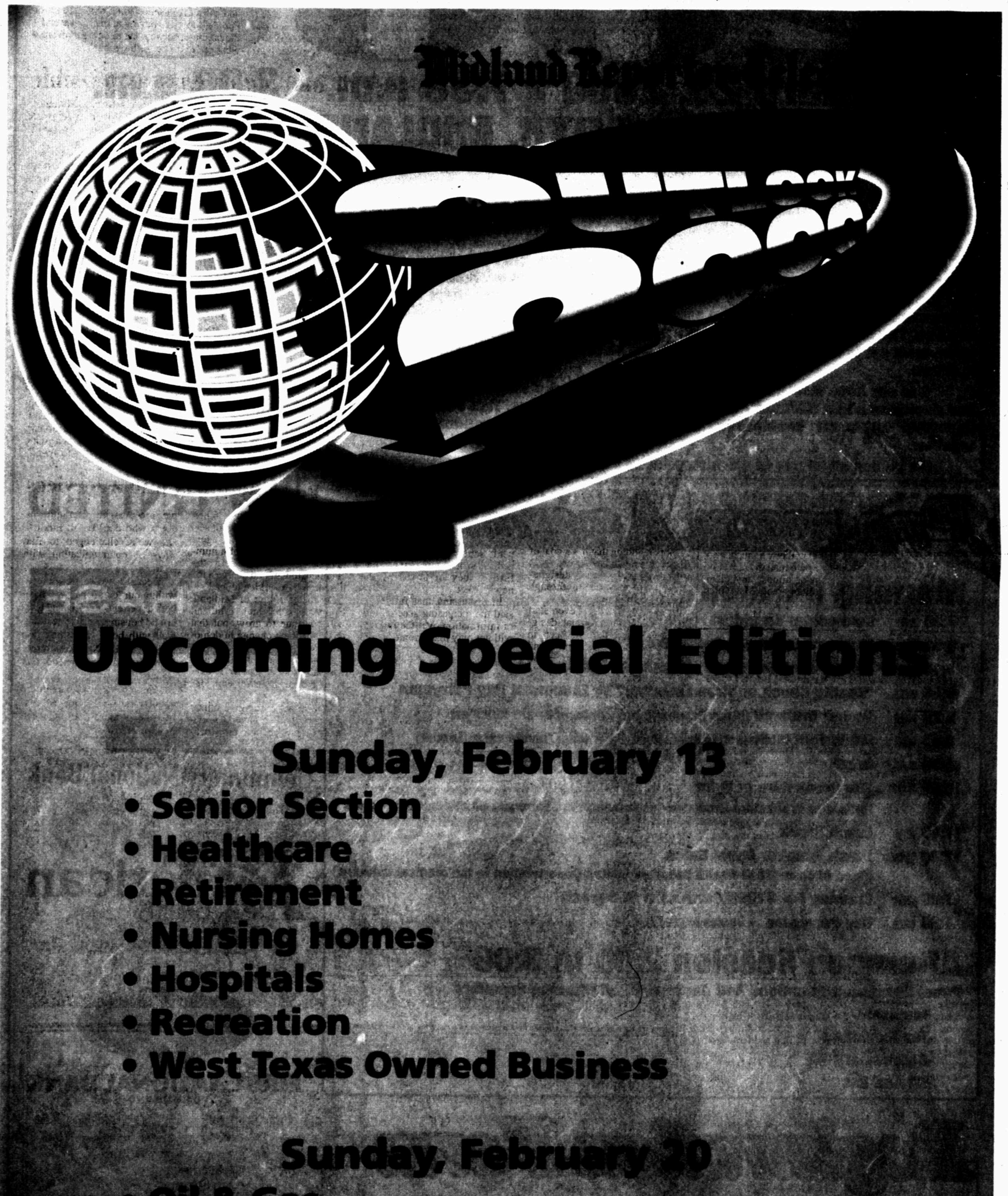
"Every technology has its drawbacks," he said. "Cable companies will soon offer Web access, but there are thorns on that rose — cable has a static IP address, which means there are security issues. With ADSL, you must be within 30,000 feet of the switch, or you lose speed. In short, there is no panacea," he said.

But the possibilities for those who can wait and watch the future are endless. Phillips thinks ADSL's wider bandwidth, allowing greater speed, will lead to that most futuristic of all communication devices — video streaming, or a true "picture phone."

"In the next few years, you'll be able to go to a Web site, call up your party (on the screen) and talk into a handset connected to a card in your computer. You can see them and they can see you." He cautioned, with a laugh, that subscribers would have to be careful not to answer a video call upon getting out of the shower.

The future? "It's only limited by our thinking," declared Phillips.

Local ISPs hope to be at the forefront of the future as they look for ways to provide more services for customers.



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Chase's future is with 'electronic commerce,' president says

By Joe Dominey

Chase Bank's niche in the banking community is "the premier provider of financial services to independent oil and gas entities, as well as the West Texas market leader in private bank and trust services," according to Andy Lane, president/CEO of the branches in Midland and Odessa.

Of Midland-Odessa banks, Chase is believed to have the largest total trust assets under management. Recently, Chase consolidated some of its trust operations and reduced staff by eight positions, including the department's manager, Mike Talley. This resulted in the departure of Talley, Mike Tandy and Don Parks. The trio moved across the street to Norwest (soon to be Wells Fargo) where they are holding similar positions in Norwest's Private Banking division.

Norwest's predecessor, First City National, had sold its trust business to Chase's predecessor, Texas Commerce Bank several years ago, so it was something of a homecoming for Talley and Tandy, who worked together at First City.

Lane's outlook for the future is tempered only by the community's need for greater economic diversification and the vulnerability of oil prices at the whims of OPEC.

"While economic diversity continues to be a major issue for our community, I am encouraged with the recent efforts by the city's Vision 2000 effort, as well as the economic diversification initiative lead by Charlie Spence at the Midland Reporter-Telegram to educate the community on the benefits of an economic development tax for the Midland community."

A group of Midland banks, including Chase, has joined the Reporter-Telegram in sponsoring an economic development symposium Feb. 23 at the Midland Center.

"The oil and gas business is very strong at the present time, but everyone here remembers where we were one year ago with very low prices. Although I feel comfortable in saying I think oil prices will stay above $25 for the year, we all know the inconsistency of OPEC. Economic diversification is paramount to the long-term success of our city."

He sees most of Midland's growth in the next few years coming from high oil prices and economic diversification. Lane expects online banking to be of growing interest to customers in the year ahead, and in fact, is already an area of significant investment by Chase.

A visitor to Chase's home page (www.Chase.com) is informed about the bank's services and provides links to services under the categories of personal, small business and corporate & institutional. These, in turn, lead to a multitude of services and information pages. One can execute online stock trades through Brown & Co., go eShopping, and obtain financial news and quotes that rival CNNfn or other purely stock market-oriented Web sites.

Lane reported that locally, Chase is exploring the economics associated with placing a full-service ATM machine on the north side of Midland.

"Outside of that, we feel the future is with electronic commerce, not bricks and mortar."

Asked what factors might affect the local economy, Lane looked ahead to this year's presidential election.

"If Bush gets elected, I would hope he would remember his history and move some government agencies to the Midland-Odessa market. Our city leaders should be actively developing these opportunities with him now.

COMMUNITY: Bank delays online services

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will continue as president, Hughes will be chief executive officer, Stovall manager of the downtown office, Hoisager will continue to manage Community National Mortgage and the North Midland Drive branch, and Liz Harrell will continue to supervise bank operations.

Ken Peeler will remain chairman of the board, and Southerland, Hughes, plus six new directors to be elected will comprise the remainder of the board.

Community National originally was chartered to serve the southeast Midland community, including small- to medium-sized businesses and rural families in south and east Midland County. It subsequently opened branches in San Miguel Square at Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue, downtown at 306 W. Wall St. and at 1609 N. Midland Drive south of Andrews Highway. Community National Mortgage, a division of CNB, is housed at the Midland Drive branch.

Southerland said he already sees an improving economy. "It looks good to me, and should continue to get better with oil prices holding according to most authorities. We're seeing an increase in oil and gas business as far as workovers, new drilling programs, et cetera. People are more optimistic."

He said that the Permian Basin is just now coming out of a two-year recession that rivaled the crash of the mid-1980s, while the rest of Texas is booming.

"Outside of a 120-mile circle of Midland-Odessa everyone's do-ing OK, except agriculture. They don't understand how we can't be doing as well. Let's face it — we're oil-and-gas dependent. We've got to get serious about diversification and economic development."

He said, "On July 1, 1998, our loans and deposits just stopped. In 1999 the first six months were not as good but we made up for it in the second half."

In recent years, CNB has become very active in interim construction loans to homebuilders, participating in new housing developments throughout the city. Meanwhile, the bank remains the only one located southeast of the central business district. Its policy has been to grow slowly but steadily.

"Our niche is basically real estate lending and small business, which can be anything up to about $20 million in gross sales. We target all areas of the county, from agriculture to small business. Agriculture loans are probably 10 percent of our portfolio; 50 percent is some form of real estate such as interim construction, homebuilders, and 10 percent consumer. The rest is small business."

He said that CNB serves a clientele that is not of particular interest to the big multi-state banks. "We do what we do well. Why change? We fit right under where the major banks are. Realistically, that situation's not going to change."

That doesn't mean Community National only serves mom-and-pop type small businesses. "We do a lot of oil field service lending, as well as oil production loans with independents and sizable companies," he said, adding that he expects CNB's growth to come in both real estate and business lending.

"We're home-grown, home-operated. You get local approval. It stops on Florida Street. That's where our loan committee meets every week."

Southerland said that CNB would not rush into online banking just as they waited to invest in an ATM. "People have to be willing to pay for the service. Right now we just don't see the demand."

Southerland said there were a couple of new products that will be announced in the spring.

He said CNB has grown in all areas, almost 22 percent in its loan portfolio in 1999, and about 6 percent in deposits. "This year we're planning to increase over 12 percent on the deposit side, mirroring the community and the economy."

While there are no plans for additional facilities this year,

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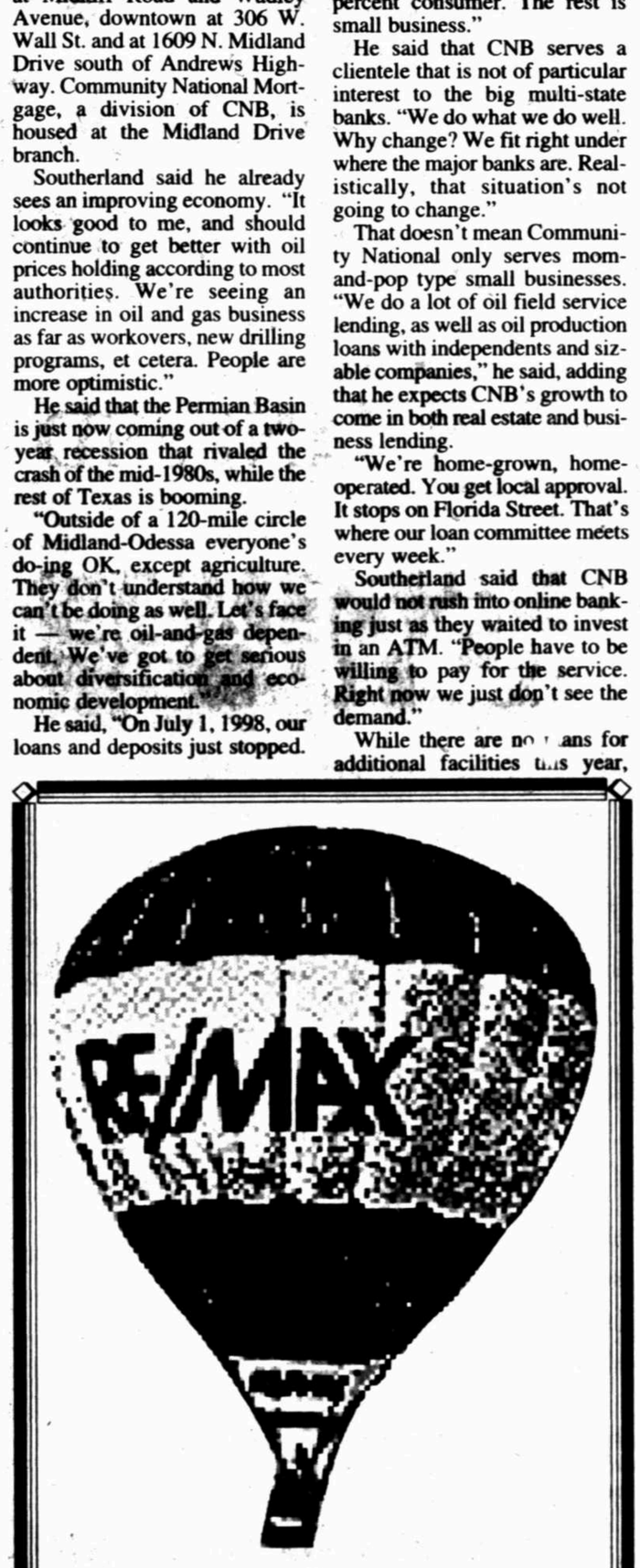

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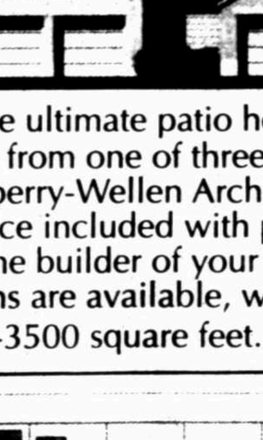

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More companies are setting up shop on the Web

By Jeff McDonald

Midland is home to a large number of businesses offering a diverse array of goods and services. You can see it in the ads appearing in the newspaper, the commercials on television and the billboards that line the streets.

More and more, you can also see it on the World Wide Web as an increasing number of local businesses set up shop in the virtual marketplace, offering everything from precision equipment and heavy machinery to real estate, entertainment and recreation, candy and gifts.

One local company now doing business on the Web is MRO Management Inc. (www.mromgmt.com).

Visitors to that Web site learn that since 1984, MRO Management has been providing investors and financial institutions from across the United States property management and leasing representation, from total property rehabilitations to computerized preventative maintenance systems; from leasing and marketing strategy to energy management systems; from owner-specified accounting reports to long range management and feasibility plans.

The firm manages more than 50 properties in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

And now, MRO is doing business via the World Wide Web.

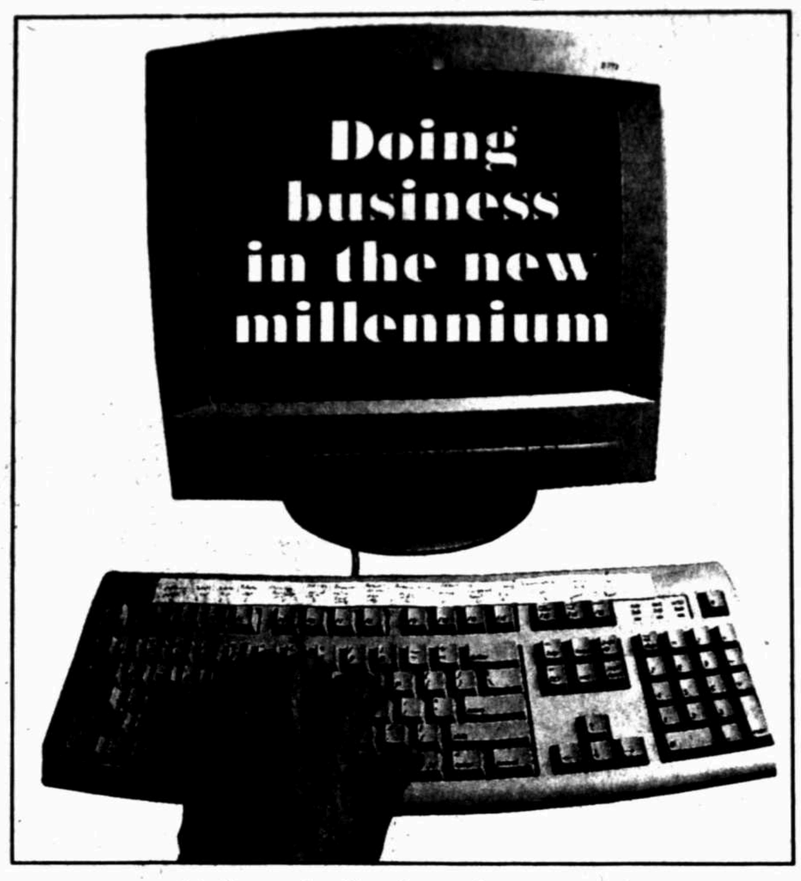
"What the Web site allows us to do, we can actually market our properties and our services to clients all over the United States," said Bill McClain, president of MRO Management. "Say, if we had a client in Boston, Massachusetts, who had property in Midland or one of the other areas we serve. He could go into the business listings, look under 'Property Management,' and use links to our Web site that tells all about us, all about our services.

"It gives us advertising throughout the United States that we didn't otherwise have before."

Another local company now doing business on the Web is Smith Pulsation Co. Inc. (www.smithpulsation.com).

Visitors to that Web site learn that Smith Pulsation specializes in hydraulic fluid movement with reciprocating pumps.

Pulsations in fluid movement can greatly decrease life expectancy of many line items including, but not limited to: packing, plungers, fluid-end valves, check valves, pop-off valves, metering equipment, piping arrangements, and pump power-ends. Applications of reciprocating pump system technology can be found in water injection systems, amine, glycol, NGL product shipping, cryo-expanders, aircraft fueling systems (civilian and military), off-shore and land based exploration (drilling rigs), mining and steel fabrication.



As is the case with MRO, Smith is gaining at least some new customers through the virtual marketplace, especially through links that bring those customers to the company's home page.

"It has brought me a few customers via the Web" said Rick Smith, owner of Smith Pulsation Company. "They come through Internet searches, where they were searching for things, and they got links that brought them to us."

Another newcomer using the World Wide Web for marketing and promotion is the Museum of the Southwest (www.museumsw.org).

Like many organizations entering a new venture, the museum is in the process of evaluating its presence on the Web — not so much for deciding whether or not to maintain that presence, but how to make it even better for customers in the virtual marketplace.

"I think that it's important to have a Web site," said Thomas Jones, museum executive director. "This is our first stab at it. We're in the process of reinventing it to make it more useful as a marketing tool. We're not yet sure what role it plays in out overall marketing strategy."

According to Jones, the reinventing process will also include techniques for learning more about the people — potential museum visitors — who access the site.

"It's still kind of a first stab at establishing a presence on the Internet," he said. "I think the people who use the site are people who are probably in the West Texas region, and are traveling to here and through here, and want to see what our programs are."

For now, at least, companies are not seeing the levels of response to their Web presence that they get from more traditional media for marketing and advertising.

However, many are optimistic that response to Internet marketing will grow in the future.

"It hasn't been a real success, but it has helped," said Smith. "But, yes, yes, it's definitely what things are coming to, the cyber-advertisement."

Jones thinks that presence on the Web should be only a part — albeit an important part — of an organization's overall marketing strategy.

"We think it's important to have a presence on the Web," he said. "And just from my personal point of view, I feel that today, if you don't have a Web presence, it's really an inconvenience for most people. Because more and more people are using it as a tool to garner information. I use it everyday.

"Attendance at the museum has increased by 58 percent over 1996, and the Web site is just one of the marketing tools we will use to increase awareness," Jones said.

MRO's McClain is enthusiastic about his company's presence on the Web and is looking forward to a growing and more profitable presence in the future.

"We just got on in the past year to our Web site with our new Web page, and we're very excited about it," McClain said. "And in the future I think we're going to reap even bigger rewards, because more and more people are finding this as a way to do business."

Many small companies are entering virtual marketplace

By Jeff McDonald

It should be no surprise that businesses based in the nation's largest cities, especially those in a high-tech environment, are embracing new and evolving technology to bring their goods and services to a larger marketplace.

But the same can be said for businesses in America's small towns and in non-traditional settings and it is having a positive impact on those businesses that are making the move to enter the virtual marketplace of the World Wide Web.

"We're doing better this year than we did last year," said Susie Hitchcock-Hall of Susie's South Forty Confections in Midland. "One reason for that is we changed our Internet provider. That is one of your critical keys to having a business on the Internet."

Just as one must carefully select such traditional goods as sugar, butter and pecans, one must also use care in choosing the equipment and services needed to conduct business. Ms. Hitchcock-Hall recommends that businesses determine whether the provider has the equipment, the lines, the hardware and the personnel to keep their business online and open to all customers on the Internet.

Ms. Hitchcock-Hall compared computers and Internet access to other revolutionary introductions in office technology.

And just as they had a growing impact upon the workplace, she believes Internet business will grow in the years ahead as the technology developments and reaches into more and more homes and businesses.

"It's going to, it's absolutely going to," she said. "It's coming to where you have to have this, just like you had to have a fax a few years back. South Forty customers use not only the conventional visits to the shop, but also the catalogue, the fax, and the shop's (800) telephone number to make their orders and arrange deliveries. And now they can use the Internet to gain full access to South Forty's products without actually having to go to the shop — which proved to be especially handy during the holiday shopping season.

"So that way, it's just like home shopping, and I love home shopping, even though I'm a shop out here myself," said Ms. Hitchcock-Hall. "You don't have to deal with the traffic and the malls and all that.

"It's wonderful. And this year we had a lot of panic shoppers, and we love them, we just love them. In the past, they discovered the fax. And they would use the catalogue and the fax for those last-minute orders. This year they discovered the Internet."

Another example of how the Internet is being used is banking, a concept that is taking a variety of traditional banking services online, while adding some new features possible only through new technology available at home and in the workplace.

And it's not confined to just the large cities, either, as more and more banks in small towns are embracing the idea as well.

"It's pretty new to us. We've only been online since the first of November," said Tammy Watson, vice president/cashier at Kermit State Bank in Winkler County.

New technology allows Kermit State Bank to offer a variety of traditional banking services in a non-traditional environment, Ms. Watson said.

"You can pretty well do your banking at home," she explained. "You can check your balances, you can check on what checks you've paid, and we have a feature called Bill Pay where you can pay your bills online."

Many of the services available through online banking are possible through new technology — or development of existing technology — that allows the bank to essentially open an online branch.

"You can view your accounts, you can purchase savings bonds online, you can place check orders, you can check stock quotes and you can request stop payment," said Ms. Watson, adding that new software is also part of the trend in online banking.

"If you have Quicken or MS-Money, you can download your data to Quicken, and it reconciles your account online."

Advantages to online banking include being able to conduct business from home or office at the consumer's convenience.

Still another advantage, according to Ms. Watson, is the fact that consumers don't have to be in Kermit to do business with Kermit State Bank. They can get online from wherever they are.

"Yes, we actually have a quite few who are doing that," Ms. Watson said. "All of our out-of-town customers thought this was neat."

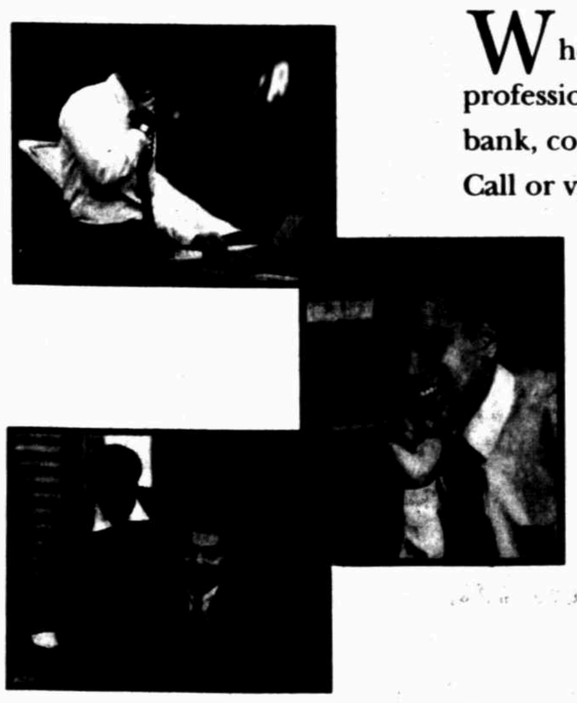
Ms. Watson said that many of the bank's online customers already were customers of the bank and are now coming forward to take advantage of the new service.

But she also believes that the new technology will mean new services and — ultimately — new customers for the bank.

"I think that probably the customers who already have a computer in their home are the customers who are coming in and are using this service," she said.

"But I'm starting to get inquiries from non-customers. People are coming up to me in the street and asking me about this.

"It is catching on. It's a thing of the future. And I would say that it is successful."



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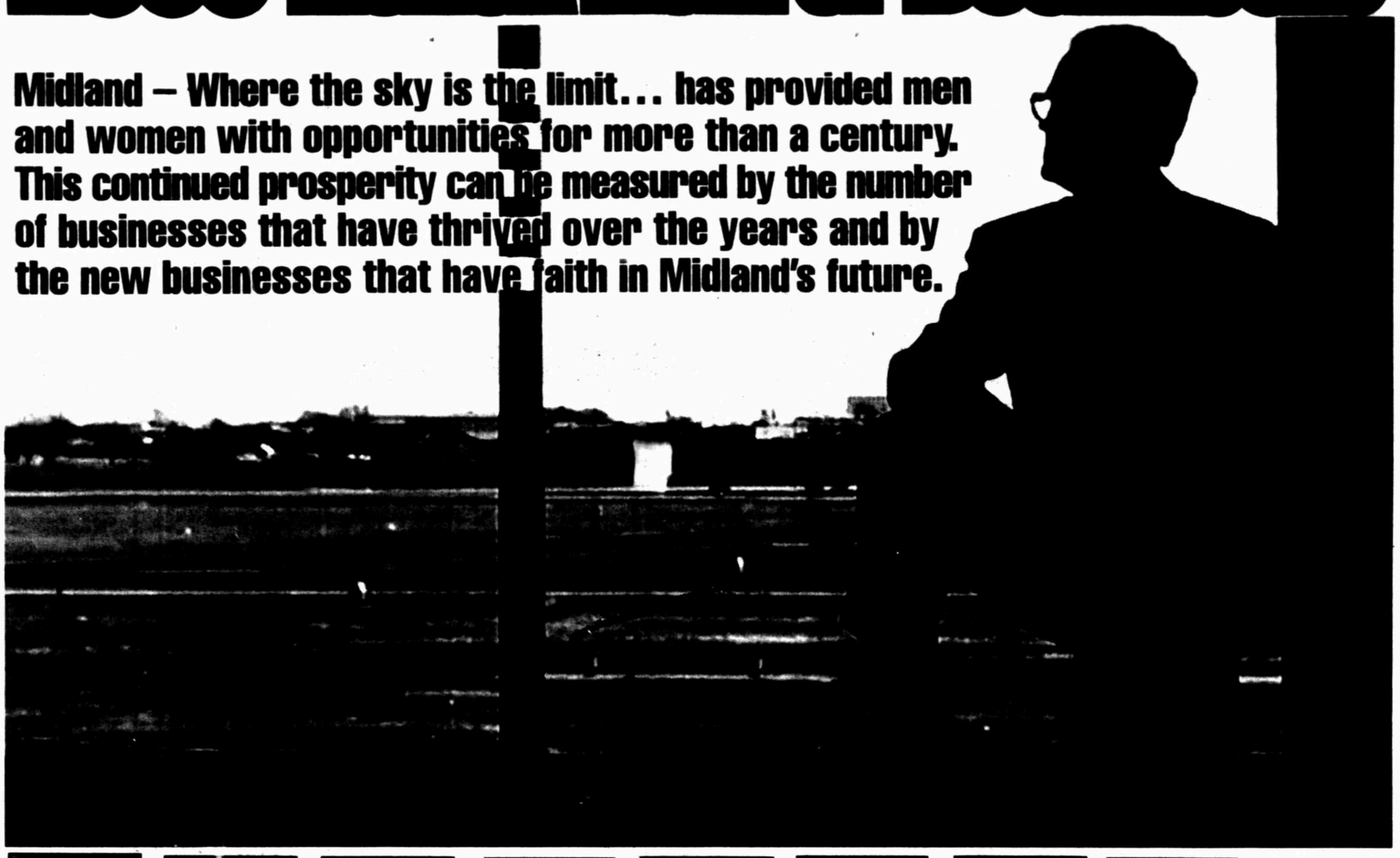

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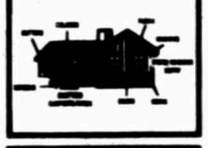

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