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Son researches father's role in 1944's Battle of the Bulge

Story by Kasey Kelly
Photos courtesy of Wise Family

December 16, 1944.

It was a cold, Saturday morning. It was supposed to have been a quiet day, set aside a day of rest for 32-year-old U.S. Army Pvt. Manuel Odis Wise and the other members of the 110th Infantry. This Regiment of the 28th Division was on stand-down following a fierce battle in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany the preceding month.

The division had been hit hard and then sent to Belgium for a period to regroup, rest and take on reinforcements.

But their story took an unforeseen turn. It was the beginning of the end, in which thousands of American soldiers lost their lives on German soil.

Set up along the Belgium-Luxembourg border, the 110th Infantry Regiment, consisting of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, were completely unaware the Germans were mounting a final desperate offensive of the war. Five German Divisions were heading right for them, ready for battle.

At approximately 4 a.m. the attack began.

It was the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge.

Before the war, Odis Wise resided in Coahoma with his wife Dorothy and his five children, Marvin, Lavern, Wiley, Sybil and Dan.

Midlander Dan Wise said his father didn't talk much about the war after he came home, but right before he died he asked his son "Do you think God will forgive me for killing all those Germans?"

At some point during the fierce fighting of Dec.

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Al-Qaida offer again to give up

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Besieged al-Qaida fighters offered again Saturday to surrender as a new report surfaced that Osama bin Laden could be in the region. Opposition commanders feared the offer was just another ploy, and U.S. bombers kept up a relentless attack from the air.

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American forces heard bin Laden talking on short-range radio this past week in the Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan, a U.S. official in Washington said, lending credence to reports the al-Qaida leader was cornered there along with his troops.

U.S. officials confirmed that the voice was bin Laden's by comparing it with several videotapes in which he spoke, said the U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Tribal commanders, meanwhile, said they feared being duped by a new surrender offer from the predominantly foreign fighters of bin Laden's terrorist bands in the Tora Bora area, the last major pocket of al-Qaida resistence in Afghanistan.

Two earlier surrender negotiations proved pointless and gave al-Qaida vital time to regroup or flee the region.

"Don't give them time! They're taking advantage of time," an eastern alliance commander could be heard saying over two-way radio.

From the air, however, there was no cease-fire as U.S. planes pummeled the region, particularly the area around a heavily guarded cave where tribal commanders think bin Laden may be hid-

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MISD to '02 grads: Six tickets and TV

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District administrators have made what they call the best available option for the 2002 graduation ceremonies — and even they admit it's an unpopular one. Each graduate will receive six tickets for guests, and the event will be broadcasted live on several television stations and the Internet.

In the past, graduation ceremonies for Lee and Midland High schools have been held at Midland Memorial Stadium and Midland College's Chaparral Center. This school year, officials say, either would present a problem.

"I understand where the kids are coming from, I understand where the parents are coming from," said MISD Board President Dale Strauss. "It's not going to be pleasant for those folks who would like to have a larger group there, but there's no way around it. But short of going outdoors and taking the risk of weather problems, you're going to have people just closed out of the door."

An outdoor ceremony would leave the graduates at the mercy of the weather, from rain and searing late-May heat to the West Texas winds that wreak havoc on mortarboard hats and perfectly-styled hair. An indoor ceremony at Chap Center — Midland's largest indoor facility — would certainly be too small to hold all of the graduates and their guests without breaking fire codes and causing dangerous conditions.

At the public forum section of this past week's board meeting, two students and two parents addressed the board, all asking the trustees to keep their options open and consider an outdoor ceremony. The debate continued at Midland High School, where the Bulldog student newspaper voiced the var-

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Learning a little hometown history from 50 years ago./**1B**

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Coupon clipping back in vogue as nation feels economic pinch

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

Avid coupon clippers are their own breed. They spend sometimes hours on Sundays searching through the newspaper for those valuable slips of paper that can save a quarter or two. Then they meticulously index the coupons by product type, name and expiration date.

But those coupon clippers might know something the rest of us haven't figured out yet because coupon clipping might contribute to some real money saving. With the economy balancing in the middle of a teeter-totter like it has been since Sept. 11, coupon clipping might become a wider practice.

Like with any money issue, using coupons requires some responsibility.

"If a coupon is of an item you or your family will use, there is a possibility you can save money," said Marian Farr, county extension agent-family and consumer science agent for the Texas Cooperative Extension. "Many times people buy things only because they have a coupon. Spending money on something that is not going to be used simply because you have a coupon is a waste of money."

Ms. Farr, who is an occasional coupon clipper, said regardless of coupons, consumers need to be educated and need to comparison shop. Many times, a store-brand item without a coupon is still cheaper than a name-brand item with a coupon, Ms. Farr said.

Coupon clipper Francine Pollock, mother of three, agrees with that piece of advice.

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Photo illustration by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

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The fate of Osama bin Laden: How will the hunt end, will justice be served?

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Theories about how the end might come for Osama bin Laden will soon get their test if fighters in the Afghan mountains are right in their belief he is still there to be found.

Various methods and motivations are in play, any one of which might result in his death. There is, most obviously, the increasingly focused torrent of U.S. bombs, combined with slowly progressing ground forces.

His end might come in ways not imagined, thanks to the $25 million reward being dangled.

Some people familiar with the ways of terrorists say bin Laden might die by his own hand, or by request to a trusted lieutenant, if faced with death from those he considers infidels.

Lexington Institute military analyst Dan Goure believes bin Laden's interest in martyrdom would recommend a fight to the death on his part. If he is the final al-Qaida member to die, so much the better for the legend.

"The best he can hope is this is going to be like Custer's Last Stand," he said.

Suicide is forbidden by Islamic law. But more radical groups interpret the Quran to sanction suicide missions against enemies to gain martyrdom. Fanatics may even commit mass suicide in the cause of holy war or to avoid capture, torture or death by the enemy's hand, scholars say.

Arab press reports have suggested bin Laden has sought and received an edict from clergy close to him, permitting him to take his life if he faces capture or death from opposition forces.

Goure disagrees with the common view that bin Laden's capture would be less preferable for America because of the headache of putting him on trial and because it might be less satisfying to the U.S. psyche than killing him.

"The best we can hope, I suspect, is he is found alone, begging for his life, and we take him out in chains."

Scenarios for his escape include the possibility ships owned by al-Qaida could spirit him far away if he makes it out of landlocked Afghanistan. U.S. warships are checking merchant vessels on the chance they are carrying al-Qaida terrorists.

President Bush has professed indifference over how bin Laden gets "justice," as long as he gets it. "Dead or alive — either way," he said.

The challenge of hunting al-Qaida fighters in caves is compounded by the difficulty of figuring out who is dead among the chambers.



AP File Photo
Osama bin Laden is seen here in this file photo. Theories about how the end might come for bin Laden will soon get their test.

Bodies found after a raid provide ready verification. But confirmation of bin Laden's death could take some time if he is killed in a bomb strike, which leaves behind mass casualties, or if he commits suicide in a secret or inaccessible area.

One distinctive body feature being kept in mind by U.S. officials: bin Laden's height, about 6 feet, 5 inches.

Three senior al-Qaida leaders are known to be dead: Egyptians Mohammed Atef, Tariq Anwar al-Sayyid Ahmad and Muhammad Salah, all killed by U.S. airstrikes last month.

The United States learned of Atef initially through intercepted communications of people discussing his death. U.S. officials confirmed reports the wife and children of bin Laden aide Ayman al-Zawahri were killed, through a death notice in an Egyptian newspaper.

Recent history is uneven on the fate of men wanted for slaughter.

Ugandan strongman Idi Amin lives in exile in Saudi Arabia; Haiti's Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier went to France. Pol Pot, whose Khmer Rouge rained death and brutality on Cambodians, died in 1998, apparently of heart failure, in the custody of a ruthless rival.

As a consequence of military action, former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega is in a U.S. prison and former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic faces trial on charges of war crimes and genocide.

The United States has made clear it would not tolerate undisturbed exile for bin Laden, blamed for the deaths of more than 3,000 people in the attacks on New York and Washington.

Officials await second decontamination of anthrax-tainted Senate office building

WASHINGTON (AP) — Equipment problems delayed Saturday's pumping of a second round of poison gas into the anthrax-tainted Hart Senate office building.

Officials expected to go ahead late Saturday with the operation after reaching the high humidity level needed in the ventilation system to most effectively kill the remaining anthrax spores.

Two weeks ago, workers used the gas in the offices of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. Test results released last week found some spores still lingering in the South Dakota Democrat's suite.

The Environmental Protection Agency wanted to begin the new fumigation operation Friday but were delayed by equipment problems that were resolved by Saturday afternoon, said Lt. Dan Nichols, spokesman for the Capitol Police.

The remaining obstacle was the humidity level. In the first decontamination, crews had to reroute steam from the building's heating system to raise the humidity, to 70 percent or 80 percent if possible.

The building has remained closed since Oct. 17, two days after an anthrax-filled letter was received in Daschle's office.

The EPA said it would use chlorine dioxide gas in part of the building's ventilation system and the liquid form of chlorine dioxide in Daschle's office.

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'Expedition Three departing,' international space station

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour undocked from the international space station on Saturday, bringing home three men who had lived on the orbiting outpost since summer.

Before leaving, astronaut Frank Culbertson gave the new space station residents candy canes and a small fabric Christmas tree decorated with gifts for every day until Dec. 25, intended as a holiday countdown.

"It's been a great ride, a great trip, and it's now time to say goodbye," said Culbertson, who served as the space station's skipper for four months.

The retired Navy captain saluted Russian Yuri Onufrienko, his successor, then floated out of the station and into the shuttle for his long-awaited ride home. Astronaut Daniel Bursch, a Navy officer left behind, rang the ship's bell and called out in naval fashion: "Expedition Three, departing."

Onufrienko, Bursch and astronaut Carl Walz make up Expedition Four, the fourth team to live on the space station. They will spend almost six months in orbit, returning to Earth in May on the same shuttle that brought them up.

"We feel like we've accomplished a lot. We feel our mission has been successful," Culbertson noted in a farewell ceremony. "However, the most important thing for everybody to remember is the journey continues. Station continues on its way."

Added Russian crewmate Mikhail Tyurin: "It's time to go home."

If Endeavour lands Monday as planned, Culbertson, Tyurin and Russian Vladimir Dezhurov will have spent 129 days in orbit. They moved into the space station in August.

Culbertson later said he was a little sad to leave the space station. He can't wait to be reunited, though, with his wife and five children.

"Just normal everyday things, I think, will be a lot of fun after being in a space station. And for me, I think being out in the fresh air will be a wonderful treat," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. He also needs to get some Christmas shopping done — fast. "That's a necessary task," he said with a smile.

Endeavour pulled away as the spacecraft soared 250 miles above Australia. Its departure, heralded by the ringing of the station bell, was delayed so the shuttle could move the orbiting complex away from space junk.

A large chunk of a 30-year-old Russian rocket was supposed to pass within three miles of the space station on Sunday — uncomfortably close. NASA had the shuttle pilots steer the station into a slightly higher orbit, creating a gap of more than 40 miles between the outpost and piece of debris.

The extra fuel used in the evasive action forced the shuttle astronauts to shorten their fly-around of the station for a photo survey.

Before Endeavour moved out of sight, shuttle commander Dominic Gorie called out to the space station inhabitants, "Fair winds and following seas, my friends."

"We'll miss all of you and, hopefully, it will seem like yesterday when we get home," Bursch replied.

Endeavour spent eight days at the space station. The shuttle crew dropped off thousands of pounds of supplies and loaded the cargo carrier with thousands of pounds of trash and old equipment for return to Earth.

U.S. hears bin Laden's voice on short range radio, placing him in Tora Bora

By Matt Kelley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American forces heard Osama bin Laden giving orders over short-range radio in the Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan during all-out assaults this past week on the rugged mountains and caves where he is believed hiding, a U.S. official said Saturday.

Afghan fighters aided by U.S. and British soldiers advanced Saturday against al-Qaida holdouts while U.S. airstrikes supported the ground troops, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said during a visit to several former Soviet republics.

Afghan commanders said they believed their troops had bin Laden trapped in one of the area's many caves — a claim American officials have not confirmed.

The voice on the radio was identified as bin Laden's through comparisons with his voice from several videotapes, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Americans have several ways to listen in on such radio transmissions, including gear carried by special operations forces and instruments on aircraft and satellites.

U.S. Marines are building a prisoner of war camp at the airport in the southern city of Kandahar to hold as many as 300 detainees, and there were plans to interrogate about 50 al-Qaida fighters who had been captured but were not yet under U.S. control. It was not immediately known if al-Qaida leaders were among the prisoners.

Evidence found in caves and deserted al-Qaida sites — along with information developed elsewhere in the investigation into the Sept. 11 attacks — has led to several arrests in foreign countries of suspected al-Qaida operatives, Rumsfeld said. Officials offered no details.

American officials say bin Laden could have escaped from the Tora Bora area after making the intercepted radio transmissions — whose existence was first reported Saturday by the Washington Times — though evading detection would be difficult.

The al-Qaida forces are concentrated in two valleys that cross the border into Pakistan to the south. The Afghan forces are moving in from the north, and Pakistani troops are guarding their border. That puts the al-Qaida between "a hammer and an anvil," as the war's commander, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, put it.

Escaping would mean traveling through a dense forest and over high mountain ridges, probably either on foot or on a horse or donkey. That would expose bin Laden to U.S. or Pakistani surveillance, which is scrutinizing the area around the clock.

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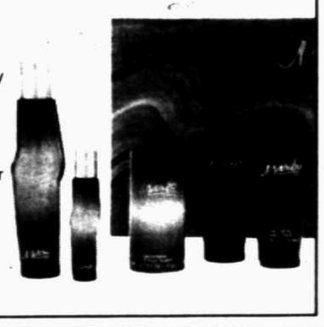

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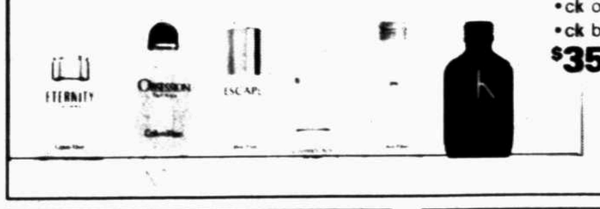
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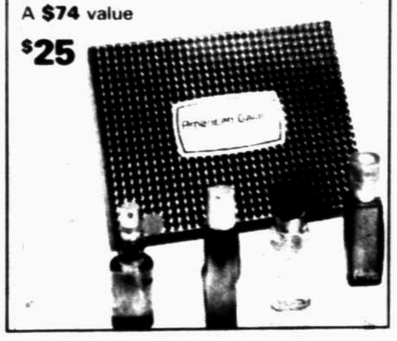
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 52	High 57	High 62
Low 26	Low 27	Low 30

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and breezes with cooler temperatures with highs near 50 and northwest winds from 15 to 25 mph. For tonight, expect mostly clear skies and lows in the mid-20s.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and highs from 55 to 60.

For Tuesday, expect partly cloudy skies and lows in the 30s with highs in the 60s.

The high on Saturday reached 57, while the low dropped to 40. The record high for Dec. 15 is 76 set in 1977. The record low is 11 set in 1987.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.06 in.
Total for year	9.81 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.68 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

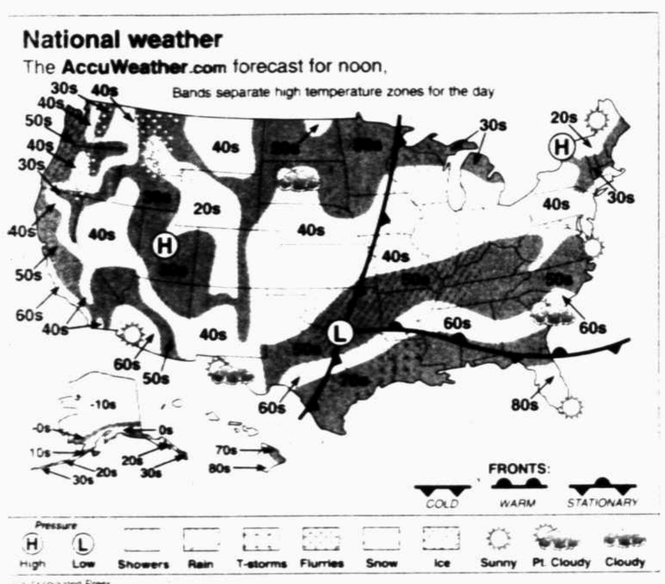
High	57
Low	37
Normal high	58
Normal low	31

Sunrise ... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:47 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The **AccuWeather.com** forecast for noon,



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United States temperatures

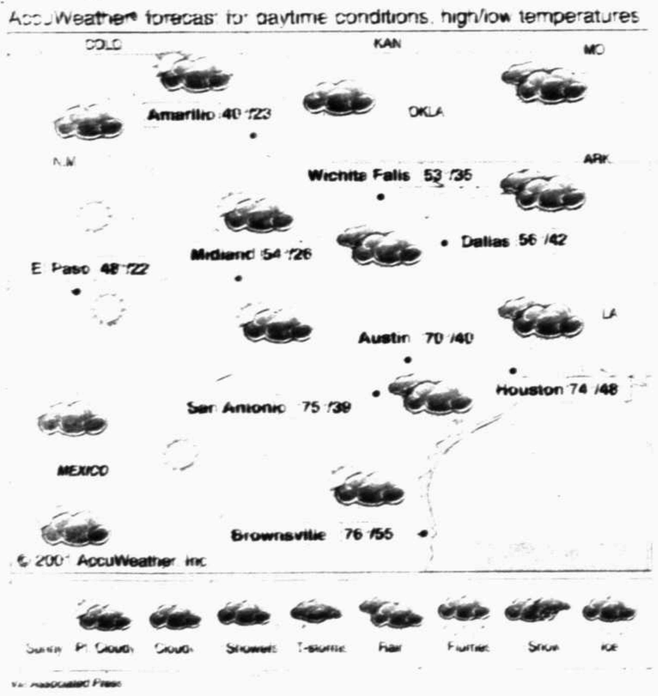
Temperatures indicate Saturday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

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Akron Ohio	42	37	rn	
Albany N.Y.	37	34	38	clr
Allentown,Pa.	44	40	04	clr
Atlantic City	50	46	clr	
Baltimore	51	45	cdy	
Baton Rouge	72	42	cdy	
Billings	32	27	14	clr
Birmingham	67	38	cdy	
Boise	35	24	cdy	
Boston	41	38	47	clr
Brownsville	82	60	cdy	
Buffalo	35	32	01	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	63	45	cdy	
Chattanooga	62	38	cdy	
Cheyenne	37	25	cdy	
Chicago	40	29	rn	
Cincinnati	47	40	01	rn
Cleveland	43	38	01	rn
Colorado Springs	48	20	snw	
Columbia,S.C.	68	49	cdy	
Dayton	41	39	rn	
Daytona Beach	81	67	cdy	
Denver	40	25	clr	
Des Moines	49	34	cdy	
Detroit	38	34	02	rn
Duluth	37	23	rn	
Elkins	46	40	cdy	
Fairbanks	-18	-26	cdy	
Fargo	38	26	cdy	
Flagstaff	27	22	17	cdy
Flint	35	32	02	rn
Fort Smith	48	38	10	rn
Fort Wayne	41	34	rn	
Fresno	50	33	cdy	
Goodland	56	24	cdy	
Grand Junction	30	22	04	cdy
Green Bay	35	27	rn	
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Helena	35	26	cdy	
Indianapolis	44	39	rn	
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Montgomery	69	38	cdy	
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State forecast

Sunday, Dec. 16

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Texas temperatures

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

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	65	44	
Alice	78	56	
Amarillo	56	25	
Arlington	54	43	0.03
Austin	61	48	1.28
Beaumont	71	50	
Brownsville	82	65	T
Buffalo	61	46	0.03
Childress	54	31	
Conroe	66	45	0.01
Corpus Christi	76	56	0.07
Corsicana	58	45	1.19
Cotulla	66	52	0.04
Dalhart	51	27	
Dallas	54	46	0.02
Del Rio	80	45	
Dryden	53	39	
El Paso	57	27	
Fort Stockton	67	43	
Fort Worth	54	44	0.06
Galveston	71	58	
Guadalupe Pass	56	36	
Harlingen	82	58	
Hondo	62	46	
Houston	70	53	
Huntsville	66	48	0.04
Junction	66	37	
Kerrville	75	63	
Laredo	68	52	
Longview	51	39	1.61
Lubbock	58	31	
Lufkin	64	42	0.01
Marfa	63	27	
McAllen	81	60	
McKinney	52	41	0.03
Mineral Wells	51	43	0.08
New Braunfels	60	45	0.83
Palacios	75	52	
Paris	50	39	0.40
Rockport	72	56	0.02
San Antonio	61	47	0.84
San Marcos	61	46	
Tyler	56	43	1.08
Victoria	73	49	0.02
Waco	58	47	0.47
Wichita Falls	50	44	

FIGHT: American forces take 50 al-Qaida prisoners

(From 1A)

ing.

The bombardment continued an extremely heavy air attack over the previous two days in which 450 bombs were dropped in support of opposition fighters. The fighters, aided by U.S. and British troops, closed in Saturday on an estimated 1,000 al-Qaida fighters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, during a stop in the Caucasus nation of Georgia, said no al-Qaida fighters had surrendered Saturday.

"As of three hours ago, there had been no large surrenders. The fighting continued. And forces on the ground continued making progress forward ... with the help of heavy bombing. And the hope is that the al-Qaida fighters in those caves and tunnels will surrender," he said.

Pakistan said Saturday it arrested 37 Arabs — including 31 Yemenis — sneaking into the country from Tora Bora. Officials said the men admitted belonging to al-Qaida and said U.S. bombing had forced them to flee, dropping their weapons.

They were taken to a jail in the southwestern Pakistani city of Parachinar. Fifty suspected al-Qaida members were arrested on the Pakistani side of the border earlier in the week.

About 50 al-Qaida men — possibly more — already have been taken captive inside Afghanistan, lending urgency to construction of a prisoner-of-war camp at the airport in the southern city of Kandahar, the former seat of the now-vanquished Taliban militia. U.S. Marines took over the airport on Friday.

A U.S. military official at the southern Afghanistan facility, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he expected up to 300 prisoners from the Tora Bora area would be sent to the Kandahar camp.

Haji Zahir, one of three militia commanders involved in the Tora Bora attack, said he was skeptical about the surrender talks, which were being conducted by two-way radio.

"I have told my forces to hold their positions, because I don't believe them," Zahir said. "The first and last condition is that they surrender."

In radio transmissions monitored by The Associated Press, al-Qaida commanders were heard to argue about whether, not how, to surrender.

Said Mohammed Pawhalan said al-Qaida had divided into at least two groups, one Chechen and one of Arabic-speakers, with only the Arabs wanting to give up.

Meanwhile, on alliance radio, a tribal fighter was heard saying 60 Chechens had fled, leaving behind six wounded and many dead. "What do you want us to do with them?" the fighter asked his commander, who said to hold the prisoners until reinforcements arrived.

There were conflicting reports about prisoners and casualties from front line commanders Saturday, with some saying 20 al-Qaida fighters had been killed and as many as 50 others captured.

Pentagon officials said Friday that American forces had taken 50 al-Qaida members prisoner.

None of the reports could be independently confirmed, because journalists are kept behind front lines.

Mohammed Khan, an officer in Zaman's militia, said his men had captured an al-Qaida fighter who reported 50 junior officers were trying to escape on mules the few miles to Pakistan.

Pakistan has reinforced the frontier with helicopter gunships, thousands of troops and 300 checkpoints.

"We have made it impossible for bin Laden to enter our country," said Pakistan Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider.

The Tora Bora region is the last major pocket of al-Qaida resistance in the country.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. commander of the war, said Friday that other holdouts include the vicinity of Shindand in western Afghanistan, and the vicinity of Kandahar.

"In fact, we suspect that there are some pockets of resistance in and around Kandahar itself. Also, northwest of Kandahar, up in Helmand province, we believe that there are some residual Taliban elements," he said.

HERO: Scene replayed in 'Saving Private Ryan'

(From 1A)

18, 1944, Wise suffered an injury to his legs. Though seriously wounded, he continued to fight.

On Dec. 19, 1944 three bloody days after the beginning of the attack, the few remaining members of Company M of the 110th, were just outside Wiltz, preparing to fight to the end.

Armed only with two machine guns, two mortars and one infantry assault gun, Wise and his fellow band of about 25 tired, desperate men, were defending a stone bridge over the river Wiltz. They were prepared to blow-up the bridge, if necessary, to block the German drive.

What happened next was a scene that would change the life of Wise forever. The scene was replayed for millions in the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

Shortly, after 2 p.m. a number of German Panther tanks approached the bridge. The American soldiers began firing. The first was hit and its tread knocked loose. This halted the approach of the other tanks, but did not stop them from firing their guns.

When, the American soldiers' ammunition was nearly exhausted and their weapons silenced, they blew up the bridge and retreated to the outskirts of Wiltz, taking their wounded with them.

Wise was one of these men. He had been hit by shrapnel in the chest and was now suffering multiple injuries.

Years later Dan Wise was researching his father's involvement in the war. He had posted a message, seeking information on an internet site. Among the many responses, he heard from an elderly man, Wilhelm Gehlen, living in Tennessee.

He confirmed much of this story. Wilhelm Gehlen at the time of the battle was a young German boy whose mother was from Wiltz. His family had sought refuge with an aunt in Wiltz at the time of the battle. The boy witnessed the bridge incident. Wise and another wounded American soldier were sheltered at the home of Gehlen's aunt for treatment. Afterward, Wise was taken to Bastogne and later to a French hospital.

Gehlen recounted the incident to Dan Wise in a recent letter.

Gehlen and his friend Felix where hiding in a barn near the bridge. A detachment of U.S. infantry with mortars, machine guns and infantry assault guns was defending the bridge over the river Wiltz. A few German Panthers came around the bend toward the bridge. The leading tank got hit in the track by the support gun and blocked the narrow and icy road. The other two tanks fired at the bridge where the men sat behind a stone wall and fired the mortars. A machine gun had been posted in a house by the bridge and fired at the tanks who could not proceed any further because of the broken down companion.

A minute or so later the bridge blew up and the soldiers retreated taking their wounded with them.

Gehlen said he and Felix fled across the field to the house by the brewery where we lived with his aunt.

The house was also used by a platoon of U.S. soldiers of the 28th Division.

He said about 5 p.m. that same day, American soldiers brought two wounded men into his aunt's house.

"The one wounded they called Odis was heavily bandaged on a leg and I believe the arm or chest. The other one, named Pat from Nebraska, was bandaged around the upper leg and head," he said. "At the time I though 'Odis' is a funny name. We always thought Americans are named Bill, Jim, John, Joe or Tom. They took him away on an ambulance that night."

Wise returned to Texas in October 1945 and resumed his life in Coahoma with his family, rarely speaking about the war. He died Jan. 2, 1998 at the age of 85.

"My father was a very closed person about his war experiences, and only related enough to let us know he had a very hard time," said Dan Wise. "I want his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and generations to come, to know about this man and what he and others of his generation did for our country."

Of the approximately 3,300 men of the 110th Infantry Regiment, less than 500 survived. Of the 144 men of company M, 17 survived. This last push by German forces dimmed Allied hopes that World War II would end before the beginning of 1945.

Though his father is no longer living, Dan Wise continues his research into father's role in the battle that occurred 57 years ago today.

MISD: Some parents want outdoor ceremony

(From 1A)

ied concerns of the graduating seniors.

Journalism student and MHS senior Patricia Northington lives with her grandparents, and says she wants her parents and three siblings to see her walk across the stage in May. And that doesn't include her other grandparents, plus aunts, uncles and other relatives.

"I honestly don't know what I'm going to do," she said. "I can't tell my brothers and sisters not to come, and I can't tell my grandparents that I've been living with for the past year not to come."

And she said the televised ceremony just can't match up to being there.

"It's just not the same thing," she said. "It's about going through it with the person that's graduating. Anybody can just watch it, it's just not special if the people who you want to be there are not there."

Other community members gave the board additional recommendations, like having a first-come, first-serve system of allowing guests, and closing the doors after capacity has been reached. Strauss said every possible option would be opposed by some faction of the community.

"How do you like that when you're 460 and 470 out there, and they don't get in?" he asked. "There is no good solution, and I know everyone thinks going outdoors is a very simple, easy solution, and it's not. Even besides rain or wind, the heat itself could wilt a lot of people."

The plan has caused dissension even among board members, namely District 2 representative and former board president George Lara.

"I think it's a huge mistake not listening to them and moving forward," Lara said. "We can always use Chap Center as a backup. We do have something called forecasters — they can predict what it may look like tomorrow, and obviously, if they're predicting it's going to rain and thunder on May 28, we'll make that call and hand the students the six tickets as allotted."

Although the reservations for Chap Center usually have to be made long in advance, Lara said there is no reason why the two entities cannot come to a mutual agreement to allow an indoor ceremony in the case of inclement weather, and only charge the district the $3,000 rental fee if it is used.

"We're putting these seniors in an awkward position to choose ... for the mere fact that were afraid of what may or may not happen May 28," he said. "This is a decision that has to be made, and it's not going to make everyone happy. I think we should do it in Memorial Stadium, and if they're forecasting bad weather, move it to Chaparral. I can't understand why the organizations can't reach a mutual agreement."

Board member James Fuller offered additional suggestions.

"My preference would be to continue the route that we have gone, inside Chaparral Center with the possibility of televising," he said. "If there were another alternative, I would go the route of alphabetizing graduates and breaking it up into significant segments."

Although the debate still continues in the schools and communities, MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks said the decision has already been made.

"We reviewed everything that you can review (at the board meeting)," he said. "We examined all of the options that are available to the district, and it appears that the Chaparral Center is still the best option. From my perspective, that decision has already been made."

CLIP: In-store savings can be as good as coupons

(From 1A)

"I clip coupons, but when I get to the store, I find I can get the no-name brand a lot cheaper," she said. "I have found that some brand products are better than no-name products, and if I find a coupon, I will use it."

Ms. Pollock said using coupons does in deed make a difference. She has a new born, and last week, she saved $12 on formula by using coupons.

Midland mother Cindi Mladenka is a former coupon clipper. She was an avid coupon clipper about 10 years ago but since Midland no longer has the double and triple coupon days during which a coupon's value was doubled or tripled, she no longer feels it is worth her time to search for coupons.

Back then, she saved $15 to $30. "Now I find I'm saving that much just by the in-house specials I'm taking advantage of," she said.

'I clip coupons, but when I get to the store, I find I can get the no-name brand a lot cheaper. I have found that some brand products are better than no-name products, and if I find a coupon, I will use it.'

— Francine Pollock

After the double and triple savings were discontinued, "I tried (clipping coupons for a while), but by the time it was all said and done, it wasn't worth it any more," she said.

Pick 3

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

4-2-1

Lotto Texas

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

5-9-34-38-40-50

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $20 million.

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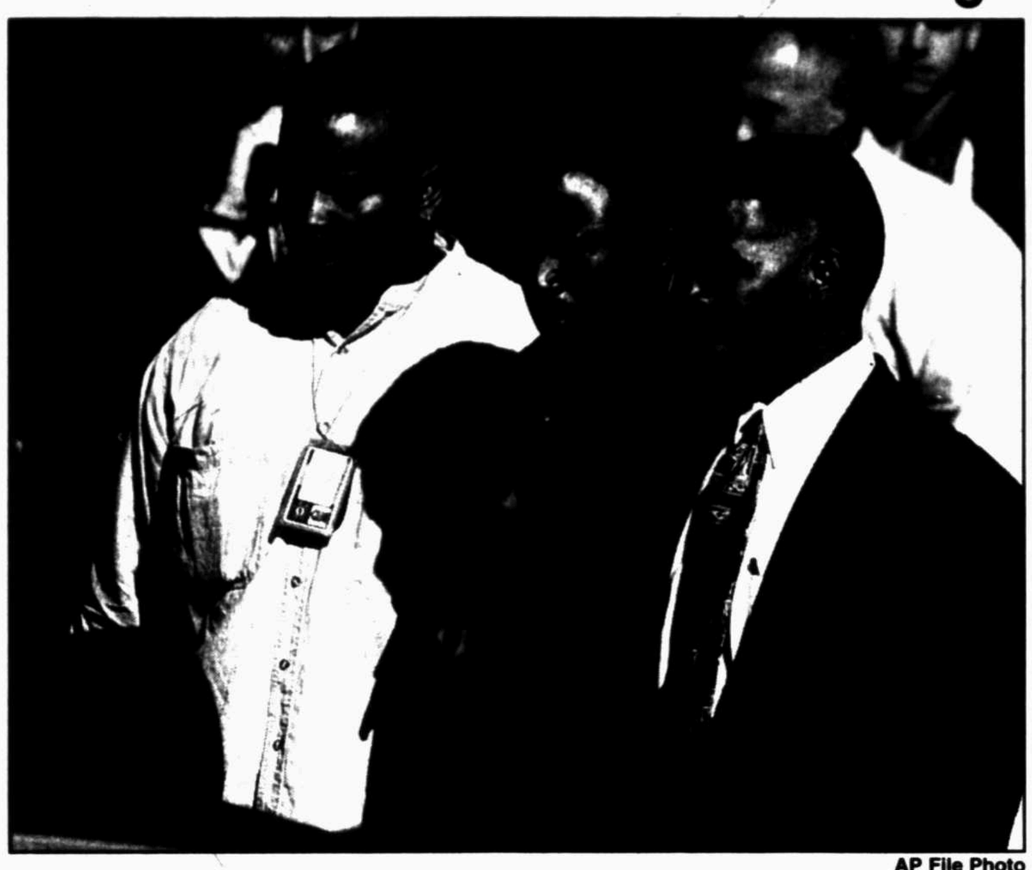
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Details of plot to kill Atlanta's sheriff-elect emerge

By Megan Scott
Associated Press



AP File Photo
Former DeKalb County sheriff Sidney Dorsey, center, is led out of the Dekalb County Magistrates Court following a hearing in Decatur, Ga., Nov. 30. For months, four men stalked Derwin Brown, looking for an opportunity to gun down the sheriff-elect who promised to clean up corruption in the DeKalb County sheriff's department. Investigators say the four took their orders from incumbent Sheriff Sidney Dorsey.

ATLANTA — For months before sheriff-elect Derwin Brown's death, he was shadowed by would-be assassins who plotted to kill the man who'd boasted he would clean up a department mired in corruption, investigators say.

On Dec. 15, 2000, the day before Brown was to take office, they got their chance. Brown was shot to death in his driveway, felled by 11 of the 16 bullets fired at him.

For nearly a year, the investigation stalled and sputtered. But on Nov. 30, investigators charged three men with his murder.

The arrests came just days after former deputy Patrick Cuffy agreed to cooperate and pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in an unrelated shootout at his home in March.

Cuffy and Paul Skyers — who worked for a security company owned by incumbent DeKalb County Sheriff Sidney Dorsey — have since told investigators that the men spent Friday nights rehearsing Brown's killing, making practice runs to the neighborhood to prepare for the attack and the getaway.

The men agreed they would kill Brown if he was alone in a place with a clear escape route, investigators say, even drawing straws to determine who would be the triggerman.

Ex-deputy Melvin Walker drew the short straw, Cuffy and Skyers told authorities. According to their account of the night, Walker stepped from the shadows and opened fire with a Tec-9 semiautomatic pistol.

Even more compelling, perhaps, was that Cuffy and Skyers told investigators the men took their orders from Dorsey, who was angry about losing the election to Brown.

Dorsey, Walker and another man, David Isaiah Ramsey, have been charged with murder. Skyers and Cuffy have not been charged in relation to Brown's death.

The investigators' account of the plot to kill Brown emerged last week at Dorsey's bond hearing, where prosecutor Chris Harvey detailed his interviews with Cuffy.

"Two to three weeks after losing the primary election Sidney Dorsey showed Patrick Cuffy a note that said 'Kill Derwin Brown,'" Harvey said.

Cuffy told investigators Dorsey had a hit list that included a district attorney and at least four others, and that Dorsey promised the men promotions and jobs if they helped him.

Brown had been elected sheriff just months before, and he had announced plans to fire 38 jail employees, most of them appointed by Dorsey. Friends told the sheriff-elect to watch his back.

"The atmosphere was so hostile between Derwin Brown and Sidney Dorsey anything could have happened at anytime," said Harry Ross, a friend and political consultant to Brown.

Attorneys for the defendants deny their clients had anything to do with Brown's death. Dorsey's attorney, Brian Steel, said investigators are relying solely on Cuffy and Skyers. He believes they concocted the lie about Dorsey's involvement to avoid prosecution.

Investigators said Cuffy told them he met with Dorsey several times to discuss the murder and that Dorsey wanted Brown strangled so as not to leave any ballistic evidence.

Dorsey has gained support in the community since he was charged Nov. 30. A group of clergy held a rally for him in front of the jail, just steps away from a memorial to Brown. Joyce Dorsey, the former sheriff's cousin, said the family has been in constant prayer.

"Ain't no way in the world they can convict him," said the Rev. Carl Dorsey, Dorsey's first cousin. "First of all, it's not true. If we're going to believe in truth, justice and the American way, he's free."

Dorsey was denied bond; Steel said he will appeal the decision and move for a speedy trial.

Regardless of who is punished in the slaying, Phyllis Brown said it will not ease the pain that comes from losing her husband.

"My pain comes from the fact that I've lost my lifelong partner," she said. "They can arrest 50 people, convict them, hang them, whatever, but it will still not bring my Derwin back."

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Wednesday Dec. 19th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Thursday Dec. 20th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Friday Dec. 21st 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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Monday Dec. 24th 3:00-4:45 p.m.
(By appointment anytime)

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

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Economic stimulus bill to save 300,000 jobs

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday that 300,000 jobs could be saved if Congress quickly reaches compromise on legislation to bolster the sagging economy. Negotiations between Republicans and Democrats resumed, but time was growing short for an agreement.

"This is really hard because the lines are drawn so deeply by both sides," said Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "At this point, it's dicey."

Baucus, D-Mont., met behind closed doors with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., to explore options. White House officials were negotiating directly with Senate Democrats on how to provide health care to the unemployed and Democrats showed renewed flexibility some of the business tax cuts sought by Republicans.

In many areas, Thomas said "we are close," but he said there were still many issues where there are fundamental differences.

The president and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle took to the radio to stress the need for Congress to address the nation's economic ills before lawmakers leave for the year.

In his weekly address, Bush cited a report by his economic advisers failing to enact his roughly $100 billion stimulus plan would cut growth by one-half of a percentage point from late 2001 to the end of 2002. Inaction also would mean private companies would create 300,000 fewer jobs during that time, the advisers said.

"The holidays are upon us and time is running out," Bush said. "While some in Washington are looking for reasons not to act, many in Congress in both parties want to find a way to get the job done. America's workers are counting on us."

The president, noting that the GOP-led House passed a stimulus bill in October, again blamed the Democratic-led Senate. But Daschle, D-S.D., said in his party's radio message that Republicans were on the wrong track by stressing tax cuts "in the hope the money will trickle down."

Help should go to millions of laid-off workers and include health insurance aid, which Daschle said would put back $2.15 into the economy for every government dollar spent.

"Democrats are more than willing to compromise on every detail, as long as the final plan provides real help to families who need it." Daschle said.

Three main sticking points block a deal: whether to accelerate some of the income tax cuts enacted earlier this year, how to get health insurance assistance to the unemployed and whether to repeal the corporate alternative minimum tax.

Bush and the Republicans want to cut the 27 percent income tax rate to 25 percent next year rather over several years. The economic advisers' report said would provide $15.8 billion in tax relief next year for 33 million taxpayers, about a third of the total.

The current 27 percent tax bracket begins at $27,950 in taxable income for an individual, $46,700 for married couples.

"Under this new idea, many middle-class families will see a rise in their take-home pay in just a couple of weeks," Bush said.

Many Democrats oppose accelerating any of the income tax cuts contained in Bush's 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax relief package. Daschle last week offered an immediate reduction to 26 percent; Republicans said that was not enough.

On health care, Republicans favor a 50 percent tax credit available right away so the unemployed could buy insurance. Democrats want to pay 75 percent of the costs of the policies available for laid-off people who had employer-provided coverage.

"For most families, the cost of temporary health insurance is half their monthly income," Daschle said. "They shouldn't have to choose between paying the bills and protecting their family's health."

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Bush has given up repealing the corporate alternative minimum tax, but House Republicans say it is essential so that companies can take full advantage of other tax breaks. Democrats, who roundly criticized a House GOP bill that gave companies billions of dollars in refunds of past minimum taxes, are willing to accept only limited relief from the tax.

A new offer put on the table Saturday by Baucus would keep the tax in place but allow companies to take several deductions and credits that are not now permitted. One Democratic source estimated the cost at $13.8 billion over 10 years, more than $7 billion less than full repeal.

There is broad agreement to extend the 26-week unemployment benefits by an additional 13 weeks; Democrats also want to increase the amount paid by $25 a week.

Both sides want a new round of rebate checks of up to $300 each, $600 for couples, aimed at lower-income workers and a range of business tax breaks would allow companies more generous write-offs for new investments.

Industry operating rate lowest level in 18 years

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's first recession in a decade rippled further through the economy in November, pushing the operating rate in U.S. industry down to the lowest level in 18 years.

But on the positive side, the economic weakness kept the lid on inflation with the Consumer Price Index showing no change last month as another big drop in energy prices helped offset higher costs for new cars.

A third report showed businesses worked down their backlog of unsold goods at a record rate in October, a development analysts said should set the stage for an economic rebound early next year.

Wall Street also had a positive outlook, at least in late trading Friday, which helped push the Dow Jones industrial average up by 44.70 to finish the week at 9,811.15.

"Manufacturing remains in recession, but you have to stop falling before you can begin rising and maybe the decline has started to decelerate," said Joel Naroff, head of a Pennsylvania consulting firm.

The string of declines in industry output pushed the operating rate at the nation's factories, mines and utilities down to 74.7 percent in November, the weakest pace since May 1983, when the country was climbing out of its worst recession since the Great Depression.

"I do think we are starting to see glimmers, the worst is behind us," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston.

The Labor Department reported consumer prices were flat in November after having fallen by 0.3 percent in October, indicating that the recession is at least keeping inflation at bay.

So far this year, inflation at the consumer level is rising at an annual rate of just 1.9 percent, far below last year's 3.4 percent gain.

Thousands of job layoffs and an unemployment rate now at a six-year-high of 5.9 percent have dampened wage demands while retailers have been busy slashing prices to entice consumers to keep spending during hard times.

The good inflation performance last month reflected a 4.4 percent fall in energy prices, led by a 10.1 percent drop in gasoline prices.

The Fed cut interest rates for an 11th time on Tuesday, pushing a key rate down to the lowest level in 40 years as it continued trying to halt the economic slide.

Food costs were also down last month, declining 0.1 percent as the cost of pork, vegetables and poultry all declined. But outside the volatile food and energy areas, the so-called core rate of inflation took a big jump in November, rising by 0.4 percent, the biggest increase since January 1996.

However, analysts noted much of the cost pressures came in two areas: a 3.9 percent surge in tobacco prices, reflecting ongoing court settlement costs, and a 0.6 percent rise in new car costs, the biggest one-month increase in more than a decade.

But Melanie Jani, an economist at Salomon Smith Barney, said the car price increase reflected an inability of government statistics to properly account for the big incentives dealers are offering to get shoppers back into showrooms following the September terrorist attacks.

In most other areas, prices were well behaved. The cost of airline tickets tumbled by 2.7 percent in November, the biggest decline in more than a year, as the airline industry continued to struggle to rebuild its customer base following the September attacks.

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New probe sought in Chicago's lingering police-torture hearing

Your Up To The Minute News Source

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Aaron Patterson is a death row inmate who claims police punched him and suffocated him with a plastic typewriter cover 15 years ago to extract a false confession in the killings of an elderly couple.

A few years ago, Patterson's claims might have been dismissed.

But beginning Monday, his claims will get a new hearing under orders from the Illinois Supreme Court. With the hearing comes pressing questions into allegations of systematic torture at a Chicago police unit in the 1980s, mounting calls for an outside investigator and growing doubts about the convictions of as many as 10 Illinois death row inmates.

"It's our point of view that there's been a concerted effort to keep this secret within the police department for many years," said Locke Bowman, an attorney at the University of Chicago law school.

Bowman is one of two lawyers asking for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate what happened at the Area 2 detective headquarters during the 1980s and decide whether charges should be warranted.

At the heart of the scandal is a violent crimes unit in the far southern end of Chicago in the 1980s commanded by former police Lt. Jon Burge.

Burge was fired in 1993 after a death row inmate, Andrew Wilson, won a $1.1 million civil suit against the department, claiming he was tortured with electric shocks and handcuffed to a hot radiator at Burge's precinct.

A police board found that Wilson was indeed abused while in Burge's custody. A subsequent investigation by the police department found that abuse occurred and was systematic.

A federal judge in 1999 also painted a damning picture of Burge and his precinct.

"It is now common knowledge that in the early to mid-1980s Jon Burge and many officers working under him regularly engaged in the physical abuse and torture of prisoners to extract confessions," U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur said in the case of another suspect who claimed he was tortured.

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Burge, who now lives in Florida, continues to deny he tortured anyone. His former attorney, William Kunkle, called the department's report "garbage."

In calling for an outside investigator to look into allegations of police torture, Bowman and others point to the fact that prosecutors have tried to cut deals with inmates, like Patterson, to get them to drop their claims against police.

Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine agreed in January to an early release for another defendant, Darrell Cannon, who has served 17 years of a life term for murder, as part of a deal that includes him dropping claims that Burge put a shotgun barrel to his mouth and used an electric cattle prod to shock his genitals.

Bowman and others also say Devine and Cook County prosecutors have too many conflicts of interest.

Devine was an assistant state's attorney when Richard M. Daley, now Chicago's mayor, was the county's top prosecutor. At the same time, a number of the criminal cases that involved Burge's unit went to trial.

The city also paid Devine's former law firm more than $850,000 to represent Burge and three others in the Andrew Wilson civil lawsuit.

That's irrelevant, said Assistant State's Attorney Gerald E. Nora, who is representing Devine in the case to decide whether a special prosecutor is needed.

Nora said the statute of limitations on any crimes that officers may have committed ran out. Even if a conspiracy had existed, he said, it would have been over long ago. There is nothing to prosecute, he said.

The calls for an outside investigator come at a time when the fairness of Illinois' entire criminal justice system is under increasing scrutiny.

Thirteen death row inmates have been freed due to wrongful convictions since capital punishment was restored in 1977, prompting Gov. George Ryan to declare a moratorium on executions and establish a panel to review the death penalty process.

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faint sigh of relief, we heard a great noise and a huge bunch of clatter.
We had to jump up to see what was the matter. When at the back door the
UPS man would appear, with boxes and boxes filled with more Christmas cheer.
And what to my wondering eyes would appear,
but Wanda and Angie to calm all my fear. I knew in a moment we would
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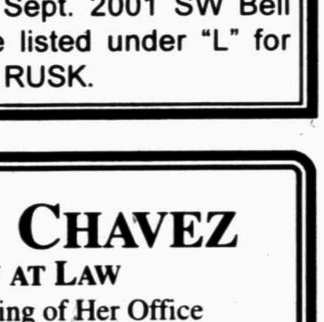
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Israeli forces pursue militants in Gaza; five Palestinians killed

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops searching for militants flattened houses and security buildings in the Gaza Strip on Saturday and briefly took over part of a Palestinian town, setting up tents outside a girls' high school. Five Palestinians were killed, more than 50 hurt and 15 arrested, witnesses and officials said.

Late Saturday night at least eight Israeli tanks and bulldozers entered Palestinian areas surrounding the town of Tamun in the West Bank, Mayor Bashar Bani Odeh said. The army confirmed it was operating in the town, but gave no other details.

Israeli tanks and armored vehicles entered the town of Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza before dawn, but pulled out in the evening. Israel has been moving deep into Palestinian areas in recent days, accusing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of failing to act against militants.

Israeli forces also moved into a Palestinian area in southern Gaza, near the border with Egypt. No Israeli soldiers were reported wounded in either action.

In Washington, the State Department said U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who has tried unsuccessfully to broker a truce for three weeks, would return to Washington for consultations.

At the United Nations, the United States vetoed a Palestinian-backed Security Council resolution that condemned terror acts on both sides and called for a Mideast truce overseen by international monitors. The Americans said the measure was aimed at isolating Israel politically.

Hanan Ashrawi, a prominent Palestinian spokeswoman, said the U.S. veto gave Israel "a free hand to attack Palestinians — defenseless, captive, besieged Palestinians."

"And at the same time (the Americans) are closing off any other possible avenue," she said.

The Israelis described Beit Hanoun, at the edge of Israel's own territory, as a stronghold for militants. As the Israeli armor moved in, soldiers with loudspeakers announced that the town was under curfew.

Hundreds of Palestinian youths threw stones at the advancing Israeli forces and set tires ablaze. The confrontations quickly escalated into shooting exchanges between Palestinian security forces and Israeli troops.

Four Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire, including a 12-year-old boy and a police officer, according to witnesses and Shifa Hospital officials in nearby Gaza City.

Overall, more than 50 Palestinians were injured, doctors said. The Israeli military said 15 Palestinians were arrested.

The Israelis demolished five houses, three security offices and a headquarters of Arafat's Fatah movement. One of the houses belonged to Salah Shahed, the founder of the armed wing of the militant group Hamas, but witnesses said he was not in the area at the time.

Israeli forces moved onto the grounds of the Beit Hanoun Secondary Girls' School, briefly putting up tents in the yard and raising an Israeli flag atop one building, witnesses added.

"We did not carry out this operation thinking it will put a complete stop to terror, but it definitely damaged the effectiveness," said Brig. Gen. Israel Ziv, the Israeli commander for Gaza. If the Palestinian Authority does not wage an "obvious fight against terror, we will have no choice but to continue these operations."

An explosion near the border between Israel and the West Bank town of Tulkarem killed one Palestinian Saturday night, the army said. The army said the explosion was apparently caused by a Palestinian suicide bomber whose charge exploded prematurely as he tried to enter Israel. The man was a member of the militant Islamic Jihad group, Palestinians said.

At the southern end of Gaza, a Palestinian militant carrying grenades attempted to cut a fence and enter the Jewish settlement of Gush Katif but was shot dead by the Israeli military, the army said.

Afterward, Israeli tanks moved several hundred yards into Palestinian territory on the fringes of nearby Rafah, Palestinians said.

Palestinian security forces in Gaza said they shut down thirteen offices belonging to the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups, including two newspaper offices. Israel has demanded that Arafat move against the groups, which have carried out repeated suicide bombings.

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Israel's military also carried out wide-ranging arrest sweeps Friday in the West Bank and Gaza, in which eight Palestinians were killed and about 50 were arrested. A day earlier it had announced it was severing all ties with Arafat, reacting to a Hamas ambush of an Israeli bus that killed 10 Israelis.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who opposed breaking off ties with Arafat, said Saturday it would be "impossible by military means to solve the conflict."

But he stressed that Arafat had to do more to halt the Palestinian attacks. "Arafat will be relevant when he begins to fight against terror," Peres told Israeli television.

In Ramallah about 500 supporters of Arafat's Fatah party marched through the streets. The crowd, which included masked men carrying their weapons and children beating drums, waved Palestinian flags and posters of Arafat, chanting, "end the occupation" and "load your guns, and keep your fingers on the trigger."

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Suicide bombers seen as 'holy warriors' in 12-year-old battle over Kashmir region

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — On a quiet April afternoon, a 17-year-old boy drove up to the army's Kashmir headquarters in a car packed with explosives. He blew himself up outside the heavy iron gates.

Almost two years later, with dusk giving way to a wintry night in the Kashmir Valley, a retired school teacher's family settled down to break its Ramadan fast, the table one plate short. It's a reminder of their son, Aafaq Shah, who became a suicide bomber — a "fidayeen."

"What made him do it?" asked his mother, Ayesha Shah. "Mostly, he would stay home reading his school books. He didn't have many friends."

Shah's death was one of the first suicide attacks during what is now a 12-year-old war by Muslim separatists to win independence for India's portion of the Kashmir region, or merge it with Pakistan.

On Thursday, five men staged a suicide attack that killed seven others at the Indian Parliament compound. India says the attackers were Islamic guerrillas from the Pakistan-based group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba; the group denies that it was involved.

A similar attack on the Jammu-Kashmir state legislature in Srinagar on Oct. 1 started with a man ramming an explosives-filled car into an entry gate, killing himself in the blast.

Since July 1999, there have been at least 44 suicide attacks in the Kashmir Valley, killing 163 people — including the attackers, intelligence officials say.

When the rebellion started in 1989, Indian army officers dismissed the militants as amateurish, preferring to trigger remote-controlled explosions or stage quick hit-and-run attacks. They seldom engaged in daredevil assaults like those by tribal separatists in India's remote northeast.

The suicide campaign has changed attitudes.

"No one can stop anyone who is prepared to die," said K. Rajendra, Kashmir's inspector-general of police. "The militants resort to this psychological and tactical weapon through which they hope to stretch the security forces and take them by surprise, thereby inflicting maximum damage."

When hijackers crashed jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, Kashmiris saw them through their own struggle with fidayeen strikes. Three weeks later came the attack on the state legislature, which killed 40 people in the worst terrorist bombing of the insurgency.

"A fidayeen attack is as indifferent and cold-blooded as the attacks on the WTC," said Rajendra.

Many people in this predominantly Muslim province, even those who support breaking away from India, criticize the suicide campaign.

"We are fighting for freedom, but such actions will not bring freedom," said Tariq Ahmad Khan, whose father burned to death during the attack on the legislature. "Only innocent lives are lost. It is not right."

Others see the attackers as "holy warriors" dying with their victims, for their cause.

"They may take extreme steps, but after all, they are fighting for Kashmiri freedom," said shopkeeper Abdul Samad. "In that sense they are Allah's fighters."

That is little consolation for the Shahs, who still wonder what prompted their son to commit suicide in such a spectacular manner.

"What went through his mind?" asked Mrs. Shah.

Many people blame terrorism on poverty, lack of education and other hardships, although Shah did not fit that description, nor did the suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

"Disillusionment with their surroundings is the main reason why youngsters are drawn to seek refuge in religious fanaticism," said Ghulam Mohammed, a Kashmiri sociologist.

"Jihad in Islam is not only a duty when necessary, but also a higher means for purification of the soul," he said. "A fidayeen stretches this to dramatic effect and hopes for instant purification, almost at his will. It is quick and glorious."

Syed Tayyab Shah, a Muslim cleric, said Islam forbids suicide. But he then said holy war is the duty of every Muslim when religion, life or the property of the Muslim community is threatened, or when a believer is forced to convert.

"If jihad is undertaken according to the strict instructions of the Quran, suicide missions can be allowed if they offer military or strategic advantage to the Muslim army," Shah said.

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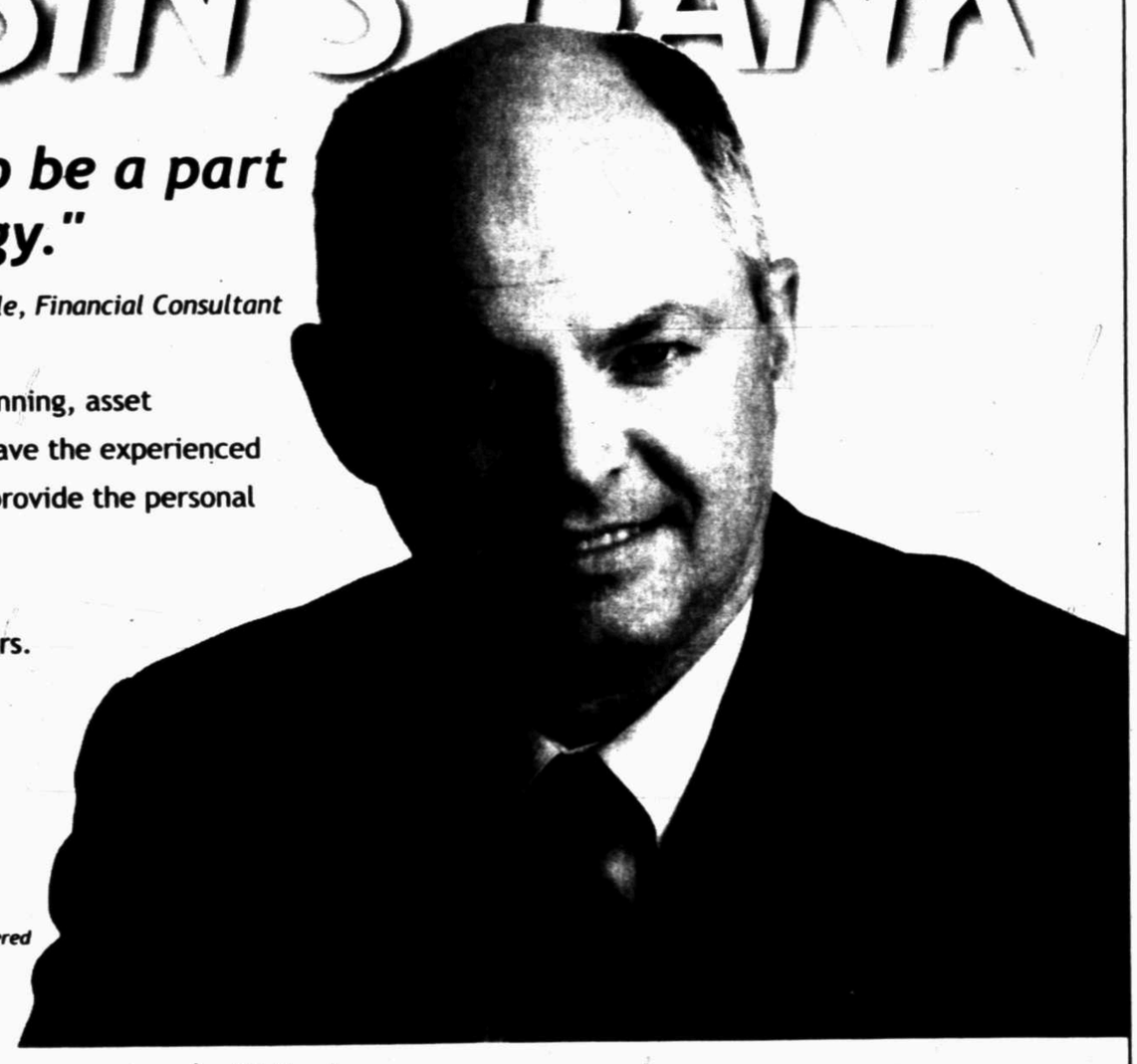
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President Bush nears victory on education reform

President Bush is on the verge of a scoring a major political victory, but because of his skill in rallying the nation in the war on terrorism, this victory will likely go largely unnoticed.

As candidate, governor and president, Bush has always made education an important theme.

Although he likes to poke fun at his own days as a lackluster student, we all know the first lady has spent years impressing upon him the importance of books and a good education.

The GOP-controlled House of Representatives has already delivered the White House a victory on the president's pet legislative item. Now the narrowly divided Senate appears to be on the verge of giving him its approval of his education legislation.

Overall, the bill authorizes $26.5 billion in federal spending on elementary and secondary education in the 2002 budget year.

Most importantly, the federal government will not specifically dictate how each penny should be spent.

As he has said so often, many decisions regarding education should not be mandated from Washington, D.C., but rather ought to be left up to local school administrators and school boards who understand the needs of their individual districts.

Additionally, the education legislation will:

- Require that millions of students take annual reading and math tests.
- Require schools to adopt plans to close the achievement gaps between low-income and middle-class students and between white and minority students.
- Require districts to submit annual "report cards" showing a school's standardized test scores compared with other schools, both locally and statewide.

We know a solid education can open many doors in life.

We know a good education is the great equalizer in life that can enable any child — regardless of his background — to move forward and achieve great things in life.

President Bush fundamentally understands every child deserves a good education. He knows many of our public schools are financially strapped and have difficulty educating their students in the way they deserve to be educated.

And while President Bush is hailed as a great cheerleader for the nation and a brilliant commander in chief as our nation battles against terrorism, we know when he signs his name to his prized education legislation, it'll be one of his proudest achievements.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2001. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 90 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication Variety came out with its first weekly issue.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who had wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was murdered by a group of noblemen.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1985, reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

Ten years ago: The U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111 to 25. Russian President Boris Yeltsin met for four hours with visiting U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, after which Yeltsin said the new Commonwealth of Independent States would begin operating by the end of the year.

One year ago: President-elect Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first African-American secretary of state.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Democrats relish chance to demonize DeLay

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Dick Armey's announced retirement kicks off a fierce succession battle among Republicans. Will fellow Texan Tom DeLay, the GOP Whip, solidify his hold on the party by moving up to replace Armey? Or will GOP moderates assert themselves and muster enough votes to block DeLay and install a more voter-friendly image as the face of congressional Republicans? And why should anybody care about these internecine struggles on Capitol Hill?



Anderson

The answers to these questions are not hard. The combative DeLay, currently No. 3 in the House GOP hierarchy, is a good bet to ascend a rung and succeed Armey. Republican moderates are an endangered species in the House and lack the muscle and the manpower to do anything but talk. Yet, even if the outcome of this struggle is a foregone conclusion, it's important that voters pay attention. With the 2002 elections less than a year away, Congress will loom larger in the public consciousness as both parties jockey for control and position themselves on issues to win favor with the voters.

DeLay is already the most identifiable figure for the GOP on Capitol Hill, and the man Democrats think they can demonize for political advantage if he gains more visibility. To the extent that anybody runs the House of Representatives, it is DeLay, not Speaker Denny Hastert, the kindly former high-school wrestling coach handpicked for the job by DeLay in the turmoil following Newt Gingrich's resignation. DeLay's counterpart in the Senate, Democrat Tom Daschle, controls the agenda in that body, and he is already the target of a campaign by Republicans to demonize him.

The GOP effort to portray Daschle as the roadblock disrupting administration plans is designed for both short-term advantage (Daschle can then be blamed for a lack of results from Congress), and to tarnish him as the Democrats' national spokesman going into next year's fall campaign. Vice President Cheney calls Daschle "obstructionist" for bottling up the administration's energy plan, which calls for drilling in a protected federal preserve in Alaska, and for failing to go along with a Republican economic stimulus plan that focuses heavily on tax cuts for business and wealthier individuals. A newspaper ad running in Daschle's home state of South Dakota and paid for by an outside group sympathetic to the administration pictures Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Daschle side-by-side as equally culpable in disrupting energy supplies.

Casting Daschle as a villain will be hard. The boyish Daschle has the demeanor of a Tom Sawyer and the quiet delivery of somebody who is above partisanship even when he is articulating the core Democratic message. Democrats should have an easier time making DeLay the heavy. DeLay relishes playing the strong man, and does nothing to soften his image. His nickname is "The Hammer." To many Democrats, DeLay is Gingrich without the charm. Yet, he has what Gingrich lacked: staying power. When Gingrich stepped down as Speaker in 1997, his departure seemed to signify the end of the Republican Revolution. Gingrich, more than anybody, had engineered the GOP takeover of the House and Senate and personified the culture wars that went beyond traditional legislative maneuvering.

But Gingrich's departure enhanced DeLay's clout and deepened the edgy partisanship of the Gingrich era. When Armey exits the House a year from now, his departure is likely to further consolidate DeLay's power. Democrats are quietly cheering, thinking that DeLay is the closest thing to Gingrich they've got, and that his increased prominence will make him a welcome foil. But making him the poster boy for everything Democrats don't like about Republicans will be hard. The fairer fight will be watching Daschle and DeLay battle it out for institutional control in a Congress as divided as this one.

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BILL O'REILLY

It's not easy taking on the rich and powerful

After a long siege, the United Way's "September 11th Fund" has finally seen the light. Like the Red Cross 90 days ago, the United Way has now done a policy reversal and will release $75 million in donations to the 9-11 families just in time for Christmas.

This ends the infamous and unbelievably overblown George Clooney vs. Bill O'Reilly verbal brawl. Mr. Clooney helped raise more than $100 million for the "September 11th Fund" by getting a bunch of stars together for a TV telethon. He didn't much like your humble correspondent investigating the fund's distribution problems.



O'Reilly

But the bottom line is that the families will now get about $350 million from the Red Cross and the United Way that they might not have gotten had my television program not raised major hell. But it wasn't "The O'Reilly Factor" that persuaded the Red Cross and the United Way to change their ways — it was the American people who heard the evidence and made their feelings known to the charities.

All over non-profit land, a chill is in the air. The problems involved in getting $1.5 billion in donations to the 9-11 families are now well documented. And all the excuses in the world were not going to persuade Americans to cut the charities slack. Sixty percent of adult Americans donated money to the families — and they want that money to get to those people.

As I've stated before, I was initially amazed that the rest of the media did not swoop in on this story. Only the New York Times and Newsweek magazine gave it significant attention. But as I thought about it, things began to add up. We are living in a time when it is dangerous for the media to directly confront powerful people, and the Red Cross and the United Way have power. Economically, media revenues are soft. And most of the elite media have to do business with the government in order to expand their franchises. Few in the media want to tee off the powerful.

That's because the big dogs have some major firepower available. They can shut down access to certain media outlets. I took grief from most of the entertainment press because George Clooney and the other stars are their life blood. Programs like "Entertainment Tonight" and magazines like "People" simply can't afford to alienate big stars and their press agents.

The same thing is true with politicians. Say one cross word about the president and he will know about it, believe me. Attorney General John Ashcroft won't talk to me because I criticized him for not updating the public on the Mark Rich investigation. Remember Mr. Rich? Remember his ex-wife and other pals spreading around millions to benefit the Clintons? Where exactly is that investigation, Mr. Attorney General?

New York Governor George Pataki has 86'ed me because I asked him why he wouldn't appoint a master or a group of financial experts to oversee the charity mess. The governor did not like the question.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush is mad at me because I asked him if state authorities were investigating Sami Al-Arian. He's a professor at the University of South Florida who brought the leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad — a terrorist group — to America. A few years ago, Florida taxpayers wound up paying that terrorist to lecture at USF, thanks to Sami.

Governor Bush did not want to comment on any possible investigation.

I could give you 30 more examples of the powerful getting teed off by unwelcome questions. The press, especially TV news, has been so soft for the last decade that the powerful are actually shocked by a pointed query.

That's what the Clooney deal was all about. He and his "people" were appalled that this "O'Reilly guy" — as David Letterman put it — would actually put the star on the spot. Would actually ask him to prod the charities to become more efficient. The thinking was "we're not going to let some *cable* news guy push us around."

In the end, though, things worked out. The money is finally flowing to the families who need it. The controversy is over and, with Christmas coming, I'm in the mood to hug a powerful person. Where is everybody?

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CAL THOMAS

Program gives powerful gift for Christmas

Not much more can be said or done to relieve the pain and suffering of people whose loved ones were murdered on Sept. 11. The empty place(s) at the table this Christmas will be compounded by the empty places in more than 3,000 hearts, multiplied by family members and friends of the victims.

With the exception of NBC's "West Wing," television entertainment has mostly chosen not to make reference to the terrorist attack. Some have felt that getting back to the way things were is the best contribution Hollywood can make to the nation.



Thomas

Tonight on a special "Touched By An Angel" (CBS), Executive Producer Martha Williamson confronts Sept. 11 head-on. Rarely has a current event been married so beautifully to artistic creativity in a way that offers hope and healing, not only to the families of the victims, but to a nation traumatized by those events and afraid of another attack.

Titled "I'll Be Home for Christmas," the story centers on a young boy who loses his favorite teacher when the World Trade Towers collapse. The teacher is also a choir director who heads up the annual Fourth of July Parade in a small New York town. Oh, and he directs the Christmas pageant at the community church.

The boy is in denial about his teacher, believing he will come home, and that he couldn't possibly have died. He leaves phone messages on the teacher's answering machine. They are discovered later by the "angels" and the boy's mother, who happens to be the mayor of her little town and is herself in denial about a lot of things in her life.

Most of the media are embarrassed about God, but Williamson knows that most of the country is not and that many people feel the need of His presence now more than ever. That's why she can write this exchange between the angel Monica (Roma Downey) and Victoria, the mother of the boy who lost his teacher.

(Victoria) "Oh, God! What did they DO TO US! Monica! My country, my country ... I don't even know what to start crying FOR! I think about the PEOPLE! Those poor people in the planes. And the ones in the towers. And the firemen, and the children whose mothers never came home. I can't, I just can't process it all. EVERYTHING has changed and nothing feels the same anymore. NOTHING! I can't even look at a Christmas card in the mail without being afraid. And what scares me most, Monica, my God, what frightens me to the deepest part of my soul is that I don't think we were EVER really safe, and now the dream is gone forever. For the rest of my life, I will wake up every morning and have no idea what might happen."

(Monica): "You never knew before, either, Victoria. But now you KNOW that you don't know what can happen. And now when you wake up, you just might begin the day by turning it over to God before it even begins. Because whatever happens, God will not leave you to face it alone. Even if you try to put Christmas out of your mind, God won't let you."

I won't give away the powerful and emotional ending, but if you're not crying and loving this country and the real meaning of Christmas more than you ever have before, then you're a computer chip.

It's too bad we can't see more television series like "Touched By An Angel" but maybe we will if the ratings continue strong. Spread the word. Watch this show. We all need its healing message, especially this Christmas.

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SPEAKING OUT

Record needs to be set straight on policy for organ donation

By Pam Silvestri

The recent Associated Press story about the American Medical Association "pondering the idea" of "paying for organs" caught many of us who work in organ donation and transplantation by surprise.



Pam Silvestri is the head of the Southwest Transplant Alliance.

The key reason is that first and foremost, as it stands, federal law prohibits "buying and selling" organs. So a change in federal law would be required in order to do anything even along the lines of what the AMA was pondering.

Equally as important, while the donation and transplantation community has been working on dozens of ways to increase donation, none of them have anything at all to do with "paying for organs."

Those in donation and transplantation are keenly aware every day that there are nearly 80,000 people awaiting life-saving organ transplants (5,000 of whom are in Texas), so we are always looking for ways to increase donation.

Among many new initiatives, Southwest Transplant Alliance, Midland's organ donation agency, uses a protocol that requires the splitting of all young, healthy donor livers in two, in order to save two lives every time we have a family donate a young healthy liver. The shortage of donated organs has led us to do this in order to try to keep up with the need.

The donation and transplantation community has also been working through the idea of finding a way to help donor families with funeral expenses. In this scenario, funds would never go directly to donor families, but to funeral homes or perhaps even would be transferred in the form of a tax credit to help families with these expenses.

Southwest Transplant Alliance is not necessarily for or against this idea of a donation benefit for families, but I thought your readers might be interested in the pros and cons of the issue.

The key "pro" is helping families defray these costs could increase donation. Most organ donation agencies have had several families decline donation when they learned that federal law prohibited us from helping to cover funeral costs or the costs of getting a loved one back home. And when we have 80,000 people waiting for organs, with 16 dying each day, we have to do what we can to increase the number of organs available for transplant.

The key "con" is this idea could be seen as making organs, which are currently given as an altruistic a gift, a commodity.

The "right answer" all seems to depend on your lot in life. If you're awaiting an organ, you may say "do whatever you can to get more organs" or you may say "I want to be sure this is a gift my donor wants to give and I don't want money tainting that." If you're a well-to-do family, you might not need the money, so you may say it would feel wrong to take it.

But if you're an average family, having lost a young child, with no insurance to cover the funeral, then perhaps such a benefit would make a lot of sense, so your family member could be buried with the respect he or she deserves ... especially after he or she saved lives through becoming a donor.

In this holiday season, as we take time to share with family and to present gifts, many of us also reflect on the needs of others and seek ways to provide for those in need. You can become an organ donor simply by making the commitment to do so and then sharing that commitment with your family.

Please take just a few moments to discuss donation with your loved ones, to allow them the comfort of knowing that they can carry out your wishes.

Southwest Transplant Alliance would be honored to answer any questions you may have about organ donation or transplantation.

For more information about organ donation, contact Southwest Transplant Alliance at www.organ.org or 800-788-8058.

LETTERS

Midlanders come to rescue in bad times

On Nov. 28, Hawthorne House Apartments experienced a fire that destroyed the homes of 19 residents. On that day, several buildings were evacuated because of the threat of the fire spreading and the massive amount of smoke.

The Midland community was amazing in their outpouring of support. Weidner Apartment Homes would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the businesses and individuals who aided our residents during the fire and who have made contributions since the fire to help those who lost their belongings.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to: The Midland Fire Department, The Midland Police Department, and Olive Garden Restaurant, who provided a warm place to gather, as well as feeding everyone a hot meal. We also want to thank the City of Midland Parks Division and FenceCo. Generous donations came from the American Red Cross Volunteers, The Salvation Army, The Crisis Intervention Unit, Albertson's, Linens 'N Things, Target, Wal-Mart, First Baptist Church, Holiday Inn, Fairfield Inn, Radisson Hotel, Randy and Jeanie Velarde, the Midland High School Band, Gary Doherty, its director, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fisco, the band's booster president. Also appreciated were the kindnesses of Chili's Restaurant, the nine-year-old girl who called to donate $100 of her Christmas money and the many other phone calls that were made to our office. The community of Midland extended expressions of generosity that were appreciated by everyone touched by the fire. Thank you all.

The clubroom at Hawthorne House is overflowing with the items that were donated. As our residents begin to get back to normal, we want you to know your kindness is greatly appreciated. Although this was a trying time for many people, we are fortunate to see, once again, we live in a community that is there for us in a time of need.

Kris Curtis
Texas Regional Director
Weidner Apartment Homes

LoneStar SPCA offers many great services

When it comes to being good pet owners, Texas is the worst in the union. That is information from Humane Societies studies.

Midland now has a chance to make a big change in this status. LoneStar SPCA is a non-profit organization. It operates solely on donations. I believe they can truly make a difference in Midland.

LoneStar has been in Midland about three years. In that short time it has began programs that greatly benefit the animal and owner. They have taken in dogs that other SPCA's in Midland have refused to take. LoneStar investigates cruelty cases. LoneStar pays for surgery and medical needs for animals, it just doesn't put the animal down. LoneStar spays or neuters every animal it adopts out, at its expense. LoneStar will neuter anyone's male cat free. LoneStar helps with people who have financial problems and need their pet spayed or neutered. LoneStar has worked with Odessa and Rankin Animal controls, worked with Stanton, San Angelo and is beginning to work with Monahans. LoneStar will go to any school and speak. They have an obedience and agility instructor they work with.

LoneStar really cares about animals. It works with them and lets them run and exercise in a fenced area. One employee is taking a dog home in the evenings to medicate it and make sure it eats often. Last winter, another employee stayed up all night with a litter of sick puppies. She kept them in a blanket on a heating pad and medicated and watered them. She wiped their dirty little noses and eyes and even cleaned their bottoms when needed. And they survived.

LoneStar is considered "no-kill" facility. There really is no "no-kill." Some animals have been so abused they just can never change. Some have been so mistreated or not fed that no matter how good the veterinarian is, they just won't make it.

LoneStar cared enough to pay for surgery on a stray kitten that had to have a leg amputated. Thanks to LoneStar, now I have Bonnie.

Midland is lucky to have LoneStar SPCA. I am lucky to know the employees.

Judy Rust

Kindness proves angels do exist

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special Midlander. His name is Joe Nichols and he is truly my Christmas angel. Sunday, Dec. 9, I was at the mall doing some Christmas shopping and as I returned home I realized one of my bags was missing. Needless to say the missing bag contained the most expensive purchases of the day! I was extremely panicked and returned to the store and searched everywhere but to no avail.

It was nowhere in sight. The customer service department took down my name and said they would call if anyone turned it in. I returned home and worried all afternoon. Then that evening I received a call from Joe Nichols stating he had found my package in the parking lot.

I cannot tell you what this meant to me. He has truly shown my family and I what Christmas is all about. His act of kindness warms my heart and I know angels really do exist and you can find them in everyday people.

We recently moved here from Houston and I am truly appreciative of Midland and the wonderful people in it. My family and I are truly honored to call Midland our home. A special thanks to all the sales associates at Dillards and especially to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nichols.

Charlotte Wilks

Agency Crosscheck insults the poor

The members of the St. Ann's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul believe we have sound reasons for not participating in Agency Crosscheck:

■ The St. Vincent de Paul Society has strict rules regarding the confidentiality of our client information. "Information about a family or individual may not be shared with any other individual or agency without the family's or individual's expressed consent." United States Manual of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (1995).

■ It is unnecessary. If we helped a struggling family three years ago with a utility bill why should any other agency know that? All of the agencies have a small number of clients who are "taking advantage." We don't need a computer to tell who these people are. Our caseworkers who make home visits to use their discretion to help those in need. Ultimately, it is not up to us to judge our clients; that is the Lord's job.

■ It is an affront to the dignity of the poor. We are presuming the people we help are thieves and are abusing the system.

■ Security is a problem. I am sure the administrators of Agency Crosscheck take security precautions. I wonder, however, about others who may have access to passwords and can get this information, which is very confidential and can be misused. I see no reason to put the information in an environment that would make it more susceptible to misuse.

We only divulge personal information with the informed consent of our clients and only if it is necessary to better help them. Those who seek help from agencies affiliated with Agency Crosscheck should be fully informed that highly confidential personal information on them is being stored on a computer that can be accessed from the internet through the use of a password. If you had a need and were seeking financial assistance for the first time from one of the Agency Crosscheck entities, would you feel comfortable with that?

Eric Kalenak
President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Ann's Conference

Chain stores employ local people, too

Thanks to Linda Rogers (letter to the editor, Dec. 9) we now have the true definition of "Buy the Basin." Yes, we should only purchase goods from local sole proprietorships. Never mind that our selection will be greatly restricted and the price 50 percent more in some cases. Ms. Rogers' slogan would be "Buy the Basin, but only in Midland and not from chain stores." I'm sorry Ms. Rogers, but I already fund enough welfare programs with my taxes. Anyone who invests their life savings and dreams into a business know they can not compete with the local chains is a few pennies short of a dollar and pretty much deserve the fate that awaits them. They do not deserve our support, they must earn it. It is not the consumers' role to guarantee the success of a store.

Ms. Rogers implies the people employed by the big national chains do nothing for the community. Her statement implies people employed by the chains are not local people, do not pay local taxes, do not support local charities and only use up our precious resources. What an idiotic statement. Ms. Rogers' statement also implies we should not shop at H-E-B or Albertson's because after all, they are big chain stores who purchase in large volume so they can sell to us at reduced prices. Ms. Rogers advocates a Midland of 20 years ago where we were held hostage by some local merchants. Back then the saying was "Midland is big enough where you can find a least one of anything you want, but get ready to pay through the nose." I, for one, do not want a return to those days.

John Turner

Compassion keeps soup kitchen alive

The true measure of a community is not its wealth but its compassion. Recently, the local media featured stories on the plight of the Midland Soup Kitchen. Extraordinary, unanticipated expenses as well as inadequate planning had jeopardized the continued operation of this vital community service at a critical time — the onset of winter and rising unemployment.

In response, the people of Midland, from young to old, and numerous local organizations, schools and businesses, both sacred and secular, stepped forth to share their time, talents, blessings and bounty. The abundance of their compassion has been inspiring. Their generous donations will ensure continued operation of the Midland Soup Kitchen through the remainder of the holiday season and into next year.

These Midlanders know what John Donne observed centuries ago: no one is an island, entire of itself. These Midlanders also affirmed an even older and more radical principle: love your neighbor. To those Midlanders and the many others who have contributed unselfishly and volunteered tirelessly in order to feed the area hungry, the Midland Soup Kitchen thanks you from the bottom of its heart and wishes you and yours a happy holiday season and a fruitful New Year.

Harry Nutter
for the Board of Directors
Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries

Reservist families have health care

Contrary to Ms. Larrison's letter, military families are not without health care. Activated guard members and reservists receive military pay and health benefits the same as active duty personnel. Families of activated personnel receive the same benefits as families of regular military personnel. The pay might be less (it's true military pay is low), however all members are aware of the pay when they join the guard or reserves.

When you take the pay, don't complain when you have to do the job.

Both guard and reserve members receive retirement benefits once they reach retirement age and have served the required numbers of years of service. This includes health benefits. No one ever worries about the pay or health benefits of active duty personnel, but people cry when a guard or reservist is activated. The service is voluntary, so if you don't like the duty and pay — get out.

Willie Stamps
USA, Retired

First Lady ought to be honored as well

As I watch George W. and Laura handle themselves so well under all of the media scrutiny, I hope we are able to preserve not only the boyhood home of George W. in the current efforts, but somehow able to preserve the girlhood home of First Lady Laura Bush, as well.

Every time I drive along Big Spring street and see her former home, I think back to the time in my childhood when I knew the First Lady as a friend, and I have a nostalgic interest in seeing that old home restored to the way it was when Laura was a young girl.

I hope the people of Midland see fit not only to honor our president, but our first lady, as well.

Newton Shrader

Graduation should be open to public

If I may be so bold as to put in my 2 cents on the MISD graduation issue:

I have a junior at MHS. True, I don't have a senior, BUT my wife and I are very active band parents. We have traveled everywhere with them this year and last. The band is our extended family, including the 25+ graduating seniors from the MHS Band who consider those parents like us as "other mother and dad." We have celebrated with them, cried with them, bandaged their hurts, listened to their complaints and sung their praises. Why should we be shut out of graduation? Watching on TV is NOT the same as being there in person to cheer and celebrate with them.

I would like to know what the risk is of an outdoor ceremony? ECISD holds their graduation at Ratliff, and all over East Texas (where it actually rains in June) schools hold their graduations in the football stadium with a backup ticket-only plan for an indoor site in case of really bad weather. As recently as 1999 Palestine High School held graduation outdoors (I know because I was there) only an hour after the cessation of an all day rainstorm.

I might add it was very pleasant. MISD needs to wake up and smell the coffee and realize graduation is a community celebration. Everyone who has worked with that senior and who would like to be there for him or her should be able to attend the ceremony without restriction. Hold it at Memorial this year with plans to move it to the new stadium in 2003.

Don Tally

Tribute inspired by patriotic spirit

We attended the CAF's 10th Anniversary at Midland International Airport celebration and remembrance of Pearl Harbor event on Dec. 7 and feel obliged to thank our friend, Greg Witt, for the wonderful music he so thoughtfully composed as a tribute to those who fought and died for the very freedom each of us enjoys every day of our life.

Greg's inspiration for creating the musical score was fueled by a passion for freedom and a patriotic spirit that was palpable as the OC Concert Band and Choir so beautifully performed his powerful and moving tribute. Thank you for contributing your time and extraordinary talents Greg, so those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the program could enjoy the product of your labor of love.

John, Shailete and Rachel Abbott

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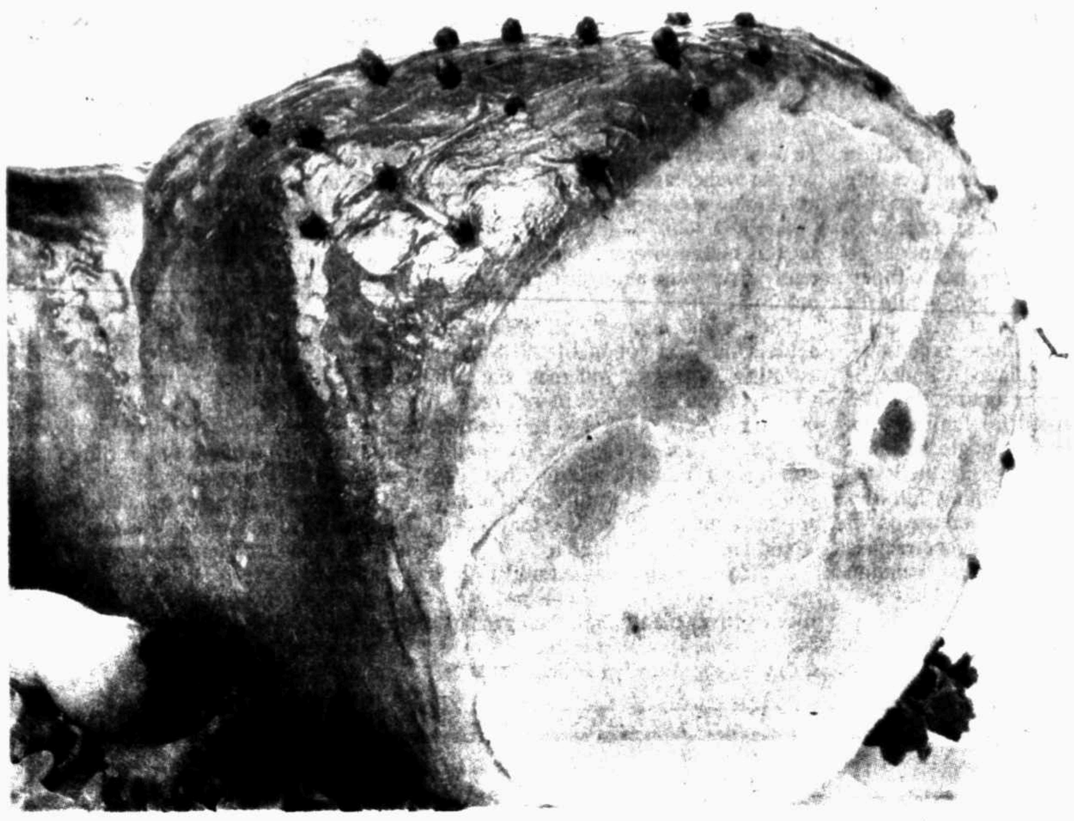
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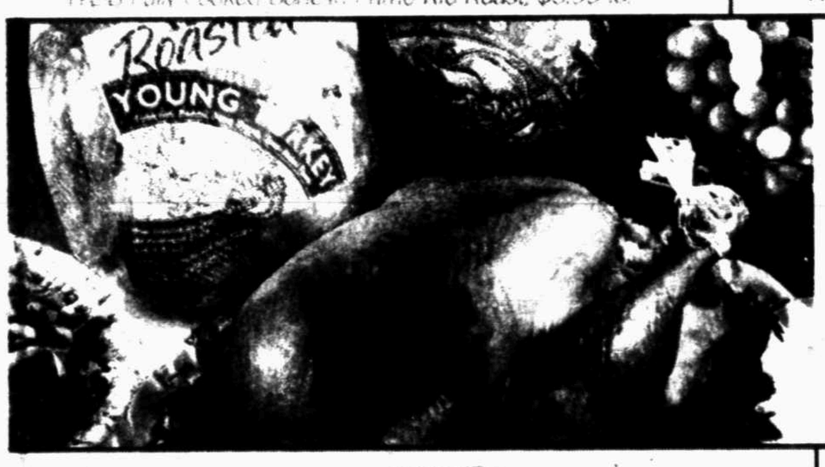


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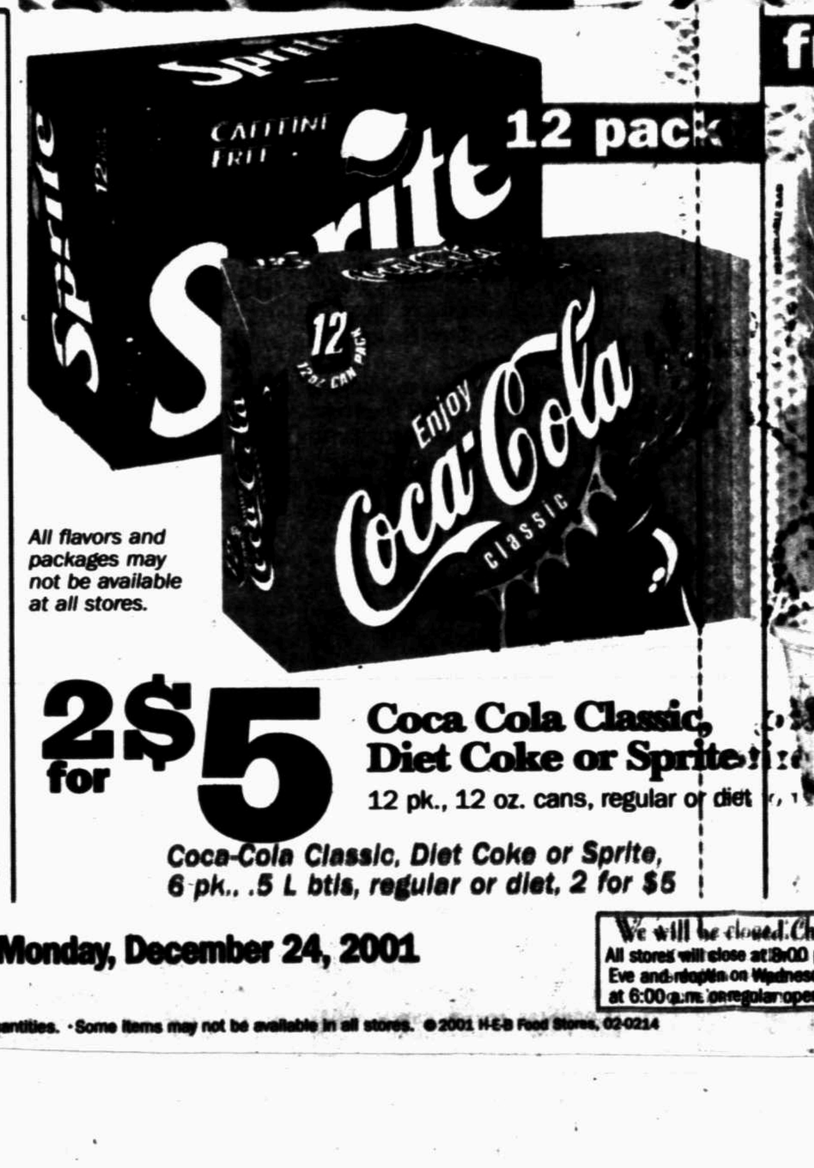
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In festive Muslim holiday, Afghans celebrate Taliban's fall, but worry over future

By Laura King
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — With bursts of steam and the hubbub of delighted female voices, women's public baths reopened Saturday in Kabul — one of many long-forbidden pleasures reclaimed as Afghans made ready for the year's most festive Muslim holiday.

People flocked to barbershops and butchers, tailors and sweet shops, beauty parlors and fruit-sellers in a frenzy of last-minute preparations for the Eid al-Fitr, three feast days beginning today to mark the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

In keeping with Eid tradition, Afghans scraped together money for toys and new clothes for their children. They gave alms to the needy — for most people in Kabul, a case of the poor giving to the poorer. And they grieved for their dead, some from this war, because condolence calls are made to the recently bereaved during Eid.

On this first holiday since the end of Taliban rule, people spoke of their joy at the fall of an oppressive regime but also voiced anxieties over what will come next for Afghanistan.

"We feel free now — but a little afraid for the future as well," said 18-year-old Malia Omira, still rosy from the billowing steam in a packed women's bath in the downtown market district.

Inside, the atmosphere was raucous and giggly, but before venturing outside, Omira slipped on the sober all-enveloping burqa still worn by most women in the capital.

The Taliban closed women's baths in 1997, soon after seizing the capital, under a directive by the feared Ministry for the Prevention of Vice and the Promotion of Virtue. Men's baths closed a year ago.

"We have no hot-water tap at home, so I wasn't able to wash myself properly like this during these years," Omira said. "It wasn't such an important thing, compared to not being able to go to school, but I minded. I minded it."

The disused bathhouses were repaired soon after the Taliban left Kabul a month ago, but by then the abstemious month of Ramadan, when observant Muslims fast from dawn until dusk, was beginning. So people waited for Saturday, the eve of the Eid.

Guns and other weapons are ubiquitous in Kabul, and as night fell Saturday, marking the breaking of the final day's fast, round after round of celebratory fire boomed and thudded from automatic rifles, heavy machine guns and even rocket launchers.

Kabul radio had appealed to people not to revive the Taliban-quashed Eid tradition of festive gunfire. It even asked that children not set off firecrackers, saying nerves were still too frayed by the recent air war. The appeal went thunderously unheeded.

Ramadan is supposed to be a time of prayer, reflection and sacrifice, but as the holy month drew to a close, even devoutly Muslim Afghans recalled with a wince how in Taliban times, it was the occasion for venting of particular wrath.

The religious police roamed the streets of the capital, beating anyone found to be committing some infraction — a beard not long enough, a burqa that slipped and revealed a bit of the woman beneath it, even the sight of someone laughing in public.

"I want to respect God in the ways I choose," said 27-year-old merchant Nohibullah, who like almost everyone planned to go to special prayers today to mark the Eid's opening. Kabul even has a special Eid mosque.

With the holiday's approach, some Kabul merchants, even hard-pressed ones, granted credit so their customers could shop for a few small luxuries.

"It's difficult, but it's a time of year for charity, and people really need something special now to lift their spirits," said shopkeeper Abdul Raouf Hakimi.

The winding down of the war has eased some privations, though.

"I slaughtered 30 more sheep than usual — we can get them more easily, now that the north is no longer cut off from us," said Abdul Shefi, surrounded by hanging carcasses in his family butcher shop.

Throughout Taliban rule, the opposition northern alliance held a swath of territory in the north, eventually using it as the launching pad for a military drive, backed by crucial American airstrikes, that broke the Islamic militia's grip on the country.

In the downtown bakery and sweetshop of Sayd Jafar, where the air hung heavy with the smell of melting sugar, crowds jammed in Saturday to buy inexpensive treats for the Eid.



AP Photo

An Afghan tailor measures a customer for new clothes in a tailor shop in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday. Today marks the start of Eid al-Fitr the most festive Muslim holiday of the year and Afghans are making special preparations such as buying new clothes, getting haircuts and going to the public baths.

In the shop's corner were posters, hidden away during Taliban times, of gaudy multitiered wedding cakes on offer, complete with tiny figures of brides and grooms. The Taliban had banned any depiction of living beings as un-Islamic.

New clothes are an Eid tradition, but one that few could afford this year. Tailor Obeidullah Hakimi said he tried to find fabric that was pleasing but not too expensive, so people would be able to have at least one outfit made.

That gesture wasn't enough to help everyone, though.

"New clothes? I can't even buy food," said Mir Saweed, a ragged 50-year-old former teacher who stopped in to talk with Hakimi. "I can't do anything to celebrate the Eid — the world has to find a way to help us."

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Christmas, Hanukkah and Ramadan converge uneasily in roiling Mideast

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Here's how you know the holiday season in the Holy Land is in full swing:

Santa Claus has just finished his television broadcast with an Arabic rendition of "Jingle Bells" in the studios of Nativity TV, a Christian station broadcasting from a hilltop villa in Bethlehem.

As Santa leaves, he greets the next man on the air, Sheik Abdul Majid Atta, a local leader of the militant Islamic movement Hamas who dispenses an hour of religious advice to callers each afternoon during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The sheik, whose flowing beard puts Santa's to shame, invites the actor dressed as Santa, Khalid Massou, to perform at a nearby Palestinian refugee camp.

"We are living in very difficult times," Massou said. "I want to do whatever I can to help the children celebrate the holidays."

The biggest Muslim holiday, Eid al-Fitr, begins Sunday as Ramadan ends, joining Christmas and the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah as all three religions hold major celebrations this month amid the worsening Mideast crisis.

The overlapping holidays offer a small measure of relief from the constant tension and bring renewed calls for a more peaceful future.

Yet while all three religions have roots here, interaction between the spiritual leaders of different faiths is limited, and the conflict is casting a heavy shadow over the holiday season for the second straight year.

Just two years ago, Bethlehem's Christmas Eve party packed Manger Square and seemed to point to a prosperous future filled with an unending stream of foreign tourists.

Today, there's plenty of room at the inn. Many hotels have closed for a lack of business. Israeli forces entered Bethlehem for 10 days in October in pursuit of Palestinian militants, and Israeli gunfire turned the once-popular Paradise Hotel into a blackened shell.

Ibrahim Faltas, a Franciscan priest in charge of the town's preparations for Christmas, said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat didn't want the celebrations scaled back. But Faltas isn't expecting any miracles.

"The tourists are afraid to come to Bethlehem," he said.

In nearby Jerusalem, Rabbi Ephraim Shore, whose office is just a few paces from the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism, soaked up the beauty of a timeless scene on a recent evening.

As the sun set, bathing the city's stones in a pink light, he looked on as Jews said evening prayers at the wall. Candles of the menorah were being lit. A Jewish choir was singing.

For Shore, the moment was enhanced all the more by the Muslim call to evening prayer from a nearby mosque.

"This is the way it should be, two peoples celebrating their holy days, living together," said Shore. "It's all part of the color and life in Jerusalem."

But life in Jerusalem also means the threat of violence. Shore, a director at the Aish HaTorah seminary, keeps a pistol tucked in his waistband, even when he's sitting at his computer terminal.

He lives in the West Bank with his wife and six children, and travels each day on a dangerous stretch of road that has been the scene of frequent shooting attacks by Palestinian militants.

"It's absurd that I have to carry this," said Shore, a native of Canada. "I have it just in case I run out of gas in the wrong place."

His attitude seems to capture the prevailing atmosphere: Everyone would like to hold their holidays in peace, but having a gun at hand seems a sensible precaution.

Back in the Bethlehem television studio, Sheik Abdul Majid Atta is taking calls. The Christmas-tree background superimposed on the screen during Santa's appearance has been changed to a panoramic view of Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock mosque.

Atta describes his show, "Lights of Belief," as a "religious program that answers questions and tries to solve problems for worshippers."

He deflects political questions from viewers. Still, the very existence of the program points to the complicated reality of life here.

Hamas boasts of the many suicide bombings its followers have staged the past 15 months. Israeli soldiers track down and kill Hamas militants suspected of organizing attacks.

Yet Atta, who belongs to Hamas' political wing, not the military arm, is on live every afternoon from a Christian television station just a couple of hilltops away from Jewish neighborhoods.

After his program, Atta invites a visiting journalist for the evening meal to break the Ramadan fast, a repast shared by some 30 of his relatives in the Dheisheh refugee camp. The house features a poster of a slain Hamas militant, bandoliers of bullets across his chest.

On the road out of Bethlehem, Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint were eating jelly doughnuts, a Jewish tradition during Hanukkah, the eight-day festival ending tonight.

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Guards dressed in medieval uniforms celebrate the reopening of Pisa's famous leaning tower, Saturday. The tower was reopened to the public after being closed for more than a decade for efforts to reduce its slant.

AP Photo

PISA, Italy (AP) — After a $27 million realignment that dragged on over a decade, visitors are once again making the dizzying climb up Pisa's Leaning Tower.

The tower reopened to the public Saturday, a little less off center but still confounding visitors.

"I thought it was amazing and at the same time frightening!" marveled Richard Colbourne, a New York-based graphic designer. "I still have a headache!"

When the tower closed in 1990, officials said it would be open again in just a few years. The ambitious plan to reverse some of the tilt to ensure it wouldn't topple — at first regarded with some skepticism — took far longer than expected.

Engineers shaved off 17 inches and guided the monument back to where it was in 1838. The tower now leans 13.5 feet off the perpendicular, and is not expected to return to its 1990 position for another three centuries.

The reopening was relatively low-key, out of deference to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Alfredo Bianchi of Milan was one of nine passers-by picked to make the inaugural climb.

"I knew it was opening today, but I couldn't imagine I would be so lucky," Bianchi said as he took in the view of the red-roofed city surrounded by rolling hills.

Others had to wait in line after the tower opened to the general public, but that didn't seem to bother Bob Roth, of Loveland, Colo., who took his daughter, son and two nieces up.

"It was much more spectacular than I thought it would be." he said. But he too was feeling the effects: "I felt dizzy going up and I still feel dizzy after coming down."

Construction on the 190-foot-high tower began in 1173 to celebrate the glory of Pisa, in those years a wealthy maritime republic.

The soil underneath its foundations began sinking before workers completed the third level, starting its centuries-long famous tilt. The builders forged ahead, however, completing it in 1360.

The renovation included attaching a pair of steel "suspenders" to the tower, and then excavating soil under its foundations to try to realign it. The tower's seven bronze bells were stilled for fear their vibrations would threaten the tower's stability.

"Today is a very important day," said Pier Francesco Pacini, the head of the committee in charge of the monument. Ten years ago, "many Pisans were saying: 'We'll never be able to go back up again,'" he said.

However, the days of unlimited visitors filling the monument's 293-step staircase are over. Guided tours of about 40 minutes for groups of up to 30 people will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, with admission prices set at $13.30.

"The tower has recovered, but like elderly people it needs treatment," said Michele Jamiolkowski, the head of the project.

He also said the tower's marble still needs to be restored, a project estimated to cost $4.3 million. The hope is the government will finance it.

Only a handful of people were allowed inside the tower during the restoration.

Among them was British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who often vacations in Tuscany, and first lady Laura Bush, who during a visit last summer struck the typical tourist pose, standing beside the leaning monument pretending to hold it up.

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Trial set for January in killing of Midland man

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — The murder trial of Carl Stanley Friday, who is charged by indictment in the May 4 death of Bob Joe Coonce, 64, of Midland, is to begin on Jan. 7 in the 118th Texas Judicial District Court in Big Spring.

Judge Robert H. Moore III is to preside over the jury trial.

Friday, 27, is accused of bludgeoning Coonce to death and then setting him and his hatchback car ablaze near a cotton field north of Big Spring in Howard County.

Coonce, a heavy-equipment (crane) operator during Midland's boom of the late 1970s and early 1980s, was a Republican candidate for Midland County justice of peace (JP) in 1982 but lost the election to then-Democrat JP Robert "Bob" Pine.

In prosecuting the case, the state of Texas is subpoenaing at least 30 witnesses, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who is prosecuting Friday.

Witnesses are to include forensics pathologists and other medical specialists toward ascertaining Coonce's charred remains in court; investigators, such as the Texas Rangers and Howard County Sheriff's officers, and people acquainted with Coonce and Friday.

"You've got to prove (in court) who the body is," Wilkerson said.

Friday's court-appointed attorney is Midland lawyer Novert Morales, who said "no one can place him (Friday) there" at the scene of Coonce's burning car, a 1989 Subaru Hatchback.

"Certainly, it is our contention that it was not Mr. Friday" who killed Coonce and then set his body ablaze in the compact car.

"The investigators will agree that there are other participants out there whom they don't know who committed this offense," Morales said. "I just think they are trying to pin it on Mr. Friday, knowing very well that there are many others out there" implicated in Coonce's death.

Investigators "can't put him at the fire" or there at the "exact time of the crime," Morales said.

"I just don't think they have concluded their investigation," Morales said of the state. "We are talking about taking a vehicle out to the country, moving a body around. It's a lot for one person."

Friday "seems to be, in their (prosecution's) opinion, the most logical (suspect) when, in fact, it is our contention he wasn't there," Morales said. "We feel there's not enough evidence to convict him.

"We're just trying to do everything we can to make sure he gets a fair trial," Morales said. "Clearly, there are other people out there, and I think if they can track down these other people, then it would vindicate Mr. Friday and relieve him of these accusations."

Friday, an acquaintance of Coonce, was arrested for murder by Howard County sheriff's deputies on May 29 in downtown Big Spring following an investigation that included the Texas Rangers, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker and his deputies.

He has been jailed since then while awaiting trial.

Friday, who had moved to Big Spring from Midland, is being held in the Howard County Jail without bail due to parole violation, Walker noted.

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Greenwood, Andrews cope with aging school facilities

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Ector County voters decided in favor of a $90 million bond to repair the Ector County Independent School District facilities this October — but that money will barely get the district in the same league as its peers.

This past week, the Midland Independent School District decided to move toward a September bond issue to repair its aging secondary schools.

Smaller school districts in Andrews and Greenwood are now completing facilities studies — with the possibility of bond issues in the future.

The trend that is spreading across West Texas is being mimicked all over the country, as schools built in the 1950s and 1960s for the "baby-boom" generation are slowly crumbling.

"This is a national phenomenon," said Monte Hunter, an architect with Odessa's Hunter, Corral and Associates, who completed the facility study for ECISD, and is currently working on the studies for Andrews and Greenwood. "All of these schools, built in the 40s and 50s for all of those baby boomers, are now 40 and 50 years old. The normal life expectancy, not of the entire building, but of things like windows, doors, plumbing systems, electrical systems, is 40 or 50 years. Now, all of these buildings, structurally, are fine, but the subsystems ... they're all just a little past their life cycle. In most cases they're worth renovating, but in a few cases, they're not."

The National Education Agency released a study on the state of the nation's school facilities called Wolves at the Schoolhouse door, outlining the phenomenon and the billions of dollars that are needed by the nation's school districts.

In order to determine the costs of those renovations, the cost of bringing the buildings up to standards, both in terms of repairs and in terms of educational needs (revamped electrical systems for new computers, ventilation systems for shop classes, etc.) are priced, and compared with the cost of simply building a new facility. If the cost of renovations are more than 66 percent of the cost of a new building, architects recommend a new facility.

Locally, districts like Andrews and Greenwood will be reviewing Hunter's studies of their facilities — which contain recommendations for rebuilding or renovating — and determining which items have the priority.

Greenwood ISD Superintendent Glenn Barber said the district is still compiling information to provide to Hunter, and should have most of the information by next week. But it will be much longer before the district decides on a bond issue.

"We won't do anything until we actually have the facility study in hand," Barber said. But he doesn't anticipate a problem with the community's response to the needs.

"Greenwood has always enjoyed great community support," he said. "If there is a need, I don't see that that would be a concern. When they see a need, those people have always supported the school."

Greenwood ISD Board President Price Robinson said a priority for the board is to have a study that aligns the facility needs with the instructional needs.

"I think you need to align your facilities with your educational programming, and provide the best learning environment that you can," he said. "Obviously, we need work in the wood shop, the band hall could be larger. Really, I'm looking forward to seeing Mr. Hunter's information and evaluations, and what an outside, neutral third party would recommend."

"We've compared most of the facility studies, and we have several options that (the board of trustees) look at, but they haven't formed a plan for a bond issue," said Andrews ISD Assistant Superintendent Jim Harvey. "(A decision for a bond issue) would depend on the extent of the improvements, and that hasn't been determined yet. While we have maintained the facilities, the current

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ABOVE: School children skate and play in the small gym. The floor in the small gym needs resurfacing. This gym is one of the original buildings from when the s school was built in the 1950s. BELOW: This small area set up in the ag room is the only space available for a welding class.

Photos by Tim Fischer



Bill could raise speed limits on rural roadways

By Evan A. Pierce
MRT Correspondent

Drivers passing through rural areas in West Texas may soon have a speedier drive. New rules implemented by House Bill 299 allow speed limit increases to 75 mph in counties with populations of less than 10 persons per square mile.

"The reality is that in rural areas, people usually drive a few miles over the speed limit because of the distances involved from getting from point A to point B," said Rep. Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, who authorized the legislation. "The increase in the speed limit will allow people more room to gauge a comfortable yet safe driving speed when traveling."

Though not directly impacted by the change in speed limit, Midland sits in the middle several counties that will be looked at for the increase. Midland borders Andrews County and Martin County to the north,

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Republican candidate hoping to square off against incumbent JP

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

James Henry, who is coordinator of the Teen Leadership Academy sponsored by the Midland County Justice Court, has announced his candidacy for the Republican Party nomination for Justice of the Peace (JP) for Midland County Precinct 3 in the March 12, 2002, primary elections.



Henry

"I feel like I have the character and qualifications to hold that position," Henry, 39, said.

The $42,000-salaried JP Precinct 3 post has been held by a Democrat, Michael Wallace, 42, since 1997. The precinct takes in much of east and southeast Midland.

The three other JP posts up for election to four-year terms of office in 2002 are held by Republicans: Precinct 1 JP Joe Matlock, 64; Precinct 2 JP David Cobos, 45, and Precinct 4 JP George Zimmerman, 66.

"I admire and respect Michael Wallace as the JP in Precinct 3," Henry said. "He is doing the job to the best of his capability for the people of Precinct 3. He's doing the job as best as he sees fit to run the court."

Wallace opted not to comment on Henry's candidacy.

Winners of the political primary elections will vie for election in the Nov. 5 General Election.

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GARY OTT

Learning a little hometown history from 50 years ago

It has been stated many times before, of course, but it bears repeating once again: There is something truly special, almost to the point of making a person puff up with pride, when he reads something positive about his hometown in the national news media, especially if the story contains a bit of information he didn't already know.



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Allow me to explain.

It was this past Tuesday evening that I was sitting in the office rereading some old newspaper stories ... hoping, believe it or not, to come up with a column idea for this space. And it worked. One jumped up and grabbed my attention.

It was an Associated Press report dated Aug. 5, 2001 and the headline read as follows: "Baptist university marks 50 years of voluntary integration."

But what really made me do a double-take was the fact that the college in question was none other than Wayland Baptist University, which just happens to be located in my hometown of Plainview.

I immediately felt a sense of pride. And curiosity.

So I kept on reading. One paragraph in particular caught my attention. It went like this:

"But this summer, the university is celebrating another, lesser known piece of its history: 50 years ago, it became the first four-year, liberal arts college in a former Confederate state to integrate voluntarily."

"Wow," I said to myself. "I didn't know that."

And, again I felt a sense of pride, even though I never attended the school.

Fact of the matter is, most of us kids who grew up in Plainview sort of looked down on Wayland, viewing it as something of an inferior institution of higher learning, certainly not on the level of the larger state schools such as the University of Texas or even Texas Tech, which was located just down the road in Lubbock.

Besides, none of the "cool" kids went to Wayland.

I mean, for crying out loud, it was a CHURCH school that required students to attend chapel several times a week, had a strict curfew for those living on campus and even frowned upon any kind of radical activities that were so common — and attractive — to young people in the late 1960s and early '70s.

Indeed, when you drove by the campus, it quickly became obvious that most of the students looked like, well, small town geeks, for lack of a better word ... you know, those guys we all made fun of in high school, the ones who belonged to the Science Club and carried around a slide rule in their shirt pocket. They all had alarmingly short hair, wore out-of-style clothes and nary a beard could be found. And, frankly, the girls just weren't all that pretty, even to those of us still in high school. There was simply no "college girl" mystique about them. They were plain looking.

Even the campus was blasé. It just didn't FEEL like a thriving college. There were no cool "coffee shops" nearby, for example. Or clubs. Or bars. Or anything else, for that matter. In fact, right across the street from the campus was, you guessed it, a church, and not just any church, but a BAPTIST church.

So, no, as a general rule, I was never what you would consider a big fan of Wayland Baptist University, even if it happened to be located right dab in the middle of my hometown.

There was no sense of pride.

But now that has all changed. Today, after reading that newspaper account, I view the school differently, and in a much more positive light. Maybe the early leaders of the school were progressive thinkers, after all, even visionaries.

My, that sounds impressive ... visionaries.

And just think, they once resided in my hometown.

I read more of the story. This part caught my attention:

It was late May (in 1951) when Dykes (the black teacher who was attempting to take summer courses to supplement his undergraduate degree) and his wife, Vera, visited Wayland Baptist College, as it was then called. He remembers meeting with the president, Dr. James W. Marshall, and learning that although Marshall had helped initiate an international student program in the 1940s, the school had never admitted blacks.

"He (Marshall) says, 'We have everybody here but Negroes. I don't see why you can't attend. I'm going to pull for you,'" Dykes recalls. "He could have stopped it right there. He didn't have to say anything. He could have ignored me."

A few days later, Marshall took the issue to the school's Board of Trustees, who asked him to canvass students and faculty to gauge their opinion.

Marshall interrupted a service in the campus chapel (naturally) to take a straw poll. Faculty members voted 31-0 and students approved the move 165-9.

Good for them.

A short time later, according to the newspaper story, Wayland trustees officially approved the move, on a 13-2 vote. There were no hidden restrictions.

Dykes and four other blacks enrolled in courses later that summer.

History was made.

On a small Baptist campus in my hometown.

Needless to say, I'm feeling mighty proud right now.

And you know what? The last time I was home, I drove through the Wayland campus. There wasn't a geek to be found.

I didn't know why at the time.

Now I do.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram. He can be reached at gott@hearstnp.com.

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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Possession of a controlled substance:
Vanessa Royals, 43, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers at 12:52 a.m. Friday in the intersection of Missouri Drive and Lamesa Road on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Aggravated sexual assault of a child:
Samson Elliott, 45, of Midland was arrested by Midland County sheriff's deputies at 12 p.m. Friday in the Runnels County Jail on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. No bond.

Probation violation:
Steve Pitts, 46, of Midland was arrested by Midland County sheriff's deputies at 12:55 p.m. Friday in the 3000 block of South County Road 1210 on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Theft, organized criminal activity:
Erbey Urias, 36, of Midland was arrested by Midland County sheriff's deputies at 6:20 p.m. Friday in the 2800 block of South Highway 349 on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity, credit card abuse, and theft between $20,000 and $100,000. No bond.

JP: Henry will run against Wallace

(From 1B)

Henry, who is from South Carolina and a 1980 Beaufort (S.C.) High School graduate, has lived in Midland since 1980.

Before being appointed to Justice Court, Henry for 12 years worked for High Sky Children's Ranch first as property manager and then as a therapeutic foster parent and worked in the outreach counseling program for at-risk families and youths.

The Justice Court sponsors the Teen Leadership Academy, which is an alternative-sentencing program for young people in trouble with the law.

Were he elected to Justice Court, Henry said his primary objective would be to "basically operate the court in a fair, equitable, just and unbiased manner, (and) give all individuals full access to due process and their rights."

Henry said he would "act to balance the scales of justice based on the facts and evidence presented in each individual case, live up to the highest ethical standards as dictated by the (Texas) Legislature as well as my own personal ethical standards that I feel exceed the written standards."

In his three years in "working around the courts and seeing all the duties that a JP has," Henry said he finds a JP's work "very interesting, very intriguing.

"I have good working relationships with them all," he said of JPs Matlock, Cobos, Wallace, and Zimmerman.

The justices have the "right to run their court as they see fit to do," Henry said. "And they have the right to run their court as they see best for everyone involved."

As a justice, Henry said he would bring JP Precinct 3 into "the Alternative Sentencing Program for Juvenile Offenders (Teen Leadership Academy) to help our youths stay in school, help their families and encourage the young people to become successful members of our community."

JP Wallace has opted not to participate in that program with the other JPs but said he has developed a comparable program.

"I want to ensure that the internal administration of the court — things like money collection and case management — is done in a professional manner," Henry said.

"The bottom line is, I consider this (judgeship) to be a sacred position.

"For ever person that walks into this court, they will be treated fairly and equally," he said. "And I will abide by the legal principle that everyone is innocent until proven guilty."

OBITUARIES



Jackson B. Brown

Jackson B. Brown, age 77, died Friday, December 14, 2001 at his home.

Mr. Brown was born April 29, 1924 in Amarillo, Texas, the son of Denver J. and Louise B. Brown. After finishing high school and two years of college, Jack enlisted in the Navy, where he served as a medic in the Marine Corps. In Los Angeles he met and married Shirley Jane Rudd. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he entered Texas College of Mines in El Paso, graduating with a B.S. in Geology. Following the completion of his education, Jack was employed by the Continental Oil Co. In Midland, Texas in 1949. He worked his way up in those busy oil field years of the 1950's, in several positions in Fort Worth, Abilene, and Midland. He served as a Division Geologist in Abilene then was transferred back to Midland where he served as Senior Supervisor of Projects and Operations until his retirement in 1985. Jack was currently a member of the AAPG, the WTGS, and SIPES. His interests were many; hunting, model aviation, Boy Scouting, photography, amateur radio and his love for all of his kitties.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shirley R. Brown and three sons, Jackson B. Brown Jr. and his wife Elin of Houston, Craig L. Brown of Christiansburg, Va., and Scott D. Brown and his wife, Laura, of Dallas, and a total of nine grandchildren.

Memorials are requested by the family to be sent to a charity of choice.

Memorial services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2001 in First Presbyterian Church Chapel with Dr. Richard Braun officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Jeanne 'Jill' Webb

Jeanne Marie "Jill" Webb was born July 25, 1936 in El Paso, Texas to Jack W. Donohue and Marie Russell Donohue. She graduated from Texas Western in El Paso, Texas and married Pool Webb August 8, 1959 in El Paso. She was Vice President of Engineered Equipment Incorporation of Midland, and a member of Daybreak Rotary Club, Greentree Country Club, Al-Anon for 22 years and of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Webb was preceded in death by her twin sons, Christopher and Russell Webb and her brother John W. Donohue.

Survivors include her husband, J. Pool Webb Sr.; a son, J. Pool Webb Jr.; two daughters, Sherle Jeanne Robins and her husband Marty, and Lesley Elaine Stigall and her husband Bill, a brother, Russell Donohue, a sister Sharon Ann Buettner, and four grandchildren, Christopher Stigall, Jillian Stigall, Lana Robins and Jessica Webb.

Mrs. Webb passed away Friday, December 14, 2001 in Midland.

Rosary is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Sunday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2001 in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor T. J. Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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



Lawrence Turner Franks Jr.

Lawrence Turner Franks Jr., (Larry Franks), Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Finance with the Texas Department of Agriculture, died suddenly December 13, 2001 in San Marcos, Texas at the age of 58.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2001 at the United Methodist Church, 129 W. Hutchison Street in San Marcos.

Franks was born on September 6, 1943 in Harlingen, Texas to Myrtle Emily White Franks and Lawrence Turner Franks Sr. He grew up in Nacogdoches, Texas where he was an outstanding athlete. He played basketball for the University of Texas and received a Bachelors of Business Administration in 1966.

He is survived by Carolyn Kay (Kelly) Harrison Franks of San Marcos, daughters Wendy Willson Franks Boliver of San Antonio and Shannon Lynn Franks of the Woodlands, and devoted grandfather of Preston Cole Boliver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his nephew, Hunter Owens.

In addition to his wife, daughters and grandson, Franks leaves his sisters, Mary Elizabeth Owens and husband Gregg Owens of Austin, and Martha Ratcliff and husband Perry Ratcliff of Round Rock. He is also survived by his brothers and sister-in-law, John and Karen Harrison of Ceder Park, and Mike Harrison of Parsons, Kansas. Other survivors include his stepmother, Dorothy Franks, his uncles Bennis Franks, Robert Ramsey and Tom White, and aunts Opal Franks, Rita Ramsey, Iva Franks and Juanita White.

He also leaves nieces, Emily Owens, Kristen Vuckovic, Cindy Harrison and Crystal Riley, and nephews, Roy Ratcliff, Patrick Ratcliff, Mark Harrison, and Scott Harrison. He is also survived by many additional family members throughout Texas.

The family requests that memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of San Marcos and to the American Heart Association.

Services under the care and guidance of Pennington Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas.

DEATH NOTICES

Matilda Valdez

Matilda Valdez died Dec. 15 in a Midland hospital.

A rosary is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be recited at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerome Burnet officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Valdez was born March 14, 1925 in Big Spring to Pete Arciaga and Dominga Carnero Arciaga.

Survivors include her husband, Jacinto Oliver Valdez; her children, Connie Lopez, Mary Dominguez, Jacinto Valdez Jr., Josie Valdez, Jose Valdez, Thomas Lopez, Pauline Dominguez, Jr Villa, Rosa Villa, Tony Villa, Frank Villa, Maryann Villa; 16 grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

Ella Roberts

GILMER — Services for Ella Mae Chism Roberts will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Rosewood Park Cemetery in Gilmer with Mark Roberts officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mrs. Roberts was born Dec. 9, 1917 in Valley View to Frank E. and Mettie M. Chism. She married Thomas M. Roberts on June 12, 1937 in Quanmah. Mrs. Roberts moved to Midland in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two grandsons and two sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Marielien) Stone of Midland; three sons, T.D. Roberts of Longview, John M. Roberts of Lebonon, Tenn. and Paul C. Roberts of Hamilton; four brothers, Royce F. Chism of Irving, A.W. Chism of Johnson City, Tenn., J.R. Chism of Amarillo and C.L. Chism of Hawaii; as well as nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Elden Yoder

CARLSBAD, N.M.— Elden G. Yoder, 80, died Dec. 13.

Services were conducted Saturday at Lakeview Christian Home of the Southwest, Inc. with Owen Morrow officiating. Family services will be held at a later date in Oklahoma. Denton-Funchess Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Yoder was born Nov. 17, 1921 to Charlie and Bessie Barber Yoder in Manchester, Okla. He moved to Carlsbad in 1966. He had previously worked for Northern Natural Gas as a plant operator and a pumper in Hobbs. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

He is survived by two sons, Donald Yoder of Midland and Elden Yoder of McMinnville, Tenn.; one daughter, Jackie Trimmer of Willow, Alaska; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Lakeview Christian Home of the Southwest, Inc., 1300 North Canal St., New Mexico, 88220.

William Thomas

BELTON — William Claude Thomas, 85, died Dec. 15 at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton with the Rev. Steve Buchele officiating.

He was born Aug. 16, 1916 in Calumet, Mich. to William and Amy Thomas. He married Kathryn Sibley in 1948 in Midland.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany and France during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He lived in Midland for 30 years and worked at Permian Pontiac. He moved to Morgan's Point in 1979. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Midland and the Optimist Club in Morgan's Point. He was also a member of the Foundation United Methodist Church at Lakewood.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Pamela Johnson of Morgan's Point and Ami Jones of Austin; a son, Timothy Thomas of Pflugerville; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Alfred Thomas of Hubbell, Mich.

Manuel Granado

ALPINE — Manuel V. Granado, 71, died Dec. 12 in an Odessa hospital.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m., Monday at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church with the Rev. Mike Alcuino officiating. Geeslin Funeral Home in Alpine is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Granado was born Aug. 1, 1930 in Terlingua to Amado and Victoriana Granado. He married Maria Castillo and worked as a refrigeration mechanic for both Sul Ross State University and the Parks and Wildlife Service. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was a member of the VFW in Alpine and the American Legion Post 79. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his daughters, Leticia G. Reyes and Lilia G. Nanez of Midland, and Laura G. Slight of San Antonio; his sons, Gerald C. Granado of San Angelo and Manuel C. Granado of Alpine; his sister, Delia Fierro of Alpine; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ella Mae Adams

Ella Mae Adams died Dec. 15 in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Ceremony helps friends, family cope with loss in holiday season

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

For many people the holidays are a time of fun, family and fellowship, filled with family gatherings and celebrations.

But, for those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be a difficult time, filled with grief and sorrow.

"Holidays can be particularly painful for people who have lost a loved one," said the Rev. Dennis Bade. "Especially if this is the first year."

In an effort to help ease their pain many people in this situation took part in a remembrance ceremony at Ellis Funeral Home this week.

"It's part of grief work," said Bade. "People often times need some kind of organized group to help them work through the steps of grief. They need to hear the name to recognize that their loved one was important. I think it is very helpful for people."

Every person reacts to loss differently said Bill Vallie of Ellis Funeral Home. But, most all people feel their loss dramatically during the Christmas season.

"This time of year reminds people of the time they spent with their loved one. Having this type of outlet helps a person heal in a way," he said.

Anyone who has lost someone to death, whether it was yesterday or 10 years ago, was invited to put a ribbon on the tree in memory of that special person.



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One of the tributes on the Tree of Memories at Ellis Funeral Home included this loving tribute from a father to a departed son.

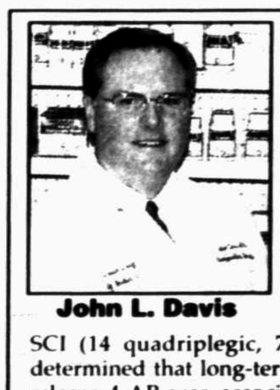
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John L. Davis

=Health News=

New Hope for Spinal Cord Injury
by John L. Davis, RPh, IACP

The medication 4-Aminopyridine (4-AP) has been show to improve neurological function in humans with spinal cord injury (SCI). A study of 21 healthy men and women outpatients suffering from traumatic SCI (14 quadriplegic, 7 paraplegic) for 2 years or more determined that long-term oral administration of immediate-release 4-AP was associated with recovery of sensory and motor function, enhanced pulmonary function, and diminished spasticity. In a separate study, benefits of 4-AP were reduced pain, restored muscle strength, improved sensation, voluntary control of bowel function, and sustained penile tumescence. The patients exhibited improved hand function as well as enhanced mobility in transfers and gait, with improved energy and endurance. There was no evidence of toxicity with prolonged use.

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TRIAL: Friday not eligible for bail

(From 1B)

past," said Walker.

"I believe the motive (for the slaying) would be robbery," said Walker, who noted Coonce had about a $1,000 on him then.

A check into Friday's criminal background through the Midland County Sheriff's Office and the Midland County District Clerk's Office indicates since 1991 Friday had been arrested for such offenses as theft, burglary of a building and related arson, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and related arson, burglary of a house, failure to appear in court and violation of probation.

Court records indicate Friday in 1993 had been found guilty of the 1992 offenses of stealing a Thunderbird automobile and then setting it afire and causing it to explode and to burglarizing a building and setting it afire. His 10-year sentence in each case was probated, and Friday was released under supervision of the court.

In 1999, Friday's probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to prison.

Records of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) indicate Friday was sentenced to two concurrent three-year prison sentences out of Midland in November 1999 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, the Thunderbird, and burglary of a building. He was released from prison in March 2000. He was to be discharged from supervision in October 2001.

Since Friday is charged with violation of parole via the murder charge, he is not eligible for bail, Walker said.

Remains of Coonce's charred body were found north of Big Spring in the back of his 1989 Subaru hatchback car that had been engulfed by and gutted by a gasoline fire, Walker said.

Howard County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Herb Edwards had discovered Coonce's blazing car on a rainy night near a cotton field and off the roadway to Gail north of Big Spring.

His remains were identified by Lubbock forensic pathologists through Midland-produced medical X-rays of Coonce's back and hips. He had a history of back problems. His death was attributed to blunt trauma to the head.

Coonce's younger brother, 57-year-old Bill Coonce of Midland, said he would be "glad to get it (the trial) over with.

"I want them to have a good case. I don't want them to rush into something and then let him (the accused) off."

Texas Rangers Capt. Barry Caver of Midland had earlier noted a "lot of good, thorough police work" had gone into the investigation. "And as a direct result, we have been able to make, I think, a very strong case against this guy (Friday)."

Of his brother, Bill Friday said "You couldn't help but like Bob. He could sell an Eskimo an icebox and make him think that he needed it. He was a smooth talker. Old Bob was as good as gold. If somebody was down on their luck, he'd see that they were taken care of. He'd see to it."

COPE: Aging facilities a 'national phenomenon'

(From 1B)

maintenance and operations budget is limited."

Andrews ISD has six campuses, a high school, a middle school, and four elementaries. Each campus has its own study already completed by Hunter.

"That's kind of where the board is right now, considering all of the information released by the facilities study," Harvey said. "The board would have to determine which combination of those they would pursue, and that's a matter of priorities. Obviously, you'd have to consider the true need ... you'd have to balance that with the amount of funding that would be available."

Hunter said in light of the national problems with aging school buildings, the system for funding should be reformed. Currently, he said, most districts use a "principal request" system, where the school administrators tell the architects what their schools need. But that process can cause dissension between schools and taxpayers that see the concerns of the principals as trivial and extravagant.

"Most of the time, the pubic can sniff it — they can tell when they've been some extravagant requests," Hunter said. "That's why we need benchmarks. A lot of times, if a district wants something that's beyond my benchmarks, I'll say that I can't justify this. I'm a little bit of a bad guy in that respect, but at the end, I can look them in the eye and say I can justify every one of these items."

Hunter also said especially in Texas, where the state limits the amount of local tax collections t $1.50 per $100 property tax valuation, the money is getting harder and harder to find.

"And I don't fault the school districts for this," Hunter said. "In my opinion, they have always forced schools to do bond elections and not (fund the renovations) out of their local budgets. I guarantee if they had raised that ceiling, a lot more of them would do it out of their annual budgets and not have to do bond elections, but they just can't."

BILL: Speed limits in counties with sparse population may be increased

(From 1B)

Upton County to the south and Ector County to the west, all of which are candidates for the change.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said this change in bordering counties will not be used as an excuse to speed through Midland County.

"It's not going to affect Midland County," he said. "If they speed, they will get a ticket."

Painter said there will be no tolerance on people speeding into Midland County and said "it's on them."

While officers confined to Midland traffic don't have much to worry about, departments like the Texas Highway Patrol may have special challenges presented by the increased speed.

"As far as policy is concerned, it will be the same," Lt. Ron Joy with the Highway Patrol said. "The thing we're worried about is people falling asleep. Right now we're looking at them rolling at 70 mph. Now they'll have to recover from mistakes at five miles faster."

The Highway Patrol, projects this increase in speed may cause an increase in road fatalities.

"History has shown that any time you increase the speed, there is an increase in the severity of accidents," Joy said. "It happened when we went from 55 to 70."

Such dangers associated with increased speed bother some Midlanders like Jerry Burris, owner of Tall City Home Improvements. Burris is a regular traveler on the highways in the counties surrounding Midland.

"I don't think they need to touch it," he said. "I think 70 is plenty fast. Maybe on interstates, but that's it."

Burris said when he travels in these counties, people, much as Gallego said, are speeding already and this legislation won't change that.

"If it was 55 mph, everyone's going to run 60," he said. "If they raise it to 75, they'll go 80."

Before the speed limit increase can be considered, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct traffic and engineering studies to ensure a higher speed limit is safe and reasonable for a roadway.

Factors included in the evaluation are: prevailing speeds, roadway width, crash history, horizontal or vertical curves, and shoulder conditions. Additionally, the amount and location of driveways for residential and commercial developments will also be considered.

The 75-mph speed limit will not apply to truck tractors, trailers, semitrailer, and commercial trucks. It will however apply to light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer. The nighttime speed will remain 65 mph.

The bill, which was passed during the 77th Legislative session, might allow Andrews, Crane, Ector, Loving, Martin, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, and Winkler counties to change their speed limit.



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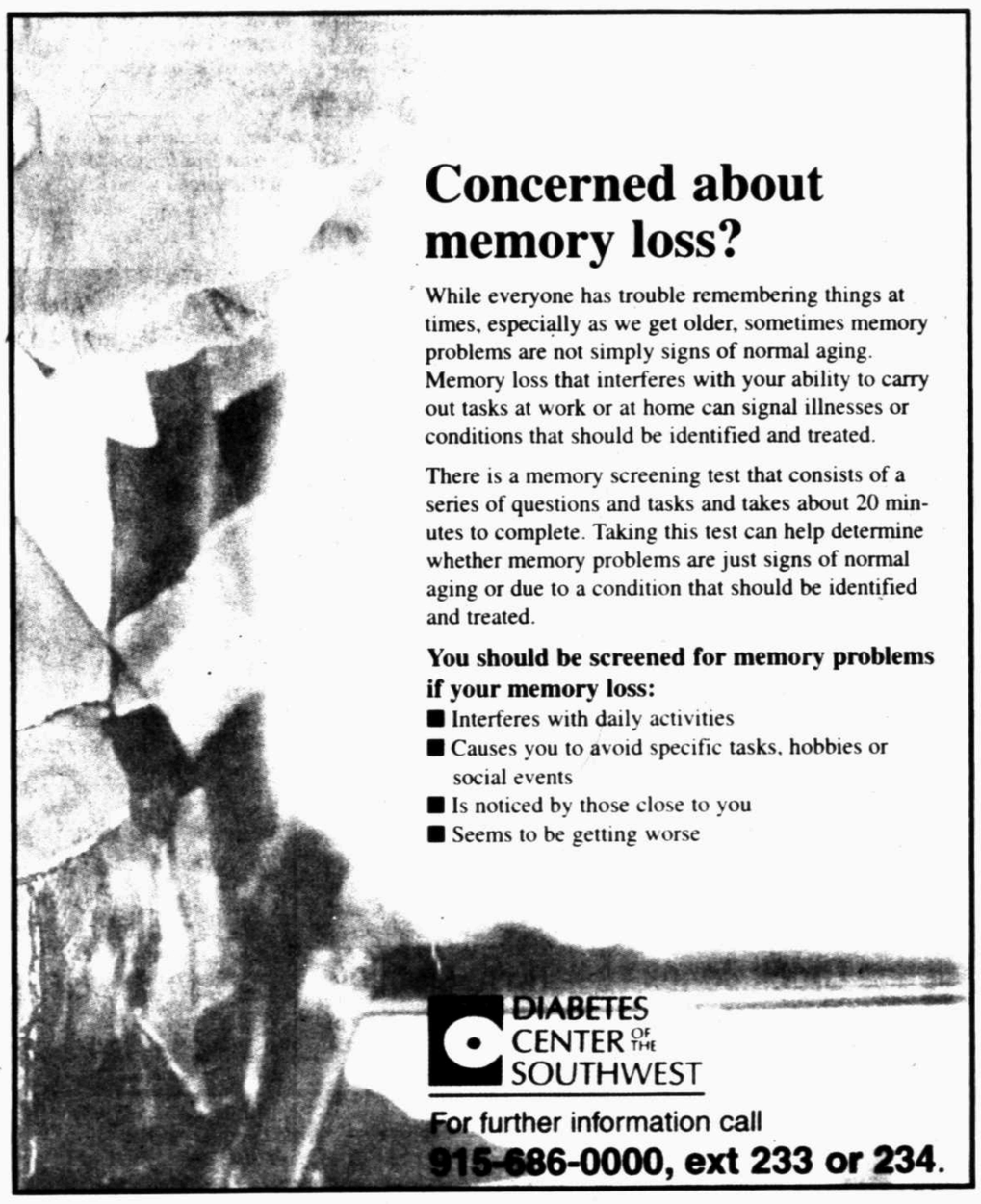
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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Real-life Rat Pack not to be trifled with late at night

By R. Eric Setzler

Exploring another science teacher's classroom or storeroom can be a wonderful safari or a deadly adventure. My first classroom and storeroom was a horrible mess when I first moved in. Cleaning this up in time for school to start created some terrible stress. Physically, I recovered, but mentally I was scarred for life. I tried to avoid going into unfamiliar classrooms and storerooms as a result. One fine day, I had to overcome my fear. This was to happen sooner than I thought.



Setzler

Being a dedicated teacher, I often worked "after hours" in my classroom on weekends and evenings. The custodians turned off the lights at my school when they left at the end of the day. This made the place as dark as a tomb. Late one Saturday night, I kept hearing a scratching noise in the wall between my room and Coach David's class. Coach Alan David (name changed), the new science teacher in the classroom next to mine, was absent for a week because he was applying for a new job. Believe it or not, the coach had decided after his first year of teaching seventh graders, he would be happier working as a prison guard.

The scratching sound was eerie and irritating at the same time. Apparently, I was at the center of spook central. My big problem was the custodian staff claimed the second floor of the school was haunted. A woman custodian, Junio de Baca claimed to have seen a white puff of smoked that moved around the halls. Cheeko Julius, another custodian, said he had felt a hand squeeze his shoulder. When he turned around, there was nobody there. However, the sensation of a hand on his shoulder became more intense as if it was pushing down harder. Cheeko fled, leaving the sensation behind. Everyone noticed "cold spots" that would chill you to the bone. I myself had witnessed the opening and closing of my classroom door without the benefit of human assistance. Spooky. (Especially when you consider a teacher had died on my classroom floor years before, but that's another story for another time.)

After listening for several uneasy minutes, I finally decided a responsible, mature and brave person would go and investigate the scratching. I could not find one, so I went myself. I stepped out into the dark hallway, carefully unlocked the coach's door and peered into his room. Nothing could account for the noise. I was ready to leave until I remembered to check the storeroom. I slowly opened the door and flicked on the light. I was stunned to see that the floor, counter tops, shelves and every other surface were covered with exceptionally large rats. In my frightened state of mind, some of them looked larger than cats. They all stared back at me with unblinking pink eyes apparently unconcerned by interruption. I slowly backed out of the storeroom and closed the door, leaving the rats to their own devices. I remembered the coach had several cages of rats in his room, but had noticed tonight they were all empty. Since it was nearly midnight, I closed the coach's classroom door and called it quits for the night. I made sure I was at the school early the next morning so I could be there when Coach David arrived at eight so I could see the expression on face when he found the Rat Pack cavorting in his storeroom.

"Good morning, Alan," I greeted him cheerily upon his arrival, "How did your job hunting go?"

"Not bad," he responded, "I just drove into town this morning. The pay's better at the state pen than here, and the inmates are easier to deal with than students."

As we talked, we stepped into his classroom. I was stunned to see the rat cages were full again. I decided not to mention my little adventure last night and return to my room. I know when I am beaten. I was fighting battle of wits with a superior intellect. Rats!

Eric Setzler is science department liaison for Abell Junior High.

Judge Brock Jones seeking re-election

From Staff Reports

OZONA — Judge Brock Jones, who has presided over the 112th Texas Judicial District Court since his 1984 gubernatorial appointment, is seeking the Democratic Party's nomination in the March 12, 2002, primary elections and re-election in the Nov. 5 General Election.

His concurrent jurisdictions include the counties of Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton and Upton.

Jones, whose state salary is $101,700, is seeking a four-year term in office. He has served as an assistant to the Attorney General of Texas, staff attorney for the Travis County Juvenile Court in Austin, and judge of the Travis County Court at Law No. 1 in Austin.

Jones is a graduate of Ozona High School, The University of Texas, and The UT School of Law. He was licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1967.

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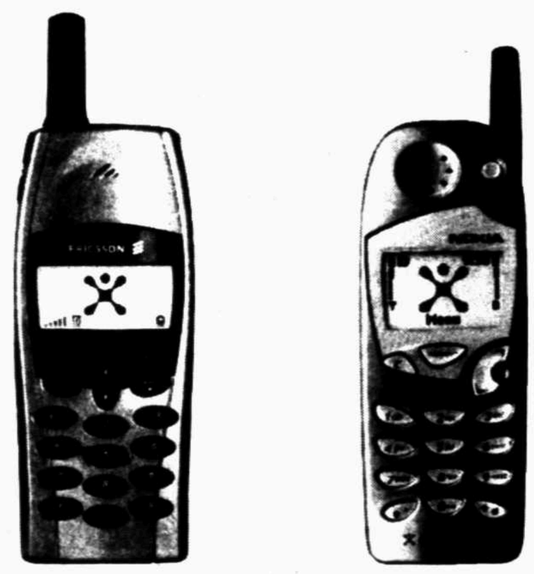
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San Antonio radiologist worries about those still detained

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Al-Badr Al-Hazmi was among the first Muslim men swept up by the FBI after the Sept. 11 attacks, and during his 12 days behind bars, whispers from investigators all but convicted him of being a foot soldier in Osama bin Laden's terror brigade.

But the mild-mannered Saudi doctor was released when it became clear that he had nothing to do with the attacks, and over the past two-plus months he has settled back into his daily routines of work, family and his Muslim faith.

"My experience was only 12 days — it's gone, it's history," said Al-Hazmi, 35, a radiology resident at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center.

Al-Hazmi realizes that he was taken into custody during a fearful and frenzied time, but he has trouble with the fact that many of the same people in jail with him back in September are still there without being charged with crimes.

"I am bothered by the number of detainees now, and I think I share this emotion with a number of Americans," he said. "I've been in that situation. ... If they got somebody who's innocent, I'm praying for that innocent guy to be released."

Federal officials say nearly 1,200 people have been arrested or detained as part of the Sept. 11 investigation, many of them accused of violating immigration laws. Nearly all of the detainees are from the Middle East.

So far only one person has been formally accused of being involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Zacarias Moussaoui, a French national of Moroccan descent, was indicted Tuesday on charges that he conspired to commit terrorism, use of weapons of mass destruction, murder and other counts.

While Al-Hazmi has easily stepped back into his life, his wife and three young children have had a tougher time.

"They're a little bit scared when I leave them — they're not like this before 9-11," he said. "They're scared of anybody knocking at the door after (the FBI) came at five in the morning... my son will not go to bed till I kiss him and put him in bed, and then he'll sleep.

"If I go out for one hour and I stay for two hours, they become scared, especially my wife — she'll page me like five times in one hour. I understand — when I compare my ordeal to her ordeal, it's nothing because she was in a sea of unknowns."

Authorities took Al-Hazmi away from his rented townhouse in his pajamas and handcuffs on Sept. 12, and for more than a week, he waited in a New York-area lockup for a chance to explain that they had the wrong guy.

It was a collection of coincidences that sent up a flurry of red flags around Al-Hazmi.

Two of the hijackers had the same last name. He had exchanged phone calls with a man named bin Laden two years ago. He had visited Washington in recent months. He had an airline reservation for Sept. 22, when some thought another round of attacks might come. Two Muslim men were caught on a San Antonio-bound train with a large amount of cash and boxcutters.

In the end, Al-Hazmi's explanations cleared away all suspicion. He was released on Sept. 25 and flown back to San Antonio as something of a celebrity.

"Everybody recognizes me — 'the Famous Doctor'," Al-Hazmi said. "Everybody wants to help me, everybody wants to shake hands with me, so I think I'm more welcome than before.

"'Please forgive our mistakes; it was a horrible mistake' — people talk to me as if they were the ones that did this, and they had nothing to do with it," he said. "It was just a nation trying to secure its borders."

Back at the health science center, which was also poked and prodded by investigators, it's the same old Dr. Al-Hazmi.

"I haven't noticed anything different about him, to be quite honest," said Dr. Gerald Dodd, head of the radiology department and a steady defender of Al-Hazmi during his detention. "He's just back at work."

Al-Hazmi shrugs off any suggestion that how he is dealing with his circumstances is somehow noteworthy.

"Anybody in my situation will do the same — he will resist anger because anger does not serve any purpose," he said. "It just destroys your heart and your mind. ... I hope I will keep this same philosophy till I die."



AP Photo

Dr. Al-Badr Al-Hazmi talks at his home in San Antonio, recently. Al-Hazmi was among the first Muslim men swept up by the FBI after the Sept. 11 attacks, and during his 12 days behind bars, whispers from investigators all but convicted him of being a foot soldier in Osama bin Laden's terror brigade. The mild-mannered Saudi doctor was released when it became clear he had nothing to do with the attacks.

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Englishman retraces ancestor's Civil War journey

By Kevin Garcia
The Brownsville Herald

BROWNSVILLE — Step by step, Tom Fremantle intends to retrace the American journey of one of his ancestors, an obstinate mule by his side.

The British adventurer, author and journalist is walking 2,500 to 3,000 miles in the footsteps of Lt. Col. Arthur James Lyon Fremantle, who served with the British military in 1863.

That year, Arthur Fremantle requested leave to visit the United States and observe the U.S. Civil War. He spent three months traveling through the divided nation and kept a diary of his experiences.

"I want to walk my ancestor's route, but not exactly as he did, I'm going to do it as the crow flies," Fremantle said. "I'm also going to try to take a mule with me the whole way, but it may not work out that way."

Fremantle began his journey in Mexico, traveled through Brownsville, met up with Browny the mule near Edinburg, and is currently in Mississippi. He plans to continue walking until he reaches New York City next spring.

The diary kept by Arthur Fremantle during his tour of the United States in 1863 was published that same year, and has been reprinted several times over the last century and a half.

"The diary was described as one of the most lively, but not necessarily the most intelligent, which I think was about right," Fremantle said. "It was published in 1863 when my ancestor got back and it was quite a big hit on both sides of the Atlantic because it was written from a very different perspective. He was an observer, rather than a combatant."

Arthur Fremantle served with the Coldstream Guards in Europe as the Civil War was coming to a climax.

"In Gibraltar he had been reading up about the American Civil War and became very fascinated by it," Fremantle said of his ancestor. "He decided he would like to go and see a bit of the action."

To that end, Arthur Fremantle requested permission to take a sabbatical for three months so he could tour the United States. He landed in Mexico near Playa Bagdad and crossed the border into Brownsville.

"He was here for a week or so in April of 1863," Fremantle said.

While in the Rio Grande Valley, Arthur Fremantle met important figures such as Francisco Yturria, a prominent Brownsville businessman and great-great grandfather of Texas Historical Commissioner Frank Yturria, and Edmund J. Davis, who would later become an important Reconstructionist governor of Texas. Arthur Fremantle continued his journey north to San Antonio by buggy.

"He basically followed the Confederate Army from San Antonio to Houston and from Houston to Nachos and then Atlanta, Charleston," Fremantle added. "He witnessed the battle of Gettysburg in 1863 and he met a lot of the key players. He met Jeff Davis and Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet and Sam Houston."



AP Photo
British writer Tom Fremantle and his mule Browny walk along U.S. Highway 78 near Oxford, Ala., last Sunday. Fremantle is riding his 17-year-old mule from the Mexican border near Brownsville to New York City as research for his next book to retrace the 2,500-mile route taken by an ancestor, British Lt. Col. Arthur Fremantle, in 1863.

This is not the first cross-continent trek-in-an-ancestors-footsteps that Fremantle has undertaken.

In 1996 Fremantle biked the same path his great-great-great-uncle Capt. Charles Fremantle, who traveled to Australia in 1829. There Fremantle visited Fremantle, Australia, named for his uncle, and Swanburne, Australia, named in honor of Fremantle's hometown in England.

"My family has actually lived there 200 years," Fremantle said of Swanburne, England. "There are only 300 people there. It had its own church, school and pub, but now it hasn't even got the pub."

It was because of that small-town environment that Fremantle yearned to explore the world.

"Reading about my ancestors in the past, who were adventurers in their day, I suppose that probably sparked the bug," Fremantle said. "I am probably the family traveler."

The diary Fremantle kept of his Australian adventure was published last year.

Ginger was an older Swanburne citizen that bicycled all over the small town and had never spent a night outside the community.

When he was about 11-years-old, Fremantle asked Ginger why he had never bought a car or left the village.

"He said, why do I need to? I've got everything I need here in Swanburne," Fremantle related. "He said I looked at Swanburne through the wrong eyes, because I always wanted to go off to all of these far-flung places."

Still, it was those eyes that encouraged Fremantle to embark on his world travels.

"The reason for this trip was partly to reach out to my ancestor through his footsteps and partly because I'm fascinated by travel, and I wanted to have an extensive and focused travel adventure," Fremantle said. "Basically it was for adventure."

After completing "Last Ride," Fremantle assumed he would settle down, buy a house and raise a family, but after he immersed himself in the diary of Col. Arthur Fremantle, the dream of a new mission sparked in his mind.

"Initially I was thinking of hitchhiking the route, because that is essentially what my ancestor did," Fremantle explained. "He took a mule ambulances, steamboats up the Mississippi, he took trains, all sorts of things."

Hitchhiking had the sense of danger necessary for any adventure, but Fremantle felt that would make the trip too simple.

Next Fremantle considered riding by wagon or horse, but he wasn't familiar enough with either mode of travel to do so on his own, and either would be more expensive than he could afford.

"So I plumed for walking it, which is going to be time-consuming and probably quite arduous, but at the same time it is something that everybody can relate to," Fremantle said. "I like to travel in a very simple style, without too many frills."

Fremantle's travels have also had a big emphasis on charity. The Australian trip helped raise awareness for an English hospital and raised 43,000 pounds sterling to purchase new wheelchairs.

His current journey began in Mexico City, where Fremantle had previously spent a year working with disadvantaged children.

"I wanted to go back and see the children that I had worked with," Fremantle said. "That is also part of the reason for doing this current trip, to raise money for a charity called Covenant House, which helps troubled or impoverished teen-agers."

Covenant House is a child care agency based in New York with outreach operations around the United States, Canada, and Latin America. It provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling for impoverished youths and is seeking to raise $20,000 to be used as scholarship money for some of the children in its care.

"My mule-walk is entirely self-funded but it will raise awareness for them," Fremantle explained.

"I made up a tiny little brochure about it and sent it off to family, friends, local radio and local newspaper," Fremantle explained. "They were very good about keeping the ball rolling while I was away. The village had some functions while I was a way."

After leaving Mexico City, Fremantle traveled by bus to Playa Bagdad.

"Then I crossed over to Brownsville on foot across the Rio Grande," Fremantle said.

Fremantle spent several days in the Valley himself, learning about the modern social climate of the area, and comparing it to his ancestors observations.

"Then I went to the Historic Brownsville Museum," Fremantle said. "That was amazing because it is a great museum. I really like museums that have little bits of everything.

"It has a good Civil War section and one of the things that I found was this huge article that appeared in The Brownsville Herald in 1956, which was basically taking excepts from my ancestors diary," Fremantle added. "It was really nice to find that sort of living memory in Brownsville."

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Bingo regulars know thrill of victory and agony of defeat

By Melissa Renteria
The Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — The room is almost silent as the bingo worker calls a number and players wait to hear the five-letter word that could mean a jackpot for one player and zilch for the rest.

"They have this named wrong. They should call it 'Oh, (expletive)' because more people say that than 'bingo,'" said Barbara Dishon, 53, of Orange. "I call it aggravation."

Dishon is among a handful of regular players who have attended bingo games at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2775 in Orange since it opened in 1974.

Dishon, a slot machine attendant at a Louisiana casino, said she's also a "professional bingo player."

The professional bingo players such as Dishon are the ones who can remember the wins that got away. They remember what number they needed, what number was called and from what part of the room the winning shout came.

They also know the game's lingo, keep gametime conversation to a minimum and can deftly play numerous cards with one hand while lighting a cigarette with the other.

When a player needs only one number for a bingo but fails to win, it's called "an out," explained Barbara Cooper, a 54-year-old homemaker in Orange who has played bingo every week at the VFW since 1974.

Cooper said she's had her lucky streaks as well as her bouts with repeated losses.

"Some people say I'm lucky, but I don't know about that," she said, recalling the time she experienced a three-month win drought.

But, she also has won as many as three times in one week.

The jackpots have varied, she said, from $125 to the big one of $500.

"Sometimes your luck is there, and sometimes it's not," she said, dabbing at one of the 18 bingo cards spread out in front of her.

Regular bingo players also have their favorite bingo callers, Cooper said.

George Graden, 73, has called games at the VFW and at two other bingo halls in Orange for more than 25 years.

Graden, a retired boilermaker, is one of the best bingo callers around because he knows the right pace to call numbers, Cooper said.

"I just watch the crowd and can tell when they're ready for another number," Graden said.

Although he enjoys calling bingo games, he doesn't like to play the game.

"I can count on one hand the number of times I've played. I just can't sit there that long," he said.

Calling numbers is fun, he said, because he likes seeing people happy when they win.

Graden's wife, Raynell, 74, plays every week at the VFW while her husband calls the numbers. But, she said, that doesn't mean he brings her luck.

"It'll upset me when he doesn't call my numbers," she said.

Raynell Graden said she knows just about everyone at the Wednesday night bingo games because the same people have come back week after week.

VFW Post 2775 Commander Robert Lefleur said the post's regular players have helped keep the game going when competition from casinos and bingo halls in Louisiana forced the VFW to cut back from two to one game night a week.

"We can't compete with Louisiana and the prizes they offer," Lefleur said. "The people who come here do it because they know us and each other. They trust us and know we won't cheat them."

After taxes are deducted, the VFW pays $2,375 weekly to bingo winners. The post makes about twice that from bingo card sales.

Despite the costs and sometimes infrequent wins, players said they continue to play as much for the social benefits of the game as for the winnings.

"I don't play to gamble. I play for the fun of it," Cooper said.

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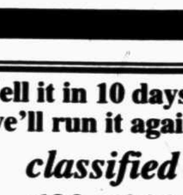


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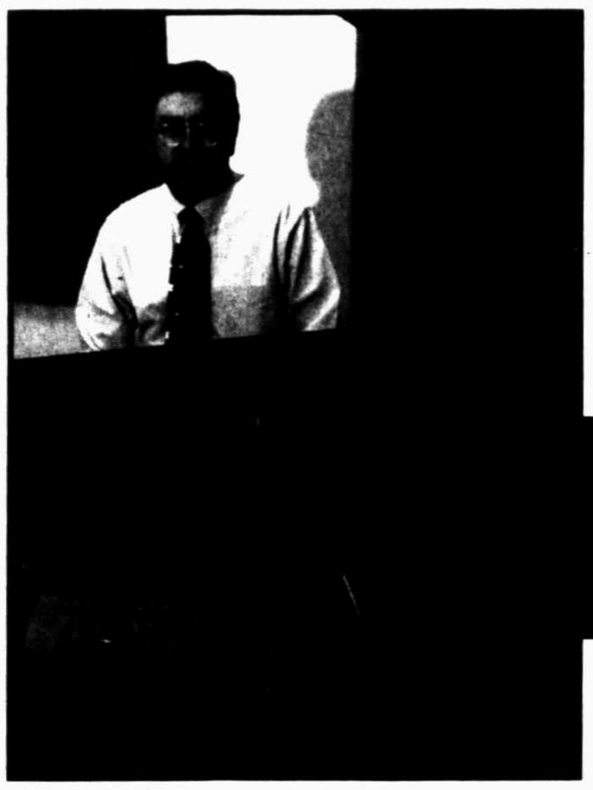
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Last-minute score lifts Giants

By Tom Canavan
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants kept their faint playoff hopes alive Saturday with a drive reminiscent of last season's run to the Super Bowl.

Kerry Collins threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer with 25 seconds to play and the Giants snapped a three-game losing streak with a 17-13 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

The comeback was out of character for the Giants (6-7), who have blown four fourth-quarter leads this season.

The Cardinals (5-8) came close to making it five after taking a 13-10 lead on Tywan Mitchell's leaping 24-yard touchdown catch on a fourth-down pass from Jake Plummer with 4:04 to play.

"I felt there has been a lot of games over the last couple of weeks where we had opportunities, our offense had opportunities, and I think we just got fed up," Toomer said. "It was our turn to make plays to win the game."

Toomer, Collins, Ike Hilliard and Tiki Barber all contributed on the 11-play, 70-yard drive that still left the Giants on the outside of the playoff picture. They need to win their final three games and get help.

"When they scored, if ever there was a chance for a team to say it can't happen, that was it," Giants coach Jim Fassel said. "For us to hang in there and win the game says a lot."

Collins also threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Ron Dixon, and Morten Andersen kicked a 39-yard field goal in the game that featured a lot of inept play.

The most comical play came from Cardinals kicker Bill Gramatica, who hyperextended his right knee jumping to celebrate a 42-yard field goal in the first quarter. He added a 23-yarder in the second quarter but wasn't able to handle the kickoffs.

Starting safety Pat Tillman had to do that and that allowed the Giants to take over at their 30 after Mitchell's spectacular catch gave

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AP Photo

The New York Giants' Tiki Barber tries to fend off Arizona defenders Ronald McKinnon and Corey Chavous during the Giants' 17-13 win Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Midland's Double Sweep

Two El Paso teams find four losses in Midland

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High and Midland Lee completed a weekend basketball sweep over the El Paso teams of Andress and Franklin Saturday at Chaparral Center. Now they start counting again at one.

Boys	
Midland High	97
EP Andress	61
Midland Lee	70
EP Franklin	69
Overtime	

The 11-4 Lee Rebels, who belted Andress 90-60 at the Chap on Friday night, got win No. 2 of the weekend the hard way, beating 12-3 Franklin 70-69 in overtime as Cornell Hunt hit the winning free throw with just under three seconds left.

The 12-3 MHS Bulldogs, who beat Franklin 73-65 at the MHS gym on Friday night, had a similar romp over Andress on Saturday, winning 97-61 as 16 of the 17 players on the MHS roster scored.

That ends the preliminaries. MHS and Lee square off Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chap to begin District 4-5A play. The records now go out the window as they play for keeps.

In the overtime game between Lee and Franklin, there were 16 lead changes and nine ties before Hunt ended the game with a lone free throw. He went to the line for two shots, got the first and missed the second. He really didn't need the second one.

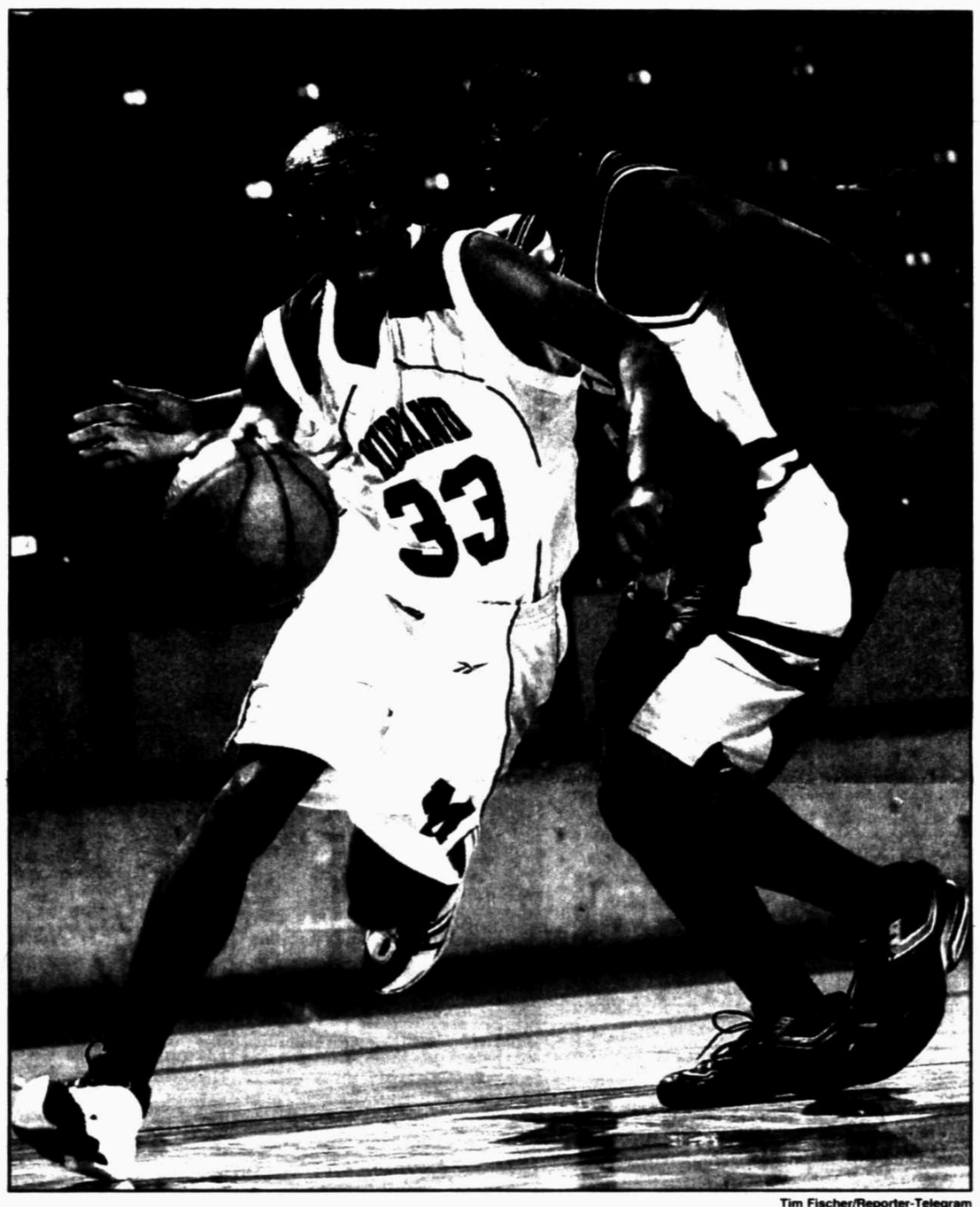
"There was a lot of pressure (on the first free throw), but the pressure was off the second one," Hunt said. "I wanted to be the one at the line for the free throw to win it."

Hunt scored only three points in the game, but his late free throw turned out to be the difference.

Actually, Lee had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation. Franklin's Todd Bostic, who had 18 points for the Cougars, hit a basket with 1:34 left to give Franklin a 65-65 tie. Lee elected to go for the last shot.

Hunt fed Drew Coffman along the

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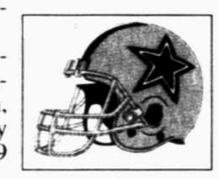
Midland High's Lucquente White eyes the basket as he drives around Robert Early of El Paso Andress Saturday at Chaparral Center. The Bulldogs beat Andress, 97-61.

Galloway returns to Seattle

■ For Cowboys receiver, today's game against Seahawks is personal.

By Jim Cour
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Joey Galloway, who left Seattle after one of the most bitter contract holdouts in Seahawks history, returns Sunday, hoping to knock his former team out of the playoff race.



But the Dallas wide receiver insists it's nothing personal against Mike Holmgren, who was his main adversary in a holdout-shortened 1999 season.

"I understand the business end of this game and I think most of that was business," said Galloway, back in the Cowboys' lineup after missing the 2000 season with a knee injury. "I never really thought that we could not co-exist."

In his first season as coach-GM in Seattle after leaving Green Bay, Holmgren met more than his match at the bargaining table. Galloway held out for the first eight games in '99 before returning to the team. Galloway wanted to become an unrestricted free agent and get out of Seattle.

"It wasn't personal then, believe me," Holmgren said. "I was a little mad at his agent. But not the young man. I think he got some bad advice."

Galloway was a little mad at Holmgren then, too.

"I think there are times when you realize that certain people just aren't going to get along," he said. "That's part of it. That's the business end of it. People have to do what they have to do."

The Seahawks tried to sign Galloway during the season and made him their franchise player after the '99 season so they wouldn't lose him as a free agent. Then they traded him to the Cowboys for first-round draft choices in 2000 and 2001. With those picks, Holmgren drafted running back Shaun Alexander in 2000 and wide receiver Koren Robinson this year.

"I was really disappointed that he didn't stay with us," Holmgren said. "It would have been fun to have him, a player of that caliber, with us."

Galloway is happy in Dallas with his $42 million, seven-year contract.

And, as it turned out, Galloway was mad at the

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Fortune smiles on Nebraska

By Doug Alden
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's first national football championship was as much a result of other teams losing as it was the Cornhuskers winning.

Sound familiar?

Thirty-one years after Nebraska used a pair of New Year's Day upsets to leapfrog to No. 1, an even more unlikely wave of losses has the Huskers playing for another title.

"God's smiling on us," said Jerry Tagge, the quarterback of Nebraska's 1970 national championship team. "All that you can do is play the hand that you're dealt. We had a couple trump cards there. They're in the same boat."

The Huskers (11-1) will play top-ranked Miami (11-0) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3 in a matchup nobody thought was remotely possible after the Huskers' embarrassing loss to Colorado on Nov. 23.

It took a lengthy succession of upsets and a favorable rating when the Bowl Championship Series computers were done crunching numbers to get Nebraska back into the national title race.

"A lot of things had to go our way in order to get into this game," coach Frank Solich said. "A lot of those things were somewhat unforeseen, but they all fell into place."

Just the way they did in 1970.

Long before bowl alliances and computers tried to decide who could call themselves No. 1 at the end of the season, the national champion was based on The Associated Press and United Press International polls.

Entering the Orange Bowl, Nebraska was 10-0-1 and ranked third behind No. 1 Texas and No. 2 Ohio State. The Huskers woke up that morning knowing they needed help if they were to claim the No. 1 ranking.

They got it. Notre Dame beat the Longhorns 24-11 in the Cotton Bowl and Stanford upset the Buckeyes 27-17 in the Rose Bowl, leaving Nebraska in control of the national championship against LSU in the Orange Bowl that night.

The Huskers beat the Tigers 17-12.

"We knew we were a good football team. We had a shot at being the best team in the nation," Tagge said. "We made the best of our opportunity."

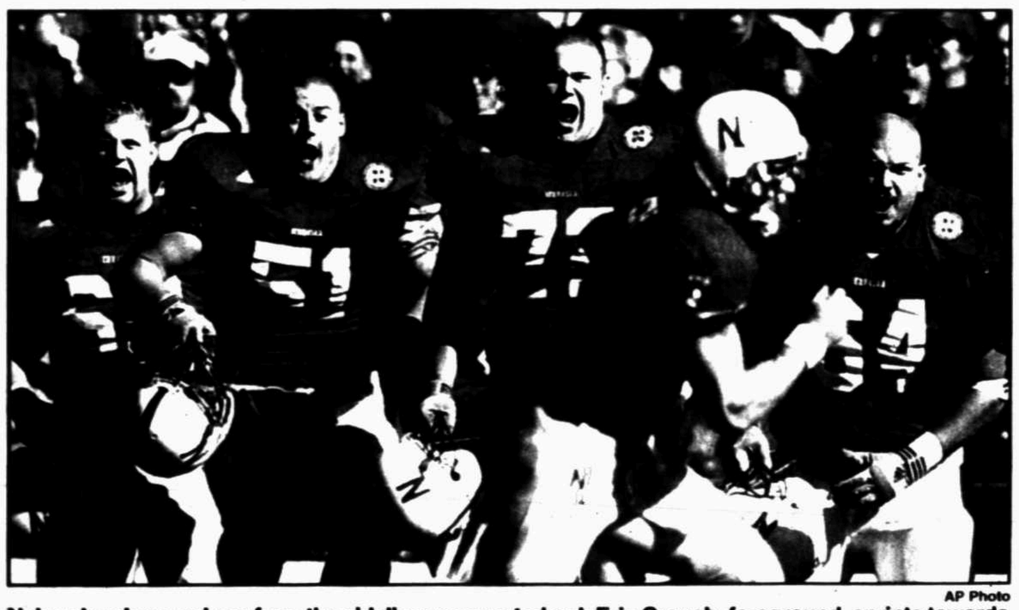
UPI's final poll was released at the end of the regular season, so Texas was guaranteed at least half a title. The AP poll was still to be decided and Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian campaigned that the Fighting Irish deserved to be national champions because they beat the No. 1 team in Texas.

The AP voters disagreed.

"I was afraid Ara's comments might influence the voters, but I guess the writers are too smart to take some coach's word," former coach Bob Devaney said after the final poll was released.

Nebraska hasn't won anything yet. The Huskers

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AP Photo

Nebraska players cheer from the sidelines as quarterback Eric Crouch, foreground, sprints towards a touchdown in a win over Oklahoma in October. Even though Nebraska lost to Colorado late in the season, everything else has worked out well for the Cornhuskers.

RiverKings teach lesson to Jackalopes

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes showed they could play against one of the better teams in the Central Hockey League Saturday night. But they also showed they have a ways to go before they came beat one of the elite teams in the league.

The Memphis RiverKings showed why they lead the league in wins as they converted on two power play opportunities in the crucial second period to beat Odessa, 4-1.

"I thought the two power play goals in the second period were the difference in the game," said Jacks coach Don McKee. "It was a situation where we didn't generate a lot of offense and they showed us a pretty fair goaltender. We had a lot of shots on him and good scoring chances but didn't generate much out of them."

The goaltender McKee was talking about was Sebastien Centomo, who saved 36 of the 37 shots by the Jacks. The only goal scored against Centomo was in the first period when John Bossio scored on a beautiful shot from the right wing to tie the game at 1-1.

In goal for Odessa on Saturday was Joe Harris, who was starting his first game in five contests. Harris saved only 22 of the 26 shots taken by Memphis.

"I thought Joe wasn't as solid as I've seen him before," McKee said. "I don't think he was at the top of his game."

McKee said the reason he started Harris against Memphis instead of Mike Gorman, who has been spectacular lately, was because he wanted to give Gorman a rest and he was worried about Harris getting rusty and losing some of his confidence. Starting against the RiverKings proved to be a tall task.

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Finley's torrid third quarter sparks Mavs past T-Wolves

Associated Press

■ **Texas NBA Teams**

DALLAS — Michael Finley scored 12 of his 30 points during a breakout third quarter, leading the Dallas Mavericks past Minnesota 125-117 on Saturday night and ending the Timberwolves' six-game winning streak.

Minnesota, which won by an average of 17 points during its roll, was up seven early in the second half when Finley, Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki took over. They combined for 22 points on a 24-8 run that put Dallas ahead for good.

Finley tied it at 64 with a dunk off a great feed from Nowitzki, then cut through traffic for another slam that put the Mavericks ahead. He also had a 3-pointer and a three-point play on consecutive possessions, followed by a 3-pointer by Nash that capped the big run with the Mavericks ahead 81-72.

Dallas' lead peaked at 13. The Timberwolves got within six in the final 2 minutes, but a jumper by Juwan Howard and a layup by Nowitzki doused the threat.

Nash had 25 points and seven assists, and Nowitzki had 21 points and a season-high 15 rebounds. This was one of the few times this season Dallas' Big Three have dominated a game, as they did so often last season.

Spurs 100, Jazz 80

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday night and Antonio Daniels added 18 points as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Utah Jazz 100-80 for their seventh straight victory.

The Spurs tied the Lakers and Sacramento Kings for the league lead in victories with 17. They have won by double-digit margins six times during their winning streak.

Duncan did his damage in only 29 minutes of playing time on 9-for-10 shooting from the floor. The Spurs ran out to a big lead, gave most of it back, then pulled away again.

Tony Parker added 12 points and Charles Smith 11 for the Spurs.

Karl Malone led all scorers with 31, including 20 in the first half. Andrei Kirilenko came off the bench for 15 points and 10 rebounds, and DeShawn Stevenson had 14 points for the Jazz.

Heat 76, Rockets 73

HOUSTON — Jim Jackson made a 3-pointer with one second left Saturday night, giving the Miami Heat a 76-73 victory over Houston and extending the Rockets' losing streak to 13.

Eddie Jones led the Heat with 19 points, followed by Jackson with 15 and Rod Strickland and Anthony Carter with 12 each.

It is only Miami's second road victory of the season.

Kenny Thomas led Houston with 26 points and 12 rebounds, while Cuttino Mobley had 17 points, and Oscar Torres 12.

Houston's losing streak is the longest in the NBA this season and the Rockets' worst since they dropped 13 straight during the 1977-78 season.

The franchise's longest losing streak is 17 during the 1967-68 campaign.

'Horns get by Jacksonville

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Brandon Mouton scored a career-high 19 points to lead Texas to a 96-90 win over Jacksonville Saturday night.

Mouton scored 13 points in the second half as Texas (5-3) managed to hold off Jacksonville (5-2), which trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half but by only five with two minutes to play.

Texas made just 5-of-10 free throws in the final two minutes but Jacksonville was unable to capitalize, making just two of its final eight field-goal attempts.

Five Texas players scored in double figures, including T.J. Ford and James Thomas, who each scored a career-high 17 points.

Ford also had 10 assists and seven rebounds, while Thomas added eight rebounds.

Jacksonville got 26 points from Calvin Warner and Kevin Sheppard, career-highs for both. Travis Robinson added 20 points.

Texas led 53-46 at halftime behind 10 points apiece from Ford and Royal Ivey.

Jacksonville opened the second half on an 8-3 run to get within two points at 56-54 but could get no closer.

Mouton scored nine of Texas' next 14 points as the Longhorns increased their lead to 70-61 with 12:17 remaining.

■ **Texas College Men's Basketball**

Texas scored the first nine points of the game and built a pair of early 15-point leads. Then Jacksonville closed to 44-41 with three minutes remaining in the first half behind Robinson, who scored 10 points in just over two minutes to lead the comeback.

TCU 91, Texas-San Antonio 85

FORT WORTH — Bingo Merriex scored six of his 16 points in the final five minutes Friday night, including a shot with 1:19 left that put TCU ahead, and the Horned Frogs held on for a 91-85 victory over Texas-San Antonio.

Jamal Brown hit four free throws in the final 32 seconds to preserve the win for TCU (7-3).

Corey Valsin led TCU with 20 points and 9 rebounds. He hit nine of 16 from the field and also had four assists. Merriex had nine rebounds and four assists as well.

HOOPS: Jackson puts on show

(From 1C)

baseline, but Coffman tried to go up in the air, catch the ball and shoot all at the same time. The shot lipped out.

"I should have come down with the pass instead of trying to force a shot in the air, but I didn't know how much time was left," said Coffman, who led all scorers with 24 points.

Carlos Fierro, who had only six points against MHS on Friday, led Franklin with 19 points. Lee was without its own aircraft carrier in 6-8 Eric Winston, who was on a recruiting trip to Texas A&M this weekend.

"Their big guy (Fierro) hurt us, but (Jason) Watlington came off the bench to help us in the second half," said Lee coach Mark Coffman.

Jacoby Hartley, who had to leave the game after two technical fouls in the fourth quarter, had 13 for Lee while Art Garcia pumped in 10. Richard Boggs had 10 points for Franklin.

The Bulldogs had no trouble with Andress. In fact, the Bulldogs scored 37 points in the fourth quarter when the starters weren't playing.

"That may be a record. I don't ever remember us scoring 37 points in one quarter," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "It's always nice to win, but it's also nice to have a game where everyone can participate and contribute. We've got some guys who don't get a lot of playing time who are good players and you saw that today."

Lucquente White, a senior and the team's leading scorer, had 20 points to lead the way. Last year, White had to carry much of the scoring load for the Bulldogs, so he was glad to see everyone come in and put up points.

"We're getting more help this year," said White. "Everyone is stepping up their game. We got two big wins this weekend and I think we're getting better every time out. I don't think anyone can handle us when we're knocking our shots down."

Junior Anthony Jackson seems to be coming into his own. He had a game high 21 points on Friday against Franklin and came back with 19 against Andress. But that was just part of his game.

He had some amazing behind-the-back feeds off the fast break to give others some points and he had a slam dunk while motoring down the baseline.

"He's going to be something special before he's through here," Stephenson said.

Jarvis Brown had 13 points for the Bulldogs. With the lopsided score, the effort of Andress guard Michael Miller was almost lost. Miller had 31 points against the Bulldogs, hitting six treys along the way.

MHS had 10 treys from seven different players.

"We're a pretty good team when we shoot the ball well. This may be the best shooting team I've ever had," Stephenson said.

But the preliminaries are officially over. It will be Lee vs. MHS on Thursday. That has to be another story for another day.

Midland Lee 70, El Paso Franklin 69 (OT)
El Paso Franklin (12-3) Justin Sauer 1 0-2 2, Boston 6 6-10 18, Tim Anderson 2 0-0 6, Robert Boggs 3 0-0 9, Richard Boggs 4 1-2 10, Hoga Mafit 3 0-0 9, Aaron Chaumant 1 0-1 2, Eric Mcdonald 1 2-2 4, Carlos Fierro 8 3-4 19. Totals 23 15-22 69

Midland Lee (11-4) Edward Mayberry 5 0-1 10, Parker Fox 2 0-0 5, Elijat Smith 0 0-0 0, Gunner Hunt 1 1-2 3, Jacoby Hartley 6 1-1 13, Art Garcia 3 4-6 10, Brett Butler 0 0-0 0, Jason Watlington 3 0-0 6, Drew Coffman 2 8-9 24, Jermaine Parker 2 0-0 4. Totals 24 18-25 70

El Paso Franklin	16	15	15	19	4	—69
Midland Lee	21	13	16	15	5	—70

3-Point Goals EPF 4 (Anderson 2, P.Boggs, Mafit, Lee 4 (Foy, Hartley, Coffman 2. Total Fouls EPF 27, Lee 18. Fouled Out None. Technical Fouls EPF (Anderson), Lee 2 (Hartley ejected).

Midland High 97, El Paso Andress 61
El Paso Andress Larry Garner 4 0-0 9, Michael Miller 10 5-10 31, Casey Settles 3 3-4 9, Ryal Thornton 0 2-2 2, Aaron Hildebrand 3 0-0 6, Shamar Odom 2 0-1 4, Rashad Pride 2 2-2 6, Robert Early 0 0-2 0. Totals 21 12-21 61

Midland High (12-3) Jarvis Brown 5 1-1 13, Lucquente White 7 5-7 20, Blake Huggins 2 2-4 6, Anthony Jackson 8 0-0 19, Marcus Wright 1 0-0 3, John Arcadia 1 2-2 4, Marvin Washington 1 0-0 3, Jose Brown 1 0-1 2, John Hendrix 1 2-2 4, Cedric Johnson 2 1-2 6, Cody Oldham 2 2-2 6, Corey Green 0 1-2 1, Ollie Fitts 1 0-0 2, Tony Madrid 1 1-2 4, Charles Johnson 1 0-0 2, Cesar Aguirre 1 0-0 2, Nick Corralez 0 0-0 0. Totals 35 17-25 97

El Paso Andress	9	17	12	23	—61
Midland High	17	19	24	37	—97

3-Point Goals EPA 7 (Garner 1, Miller 6). MHS 10 (Brown 2, White 1, Jackson 3, Wright 1, Washington 1, Johnson 1, Madrid 1). Total Fouls EPA 22, MHS 13. Fouled Out: EPA Odom. Technical Fouls: None.

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LOCAL SPORTS

MCA teams sweep openers

EL PASO — Both Midland Classical Academy teams swept their district openers on the road on Friday and Saturday over El Paso Jesus Chapel.

The MCA boys beat Jesus Chapel 69-57 on Friday and 65-50 on Saturday. Dustin Barker led MCA with 17 points on Friday, as Matt Tower added 14, David Dunn scored 13 and Lee Irons had 12. On Saturday, Dunn had 26 while Robbie Rigney had 11 and Barker added 10 for MCA which improved to 12-1 on the season and 2-0 in district.

MCA's girls defeated Jesues Chapel 66-29 Friday and 55-31 on Saturday. Ruth Steele led MCA on Friday with 17 points, while Hillary Posey had 12 and Rachel Tuck added 11. Tuck had 22 points Saturday, as MCA improved to 9-2 overall and 2-0 in district.

Boys
Friday's Game
Midland Classical Academy 69, El Paso Jesus Chapel 57
For MCA: Dustin Barker 17, Matt Tower 14, David Dunn 13, Lee Irons 12, John Nelson 8, Robbie Rigney 5.
Saturday's Game
MCA 65, El Paso Jesus Chapel 50
For MCA (12-1): Dunn 26, Rigney 11, Barker 10, Irons 4, Nelson 8, Kyle Doan 2, Ryan Bargholomee 2, Pete Stanoulios 2.

Girls
Friday's Game
Midland Classical Academy 66, El Paso Jesus Chapel 39
For MCA: Emily Minor 4, Crystal Blakney 4, Kasey Barker 2, Hillary Posey 12, Kendall Doan 9, Allison Stewart 2, Ann Gilbert 4, Rachel Tuck 11, Ruth Steele 17, Becky Dunn 4.
Saturday
MCA 55, El Paso Jesus Chapel 31
For MCA (9-2): Doan 7, Posey 9, Tuck 22, Steele 8, Blakney 3, Minor 2.

Trinity rips Fort Davis

FORT DAVIS — The Trinity boys basketball team had a successful road trip Friday night, jumping on top early and routing Fort Davis 80-34.

The Chargers (3-6) roared to a 45-15 halftime lead and cruised to victory. Andrew Anderson led Trinity with 31 points, scoring 10 in the third quarter.

Trinity 80, Fort Davis 34
Trinity (3-6): Nathan Midkiff 2, Owen McCabe 3, Matt Aftucci 9, Aaron Power 5, John Paul 4, Andrew Anderson 31, Ian Rowley 17, Josh McCabe 11.
Fort Davis: Stewart 4, Ausdengarten 2, Cauble 3, Pulido 2, Olivas 3, Liddell 2, Salcido 7, Granado 5, Falkner 6.

Trinity	22	23	21	14	—80
Fort Davis	10	5	13	6	—34

3-point goals: Trinity 3 (Anderson 1, Rowley 1, McCabe 1), FD 1 (Cauble). **Total Fouls:** Trinity 18, FD 15. **Fouled Out:** Liddell. **Technical Fouls:** None.

Basketball

Boys
Junior Varsity
Lee-MHS Tournament
Midland High 72, Midland Lee 55. For MHS: Audrey Lee 13, David Brewster 15, Kenny Berry 11, Daviin Davis 11.
Midland High 73, Odessa High 45. For MHS: Lee 16, Ryan Owens 12, Zack Davis 10, Berry 10, A.J. Lawrence 10.
Midland High 69, Abilene Cooper 53. For MHS (13-0): Berry 13, Lee 12, Owens 10, Davis 10, Brewster 10.
Midland Lee 60, Odessa Permian 57. For Lee: Trevon Shaw 13, Dominic Benson 11.
Lee 70, Abilene High 66. For Lee (7-4): Jordan Coffman 17, Jeremy Mason 14.

Sands JV Tournament
Consolation
Midland Classical Academy 58, Sands 30. For MCA (10-2): Wally Dunn 18, Zach Gillit 11.
Midland Classical Academy 57, Ira 26. For MCA: Zach Gillit 10, Quentin Nelson 10, Jason Custer 10.

Sophmores
Lee Maroon 64, Permian 35. For Lee: Drew Winston 10, Jonathan Rodriguez 11, Blake Nichols 16, Derek Cunningham 10.
Lee Maroon 78, Midland Freshman 55. For Lee: Winston 14, Nichols 18, Cedrick Reese 18. For MFHS: Kelvin Williams 10, Josh Casteel 13.
Lee White 57, Abilene Cooper 45. For Lee: Eric Badger 10, Kedrick Brown 15, Tony Harper 13.
Lee White 70, Odessa High 46. For Lee (14-0): Badger 10, Harper 19, Willie Glover 18, Dominique Jackson 12.

Freshman
Lee White 85, Bowie 36. For Lee (4-1): Jeremiah Fort 16; Jamie McCoy 16; Courtney Greer 12; Tim Hamett 10.
Lee Maroon 80, Bonham 69. For Lee (4-1): Devin Petterson 17; Chavar Bryson 16; Marshall Reeves 15; Joe Bob Ratliff 13; Anthony Reasno 11.

Eighth Grade
Midland Tournament
Championship
Abell White 55, Abell Blue 54. For White: Leslie Ray 16; Josh Groner 10; Steven Nomo 10, game winning shot. For Blue: Jarred Cartmill 25; Fred Chambers 9.

Third Place
Goddard Black 61, Alamo Red 56. For Goddard: Sam Robinson 24; Uddley 12. For Alamo: Griffith 24.
Goddard Black 50, San Jacinto Green 48. For Goddard: Jeremy Young 12. For SJ: Marcus O'Neal 11.
Alamo Red 56; Alamo Gray 47. For Red: B. Johnson 14; Anderson 13. For Gray: Hines 16.

Seventh Grade
City Tournament
Championship
Abell Blue 45, Abell Silver 41. For Blue (12-0): Garrett Smith 12; Dorian Middleton 11. For Silver: Brandon Williamson 13.

Semifinal
Abell Silver 60, Alamo Maroon 47. For Abell: Chris Flores 17, Eddie Frazier 16, Robert Hoelscher 10.

Girls
Junior Varsity
Midland Classical Academy 34, Coahoma 20. MCA (3-3) won consolation at the Sands JV Tournament. For MCA: Hannah Conder 10, Shannon McLane 10.

Freshman
Lee Maroon 58, Bonham 40. For Lee (7-3): Shaterra Washington 20; Whitney Rivers 10.
Midland Purple 50, Crockett 48. For Midland (4-4): Lauren Gemmill 10; Lacee Edwards 10; Whitney Merket 10.

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Orlando	12	12	.500	3 1/2
New York	11	12	.478	4
Washington	10	12	.454	4 1/2
Philadelphia	9	14	.391	6
Miami	5	17	.227	9 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	14	6	.700	—
Milwaukee	13	7	.650	1
Toronto	12	11	.522	3 1/2
Indiana	13	12	.520	3 1/2
Charlotte	11	12	.478	4 1/2
Atlanta	9	14	.391	6 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	6 1/2
Chicago	4	18	.182	11

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	4	.809	—
Minnesota	16	6	.727	1 1/2
Dallas	15	9	.625	3 1/2
Utah	11	13	.458	7 1/2
Denver	9	14	.391	9
Houston	7	18	.280	12
Memphis	5	16	.238	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	17	3	.850	—
Sacramento	17	7	.708	2
Phoenix	14	11	.560	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	12	11	.522	6 1/2
Portland	10	11	.476	7 1/2
Seattle	10	15	.400	9 1/2
Golden State	8	15	.348	10 1/2

Saturday's Games

Boston 106, Charlotte 97
Philadelphia 94, Cleveland 91
San Antonio 100, Utah 80
Miami 76, Houston 73
Atlanta 80, Chicago 79
Milwaukee 115, Indiana 95
Dallas 125, Minnesota 117
Denver 106, Phoenix 98
Orlando at Portland, late.
Memphis at Golden State, late.

Sunday's Games

Washington at Toronto, 2 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Mavericks 125, Timberwolves 117

MINNESOTA (117): Garnett 8-13 7-8 23, Smith 6-10 3-4 15, Nesterovic 6-11 0-0 12, Brandon 4-16 0-0 8, Szczerbiak 10-15 5-7 27, Billups 2-5 1-1 6, Trent 6-11 1-1 13, Mitchell 1-1 0-0 2, Peeler 5-9 0-0 11. Totals 48-91 17-21 117.

DALLAS (125): Howard 6-10 7-8 19, Nowitzki 7-15 5-7 21, Eschmeyer 0-4 2-2 2, Finley 10-18 7-8 30, Nash 9-17 4-4 25, Najera 3-4 4-4 10, Hardaway 6-10 1-2 16, Griffin 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 42-80 30-35 125.

Minnesota	**27**	**33**	**22**	**35—117**
Dallas	**25**	**32**	**33**	**35—125**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-9 (Szczerbiak 2-4, Billups 1-2, Peeler 1-2, Garnett 0-1), Dallas 11-21 (Hardaway 3-5, Finley 3-5, Nash 3-7, Nowitzki 2-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 45 (Smith 13), Dallas 45 (Nowitzki 15). Assists—Minnesota 28 (Brandon 8), Dallas 28 (Nash 7). Total fouls—Minnesota 26, Dallas 20. Technicals—Peeler, Najera. A—19,485 (18,187).

Spurs 100, Jazz 80

UTAH (80): Marshall 2-5 0-0 4, Malone 12-24 7-7 31, Collins 1-6 2-2 4, Stockton 1-5 3-4 5, Stevenson 7-12 0-0 14, Crotty 0-5 0-0 0, Kirilenko 5-9 5-6 15, Ostertag 0-2 1-2 1, Starks 0-4 0-0 0, Amaechi 0-0 1-2 1, Padgett 1-3 3-4 5, Lewis 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 29-79 22-27 80.

SAN ANTONIO (100): Bowen 2-5 0-0 5, Duncan 9-10 8-9 26, Robinson 4-6 1-2 9, Parker 4-10 4-4 12, S.Smith 2-5 1-1 7, Rose 1-2 1-2 3, Porter 2-5 0-1 4, Daniels 7-14 2-2 18, C.Smith 4-11 2-4 11, Parks 0-5 0-0 0, McCaskill 1-2 3-6 5. Totals 36-75 22-31 100.

Utah	**20**	**25**	**15**	**20— 80**
San Antonio	**33**	**25**	**22**	**20—100**

3-Point Goals—Utah 0-8 (Stockton 0-1, Padgett 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Stevenson 0-1, Crotty 0-4), San Antonio 6-21 (S.Smith 2-3, Daniels 2-6, C.Smith 1-3, Bowen 1-4, Porter 0-2, Parker 0-3). Fouled out—Collins. Rebounds—Utah 52 (Kirilenko 10), San Antonio 50 (Duncan 10). Assists—Utah 20 (Stockton 8), San Antonio 16 (Porter 3). Total fouls—Utah 22, San Antonio 23. Technicals—Malone, Marshall, San Antonio Defensive Three Second, Duncan, Porter. A—20,712 (20,557).

Heat 76, Rockets 73

MIAMI (76): Jackson 7-14 0-0 15, Grant 2-10 2-2 6, Mourning 3-6 0-2 6, Strickland 5-8 2-2 12, Jones 8-20 3-4 19, Ellis 0-0 0-0 0, Carter 6-9 0-0 12, Stepania 0-2 0-0 0, Gill 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 34-77 7-10 76.

HOUSTON (73): Torres 4-12 3-5 12, Thomas 12-24 2-5 26, Willis 1-5 0-0 2, Norris 3-11 0-1 6, Mobley 7-18 3-3 17, Griffin 2-5 0-0 4, T.Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Morris 2-3 0-0 4, Cato 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-80 8-14 73.

Miami	**22**	**15**	**18**	**21— 76**
Houston	**23**	**12**	**18**	**20— 73**

3-Point Goals—Miami 1-4 (Jackson 1-1, Gill 0-1, Jones 0-1, Carter 0-1), Houston 1-9 (Torres 1-5, Mobley 0-2, Norris 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 49 (Mourning 9), Houston 51 (Thomas 11). Assists—Miami 17 (Strickland 5), Houston 15 (Mobley, Norris 5). Total fouls—Miami 17, Houston 13. Technicals—Miami Defensive Three Second, Miami coach Riley. A—11,035 (16,285).

76ers 94, Cavaliers 91

PHILADELPHIA (94): Harpring 4-10 1-2 9, Coleman 6-15 0-0 13, Mutombo 1-2 0-0 2, Snow 4-5 5-5 13, Iverson 18-29 4-5 40, McKie 4-8 2-2 10, Ruffin 1-5 0-0 2, Bell 1-2 0-0 3, Dalembert 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-78 12-14 94.

CLEVELAND (91): Murray 6-16 0-3 13, J.Jones 4-13 0-0 8, Mihm 3-9 2-2 8, Miller 6-12 2-4 14, Person 12-18 1-1 28, Ilgauskas 3-8 6-9 12, Stith 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 2-5 0-0 4, Coles 0-0 0-0 0, Skinner 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 38-83 11-19 91.

Philadelphia	**21**	**29**	**20**	**24— 94**
Cleveland	**27**	**16**	**22**	**26— 91**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 2-5 (Bell 1-1, Coleman 1-2, Iverson 0-1, McKie 0-1), Cleveland 4-16 (Person 3-7, Murray 1-5, Davis 0-1, J.Jones 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 52 (Coleman 13), Cleveland 41 (J.Jones 6). Assists—Philadelphia 30 (Snow 12), Cleveland 26 (Miller 22). Total fouls—Philadelphia 19, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Philadelphia Defensive Three Second. A—20,231 (20,562).

Celtics 106, Hornets 97

BOSTON (106): Walker 6-21 4-4 18, Pierce 8-19 11-13 30, Battie 1-4 2-2 4, Anderson 5-10 2-2 12, Johnson 4-7 2-2 11, Williams 2-3 7-10 12, Palacio 0-1 0-0 0, Potapenko 4-8 2-2 10, Blount 0-2 0-0 0, Strickland 3-6 0-0 9. Totals 33-81 30-35 106.

CHARLOTTE (97): P.Brown 3-5 1-2 7, Nailon 7-14 1-1 15, Campbell 1-7 4-4 6, Davis 7-19 2-6 18, Wesley 9-20 4-5 24, Augmon 4-5 1-2 9, Magloire 0-2 8-8 8, Bullard 1-6 3-3 5, Traylor 1-1 3-4 5, Drew 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-79 27-35 97.

Boston	**33**	**16**	**35**	**22—106**
Charlotte	**26**	**25**	**23**	**23— 97**

3-Point Goals—Boston 10-24 (Strickland 3-3, Pierce 3-6, Walker 2-10, Williams 1-1, Johnson 1-3, Anderson 0-1), Charlotte 4-19 (Wesley 2-7, Davis 2-7, Bullard 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 59 (Walker, Pierce, Potapenko 10), Charlotte 48 (P.Brown 10). Assists—Boston 20 (Walker, Anderson, Pierce 5), Charlotte 20 (Davis 7). Total fouls—Boston 26, Charlotte 28. Technicals—Charlotte Defensive Three Second, Campbell. A—10,358 (19,925).

Bucks 115, Pacers 95

INDIANA (95): O'Neal 6-15 2-5 14, Rose 3-16 4-4 10, J.Foster 1-3 0-0 2, Miller 5-15 5-5 15, Tinsley 4-7 1-4 9, Best 2-5 2-2 6, Harrington 8-17 7-11 24, Bender 1-5 0-0 2, Croshere 5-7 0-0 10, Rogers 1-2 0-0 3, Sundov 0-1 0-0 0, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-93 21-31 95.

MILWAUKEE (115): Mason 4-6 4-5 12, Robinson 9-15 2-5 22, Przybilla 3-4 1-3 7, Allen 7-15 6-8 21, Cassell 7-17 5-5 19, T.Thomas 4-9 0-0 9, Johnson 0-5 0-0 0, Harris 2-2 0-0 4, Redd 9-12 1-1 21, Pope 0-0 0-0 0, Alston 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 45-88 19-27 115.

Indiana	**34**	**21**	**20**	**20— 95**
Milwaukee	**30**	**25**	**32**	**28—115**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 2-11 (Harrington 1-1, Rogers 1-1, Croshere 0-1, Rose 0-2, Miller 0-6), Milwaukee 6-17 (Redd 2-3, Robinson 2-4, T.Thomas 1-3, Allen 1-5, Alston 0-2). Fouled out—Tinsley. Rebounds—Indiana 55 (O'Neal 9), Milwaukee 63 (Johnson 10). Assists—Indiana 25 (Tinsley 8), Milwaukee 34 (Cassell 11). Total fouls—Indiana 21, Milwaukee 30. Technicals—Miller, O'Neal, Przybilla. A—18,717 (18,717).

Hawks 80, Bulls 79

ATLANTA (80): Kukoc 5-15 0-0 12, Abdur-Rahim 8-16 4-9 20, Mohammed 7-11 2-2 16, Vaughn 0-4 4-4 4, Terry 5-14 6-8 16, Mottola 3-5 4-4 10, Glover 0-5 0-0 0, Strickland 1-1 0-0 2, Bowdler 0-0 0-0 0, D.Johnson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-73 20-27 80.

CHICAGO (79): Mercer 7-19 1-1 15, Fizer 5-17 3-6 13, Miller 4-10 6-8 14, Anthony 3-13 0-0 7, Hassell 4-11 0-0 9, Chandler 1-2 2-2 4, Ollie 1-6 0-0 2, Oakley 2-7 0-0 4, Hoiberg 1-5 1-1 3, Curry 1-1 0-0 2, Guyton 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 31-96 13-18 79.

Atlanta	**19**	**21**	**23**	**17— 80**
Chicago	**19**	**22**	**18**	**20— 79**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 2-9 (Kukoc 2-7, Terry 0-2), Chicago 4-16 (Guyton 2-4, Hassell 1-2, Anthony 1-5, Oakley 0-1, Mercer 0-1, Hoiberg 0-3). Fouled out—Mohammed, Miller. Rebounds—Atlanta 53 (Abdur-Rahim 8), Chicago 68 (Miller 13). Assists—Atlanta 21 (Vaughn 6), Chicago 28 (Anthony 12). Total fouls—Atlanta 18, Chicago 22. Technicals—Atlanta Defensive Three Second. A—18,392 (21,711).

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	3	0	.750	276	228
New England	8	5	0	.615	301	244
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	231	217
Indianapolis	4	8	0	.333	298	378
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	205	332

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	.833	228	144
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	220	208
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	238	294
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	163	234
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	207	210

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	10	3	0	.769	350	267
Denver	7	6	0	.539	284	267
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	202	254
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	293	276
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	226	257

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	279	155
Washington	6	6	0	.500	175	236
N.Y. Giants	6	7	0	.461	221	239
Arizona	5	8	0	.385	231	306
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	196	256

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	234	172
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	282	195
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	238	205
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	247	287
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	214	319

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	358	190
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	316	252
New Orleans	7	5	0	.583	281	249
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	204	254
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

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Saturday's Games

N.Y. Giants 17, Arizona 13
Oakland 13, San Diego 6

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Indianapolis, noon.
Denver at Kansas City, noon.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, noon.
Minnesota at Detroit, noon.
New England at Buffalo, noon.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, noon.
Miami at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Carolina

Monday's Game

St. Louis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Giants 17, Cardinals 13

Arizona	**3**	**3**	**0**	**7—13**
N.Y. Giants	**7**	**0**	**0**	**10—17**

First Quarter

Ari—FG Gramatica 42, 7:41.

NY—Dixon 26 pass from Collins (Andersen kick), 5:08.

Second Quarter

Ari—FG Gramatica 23, 13:33. Drive: 12 plays, 65 yards, 6:35.

Fourth Quarter

NY—FG Andersen 39, 11:50.

Ari—Plummer 24 pass to Mitchell (Gramatica), 4:40.

NY—Toomer 4 pass from Collins (Andersen kick), :25.

A—77,913.

	Ari	NY
First downs	19	15
Rushes-yards	30-88	25-105
Passing	197	139
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	27-45-0	14-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-10	1-8
Punts	6-39.8	7-35.1
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	2-10
Time of Possession	36:55	23:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, T.Jones 14-37, Plummer 3-27, Pittman 12-24, Player 1-0. New York, Barber 16-85, R.Williams 1-11, Dayne 4-9, Collins 2-2, Comella 1-0, Toomer 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Arizona, Plummer 27-45-0-207. New York, Collins 14-32-0-147.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Boston 8-84, Mitchell 7-62, Pittman 3-5, T.Jones 3-4, Sanders 2-19, Bush 1-16, McKinley 1-10, Jenkins 1-4, Makovicka 1-3. New York, Barber 5-35, Hilliard 4-41, Toomer 3-32, Dixon 1-26, Campbell 1-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Raiders 13, Chargers 6

Oakland	**3**	**0**	**7**	**3—13**
San Diego	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3— 6**

First Quarter

Oak—FG Janikowski 20, 2:27.

Second Quarter

SD—FG Christie 29, 10:49.

Third Quarter

Oak—Rice 40 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick), 5:45.

Fourth Quarter

SD—FG Christie 31, 13:16.

Oak—FG Janikowski 31, 1:07.

A—67,349.

	Oak	SD
First downs	15	14
Rushes-yards	27-91	22-68
Passing	208	206
Interceptions Ret.	3-43	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	20-28-1	19-37-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	4-9
Punts	4-40.5	5-39.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	5-25
Time of Possession	30:17	29:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Oakland, Garner 19-68, Gannon 3-11, Crockett 3-8, Kirby 2-4. San Diego, Tomlinson 17-46, Flutie 4-16, Conway 1-6.

PASSING—Oakland, Gannon 20-28-1-221. San Diego, Flutie 19-37-3-215.

RECEIVING—Oakland, Rice 6-93, Brown 5-47, Garner 4-45, R.Williams 3-18, Brigham 1-12, Kirby 1-6. San Diego, Conway 6-99, Tomlinson 6-23, J.Graham 4-71, Jones 1-10, Heiden 1-7, McCrary 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	18	13	2	2	40	101	100
N.Y. Islanders	16	9	5	2	39	89	80
Philadelphia	15	9	5	1	36	86	64
New Jersey	14	12	3	2	33	74	79
Pittsburgh	13	13	4	2	32	72	82

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	20	8	2	3	45	101	77
Boston	16	10	3	3	38	79	76
Ottawa	16	11	4	0	36	101	77
Montreal	14	12	5	1	34	82	81
Buffalo	14	17	2	1	31	91	90

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	15	12	4	4	38	87	97
Washington	14	14	5	0	33	95	98
Tampa Bay	12	16	3	1	28	62	68
Florida	9	17	2	3	23	63	90
Atlanta	6	20	4	2	18	71	122

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	23	6	2	1	49	101	74
Chicago	16	11	8	0	40	100	99
St. Louis	15	9	6	2	38	83	71
Nashville	12	15	5	0	29	85	86
Columbus	9	18	5	1	24	61	88

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	18	10	4	2	42	90	73
Calgary	16	10	6	2	40	85	81
Colorado	18	13	3	0	39	81	65
Minnesota	12	12	5	2	31	83	92
Vancouver	13	18	4	0	30	88	95

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	16	7	5	3	40	91	72
Dallas	14	9	6	3	37	94	87
Phoenix	12	12	5	3	32	75	88
Los Angeles	10	14	5	2	27	80	79
Anaheim	9	18	4	2	24	70	90

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Boston 2
Washington 5, Atlanta 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Buffalo 2
New Jersey 2, Ottawa 0
Toronto 6, Montreal 4
Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
St. Louis 4, Calgary 0
Nashville 5, Chicago 2
Dallas 6, Phoenix 2
Detroit at Vancouver, late.
Columbus at Los Angeles, late.

Sunday's Games

Colorado at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Stars 6, Coyotes 2

Dallas	**4**	**1**	**1**	**— 6**
Phoenix	**0**	**2**	**0**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Dallas, Kamensky 1 (Turgeon, Verbeek), 12:00. 2, Dallas, Lehtinen 13 (Hatcher), 12:35. 3, Dallas, Kamensky 2 (Verbeek, Turgeon), 14:45. 4, Dallas, Modano 16 (Zubov) 17:53 (pp).

Second Period—5, Dallas, Zubov 6 (Rucinsky, Modano), 7:46 (pp). 6, Phoenix, Briere 10, 9:49. 7, Phoenix, May 7 (Handzus, Markov), 13:54 (pp).

Third Period—8, Dallas, Rucinsky 5 (DiMaio), 5:43.

Shots on goal—Dallas 10-6-4—20. Phoenix 11-8-8—27. Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 2 of 3; Phoenix 1 of 4. Goalies—Dallas, Turco 5-3-0 (27 shots-25 saves). Phoenix, DesRochers 0-2-1 (20-14). A—14,098 (16,210).

Capitals 5, Thrashers 2

Atlanta	**1**	**1**	**0**	**— 2**
Washington	**2**	**1**	**2**	**— 5**

First Period—1, Washington, Jagr 10 (Oates, Gonchar), 7:38. 2, Atlanta, Stefan 2 (Tamer), 12:08. 3, Washington, Reekie 1 (Metropolit), 19:24.

Second Period—4, Atlanta, Stefan 3 (Kovalchuk), 3:53. 5, Washington, Bondra 20 (Khristich, Klee), 8:01.

Third Period—6, Washington, Jagr 11 (Oates, Gonchar), 6:02 (pp). 7, Washington, Bondra 21 (Simon), 12:31.

Shots on goal—Atlanta 11-6-8—25. Washington 18-12-13—43. Power-play Opportunities—Atlanta 0 of 2; Washington 1 of 2. Goalies—Atlanta, Hnilicka 5-14-3 (43 shots-38 saves). Washington, Billington 1-2-2 (25-23). A—15,881 (18,672).

Flyers 5, Bruins 2

Philadelphia	**1**	**3**	**1**	**— 5**
Boston	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Boston, Rolston 15 (McLaren), 7:08 (sh). 2, Philadelphia, Recchi 10 (Dopita, Hlavac), 14:29.

Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Ranheim 3 (Fedotenko), 10:19. 4, Philadelphia, Fedotenko 5 (Gagne), 14:00. 5, Philadelphia, Roenick 7 (LeClair, Gagne), 19:46.

Third Period—6, Philadelphia, LeClair 12 (Recchi), 10:04. 7, Boston, Sweeney 1 (Axelsson, Rolston), 11:02.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 9-13-9—31. Boston 9-12-13—34. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 4; Boston 0 of 2. Goalies—Philadelphia, Boucher 7-3-1 (34 shots-32 saves). Boston, Dafoe 14-12-1 (31-26). A—16,620 (17,565).

Devils 2, Senators 0

New Jersey	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**
Ottawa	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**

First Period—1, New Jersey, Sykora 7, 6:52.

Second Period—None

Third Period—2, New Jersey, Arnott 12 (Sykora, Rafalski), 7:02 (pp).

Shots on goal—New Jersey 10-3-5—18. Ottawa 14-13-12—39. Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 1 of 2; Ottawa 0 of 5. Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 14-12-3 (39 shots-39 saves). Ottawa, Lalime 9-9-4 (18-16). A—17,142 (18,500).

Rangers 4, Sabres 2

Buffalo	**0**	**0**	**2**	**— 2**
N.Y. Rangers	**1**	**2**	**1**	**— 4**

First Period—1, New York, York 14 (McCarthy, Malakhov), 14:36.

Second Period—2, New York, Fleury 13 (Messier, York), 10:21 (pp). 3, New York, Messier 6 (Samuelsson, Johansson), 17:08.

Third Period—4, Buffalo, Kozlov 7 (Afinogenov), 13:49. 5, Buffalo, Afinogenov 11 (Zhitnik, Barnes), 16:09 (pp). 6, New York, Toms 1 (Leetch, Samuelsson), 19:59 (en).

Shots on goal—Buffalo 4-14-17—35. New York 7-12-8—27. Power-play Opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 3; New York 1 of 5. Goalies—Buffalo, Noronen 1-1-0 (21 shots-18 saves), Biron (5:08 third, 5-5). New York, Richter 14-9-2 (35-33). A—18,200 (18,200).

Panthers 3, Islanders 1

Florida	**2**	**0**	**1**	**— 3**
N.Y. Islanders	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Florida, Huselius 14 (Bure, Hedican), 1:03. 2, Florida, Hagman 3 (Adams, Bure), 14:36.

Second Period—3, New York, Isbister 8 (Aucoin), 10:33.

Third Period—4, Florida, P.Bure 9 (Jokinen) 19:48 (en).

Shots on goal—Florida 11-3-6—20. New York 9-14-13—37. Power-play Opportunities—Florida 0 of 2; New York 0 of 2. Goalies—Florida, Luongo 17-14-1 (37 shots-36 saves). New York, Snow 3-2-1 (19-17), Osgood (18:00 third, 0-0). Snow (18:03 third 0-0). A—13,315 (16,234).

Maple Leafs 6, Canadiens 4

Montreal	**1**	**1**	**2**	**— 4**
Toronto	**2**	**2**	**2**	**— 6**

First Period—1, Montreal, Gratton 1 (Brisebois), 7:45. 2, Toronto, Yushkevich 5 (Corson), 8:24. 3, Toronto, Corson 8 (Tucker, Berg), 16:53.

Second Period—4, Toronto, Roberts 8 (Kaberle Yushkevich), 13:10. 5, Montreal, Quintal 5 (Ribeiro Markov), 15:53. 6, Toronto, Roberts 9 (Mogilny), 19:59 (pp).

Third Period—7, Toronto, Tucker 10 (Corson, Mogilny), 4:23. 8, Montreal, Zednik 8 (Van Allen, Markoff), 6:00. 9, Toronto, Reichel 8 (Green, Roberts), 17:51. 10, Montreal, Romero 3 (Quintal, Perrault), 18:49.

Shots on goal—Montreal 4-9-3—16. Toronto 14-17-17—48. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 2; Toronto 1 of 4. Goalies—Montreal, Theodore 10-9-4 (31 shots-27 saves). Hackett (17:08 third, 17-15). Toronto, Joseph 18-9-2 (16-12). A—19,364 (18,800).

Blues 4, Flames 0

Calgary	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
St. Louis	**0**	**1**	**3**	**— 4**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, St. Louis, Pronger 3 (Weight, MacInnis), 10:09 (pp).

Third Period—2, St. Louis, Tkachuk 15 (Demitra, Khavanov), 3:49. 3, St. Louis, Drake 3 (Weight), 6:39. 4, St. Louis, Tkachuk 16 (Khavanov), 16:27 (pp).

Shots on goal—Calgary 2-4-3—9. St. Louis 9-14-12—35. Power-play Opportunities—Calgary 0 of 5; St. Louis 2 of 5. Goalies—Calgary, Turek 15-6-5 (35 shots-31 saves). St. Louis, Johnson 10-6-2 (9-9). A—18,810 (19,260).

Predators 5, Blackhawks 2

Chicago	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**
Nashville	**2**	**2**	**1**	**— 5**

First Period—1, Chicago, Nylander 4 (Sullivan, Mironov), 7:27. 2, Nashville, Yachmenev 6 (Johnson, Timonen), 9:25 (sh). 3, Nashville, Johnson 7 (Hartnell, Timonen), 14:26 (pp).

Second Period—4, Nashville, Tenkrat 1 (Ronning, Classen), 13:44. 5, Nashville, Tenkrat 2 (Delmore, Mowers), 14:11.

Third Period—6, Nashville, Tenkrat 3 (Arkhipov), 7:39. 7, Chicago, Bell 7 (Zhamnov, Amonte), 14:09 (pp).

Shots on goal—Chicago 13-12-8—33. Nashville 10-9-11—30. Power-play Opportunities—Chicago 1 of 5; Nashville 1 of 4. Goalies—Chicago, Passmore 0-2-2 (30 shots-25 saves). Nashville, Dunham 10-9-3 (33-31). A—15,173 (17,113).

More Sports/6C



Jacks Watch

Saturday's Score

Memphis RiverKings 4, Odessa Jackalopes 1.

Next Game

Odessa Jackalopes at Oklahoma City, 7:05 p.m. Thursday.

Radio

KMCM (FM 96.9). Broadcast Time - 6:40.

Last Five Games

Odessa 5, Tulsa 2
Odessa 4, El Paso 0
Odessa 2, Amarillo 0
Odessa 4, San Angelo 2
Memphis 4, Odessa 1

Next 10 Games

Thursday	at Oklahoma City	7:05 p.m.
Friday	Wichita	7 p.m.
Saturday	Amarillo	7 p.m.
Dec. 26	at El Paso	8:05 p.m.
Dec. 28	Corpus Christi	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	Oklahoma City	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	at San Angelo	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 1	at El Paso	6:05 p.m.
Jan. 4	at San Angelo	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Amarillo	7:11 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today

SOCCER — NCAA Men's Division I championship, North Carolina vs. Indiana, noon, ESPN.

NFL — Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs, noon, CBS.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Chicago Bears, noon, FOX.

Dallas Cowboys at Seattle Seahawks, 3 p.m., FOX.

Pittsburgh Steelers at Baltimore Ravens, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, UCLA at Baylor, 1 p.m., FSN.

Tennessee at Stanford, 3 p.m., FSN.

Men, Illinois at Oklahoma, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2.

Syracuse at Georgia Tech, 5 p.m., FSN.

Florida State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m., FSN.

GOLF — Williams World Challenge, final round, 2 p.m., NBC.

RODEO — PRCA, National Finals, championship round, 3 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Edmonton Oilers at Philadelphia Flyers, 6 p.m., ESPN2.

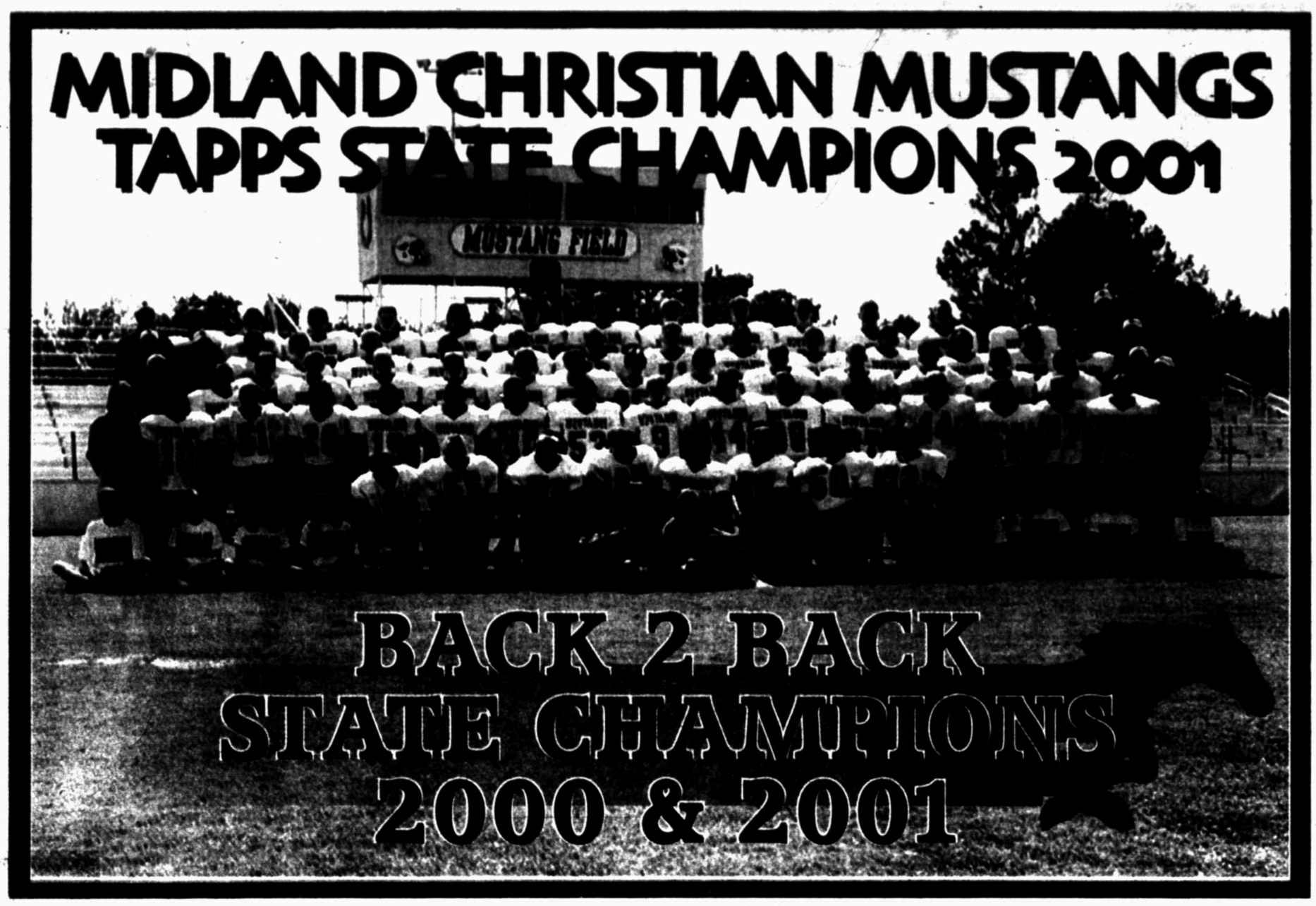
HORSE RACING — Quarterhorses, Los Alamitos Million/Champion of Champions (delayed tape), midnight, ESPN2.

Sports Briefs

Warriors fire Cowens

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors fired coach Dave Cowens on Saturday after just 105 games

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN MUSTANGS TAPPS STATE CHAMPIONS 2001



BACK ROW LEFT & RIGHT: COACH DUB HUCKABEE, HUNTER HILL, CODY CROSSLAND, JOSH SMITHERMAN, J. TOM SNELSON, JAMIE BEEGHLEY, CLIFF MCGRAW, JORDAN FROSH, TRAVIS HORTON, JONATHAN GROSS, JOSH WILSON, AARON SCHRANK, J.D. MACHACEK, T.J. MIDKIFF.

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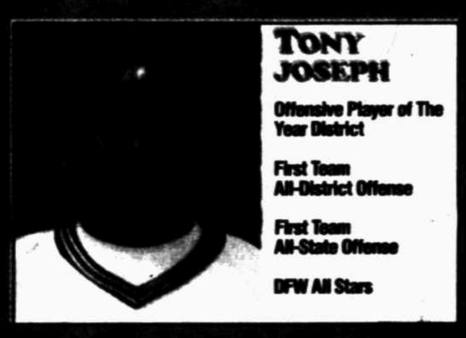
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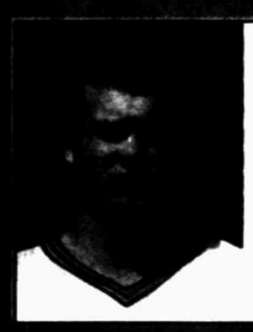
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Offensive Player of The Year District
First Team All-District Offense
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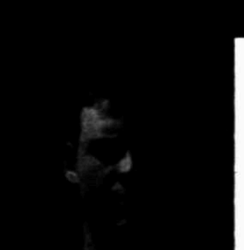
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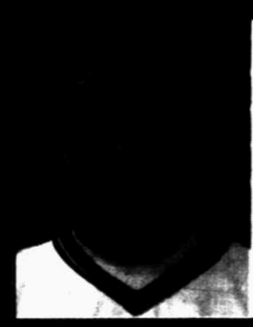
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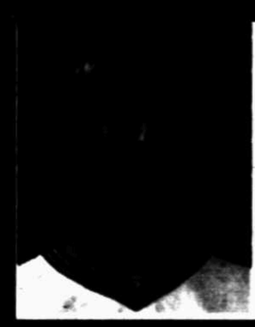
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MATT DAUGHERTY
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AP Photo

Oakland's Jerry Rice escapes an attempted tackle by San Diego's Ryan McNeil on a first-down reception during the Raiders' 13-6 victory Saturday in San Diego.

Raiders shut down Chargers, clinch AFC West Division title

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — As the Oakland Raiders celebrate their AFC West championship, they should toast their defense first.

Tackle Darrell Russell and linebacker William Thomas vindicated a unit that had been shredded in the last month. They intercepted Doug Flutie's passes to kill San Diego drives and the Raiders beat the Chargers 13-6 in a wild finish Saturday to clinch their second straight AFC West title.

"I thought the defense did a great job," quarterback Rich Gannon said. "They came up with some big, huge, turnovers."

The Raiders (10-3) became the first team to earn a playoff spot. The Chargers (5-9) lost their seventh straight game and were booed in their own stadium by a sellout crowd that was probably 50 percent Raiders fans.

"We are excited to do it back-to-back," Gannon said. "That is the way, in my opinion, that things are supposed to be around here in Oakland."

With the Raiders leading 10-6 with 11:35 left to play, Rice reached for a pass from Gannon, inadvertently batted it into the air and saw it picked off by safety Rodney Harrison.

"It's almost one of those situations where you want to be aggressive and make a play on it, but sometimes, those are the consequences there," said Rice, who holds every significant NFL receiving record.

The Chargers moved to the Raiders 2 and Flutie tried to hit Curtis Conway at the goal line, but the pass was underthrown and went right to Thomas at the 3 for his second pickoff of the game. Thomas lateraled to safety Charles Woodson, who returned it to the Raiders 44 with 5:53 to play.

"The defense bailed me out, man," Rice said. "I was praying big-time."

It was Thomas' second interception of the game. "Sometimes the QB makes mistakes and it is up to us to capitalize on them. We all wanted to make plays the right way," Thomas said.

Woodson yelled at Thomas to lateral the ball, so he did.

"We haven't gotten many of those from the defense in the last month," coach Jon Gruden said of the turnovers. "We needed them and we got them and that's why we won today, there's no question."

The Raiders marched down field and Sebastian Janikowksi kicked a 31-yard field goal with 1:07 left.

Flutie has thrown 13 interceptions during the Chargers' losing streak, although one of them Saturday deflected off Curtis Conway.

"We had some great opportunities and I throw three interceptions," Flutie said. "The last one killed us."

Flutie said he thought he had a receiver open in the flat but didn't, and was a fraction of a second late throwing to Conway."

"We were in a position to win that game," Flutie said. "That's a game we should have won. Shoot, we say that all year. This one's on me. It got away."

The Raiders also survived a blunder by punt returner Tim Brown, who called for a fair catch early in the fourth quarter and had the ball bounce off him and roll to San Diego's Ronney Jenkins at the Raiders 15. But the Chargers, one of the NFL's most inept teams inside the 20, had to settle for a 31-yard field goal by Steve Christie to pull to 10-6.

A week earlier, Brown's 88-yard touchdown on his first punt return in three years was the difference as Oakland held off Kansas City 28-26.

Skeeters come from behind to claim 5A Division I crown

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Mesquite scored 14 points, all in the second half, to come from behind and defeat San Antonio Taft 14-13 on Saturday and win the Texas Class 5A Division I State Championship.

■ UIL Title Games

The Skeeters, from District 10-5A, were led by quarterback Mark Hodges, who rebounded from two fumbles in the first half. He was 3-of-8 for 112 yards with one touchdown.

Rain forced both teams to adopt a conservative game plan.

The Raiders defense held the Skeeters (15-0) to a total of minus-15 yards offense and no first downs in the first half.

Mesquite's offense got going in middle of the third quarter when Lemond Fofang ran up the middle for a 10-yard touchdown.

On the Skeeters' next possession, Hodges found Brandon Douglas in between two defenders for a 55-yard touchdown pass, ending a 74-yard drive in six plays.

The Skeeters overcame seven fumbles, four recovered by Taft (12-3).

Taft's running back Robert Merrill, who had rushed for 2,744 yards and 37 touchdowns coming into the game, had 139 yards on 33 carries and converted two turnovers into Taft touchdowns.

Class 4A, Division I
Denton Ryan 42,
Smithson Valley 35, OT

WACO — Jackie Smith intercepted Laron Bybee's third-down pass in a 42-35 overtime win for Denton Ryan over Smithson Valley.

With Smithson Valley winning the overtime toss, Denton Ryan went on offense first with Earl Goldsmith scoring from a 1 yard out on an option play.

James Battle set up Goldsmith's game-winning touchdown with a crucial third-and-12 completion for 20 yards to Oko-to Okpo.

Battle rushed a career-high 185 yards on 27 carries and completed 17 of 27 passes for 207 yards and four touchdowns.

Clint Haney had 134 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns on runs 1, 1, and 3 yards for Smithson Valley.

Denton Ryan tied the game 35-35 on a 57-yard fourth-quarter drive. Following a Smithson Valley punt, Battle sneaked over from the 1 to tie the game with 4:07 remaining.

Class 3A, Division I
Everman 25, Sinton 14

COLLEGE STATION — Theo Miller ran for 152 yards and scored one touchdown to lead Everman to a 25-14 win over Sinton.

Miller, who accounted for 161 of the Bulldogs' 307 yards of total offense, had a 60-yard run at the end of the first quarter to give Everman its first touchdown of the game, a four-yard run he carried in himself.

Adrian Alaniz completed two touchdown passes to senior running back Marcus Charles for Sinton, which led the game 14-6 at halftime.

Sinton grabbed the first lead of the game on a three-play, 39-yard drive that culminated in the longest scoring play of the afternoon.

Alaniz hit Charles with a 48-yard strike to put Sinton up 7-0.

Everman came back in the second half, when Miller ran 43 yards to set up a two yard touchdown run by Terry Jones in the final minute of the third quarter.

Michael Benton threw a 9-yard touchdown to Miller with 2:52 remaining to seal the win. Benton completed five of 10 passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for 23 yards on seven carries.

The match between the two previously unbeaten teams ended with the Bulldogs capturing their first-ever state championship.

Prep Football Playoffs

Class 5A
DIVISION I
Championship
Mesquite 14, San Antonio Taft 13
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Lufkin 27, Euless Trinity 23
Austin Westlake 48, Houston Madison 42

Class 4A
DIVISION I
Championship
Denton Ryan 42, Smithson Valley 35 (OT)
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Southlake Carroll (10-4) vs. Ennis (14-0), late.
Bay City 35, Austin Reagan 11

Class 3A
DIVISION I
Championship
Everman 25, Sinton 14
DIVISION II
Semifinals
La Grange 21, Giddings 13
Commerce 41, Bridgeport 28

Class 2A
DIVISION I
Championship
Blanco 16, Van Alstyne 0
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Celina 35, Sonora 13
Garrison 21, Ganado 9

Class A
Semifinals
Celeste 32, Stratford 31
Burkeville 43, Tenaha 0

Six-Man
Championship
Whitharral 27, Richland Springs 20

Singh endures silly day

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The silly season caught up to just about everyone Saturday except Vijay Singh, who didn't have to climb any trees or endure any comical calamity in the Williams World Challenge.

When the third round was over, Singh had a 1-under 70 — one of only three rounds under par on the day — and a four-stroke lead over tournament host Tiger Woods.

Bernhard Langer climbed a tree. David Toms hit into a rock. Jesper Parnevik poured water on his glove because it was too dry.

Singh avoided all the silliness, holing a pitch from the 10th fairway for an eagle and completing 54 holes in 11-under 205. He was in great position to claim the $1 million prize, and there's nothing silly about that.

"Everybody wants to win," Singh said. "I don't think anybody is trying to have fun."

Woods missed four straight putts from 10 feet or less, three-putted from 10 feet for a bogey and was still only one shot back of Singh. Too bad he still had two holes to play.

On the par-3 17th, he muffed a chip and then three-putted from 25 feet to take double bogey, a three-shot swing when Singh made birdie.

Woods was at 209 and gets to play with Singh again in the final round Sunday.

The scoring average was 73.72, more than three strokes higher than the opening round. And it would have been even worse if not for Thomas Bjorn, whose 64 not only tied the course record but was a 16-shot improvement from his second round.

"You golfing stud," Mark Calcavecchia said to the Dane in disbelief. "Beat me by 12."

DALLAS: Seahawks cling to slim hopes of making playoffs

(From 1C)

agent who orchestrated his holdout in Seattle. He fired Eric Metz and hired Leigh Steinberg just before signing with the Cowboys.

"How could he be mad now?" asked Seahawks tight end Christian Fauria. "He's making a gazillion dollars in Dallas."

Seahawks cornerback Willie Williams said it was a case of a stubborn player going against a stubborn coach.

"Coach Holmgren is a strict gentleman," Williams said. "He's going to let you know if you disrespect him. If you're the player, you've got to respect the coach."

In 2001, Galloway has 33 catches for 385 yards and two touchdowns for Dallas (4-8).

"You know Joey has had a tough two years," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "The first year with the injury. The second year with the inconsistency at quarterback. We haven't gotten him the ball as much as we need to."

The Seahawks (6-6) are coming off a disappointing performance in Denver that left them clinging to a playoff thread. To reach the postseason, they'll probably have to win all four remaining games.

Holmgren decided this week to start 11-year veteran running back Ricky Watters, who returned last week following an eight-week absence because of a shoulder injury. That means Alexander, the franchise's fourth running back to rush for 1,000 yards, will go to the bench.

Watters, in the final year of his contract, likely will leave as a free agent. The normally docile Alexander bristled at Holmgren's decision and pointed out the Seahawks were 5-4 with him as Watters' replacement.

"We've won six games and I've been a part of five of them," he said. "I guess coach Holmgren has a different idea of what it takes to win and we just go by it."

The Cowboys, coming to Seattle for the first time since 1983, have a two-game winning streak. They won at Washington two weeks ago before beating the New York Giants at home last week.

Emmitt Smith will be making his first trip to Seattle. He has a cousin who has lived in Seattle since the early 1980s who will finally get a chance to see him play.

"We feel like we are making progress," Smith said. "We've grown over the last two weeks. But we have a long way to go. It's different than playing Philly or Washington. You play those guys twice a year. We don't know much about Seattle."

Ex-Cowboy is Hayes better

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Bob Hayes was in critical condition Saturday, but family members said he was improving after two operations to remove fluid from his stomach.

Hayes, the former Dallas Cowboys receiver and Olympic gold medalist, was admitted to Shands Jacksonville Hospital Tuesday after complaining of flu-like symptoms.

"The doctor said he's coming along fine. He's strong," said Hayes' sister, Lena Mae Johnson. "We're optimistic that he's going to be all right."

'HUSKERS: Nebraska has luck

(From 1C)

would need to upset the Hurricanes for their sixth national championship. Stranger things have happened in the last four weeks.

After losing to Colorado 62-36 the day after Thanksgiving, the humiliated Huskers were in all likelihood looking at playing in the Cotton Bowl or Holiday Bowl with little hope of getting even a BCS at-large berth.

"After the Colorado game, I really thought everything is out the window," I-back Dahrran Diedrick said. "The whole week after that game everybody was just trying to figure out what has to happen. What would have to happen for us to get there?"

It was going to take too much for anybody to give it serious thought, until the snowball started rolling.

The following day, Oklahoma could have clinched the Big 12 South by beating lowly Oklahoma State, but the Cowboys shocked the Sooners with a last-minute touchdown, and won 16-13.

That put Texas, which was 10-1 and a BCS at-large favorite, into the Big 12 championship, and Nebraska was back in the BCS at-large running. The Huskers still had the slimmest of hopes of getting into the Rose Bowl if the right teams won.

The following week, Colorado helped the Huskers a little more by knocking Texas out of the BCS with a 39-37 win in the Big 12 championship. That same night Tennessee upset Florida and became the front-runner to face Miami, needing only a win over Louisiana State in the Southeast Conference title game.

Husker fans broke out Mardi Gras beads and anything associated with Louisiana, hoping to drum up any extra mojo to help complete the improbable comeback.

LSU fans in the Georgia Dome chipped in with signs that said "We're here to mess things up" and "You're welcome, Nebraska" and the Tigers upset the Vols 31-20.

All that was left was the BCS, which gave Nebraska a five-hundredths of a point lead over Colorado for the No. 2 spot in the Rose Bowl.

"It's strange. So much had to happen," offensive tackle Dave Volk said. "The best place to be the past couple of weeks was at home and not on the field, it seemed like, because everybody that had a shot kind of lost it."

Nebraska's berth in the Rose Bowl is being disputed in just about 49 other states, but Husker fans have few complaints about the BCS. Nobody in Lincoln is apologizing, either, for the Huskers' position.

"You can't please everybody," cornerback Keyuo Craver said. "We've got a lot of character on this team. We don't really care what critics say. We're here. We think we're one of the best teams in the country and we're ready to prove it."

If Nebraska upsets the Hurricanes, there is a strong possibility of a split national title. Second-ranked Oregon and No. 3 Colorado are still ahead of Nebraska in the polls and voters could keep them in front of the Huskers in at least the AP poll.

The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll No. 1 automatically goes to the Rose Bowl winner.

The last time the national title was split was in 1997, when Nebraska overtook Michigan in the final coaches poll to claim half the title. Michigan remained No. 1 in the AP poll.

And the Huskers needed a little luck that year, too. Without Matt Davison's diving touchdown catch that forced overtime at Missouri, the Huskers wouldn't have gone undefeated and the Wolverines would have been a consensus No. 1.

However Nebraska got there this year isn't important, Solich said.

"It was just one thing after another that transpired the last couple of weeks that made it a very interesting college football season," Solich said. "This team is very deserving of a national championship game. I feel very good about complimenting them on their season rather than trying to defend them."

GIANTS: Toomer snags TD pass

(From 1C)

Arizona the lead.

"When they got the touchdown, it was like, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" said Collins, who was 6-of-9 for 56 yards on the final drive and finished 14-of-32 for 147 yards. "We all hung in there and stayed positive and did what we had to do."

Collins started the game-winning drive with a 14-yard pass to Hilliard. After a 14-yard run by Barber, Collins kept the drive alive with a 9-yard, third-down pass to Hilliard. A 14-yard pass to Toomer got the ball to the Cardinals' 15 and Barber had an 11-yard catch on third down to give New York a first-and-goal at the 4.

Toomer, who was nearly benched after dropping three passes earlier in the game, scored two plays later on a fade pattern to the right corner of the end zone. Cardinals cornerback Renaldo Hill slipped and fell on the play.

"I'm sickened. I'm extremely sick for those players in there," Cardinals coach Dave McGinnis said. "They put everything they had out there and we didn't get it done."

Arizona linebacker Ronald McKinnon said the blame should fall on the defense.

"We asked the offense to score and they score, and we didn't do it," McKinnon said.

The Cardinals squandered a chance to take the lead late in the second quarter when Trey Junkin launched a snap 5 yards over the head of holder Scott Player on a 23-yard field goal attempt.

Andersen added his 39-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Notes: The Giants won the opening toss and elected to take the wind, giving the Cardinals the ball both halves. ... The Cardinals held the ball for 36:55. New York's 23:05 was its lowest possession time this season. ... Giants WR Joe Jurevicius missed his second straight game with a hamstring injury. ... There was a moment of silence before the kickoff for former Giants general manager George Young, who died last Sunday. ... Giants LB Jessie Armstead had 13 tackles and three assists. Giants DE Michael Strahan had half a sack, giving him 17 for the season, five shy of Mark Gastineau's league record. ... David Boston led the Cardinals with eight catches for 84 yards, ending a five-game streak in which New York had allowed an opposing player to record 100-yards receiving.

JACKS: Bossio scores for Odessa

(From 1C)

Unlike the RiverKings, the Jacks weren't able to capitalize on power play opportunities. Take the second period for example, when the Jacks were 0-for-2 on power plays. Odessa was 0 for 4 for the game.

"We needed to score on our power play," McKee said. "It's becoming a thorn in my side that we just can't get anything out of our power play. There are guys like Jacque Rodrigue who two years ago had 55 points and he's getting a lot of chances in the power play and nothing is going in. We just need to go and work a lot of harder."

Memphis put the game away for good in the third period when Brad Mueller lit the lamp.

"It was disappointing because we had a good crowd here and we didn't get a point out of it tonight and send our fans home happy," McKee said. "But they are a good hockey club. They have some pretty good forward and (Don) Parsons is considered the MVP in this league."

Parsons finished the night with two goals for the RiverKings.

Memphis 4, Odessa 1

Memphis .....1 2 1 —4
Odessa .....1 0 0 —1

First Period — 1. Mem., Don Parsons (Brad Mueller), 0:31; 2. Od. John Bossio (Mike Sanderson, Donnie Margettie), 14:17.

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Little things matter in BCS race

By Ben Walker
AP Sports Writer

A poor pass in August, a blocked kick in October, an obscure game in December.

For Colorado, Oregon and Nebraska, their quests to reach the Rose Bowl came down to all the little things.

In the end, the Cornhuskers were picked to play top-ranked Miami in the Bowl Championship Series title game, based on a complicated formula mixing polls and computers. The choice was greeted with outrage by the teams left out.

"I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said.

Colorado coach Gary Barnett demanded more "integrity" in the system. And USA Today, which compiles the coaches' poll with ESPN, ran a fans survey on the debate — at the top of page 1A above a story on the war in Afghanistan.

Hardly anyone seemed satisfied with the matchup. The howls for a new format — and possibly a playoff — were heard throughout sports.

"You probably would want it won on the field," Seattle Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "But you would have to play into the late part of January. These are college kids who go to school to get an education as well as football."

The possibility of a split title looms, too. The coaches will automatically crown the Rose Bowl winner, while The Associated Press poll voters are free to pick their own champion.

"If you're asking me if the perception of chaos is good, I'm not buying into that," BCS chairman John Swofford said.

The BCS formula is equally weighted in four parts — the two polls, eight computer rankings, losses and strength of schedule. A bonus-point system was added this season to reward teams for wins over highly rated opponents.

Here is a week-by-week look at how the contenders wound up where they did in the BCS shuffle:

Oct. 22

The first BCS rankings are released and defending national champion Oklahoma is No. 1. The Sooners will soon be tested — they next play at No. 2 Nebraska. UCLA, Miami and Virginia Tech follow in the ratings.

Oregon, coming off a fourth-quarter meltdown in which two blocked punts led to a 49-42 loss to Stanford, stands 13th.

Colorado is nowhere to be found following a 41-7 rout by Texas. Besides, the Buffaloes were upset by Fresno State 24-22 on Aug. 25 when a young quarterback threw a foolish interception near the end.

Oct. 29

Nebraska beats Oklahoma and becomes No. 1 in the BCS standings. Oklahoma slips to second and Miami, despite being ranked No. 1 in both polls, is third. They're followed by Michigan, Texas and Stanford.

Oregon is hovering at No. 10. The Ducks are penalized in the BCS system because they only play the 36th-toughest schedule in America.

Colorado remains out of sight after a 22-19 win over Oklahoma State. As it turns out, had the Buffs won by 17 points instead of only three, they'd now be in the Rose Bowl.

"Squeakers hold you down," said David Rothman, who runs one of the eight computers the BCS factors into its formula. Never mind that he also ranks Division II Grand Valley State ahead of Michigan and Auburn.

Nov. 5

Nebraska stays No. 1, and Miami trades places with Oklahoma.

Oregon moves into range at No. 6. The Ducks have caught the interest of Wes Colley's computer. A missile tracker for MIT's Lincoln Laboratory, he ranks them No. 3.

Colorado still is a no-show.

Nov. 12

Nebraska (11-0) is solidly on top, having won every game by at least 10 points, and seems headed for Pasadena, Calif., possibly to play Miami. Fans are familiar with this scene — the Huskers and Hurricanes have met before for the national title.

Oklahoma and Oregon are next, while Florida is fifth and climbing. The high-scoring Gators are a perfect match for Jeff Sagarin's computer — it likes lopsided wins.

Colorado finally breaks into the BCS rankings at No. 14.

Nov. 19

It's still Nebraska, Miami and Oklahoma. Florida beats up rival Florida State and moves ahead of Oregon for the fourth spot. Texas and Tennessee are in the mix, but will need help to go much further.

Colorado is idle and slips a slot to 15th. But the Buffaloes can cause big problems with an upset next weekend at home against Nebraska.

Nov. 26

Surprise! Colorado routs Nebraska 62-36, Oklahoma State stops Oklahoma 16-13 and the whole BCS is shaken up.

Miami is ranked No. 1 by every poll and computer, and Florida is No. 2. The Sunshine State rivals met last season in the Sugar Bowl, and a rematch in the Rose would be fierce.

"As we all know, college football is not the most fair thing without a playoff system," Florida coach Steve Spurrier often says.

Texas, Nebraska, Oregon and Tennessee close in. Colorado shoots up to seventh, and is in position to keep zooming.

Dec. 3

Miami escapes when a Virginia Tech receiver drops a late, 2-point conversion pass. The top-ranked 'Canes finish undefeated and are going to the Rose Bowl, no matter what.

Tennessee pulls an upset at Florida and takes over at No. 2. The Volunteers will go to Pasadena, too, if they beat LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Nebraska, Colorado — after beating Texas 39-37 in the Big 12 championship game — and Oregon follow. All three are done with their regular seasons, and it'll only get interesting if Tennessee loses.

Dec. 9

The worst-case scenario for the BCS: Tennessee blows a lead and falls to LSU 31-20. Now it's a free-for-all to decide who goes to the Rose Bowl.

Nebraska is No. 4 in both polls, but all eight BCS computers rank the Huskers higher. Plus, they're helped by a quirk: Down in Hattiesburg, Miss., in a meeting of unranked teams, Texas Christian has beaten Southern Miss 14-12.

TCU's win suddenly gives Nebraska the 14th-toughest schedule, rather than the 18th. The Huskers, having beaten the Horned Frogs back in August, get a slight benefit — just enough to finish No. 2 in the BCS ratings and put them in Pasadena.

Nebraska (11-1), despite not even winning its division of the Big 12, gets a 7.23 rating in the BCS ratings. Colorado (10-2) is third at 7.28, despite jumping past the Huskers in the coaches' poll.

Oregon (10-1) finishes fourth in the BCS ratings. The Ducks rank second in both polls — yet for the second straight year, the AP's No. 2 is left out of the BCS championship game, the same thing having happened to Miami last season.

Georgetown captures NAIA crown

SAVANNAH, Tenn. (AP) — Georgetown College of Kentucky won its second straight NAIA championship Saturday, beating Sioux Falls 49-27 to finish 14-0 and extend its winning streak to 28 games.

Ryan Payne ran for two touchdowns in the first half and Eddie Eviston passed for another score to help the Tigers to a 28-13 advantage.

The Tigers took control by scoring twice in the final 3:15 of the half.


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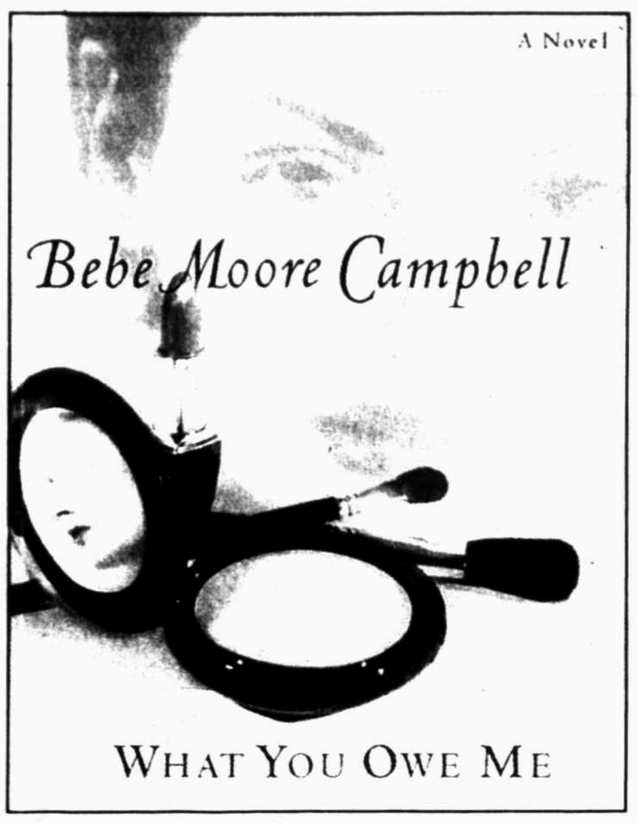
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Author deftly deals with racial bias and sexism

By Assatou Sidime
Hearst News Service

"What You Owe Me," by Bebe Moore Campbell (G.P. Putnam's Sons, $25.95)

"What You Owe Me" starts out angry like Bebe Moore Campbell's other novels.

The ghost of Hosanna Clark is seething over Gilda Rosenstein, the scrawny Jewish Holocaust refugee she had befriended decades ago in postwar Los Angeles. Hosanna had fled Texas after her family was forced to sign over their farm to a white property owner who wanted the land to be drilled for oil. The black hotel maid coaxed Gilda, whose inheritance was locked in a Swiss bank account, into starting a cosmetics company in 1940s Los Angeles.

■ Review

Together they had devised ways around the racism and sexism in the manufacturing and lending worlds to build their company. Then Gilda betrayed her by disappearing with all the assets.

The characters slowly face their own contorted selves. Each finds her position on the central question of whether one should give up her anger and forget, or hold out for payment.

"How Gilda hurt me wasn't just about money. I could have forgiven her that," Hosanna says at one point. "She shifted shapes on me. America loved her better. All she had to do was spread her wings and fly."

Gilda's own healing begins once she admits her flaws. "If I spoke broken English without an accent, if I shortened my last name and made no mention of the death camps, they'd let me in most places. I realized for the first time just what my uncle had been trying to tell me: Black people in this country had to suffer, and if I chose to be with one, I would suffer as well. And, my dear, I had suffered enough."

Hosanna haunts her daughter Matriece to take on her pain and collect on her mother's debts. She is hired by Gilda's cosmetics empire. In a surreal scene, Matriece develops an ad campaign that promotes makeup "Because you're already beautiful."

The book plays with questions of beauty. It challenges the most unnatural of industries, the cosmetics trade, in the most fabricated on environs — Tinseltown. In classic Campbell style and much like life, "What You Owe Me" has its ironies: a white design executive spouts more "black slang" than her African-American boss. The angelic-voiced star of the church choir, Hosanna's grandson, goes to a mostly white suburban school to escape crime but is soon framed in a drug arrest by a new schoolmate.

The first hundred pages are a heartwarming account of how the two women cross the color line in 1948 despite admonitions and threats. They nearly reach a Toni Morrisonesque account of tribulation and long suffering. The following 350 pages have a more contemporary feel, but they get a bit mired in introducing a succession of characters.

"What You Owe Me" softly pokes at the African-Americans' 150-year old call for reparations for having their 40 acres and a mule stolen and Jews' calls for recompense for Nazi-era atrocities. Campbell reveals their demands to be about more than the money that appears to drive many of the book's characters. Reparations are about being whole again in spirit.

In spite of, or because of its birth in Hosanna's pain and unfulfilled life, "What You Owe Me" ultimately is a book about letting a child fly — even if it is toward the devouring sun. It is also about forgiving parents for not living up to childhood dreams.

Black Americans are still buying

With other books in a sales slump, African-American literature is still going strong

By Martin Arnold
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Two seemingly disparate occurrences: A publisher told me recently that generally first novels by African-Americans have larger first printings than those by white authors, because they sell better. And I became aware of a new, remarkable book of photographs and text about the black experience in America since World War II that has 37,500 copies in print, a substantial number for a picture-and-text book that is not about the events of Sept. 11.

The two together made me think that perhaps the time had come to look at how African-American books and their publishers are faring during a somewhat depressed time for book publishing generally. The answer seems to be: a bit better than white mainstream publishing but not quite as well as before the terror attacks. African-Americans still seem to hunger for fiction and nonfiction that reflects their experience.

An example is the picture-and-text book "In Our Own Image: Treasured African-American Traditions, Journeys and Icons" (Running Press) by Patrick Henry Bass and Karen Pugh, which went into stores at the end of October with a first printing of 15,000 copies, at $30 a copy. Running Press, which incidentally is not a black publishing house, now has 37,500 copies in print, with more to come. The book's more than 300 photographs, collected by Pugh from professional photographers and scrapbooks and shoe boxes, depict Americans at school, in suburban homes, dressed for visiting, at the beach and hiking, playing in bands and marching for causes.

> 'We are oral, and now that oral tradition is being translated into stories in print for the first time,'
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> **— Max Rodriguez, publisher of QBR: The Black Book Review**

It's the middle-class lifestyle after World War II. Only these Americans are black. "They are like the people next door, but unfortunately the people next door moved out when we moved in, so they didn't know we were essentially the same as them," is the way Pugh put it.

The text was written by Bass, the books editor of Essence, the glossy African-American magazine, which is a powerful force in the sale of books by and about African-Americans. Bass said: "Certain books are recession-proof for African-Americans — spiritual, empowerment, cultural reflection and family. Mainstream publishing doesn't often include African-Americans in these books."

The white publisher who spoke about the larger first printings said that many first novels by black authors sell well enough not just to cover their advances, but also to earn some royalties for their writers, which doesn't happen that often for white first novelists. But that doesn't mean black writers always get advances as large as white writers do for first novels, and advances for first novels, with certain exceptions, aren't large enough to live on.

First fiction by African-American authors has a greater potential for sales because blacks are ravenous for books relevant to their experience, and until recently there have not been many available. Moreover, there are significant outlets for their sale in addition to chain bookstores. There are the black independent bookstores, the black book clubs, and an ever-growing number, almost an explosion, of black reading clubs. African-American books sell well in stores like Wal-Mart, and Essence magazine is a powerful engine of sales. So when the first batch of a new African-American novel arrives in stores, there's a group of readers who are ready for it.

Which shouldn't be too surprising since storytelling is a natural ritual of many black families. Max Rodriguez, publisher of QBR: The Black Book Review, said: "We are oral, and now that oral tradition is being translated into stories in print for the first time. This leads to devouring of novels that will be talked about, making for strong word-of-mouth sales."

Melody Guy, an editor for Strivers Row, a black imprint at Villard, which started publishing trade paperback commercial fiction in January, said that "most of our first novels have an initial printing of between 17,000 and 20,000 copies, and a majority of them went back for second and thirds, and most are paying royalties." Two of her books hit the Essence best-seller list, which is influential because most of the book buying is done by black women.

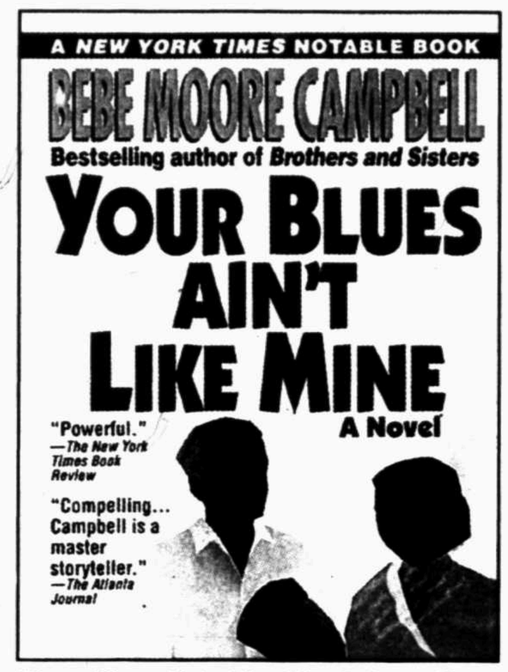
Janet Hill, an executive editor at Doubleday and head of its Harlem Moon imprint, will have the imprint's first books published in September 2002, headed by "Gumbo: A Celebration of African-American Literature," an anthology of stories compiled by Marita Golden and E. Lynn Harris, the best-selling novelist. Hill is optimistic that the lull in book publishing will not affect African-American readers. Anita Diggs, head of Ballantine's black imprint, One World Books, said that she was publishing 11 hardcover titles between now and August and that so far the recession was not affecting black book sales.

Of course, no publisher wants to say business is in a slump, particularly those who head new imprints, which five of the black book publishers are. There's a fear that the first to go in a crunch will be a new imprint. But that's not realistic in this case because African-Americans seem to be on an upward curve in book buying.

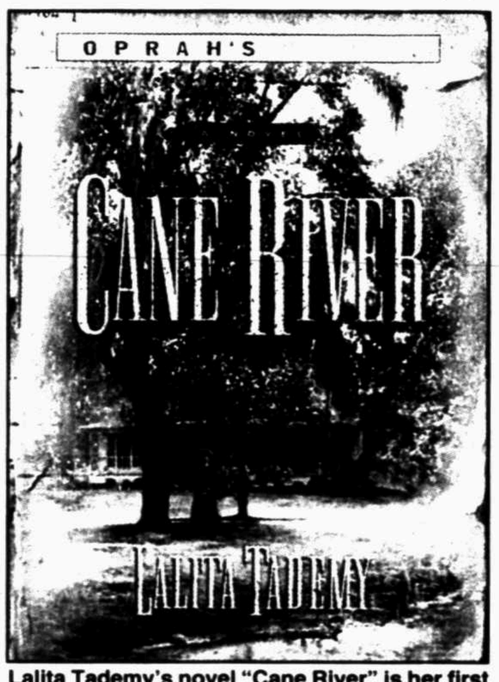
In fact, in the face of recession, Denise Stinson, literary agent and head of Walk Worthy Press, in partnership with Warner Books to publish black Christian fiction, seems to be on the march. Her organizing has led to dozens of black reading clubs in churches and bookstores and people's homes in 26 states, plus one in Germany. Her plan is to publish books and have a network through which to sell and publicize. It's rather like the old Hollywood system, where the studios owned theater chains in which to show the movies they produced.

Karen R. Thomas, executive editor of Dafina Books, the Kensington Publishing Corp.'s black imprint, said that though a black reader might not be buying as many books each month, after Sept. 11 "she still wants to escape and go into a bookstore and pick up a comforting novel." She said surveys showed that African-Americans were brand loyal "whether for an author or a product, and this translates into the habit of buying books regularly when they see the writer's name on a new book."

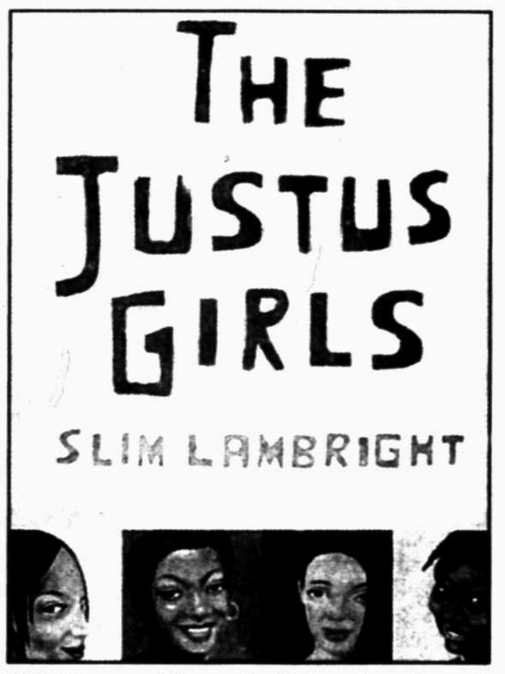
And of course, there is this: For a very long time now African-Americans had very few books that spoke to their unique experience. Now there are many, and they love that, and many say reading such books is not a luxury but a necessity.



"Your Blues Ain't Like Mine," Bebe Moore Campbell's first book was a New York Times Bestseller. The author has now written three more novels and this one is still available in paperback. (Ballantine Books, $6.99)



Lalita Tademy's novel "Cane River" is her first book. She quit her vice president's job at Sun Microsystems to write this historical novel based on her family. It has since gone on to be a bestseller and on Oprah's Book of the Month Club. (Warner Books, $24.95)



With the recent boom in African-American literature, black fiction is a big seller. "The Justus Girls" by Slim Lambright is among the many African-American authors with a growing fan following. (HarperCollins, $24)

Mystery novelist Paretsky discusses her female Chicago sleuth

By F.N. D'Alessio
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mystery writer Sara Paretsky could have wished her latest novel had a better release date.

"Total Recall," an intricate tale of Holocaust survival, black-Jewish tensions and insurance fraud, was published by Delacorte Press on Sept. 11.

And although Paretsky wrote the book well before the terrorist attacks, the one unresolved subplot in "Total Recall" now seems to foreshadow the ominous publication date. Heroine V.I. Warshawski's journalist lover leaves halfway through the book for Afghanistan to take a look at the Taliban.

It's an example of how the hurricane of public events can blow even into the closed world of the classic mystery novel, where private investigators solve murder cases and justice (almost) always prevails.

But the Chicago-based V.I. (for Victoria Iphigenia) is hardly a typical sleuth, and her creator has never wanted — or been able — to hide from the turbulent world around her.

Paretsky says she awoke to that turbulence at age 19, when she left her native Kansas to serve in a Catholic social action program on Chicago's Southwest Side. It was the summer of 1966, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was staying a few miles away, leading agitation for open housing. Paretsky, who says she came from a family of "intellectual snobs," got a crash course that summer in the ugly realities of racial conflict, redlining, white flight and panic peddling.

"One church typically had 2,000 people at Sunday mass," she recalled in a recent interview. "The Sunday before King's big march, the priest preached for open housing and tolerance. The next Sunday, no one was there, and someone tried to burn the church down.

"I got a particular snapshot of the city that has stayed with me, as well as an abiding sense that individuals and institutions are usually at cross purposes."

After that summer, Paretsky decided to stay on in the city and attend the University of Chicago, where she recalls "devouring mystery novels in the stacks when I was supposed to be studying the origins of English Puritanism."

After graduation, Paretsky went to work in the insurance industry, which was beginning to recruit women for middle management. It was a world in which she was successful, but far from happy. Paretsky credits V.I. with rescuing her from that world, and says she remembers the very moment the svelte private investigator appeared in her mind's eye.

It was at an October 1979 meeting with an executive Paretsky remembers fondly as "a horse's rear end."

"I was sitting in the meeting and my lips were saying, 'Gosh, (name deleted), heck of an idea!' But I could see one of those cartoon 'thought balloons' over my head saying: 'You $%!' And suddenly I thought of V.I. She really came to me in that meeting. She could say what was in that balloon because she didn't care what anyone thought."

The result of that epiphany was "Indemnity Only," the novel that introduced V.I. to the world. The thriller, which Paretsky completed in 1981, was published the following year, and almost immediately established her as the most successful of Chicago whodunit authors.

Paretsky said she took much of the plot for "Indemnity Only," as well as those for some of her subsequent novels, from tales she heard from her insurance colleagues over drinks.

"I was in marketing, but I did a lot of work supporting the claims department, and these claims guys would sit around and talk about frauds they had uncovered," she said. "People in law enforcement always seem to think that if they wanted to commit the perfect crime, they could. And the claims people always think they could run the perfect worker's compensation fraud."

The insurance angle gave Paretsky a believable way of getting V.I. involved in crime-solving, and she says it also gave her a certain leeway in plotting.

"If I were to write about baseball, for instance, I'd get a million letters from people who know more about it than I do, telling me every mistake I made," she said. "But people are bored by insurance, so if I get something wrong, they just kind of gloss over it. And people in the industry are almost pathetically grateful to get a mention, because no one ever writes novels set around insurance."

For the world outside insurance, Paretsky solicits plotting help from various experts, such as police officers, medical personnel and engineers. Her husband, a retired nuclear physicist and former Canadian naval officer, helped her with one novel which involved Great Lakes cargo shipping and professional hockey.

And then there was "Burn Marks," an arson tale set in the world of construction contracting and Cook County politics.

"For research, I climbed up to the 36th floor of a skyscraper under construction," she said. "The project manager took me out on the edge of an enclosed deck. I could have died. I turned green and started to keel over, so they grabbed me and pulled me back. That was such a vivid experience that I had to have V.I. undergo it."

In the novel, a villain attempts to push V.I. off a similar ledge. It's the only time in the series that V.I. draws a gun and kills someone.

Paretsky makes no secret that there's a lot of herself in V.I. The detective is about a decade younger than the 54-year-old author, is unmarried and lacks Paretsky's striking gray hair, but both are reed-slim, committed runners and pragmatically liberal in their politics. And both believe passionately in the worth of the individual.

But Paretsky admits she gets a bit tired of her alter ego at times. "Total Recall" is her 11th novel, but only the 10th featuring V.I. Her immediately previous outing, "Hard Times," had a different protagonist.

"It's a bit like being Col. Sanders," she said of series writing. "You don't always want to do fried chicken — sometimes you want to do pizza or hot dogs."

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2000)

Data Control Codes		GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES 100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Project Funds	TOTALS (Memorandum Only) 98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
	REVENUES:						
	Local an Intermediate Sources:						
	Investment Income	$ 1,670,138	$ 119,980	$ 276,403	$ 191,439	$ 2,257,960	$ 2,888,013
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	61,689,255	2,242,778	5,471,477	-	69,403,510	64,661,975
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	63,359,393	2,362,758	5,747,880	191,439	71,661,470	67,549,988
5800	State Program Revenue	47,967,808	2,968,752	2,032,944	-	52,969,504	52,475,235
5900	Federal Program Revenues	278,229	12,566,744	-	-	12,844,973	12,776,244
5020	Total Revenues	111,605,430	17,898,254	7,780,824	191,439	137,475,947	132,801,447
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	72,194,307	8,575,673	-	-	80,769,980	78,297,518
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	8,067,166	570,618	-	-	8,637,784	8,308,360
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	12,287,040	7,740,626	-	-	20,027,666	19,691,416
0040	Administrative Support Services	3,239,381	24,384	-	-	3,263,765	3,413,065
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	16,482,193	39,662	-	-	16,521,855	15,859,047
0060	Ancillary Services	209,048	570,092	-	-	779,140	740,108
0070	Debt Service	651,987	-	7,700,737	-	8,352,724	8,032,907
0080	Capital Outlay	284,771	-	-	5,286,841	5,571,612	13,352,475
6030	Total Expenditures	113,415,893	17,521,055	7,700,737	5,286,841	143,924,526	147,694,896
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,810,463)	377,199	80,087	(5,095,402)	(6,448,579)	(14,893,449)
7020	Other Resources	438,713	-	-	415,806	854,519	2,426,063
8030	Other (Uses)	(415,806)	-	-	(348,632)	(764,438)	(8,925)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,787,556)	377,199	80,087	(5,028,228)	(6,358,498)	(12,476,311)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	17,614,605	2,225,570	2,811,515	5,028,228	27,679,918	40,156,229
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 15,827,049	$ 2,602,769	$ 2,891,602	$ -	$ 21,321,420	$ 27,679,918

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NOTICE

The Midland Independent School District will receive Proposals on Computer workstations, Proposal #2P-0001 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 W. County Road 60 West, Midland, TX 79707 will be received until 5:00 p.m. CST January 2, 2002 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposal Forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bid #2001-114

Midland Community College is now accepting Sealed Competitive Proposals for the professional services to develop a full and comprehensive grant proposal for the Title V Hispanic Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant and TRIO Upward Bound Grant Proposals may be picked up in the Accounting/Purchasing Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m., until 5:00 p.m., 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., January 7, 2002 at which time they will be read aloud. A final determination will be made at a future board meeting. The College has the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #01-12-0002) for the Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Caching Servers at Region 18 ESC located at 2811 Laforce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79705. Address sealed Proposal #01-12-0002 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 7, 2002. Beginning December 17th, proposal packets (including all proposal forms and specifications) may be downloaded from the following web site:http://www.esc18.net/rfp.asp. Region 18 ESC will be closed from December 20th through January 2nd. During the period when we are closed, please address all questions to Mr. Casey Ritchie at critchie@esc18.net. Prior to December 20th and after January 2, 2002, you may also contact Mr. Ritchie at 915- 567-3296 if you have any questions. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any an all proposals.

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CAUSE NO. PRG-01-570

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF, NUÑEZ, SANDY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF IRION COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters for Guardianship of the Person and Estate of SANDY G. NUÑEZ were issued on the 26th day of November, 2001 in Docket No. PRG-01-570, pending in the County Court of Irion County, Texas, to ANNA DOMINGUEZ.

The residence of the Guardian of the Person and Estate of SANDY G. NUÑEZ is in Midland County, Texas, the post office address is:

MS. ANNA DOMINGUEZ
301 East Oak
Midland, TX 79705

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th day of December, 2001.

JOHN W. CALDWELL, JR.
Attorney fot the Estate

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Computers for Career and Technology Education, Bid #2-0030 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 W. County Road 60 West, Midland, TX 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST January 7, 2002 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

NOTICE

The Midland Independent School District will receive Proposals for Local Telephone Service, Proposal #2P-0002 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 W. County Road 60 West, Midland, TX 79707 will be received until 5:00 p.m. CST January 3, 2002 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposal Forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

To satisfy Landlords' Lien. Per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Contents of Unit(s):
#62 Teinert, Tammye
Misc. Household.
At ABC Secured Storage, 3105 W. Industrial, Midland, TX, will be sold as a closed bid 1/25/02, @9:00 A.M.

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Notice of Sex Offender Registration
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

•Steven D. Wiley
•52 year old male
•Indecency w/Child Sexual Contact- age 6
•3411 W. Wall St.,
Midland, TX 79701
•High risk level-A designated range of points on the sex offender screening tool indicating that the person poses a serious danger to the community and will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
•Photo available at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

Notice of Sex Offender Registration
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

•Thomas E. Redman
•44 year old male
•Indecency w/ Child Sexual Contact- age 9
•3210 Preston Dr.,
Midland, TX 79707
•Photo available at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

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NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Olivarez, Scotty, a 24 year old male, convicted of Sexual Assault, is registered to live in Midland County at 2813 South County Road 1194, Midland, Texas 79706. The victim was a female 14 years of age. The offender's photograph is accessible and free of charge at DPS web page: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us. This notice complies with the Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 62. Sex Offender Registration Program.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL

Olivarez, Scotty un hombre de 24 años de edad que fue hallado culpable de el delito de Assulto Sexual con una Niña 14 años de edad. El hombre esta registrado para vivir en el condado de Midland en 2813 South County Road 1194, Midland, Texas 79706. Su photografia se puede obtener sin costo de DPS web page, http://records.tsdps.state.tx.us. Esta noticia cumple con el Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62. Sex Offender Registration Program.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #01-12-0001) to Update and Improve the Presentation Systems in the Conference Center and Information Systems conference rooms, at Region 18 ESC located at 2811 LaForce Blvd. Midland, Texas 79705. The Conference Center is approximately 10 years old and the Information Systems building is around 25 years old. Both buildings are equipped with an old wiring system that is not capable of handling complex presentation requirements in today's environment. the conference rooms in both buildings must be capable of utilizing all types of audio/visual presentations and videoconferencing broadcasts such as TETN, Distance Learning, and T-Star. Presentation capabilities must be available in the Conference Center as one large room or in any combination from one to four individually subdivided rooms. In addition, it is essential that the new equipment be compatible with existing systems and be user-friendly and efficient. Address sealed Proposal #01-12-0001 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 7, 2002. Beginning December 17th, proposal packets (including all proposal forms and specifications) may be downloaded from the following web site: http://www.esc18.net/rfp.asp. Region 18 ESC will be closed from December 20th through January 2nd. During the period when we are closed, please address all questions to Mr. Steve Welch at stwelch@esc18.net. Prior to December 20th and after January 2nd 2002, you may also contact Mr. Steve Welch at 915-567-3292 if you have any questions and/or if you want to review the existing facilities/ systems in the Conference Center and Information Systems. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND LEASE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Kent County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 31, 2001 for grazing and/or hunting leases on Public School Land owned by Jayton-Girard I.S.D. located in Dawson and Martin Counties.

The Commissioners Court will consider bids on price per acre and/or improvements on land in lieu of cash for a length of term of five years beginning on January 1, 2002.

Details regarding location of the 5,000 plus acres of land, minimum bid and other considerations may be obtained from the office of the Kent County Judge. The Kent County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or accept bids most advantageous to the Jayton-Girard I.S.D.

Witness my hand this 26th day of November, 2001.

Tommy Stanaland
Kent County Judge
P.O. Box 6
Jayton, Texas 79528
(806)237-3373

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SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF MISCELLANEOUS USED OFFICE FURNITURE, COMPUTERS AND LAWN EQUIPMENT

Region 18 Education Service Center is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the miscellaneous used Office Furniture, Computers and Lawn Equipment. All bids must be submitted on the bid form provided in the bid packet and must be sealed and addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711-0580. Bids will be received at the above address until 9:00 a.m., December 18, 2001. Each lot will be sold to the highest bidder. Successful bidders must pay for and remove their items no later than noon, December 19, 2001. School District PO's will be accepted. Items are available for inspection at Region 18 Education Service Center. Bid packets may be obtained beginning December 10, 2001, at Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Boulevard, Midland, Texas 79711, or by calling Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Dimming and Control System Equipment for Lee Senior High School, Bid #2M-0004 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services/ District Architect, 801 S. Moran, Building #1, Midland, TX 79701 will be received until 3:00 p.m. CST, January 2, 2002 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1500.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS

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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital and on or after Monday, December 17, 2001.

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ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 P.M. (NOON), TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2002, AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE CLOSED.

Bid opening will be at 2:30 P.M. in the Department of Materials Management, Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701, on Tuesday, JANUARY 8, 2002.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 8, 2002.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the Purchasing Office according to Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District - Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

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Notice of Sex Offender Registration
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

•Robert L. Luna
•39 year old male
•Aggravated Sexual Assault/Child- ages 6, 8, 9 Indecency w/Child- ages 6, 8, 9
•215 Circle Dr.
Midland, TX 79701
•Moderate risk level-A designated range of points on the sex offender screening tool indicating that the person poses a moderate danger to the community and will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
•Photo available at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

Notice of Sex Offender Registration
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

•Tony C. Howell
•44 year old male
•Indecency w/Child Sexual Contact- 8 years old
•1212 E. Wadley Av.,
Midland, TX 79705
•Photo available at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

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Notice of Sex Offender Registration
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

•Avery D. Lee
•16 year old male
•Aggravated Sexual Assault/Child- 13 years old
•2700 N. Midland Dr.,
Midland, TX 79707
•High risk level-A designated range of points on the sex offender screening tool indicating that the person poses a serious danger to the community and will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
•Photo available at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

LEGAL NOTICE

Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2002, in the Benefits Office of M.I.S.D., 615 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701 for the following:

401(a) Employee Defined Contribution Plan

Information for Vendors, proposal packets may be obtained from M.I.S.D. Benefits Office, Midland Independent School District.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #01-12-0003) for the services of a Licensed Dietitian. Address sealed Proposal #01-12-0003 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 10, 2002. Beginning December 17th, proposal packets (including all proposal forms and specifications) may be downloaded from the following web site http://www.esc18.net/rfp.asp. Region 18 ESC will be closed from December 20th through January 2nd. During the period when we are closed, please address all questions to Ms. Pat Flowers at pflowers@marshill.com. Prior to December 20th and after January 2, 2002, you may also contact Ms. Flowers at 915- 567-3256 if you have any questions. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any an all proposals.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Teaching Supplies. Bid #2-0029 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 W. County Road 60 West, Midland, TX 79707 will be received until 8:30 a.m. CST January 7, 2002 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

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215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

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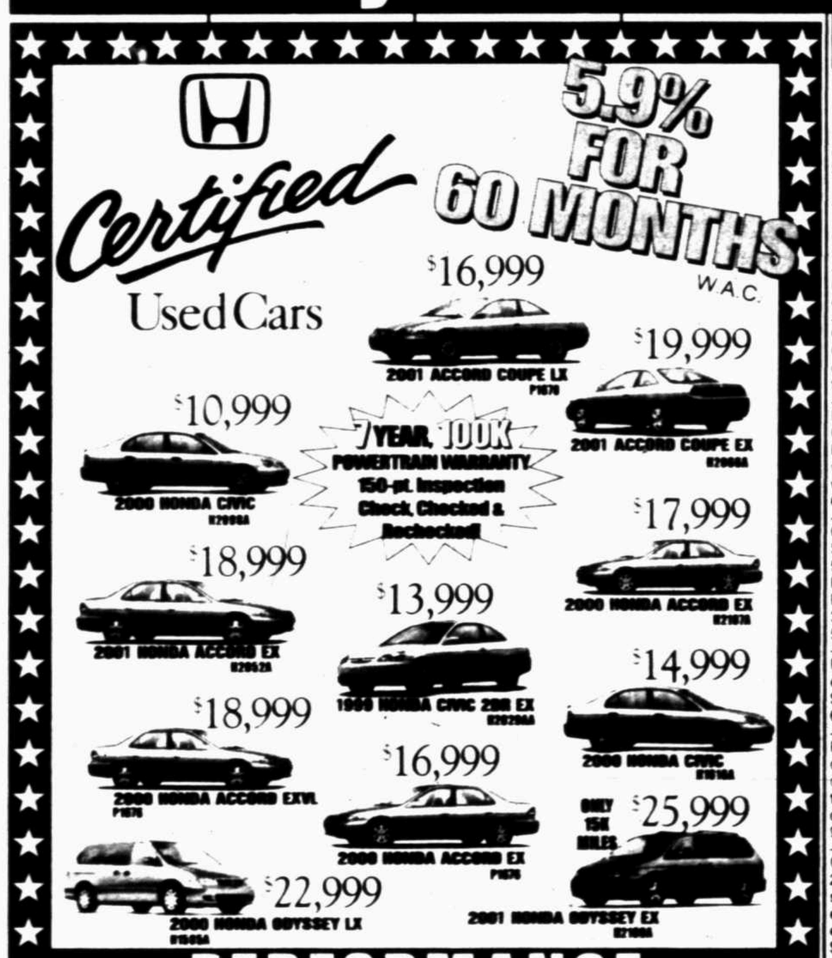
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FORD 1995 Supercab XLT. $6,850. bed liner, wheels, V8, power windows and locks, tilt, cruise, tape only. 82K miles. Metro Motors, 4001 W. Wall. 699-0533.

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CHEVROLET 1997 Suburban LT, 4x4, blue/ grey leather, fully loaded, new tires, new transmission, 83K miles, mint condition. $15,000. 697-4699.

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Strong computer skills, good written and verbal communication skills needed for this professional position. Must be able to handle multiple tasks. Technical knowledge A+. Call
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Bachelor's degree in a related field working with children and families required. Bilingual preferred. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Salary $1,908 monthly. E.O.E. Call for application or pickup at High Sky Children's Ranch, Families Together, 8701 West County Road 60, (915)520-8370.

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We are seeking an experienced Field Technician for our Lubbock office. this position will be responsible for environmental sampling, data collection, and operation and maintenance of remedial action systems. The successful candidate must have at least one year of environmental sampling experience with emphasis on ground water sampling procedures of water and wastewater plant operations, general knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and or carpentry, and a good driving record. High School graduation or equivalent required, college degree in science or technology field and safety training a plus. Maturity, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to work independently are essential.

DBS&A offers a challenging work environment, opportunities for professional development, and a competitive salary and benefits package. For immediate consideration, please email (MS Word) resume, cover letter specifying Job #229, references, and salary history to hr@dbstephens.com or mail to: Human Resources, DBS&A, 6020 Academy Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

EEO/AA Employer

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Faculty Position, Head Football Coach

Position # 02-31. Appointment date negotiable, but no later than February 15, 2002. Salary dependent on academic preparation and experience. **Required:** Master's degree, football coaching experience. **Preferred:** Eighteen hours in Physical Education; coaching experience at the college level. Teach Physical Education and coach football. Duties include teaching a minimum of two lecture classes per semester in the Department of Physical Education; coaching and recruiting for the football program. Position is Security Sensitive. Submit letter of interest, resume, transcripts and three letters of reference to **Human Resources Director, Sul Ross State University, Box C-13, Alpine, TX 79832.** (915)837-8058. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. EEO/ AAE. Sul Ross is a member of the Texas State University System. Visit our website at www.sulross.edu.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Manor Park, Inc. has a part-time position (20-25 hours a week) available for an Executive Assistant. Experience working with Excel, Microsoft Office, must be able to take dictation/ minutes. 3- 5 Years experience in an executive corporate office environment. Possible full-time advancement.

Submit resume/ application by Friday, January 3, 2002 to the Human Resources Department
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2208 N. Loop 250 West
Midland, TX 79707
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Major national health foundation is seeking a Special Events Coordinator in Midland with a proven track record in fundraising to run special events and to manage a minor walkathon. 25 hours per week. Will probably lead to full-time. High energy individual with strong communication and presentation skills. Must be well organized and computer literate. 3 years fundraising experience. Please fax resume to 713-334-4040; or mail to JDRF, 2425 Fountain View suite 280, Houston, TX 77057. C/O SEM

314 Clerical Help Wanted

PART TO full-time bookkeeper needed with Quickbook experience. Salary DOE. Starting 20-30 hours per week. Send resume to P.O. Box 4725, Midland, TX 79704.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for doctor's office, part time limited. 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Sundays only! Please bring resume to 1816 N. Midland Dr.

312 Professional Help Wanted

NEW TODAY

Texas State Technical College Sweetwater

COORDINATOR- GRANTS ACCOUNTING
DIRECTOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Texas State Technical College West Texas is seeking a:

****COORDINATOR- GRANTS ACCOUNTING** to monitor the College's grants operations. Job duties include development of grant manuals based upon grantor requirements (including applicable Federal and State requirements), verification of proposed expenditures against budgets, and periodic reconciliation/ review of expenditures for reporting purposes. Applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field plus related prior work experience, or an Associates degree in a related field plus ten years directly related work experience. Applicant should be team oriented, customer friendly, and possess excellent computer skills. Salary range $30,000- $35,000 DOQ. Application must be received by the Human Resources office on or before January 4, 2002. For an application package, contact TSTC Human Resources, 300 College Drive, Sweetwater, TX 79556. (915)235-7372.

****DIRECTOR HUMAN RESOURCES-** Bachelor's degree from an accredited four year college or university with major course work in public or personnel administration, business or related fields. Should have extensive and progressive experience in a highly responsible administrative or supervisory capacity in personnel or public administration. Knowledge of personnel administration. Knowledge of personnel administration, training techniques, equal employment, Fair Labor Standards Act, and related state and federal laws and regulations. Lead and direct Human Resource functions for the four TSTC West Texas Locations. Plan, develop and administer HR programs under the guidance of local college administration and HR Core leadership. For an application package, contact TSTC Waco Human Resources, 3801 Campus Drive, Waco, TX 76705 (254)867-4810.

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- Speech: introduction to Public Speaking

The Masters or Doctorate degree in the teaching field is preferred. However, consideration will be given to persons with at least 18 graduate hours in the teaching field holding the Masters degree in another area. Teaching experience desired. Send a letter of specific interest and experience, resume, and copy of graduate transcripts to: Dr. James Olson, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, U.T. Permian Basin, 4901 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762.

Phone inquiries can be made to Dr. Olson at 915-552-2220, or by e-mail to <olson_j@utpb.edu> Qualified applicants will be placed in the "bank" and contacted as soon as possible as enrollment demands dictate. U.T. Permian Basin is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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TAKING APPLICATIONS for the following positions: Receptionist: Fast paced position, must be able to multiple tasks, be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, be able to type 40 wpm. Need to have experience answering phones. If interested please come by and fill out an application or fax your resume to: Parks Methodist Retirement Village, 111 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765. (915)563-5707, fax (915)563-0430.

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79701

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79707

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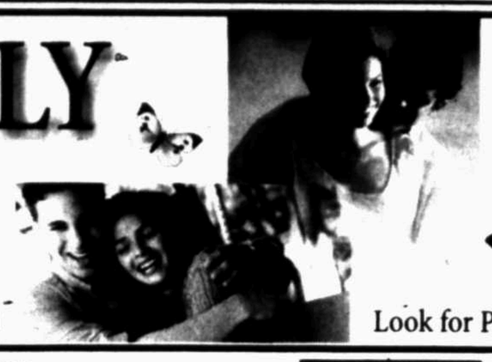
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DWF, 45, N/S, [illegible] and compassionate, enjoys conversation, bowling, and dining out. ISO SWM, 45-55, with similar interests, who wants a possible relationship. Ad#.1694

LONELY TOO LONG
DBF, 33, mother of two, 5', brown eyes, full-figured, N/S, ISO spontaneous, loving, honest SM, 25-40, who enjoys church, children, and life, for LTR. Ad#.1722

LET'S HANG OUT!
Outgoing SHF, 20, likes trying everything once, computers, movies, pool, video games and more. Seeking SWM, 19-32, to have fun with. Ad#.1752

DO YOU LIKE?
Shy at first WF, 42, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, full-figured, enjoys quiet walks, movies, dining, and quiet times. ISO WCM, 40-55, humorous, kind-hearted, who likes kids. Ad#.1744

CALL ME
SBF, 21, N/S, 5'1", kind, considerate, and loving. Seeking SNAM, 21-33, for casual relationship. Ad#.1739

HAPPY LIFE AHEAD
SWF, 46, N/S, 5'3", friendly, humorous, romantic, enjoys sewing, baking, and long walks. ISO SWM, 40-48, tall, employed, who likes kids. Ad#.1734

LET'S MEET 4 COFFEE
This outgoing SWF, 29, 6'2", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes rodeos, park walks, cuddling. She's seeking a SWM, 24-43, for friendship. Ad#.1680

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Outgoing SWF, 37, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys dining, cooking, dancing, and movies, is seeking a truthful, sincere SWM, 35-40. Ad#.1037

KILLER SMILE
Attractive, romantic, secure SWPF, 49, 5'5", blue-eyed, brunette, medium-built, enjoys sports, ballroom dancing, traveling, cuddling, long walks, ISO SWM, 49-67. Ad#.1723

ENJOY ME!
Outgoing BPF, 30, mom of two, N/S, enjoys movies, travel, church, and walks in the park. ISO BM, 30-45, fun, with common interests. Ad#.1713

HIT ME UP!
Full-figured BCF, 18, 5'7", black hair, N/S, no kids, outgoing, enjoys church, school, and fun times. Seeking a BM, 18-41, for possible LTR. Ad#.1711

RESPONSIBLE
SWF, 30, 5'5", 125lbs., brown/blonde hair, shy, loving, likes physical activities and movies. ISO SWM, 30-35, who is goal-oriented and likes children. Ad#.1699

REFRESHING
SWF, 18, 5'7", 115lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, personable, likes to hang out. ISO SWM, 18-24, who likes to have fun. Ad#.1701

ADVENTUROUS
SWF, 20, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, pleasant, friendly, loves to paint, sing, practice guitar, and play bongos. ISO SM, 18-30, who is genuine, caring, impulsive, and daring. Ad#.1702

OUR LAND
Writing poety, camping, fishing, dancing, and Christianity are enjoyed by this WPF, 28, mother, who's intelligent and independent. Seeking WM, 35-45, financially/mentally stable, for common ground. Ad#.1691

PRETTY BLUE EYES
Red hair, blue eyes, WF, 45, reserved at first, enjoys camping, fishing, long walks, dancing, movies. Looking for open, honest, HM, 38-48, not a game player. Ad#.1689

HOMEBODY
Fun at home is liked by this BF, 29, 5'4", 170lbs., light brown eyes, nice outgoing person, who enjoys children. ISO WM, 20-29, who likes children. Ad#.1687

FOR WONDERFUL TIMES
Professional, outgoing SWF, 50, 5'4", 128lbs., brown hair, enjoys traveling, good wine, meeting people. ISO Christian SWM, 48-55, for LTR. Ad#.1678

ISO LTR
Classy, attractive SWF, 49, enjoys ballroom dancing, culture events, relaxing, cooking, seeking WM, 50-65, preferably 5'10"+, with no baggage. Ad#.1667

MIDLAND AREA PLEASE
Spontaneous SWF, 18, 5'8", blonde hair, brown eyes, likes clubs, fun, parties, seeking WM, 18-22, for friendship. Ad#.1662

BE YOURSELF!
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs., blue-eyed, blonde, likes traveling, dancing, dining out, movies, clubbing, ISO SM, 19-34, who likes kids. Ad#.1658

LET'S TALK
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 28, 5', medium-built, brown hair/eyes, likes sports, the outdoors. ISO similar SWM, 20-45. Ad#.1657

THE RIGHT GUY?
Attractive, educated SWF, 40, 5'5", 120lbs., brown hair, enjoys living life. ISO SM, 33-60. Ad#.1651

TREAT ME LIKE A LADY
Friendly, warm, caring SWPF, 49, 5'7", 122lbs., frosted brown-haired, enjoys the lake, concerts. ISO tall, handsome, college-educated SWCM, 45-55. Ad#.1650

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Shy SWF, 21, 5'6", 130lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming and movies, seeks a single HM, 23-25. Ad#.1648

GOOD TIMES
Outgoing, friendly SH mom, 19, 5'5", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, movies, reading. ISO outgoing, faithful SM, 18-35, for friendship, relationship. Ad#.1645

BE MY LIFE PARTNER
Outgoing, humorous SBPF, 27, 5'11", enjoys movies, swimming, park walks. ISO caring SWM, 24-40, who likes children, for friendship, relationship. Ad#.1634

CALL ME!
Outgoing, friendly SHF, 52, 5'4", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, N/S, ISO sincere, honest SWM, 47-52, to enjoy many things and adventures with. Ad#.1627

POSSIBILITIES
Intelligent, faithful HF, 19, 5'5", black/brown hair, likes sports, hanging out. ISO honest HM, 19-25, friendship first. Ad#.1613

LOOKING FOR YOU
DWF, 21, 5'7", black hair, hazel eyes. ISO SM, 21-35, who's mature, responsible, likes children, and is not afraid of commitment. Ad#.1604

TAKE IT SLOW
SWF, 47, 5'1", 160lbs., enjoys dining out, swimming, aerobics. ISO SWM, 30-60, who wants to go out and have fun, for friendship. Ad#.1600

STEP BY STEP
Outgoing SWF, 35, 6', blond hair, enjoys the outdoors, pets, and movies. ISO family-oriented, honest SM, 45-55, N/D, for casual relationship. Ad#.1589

FUNNY
SHF, 18, 5'5", 125lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing. ISO SM who's cute, friendly, funny, and enjoys parties, movies, walks. Ad#.1584

TIME OF NEED
SBF, 44, attractive, black hair, brown eyes, intelligent, fun, enjoys cooking, sewing, and the outdoors. ISO SWM, 45-65, intelligent, good conversations, for casual dating. Ad#.1579

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?
Outgoing SWF, 22, with kids, smoker, 5'3", brown hair, blue eyes, 130lbs., shy at first, enjoys movies, time with friends, travelling, family time. ISO SWM, 25-37, for friendship first. Ad#.1571

PACKAGE DEAL
SHF, 39, with kids, N/S, short brown hair/eyes, 105lbs., 5'2", very shy, honest, enjoys long walks, sports, movies, golf. ISO SHM, 35-40, who likes kids, for friendship and more. Ad#.1568

LET'S CHAT
SBF, 30, 5'5", full-figured, outgoing, fun, full of energy, perky, enjoys needlepoint, reading, movies, dancing, animals, making the best of life. ISO SWM, 26-35, honest, open for a close friendship. Ad#.9656

IT'S A GOOD LIFE
SHF, 33, 5'10", brown eyes, enjoys walking, reading, and more. ISO SHM, 33-45, who's huggable and loveable, with similar interests. Ad#.1560

SHARE MY LIFE
SF, 5'7", medium build, blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys music, movies, sports, television, time with kids, outdoor activities. ISO honest one-woman man, 38-55, for friendship and more. Ad#.1557

CAN'T GO WRONG
Outgoing, fun-loving SWF, 43, 5'7", average build, with long dark hair, hazel eyes, loves children, animals, yard sales, seeks a sincere SM, 35-55, with similar interests, for friends first. Ad#.1545

SPENDING TIME
Spontaneous SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, and always on the go. ISO SHM, 20-30, has a good sense of humor, is spontaneous, and likes good times. Ad#.1521

REAL MEN
DWF, 21, 5'7", black hair, hazel eyes, kids, open-minded, enjoys cooking, dining, long walks, reading, and writing poetry. ISO SWCM, 21-35, N/S, N/D, mature, and full of life. Ad#.1530

LAID-BACK
SWF, 46, 5'7", blue eyes, red hair, easygoing, enjoys dancing, camping, and fishing. ISO SWM, 45-55, outgoing and easy to get a long with. Ad#.1520

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBF, 27, 6', brown hair/eyes, full-figured, people person, enjoys movies and outdoor sports, seeks SM, 25-40, sincere, faithful, and honest, for a LTR. Ad#.1512

SHARE DREAMS WITH ME
Outgoing, understanding SWF, 42, 5'7", 120lbs., short blond hair, seeking honest, responsible, educated SWCM, 40-55. I enjoy family, walks, art museums, concerts, movies, dining out, nature, good conversation, children. Ad#.1505

ISO LIFE PARTNER
Fun-loving, intelligent, compassionate, warm SWF, 55, 5'5", 138lbs., have passion for oil painting, interior design, gardening, reading, humane work. ISO intelligent, ambitious SWM, 52-62, for a committed relationship. Ad#.1504

ENJOY SIMPLE THINGS
Easygoing SHF, 38, 5'7", 135lbs., brown hair, likes movies, hanging out, going to the lake. ISO easygoing, honest, loyal, respectful SHM, 30-45, for friendship. Ad#.1503

SHOW YOUR EMOTIONS
Down-to-earth, outgoing SWF, 20, 5'2", long light brown hair, hazel eyes, loves dancing, singing, swimming, movies, quiet times, the outdoors, sports. Seeking caring, loving, outgoing SWM, 20-25, who likes kids and is interested in a possible LTR. Ad#.1492

HARDWORKING LADY
Friendly, kind-hearted SWF, 52, hairstylist, 5'10", blonde hair, hazel eyes, full-figured, desires kind-hearted, outgoing SWM, 52-62, N/D, for casual dating. Ad#.1501

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Happy SWPF, 36, loves sports, softball, music, nature, animals, working out, seeking honest, outgoing, fun SWM, 36-44, with grown or no children, for casual relationship. Ad#.1499

COMMITTED CHRISTIAN?
Outgoing, genuine SWF, 47, 5'7", 120lbs., blonde, who enjoys plays, live concerts, movies, dining out, picnics. ISO tall, handsome, intelligent, degreed, college-educated SWCM, 45-55, financially secure, who loves the Lord. Ad#.1476

CALL ME!
Outgoing, outspoken, casual SW mom, 52, 5'10", blonde a business owner. ISO a SWM, 48-56, for friendship. Ad#.1475

IN CONTROL
Outspoken SWF, 20, 5'2", 129lbs., with long brown hair, seeks an honest SBPM, 20-29, who knows what he wants out of life. Ad#.1461

FAITHFUL
Humorous, laid-back SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys writing, travel, and clubbing, seeks an honest SHM, 21-35 for a possible LTR. Ad#.1462

BEAUTIFUL BLOND
Romantic SWF, 22, likes clubbing, movies, walks, working out. Looking for outgoing, fun-loving, adventurous SW/HM, 22-32, to share good times with, for possible LTR. Ad#.1460

PARTNER AND FRIEND
WF, 21, 5'2", 150lbs., blond hair, enjoys movies, long walks. ISO friendly WCM, 18-25, family-oriented, friendship, companionship, monogamous relationship. Ad#.1449

DOWN-TO-EARTH GIRL
Easygoing SWF, 39, 5'11", dark hair, loves reading, movies, and family activities. She would like to get acquainted with a kind, friendly, humorous SWM, 38-45, who loves doing things at home. Ad#.1443

A ROMANTIC
Single white female, 48, 5'1", medium-built, blondish/brown hair, brown eyes, humorous, self-employed, enjoys life to the fullest, sports, camping, football. Seeks a single white male, 44-52, humorous, self-confident, with similar interests. Ad#.1609

LIKES THE HOME LIFE
SWF, 44, 5'6", 115lbs., green eyes, reddish brown hair, loves reading, movies, traveling, shopping, cooking, dancing and animals. Looking for honest, respectful SM, 35-55, for LTR. Ad#.1433

BEST FRIEND
Friendly DWCF, 48, 5'8", 155lbs., enjoys traveling and fishing. Looking for a good independent, goal-oriented D/SWCM, 47-53, who's supportive and want to share family, intelligent conversation, Christian values, to work together for common goals. Ad#.1420

KIND-HEARTED
Blond SWF, 20, 5'4", medium build, employed, in college, likes movies and riding horses. ISO SWM, 21-26, with a good personality and great sense of humor. Ad#.1412

GREGARIOUS
SWPCF, 44, 5'5", 130lbs., long black hair, olive complexion, likes walking, church, joking around, reading, travel, biking, gardening, skiing. ISO SWPCM, 35-48, with good solid stable convictions, multi-faceted, intelligent, romantic. Ad#.1409

CHRISTIAN LADY
HF, 38, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, very outgoing, family-oriented, churchgoer, enjoys bowling, movies, dancing, seeking honest man, 35-40. Please be a Christian, sincere and honest. Ad#.1401

NO GAME PLAYERS
Outgoing, sociable, fun-loving SHF, 41, 5'7", average weight, dark brown hair, seeks N/S, social drinker, sincere SM, 38-50, for friendship and more. Ad#.1390

NEED TO KNOW
SBF, 27, 5', fun-loving, outgoing, loves reading, jazz music, movies, fine dining and whatever is fun. Looking for a fun-loving SBM, 30-40, who's not serious and who enjoys sports. Ad#.1376

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWF, 18, 5'6", 125lbs., with green eyes, outgoing, enjoys movies, dating, shopping and hanging out. Looking for a SWM, 18-21, who's nice. Ad#.1367

LET'S DANCE
SWF, 41, 5', 95lbs., humorous, charming, enjoys cultural events, dining out, cooking and swimming. Looking for a SWM, 41-45, who likes dancing and enjoys the theatre. Ad#.1374

GIVE ME A RING
SBF, 27, 5'2", 195lbs., spontaneous and outgoing, enjoys long walks, shopping, dining out and movies. Looking for a fun-loving SBM, 25-40, for friendship. Ad#.1378

LET'S HAVE FUN
SHF, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., with light brown hair, enjoys movies, clubbing and having fun, looking for a tall, SWM, 18-21, who likes to have fun. Ad#.1385

FUN & EXCITING
Free, talented SHF, 32, looking to meet a SM, 30-40, race unimportant. Let's have some fun. Ad#.1361

VERY MATURE
Fun-loving, petite SHF, 22, enjoys reading, walking and good conversation. Looking for a good-looking, mature SHM, 21-35, who is trustworthy, loyal and enjoys having fun. Ad#.1329

SEASONAL GREETINGS
Recently WWWF, 60, petite, enjoys cooking, cleaning, dancing, travel, sight-seeing and having fun. Looking for a WM, 30-60, just to be with & talk to. Ad#.1331

HEAR ME OUT
Sweet SHF, 22, petite, slender, good listner, loves riding horses, laughter, clubbing and dancing. Looking for a clean SH/WM, 22-30, who likes to have fun and share quiet times together. Ad#.1345

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
Cute SWF, 32, medium-built, loves going out, country dancing, horseback riding and movies. Looking for an honest SM, 32-40, kids okay, for LTR. Ad#.1334

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
SWF, 32, petite, employed, loves horseback riding, dancing and movies. Looking for a SWM, 32-40, no games, kids and monogamous LTR okay. Ad#.1342

THE GAL FOR YOU
Friendly, outgoing, outspoken, creative SHF, 22, 5'2", 127lbs., dark eyes, reddish-brown hair, enjoys hanging out with friends, movies, music, drives in the country, reading, swimming, skiing, football, and basketball. ISO honest, organized SWM, 22-29. Ad#.1309

FUN & OUTGOING
Creative, romantic SWF, 44, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, enjoys photography, movies, seeks SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. Ad#.1301

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Caring, fun SWCF, 48, 5'8", 121lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys her profession, reading, movies, museums and the arts. Seeking a similar SWCM, 46-55, with strong values and integrity. Ad#.1303

WHENEVER I'M WITH U
I'll consider myself the luckiest person in the world! Slender, petite SHF, 19, likes walks, dancing, cruising, ISO family-oriented, loving SHM, 21. Ad#.1279

THREE LITTLE WORDS
That make this active, medium-built WF, 58, happy, let's have fun! ISO clean, decent, witty, humorous, outgoing, life-loving WM, 57-68. Ad#.1294

FAMILY VALUES
Caring, loving SWF, 34, 5', 115lbs., reddish brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, shopping, walks, seeks educated, family-oriented SM 28-50, for LTR. Ad#.1288

BE MY FRIEND
Fun, humorous SBF, 25, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys horseback riding, movies, walks, talks, seeks SM, 24-44, for friendship. Ad#.1290

FOR YOUR COOKIE
Is this sweet, fun-loving SHF, 18, 5'1", who likes clubbing, cruising, dancing, movies, dinners out. You: SM, 18-22, humorous and happening. Ad#.1280

NO COUCH POTATOES!
Active, family-oriented, retired SWCF, 62, 5'5", 180lbs., seeks respectful, upbeat SWM, who likes travel, walks, country/western dancing, sports, fun. Ad#.1272

DON'T PASS ME BY
Funny SBF, 18, 5'3", 125lbs., blond hair, student, likes movies, long walks, parks, seeking a similar SBM, 18-23. Ad#.1263

Males seeking Females

GIVE ME A CALL!
Outgoing, crazy SBM, 19, 6'4", 180lbs., N/S, likes traveling and workouts. Seeking SF, 18-40, similar interests, for possible LTR. Ad#.1805

SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
SWM, 48, 5'9", N/S, N/D, seeks SAF, 22-50, to be spoiled and treated right, for relationship and possible marriage. Ad#.1803

NO MIND GAMES!!!
Outgoing, open, honest SWM, 44, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, N/S, likes reading, weight-lifting, long walks, and more. Seeking outgoing, honest, open-minded SHF, 29-47, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1799

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?
SWM, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., dirty blond hair, likes partying, hanging out with friends, movies, the mall, playing sports. Looking for SWF, 18-21, faithful, trustworthy. Ad#.1788

NO COUCH POTATOES
35 year-old SWM loves motorcycles, the outdoors, cookouts, movies, theater. ISO fun D/SWF, 25-40. Ad#.1792

MAKE MY HEART RACE
SWM, 21, 6'1", 163lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, athletic build, outgoing, likes biking, race cars. Seeks outgoing, friendly SWF, 18-25. Ad#.1796

BE MINE
SWM, 19, 5'9", 162lbs., blond hair, fun, outgoing, enjc/s sports, movies, dining out. ISO understanding, caring SF, 18-21. Ad#.1785

MAKING IT REAL
Easygoing WM, 21, 5'10", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, clubs, dancing, and working on cars. Seeking WF, 18-25, fun, outgoing, and likes to party. Ad#.1774

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Easygoing SWM, 43, 6'1", 200lbs., enjoys camping, the outdoors, motorcycles, traveling. ISO SF, 30-45, with similar interests, possible LTR. Ad#.1773

HAPPY TO MEET U
Outgoing DWCM, 43, enjoys motorcycling, camping, traveling, music, ISO slim, attractive SBCPF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad#.1772

NO MIND GAMES
Outgoing, honest DWM, 32, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, medium build, enjoys races, motorcycles, and time with someone special. ISO WF, 25-35, sincere, inner beauty, kind-hearted, for friendship first. Ad#.1745

STAY AT HOME
SWM, 41, 6', 180lbs., shy, laid-back, seeking SWF, 20-35, homebody, for a possible LTR. Ad#.1737

HELLO LADIES
SWM, 41, N/S, 6'1", 235lbs., shy, spontaneous, enjoys movies, music, poetry, cooking, and more. ISO SF, 25-60, 5'5", for casual relationship. Ad#.1736

COMMITMENT
Easygoing SWM, 43, 6', 240lbs., brown hair, likes gardening, movies, ISO honest, sincere, dedicated SWF, 25-45. Ad#.1729

FRIENDS FIRST
Friendly, outgoing, easy to get along with SWM, 29, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes sports, mountain climbing, fishing, ISO a SWF, 21-35, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.1726

THE FINER THINGS
Shy at first SWM, 43, 5'9", 190lbs., blond, blue-eyed, N/S, loves tennis, traveling, cooking, snow skiing. ISO outgoing, fit SF, 30-47, who enjoys life. Ad#.1674

HONEST INTENTIONS
SHM, 34, self-employed, no children, likes movies, walks in the park, dancing, dining out, ISO SF, 25-40, with similar interests, for conversation. Ad#.1721

HERE I AM
SWM, 37, 5'9", 150lbs., blue eyes, enjoys mountains, fishing, shooting. ISO SF, 35-40, for conversation and possibly more. Ad#.1720

LOTS OF ENERGY
Friendly, laid-back HM, 20, black hair, hazel eyes, light skin, medium build, enjoys phone conversations, hanging out, and sports. ISO SF, 19-24, nice smile, active, understanding, honest, with humor. Ad#.1718

WAITING, PLEASE CALL
Laid-back, easygoing WM, 28, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, computers, and bowling. ISO WF, 21-33, honest, who wants to have fun times. Ad#.1710

A REAL GEM
I'm an outgoing SWM, 48, who enjoys music, dancing, traveling. I'm ISO an open, honest SWF, 30-40, for a casual relationship. Ad#.1683

ONE OF THE BEST
Christian SHM, 39, 5'6", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys his children, guitar, quiet times, poetry. ISO SF, 35-44, with similar interests. Ad#.1682

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Shy, loyal SWM, 20, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, the outdoors, music. Seeking SWF, 18-25, for friendship. Ad#.1679

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWM, 31, 6', blond hair, enjoys having fun, movies, outdoor activities, dining out, traveling. ISO humorous, fun-loving SWF, 21-32, for a possible LTR. Ad#.1453

TRULY YOURS
Caring, humorous WM, 43, green eyes, enjoys sports, traveling, conversation, camping, and cooking, seeking respectful SF, 30-45, for friendship. Ad#.1672

WHAT MAKES U TICK?
Gardening, dancing, music, hunting, fishing? Then you WF, 40-55, should join this WM, 53, 5'11", 220lbs., to share in good times. Ad#.1668

WARM-HEARTED?
Stocky SWM, 39, 5'7", 200lbs., brown hair, green-eyed, likes playing guitar, camping, working on the jeep. ISO outgoing, friendly SF, 30-45. Ad#.1659

ISO A REAL GIRL
Energetic SHP dad, 28, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, church, and family outings. ISO feminine SHF, 20-30. Ad#.1633

COMMON BOND
Shy, outspoken, employed SWM, 33, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys reading, poetry, electronics, traveling. ISO SF, 26-40, who likes the outdoors. Ad#.1639

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Friendly, outgoing, employed SHM, 54, 5'7", 185lbs., black-haired, enjoys fishing, horseback riding, motorcycling, hunting. ISO friendly, talkative SF, 48-54. Ad#.1637

CASUAL TIME TOGETHER
Outgoing SBM, 28, 6'2", bald, enjoys being with someone special and beautiful. He likes swimming, reading, walks and time with special someone. Seeking down-to-earth, honest SF, 18-45, who enjoys life. Ad#.1628

GET TO KNOW ME
Shy at first SWM, 20, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys jokes, music, partying, hanging out, sports. Seeking SHF, 19-25, for LTR. Ad#.1624

SEXY EYES 4 U
Spontaneous, easygoing, romantic SWM, 42, 5'10", 200lbs., from California, enjoys the outdoors, moonlight walks on the beach, seeks SWF, 23-48, with similar interests/qualities. Ad#.1612

DO YOU LIKE..
Dancing, bull rides, rodeos, concerts, and movies? Come join this shy, reserved WM, 31, 6', brown hair, green eyes, seeks WF, 25-35, to share good times with. Ad#.1621

CUP HALF FULL
Not empty is the was I look at things. This outgoing WM, 39, brown hair, green eyes, likes guitars, lakes, camping, cooking, seeking you an amusing SF, 25-45, for possible LTR. Ad#.1620

SERIOUS FRIENDSHIP
College educated WM, 27, 5'7", seeks WF, 23-31, to share in sports, movies, cooking, and traveling, for good times. Ad#.1619

READY FOR FUN?
WCM, 30, N/S, 6', red hair, green eyes, likes being sociable, shooting, biking, church, seeking friendly WCF, 20-35, to share good times with. Ad#.1617

IS IT U?
Outgoing HM, 19, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, seeks SF, 18-25, to share dancing, music, sports, and reading together. Ad#.1608

A LITTLE SHY
SWM, 66, 6', 165lbs., who's shy, reserved, likes to meet people, enjoys traveling, cards, dining out, movies, theater, country dancing, and music. ISO SWF, 50-66, who's slim and attractive, for friendship and companionship. Ad#.1605

WHATEVER HAPPENS...
Happens. Educated, well-mannered SWM, 39, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, green-eyed, enjoys movies, cooking, motorsports, music, the outdoors, ISO a N/S SWF, 30-45. Ad#.1601

LOTS TO OFFER YOU
SWM, 39, 5'10", 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes reading, movies, theater, horseback riding, swimming, dancing, and quiet evenings. ISO attractive, petite, intelligent, active, fun-loving SWF, 25-40, kids okay, for friendship. Ad#.1598

SPECIAL TIME WITH ME
SHM, 21, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, likes sports, barbecues, parties, and having fun. ISO outgoing, faithful SF, 20-35, for fun and friendship. Ad#.1595

HEART TO HEART
Easygoing SWM, 24, 5'8", 130lbs., strawberry blond hair, blue eyes, likes clubbing, golfing, hunting, fishing, dancing, outdoors, and good times. ISO SWF, 21-27, height/weight proportionate, for friendship. Ad#.1594

TIRED OF THE CLUBS
Sincere, shy SM, 21, 5'10", 150lbs., blond hair, green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, animals, kids, fencing, and working out. ISO natural, sincere SWF, 20-24, for serious, committed relationship. Ad#.1588

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Laid-back, compassionate, understanding, sensitive SWM, 27, 5'8", 160lbs., blond hair, green eyes. ISO SF, 23-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad#.1587

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Shy SWM, 49, 5'6", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys games, traveling, reading, and sporting events. ISO SF, 25-55, N/S, with similar interests. Ad#.1586

UNDERSTANDING!
SBM, 20, 6', 175lbs., hazel eyes, outgoing, fun, enjoys race cars and more. ISO SF, 22-41, open-minded, for friendship first. Ad#.1577

HARD WORKER
Enjoys good times. SWM, 30, 5'10", 210lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. ISO D/SW/HF, 22-40. Must like to travel and play golf. Ad#.1576

READY FOR FUN
SWM, 41, 6', dark hair, shy, enjoys everything and anything, seeking SF, 28-45, who's open-minded and has a good personality. Ad#.1565

IT COULD HAPPEN
SHM, 26, 5'10", amusing, open-minded, likes walking, clubs, swimming, and more, seeks SHF, 20-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1562

GET TOGETHER
SNAM, 21, hazel eyes, physically fit, active, friendly, and adventurous, likes the outdoors, dancing, clubs, and more, seeking SF, 19-35, who's intelligent, honest, and considerate. Ad#.1558

FRIEND FOR LIFE
SWM, 28, red hair, blue eyes, 190lbs., 5'11", easygoing, enjoys the outdoors, sports, camping, fishing, family time. ISO SWF, 23-34, for friendship and more. Ad#.1556

EXPRESS YOURSELF
SWM, 22, 5'7", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, good sense of humor, enjoys piano, old cars, sports, movies. ISO SWF, 19-22, with a good personality and fun to be with. Ad#.1555

FRIENDS TO START
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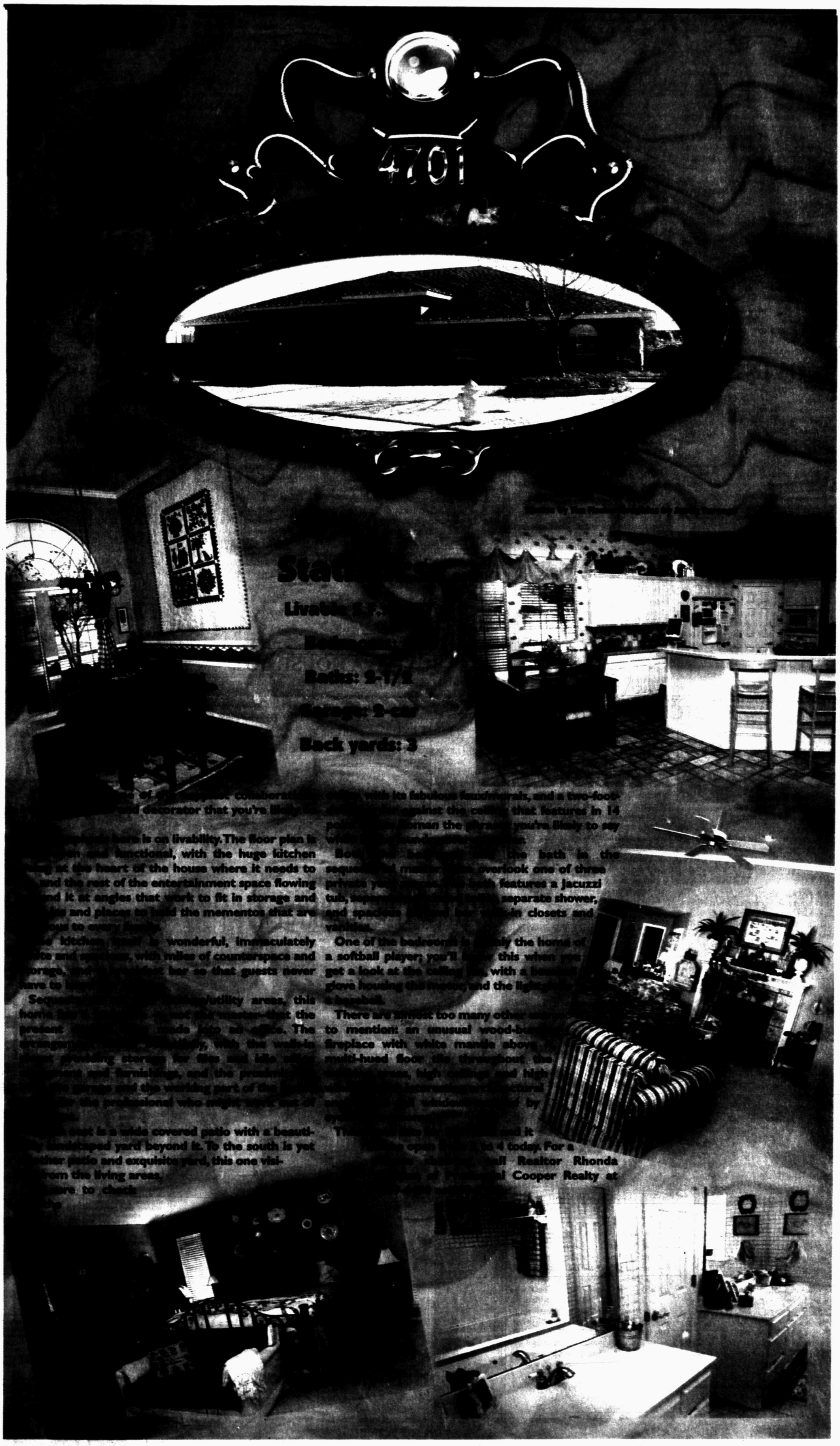
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... kitchen itself is wonderful, immaculately ... and spacious, with miles of counterspace and ... storage, and a breakfast bar so that guests never have to ...

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... to check ...

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Your home is your shelter from the cold outside, but you may need more than a heater to create a comfortable refuge!

Humidity, or the lack of it, is an often overlooked essential in the preservation of furniture, structural materials and personal comfort during the winter months.

The importance of proper humidification during the colder months is due to the fact that cold air holds far less moisture than warm air. When cold air enters a heated space, its moisture-holding capacity is increased. Air heated 70 degrees Fahrenheit can hold 20 times more moisture than the temperature of 1 degree, states the Humidifier Institute.

If heated air is not supplied with moisture, it tries to correct the imbalance by pulling moisture from every available source, including plants, furnishing, and people. That's why in the winter you're likely to awaken with your mouth and nose parched and irritated. It may not be your wool sweater that's making you itch; the dry air can cause your skin to sting or crack, and you may need to use emollients more often.

A home lacking proper humidification will experience stress. The change in humidity can cause furniture to warp and loosen joints, plaster cracks, peeling wallpaper, and floors that creak. Doors that swelled and stuck in the summer will retract and could splinter. Any substance that can absorb moisture - paper, plaster, carpets, leather, and wood - will have problems. Brittleness is any of these substances can speed deterioration.

Water vapor from cooking, bathing and laundering usually is not sufficient to humidify the air to prevent ill effects on person and property. If the problem is noticeable, a central humidifier could be the answer.

The proper size and type of humidifier depends largely on the size of house and amount of air leakage. A qualified contractor could help you select the right model for your home. Proper humidity could help speed these cold months a bit more comfortable as well as add to the value of your home.

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Choosing a Real Estate Agent



Welch

Real estate professionals play a major role in the home buying process and should be chosen with great care. Before working with a real estate agent, get preapproved for a loan through your mortgage lender of choice. Once you know how much you can afford to spend on a home, you can begin a diligent search for a real estate professional that can help you find your dream home and make the home buying experience a positive one.

Before deciding on a real estate agent, ask friends and relatives to recommend agents they have worked with. Also, take the time to interview two or three agents. In doing so, you will get a good idea what each agent can provide as far as services, and you will be able to choose the one with whom you are most comfortable. Here are some questions to ask and things to consider when interviewing real estate professionals:

- In what communities does the agent sell most often?
- Does the agent appear professional?
- Does the agent answer all your questions clearly and offer you useful information?
- Does the agent pay close attention to the information you provide about your requirements in a home?
- What makes the agent successful?
- How much time does the agent have for your home search? Can the agent work with your schedule?

With preapproval information provided by your lender, an agent will have the information necessary to select homes in the correct price range. Plus, he or she can provide you with information on different neighborhoods or communities that might not have been considered before. The agent can also give you practical advice on what features are best in a home.

When it comes time to make an offer on a home, the real estate agent will prepare a written offer and can use your preapproval to support your offer. Sellers are more likely to accept offers from buyers who have already arranged financing, giving yours an advantage over other offers.

Use your real estate agent to your own advantage. They can educate you and help you make the best decision on a home and the financing to purchase a home. A real estate agent is an expert who knows exactly what houses are on the market and which ones will meet your requirements. Take time to carefully choose the person who will pay a key role in helping you achieve the American dream.

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This story was submitted by Tim Welch, Countrywide Home Loans.

MOVING WITH CHILDREN



Sutton

Whether you're moving in the area or to a totally different location, moving is stressful to everyone in the family. Children are often confused and frightened by the "unknown". Experienced relocation professionals offer the following tips to make moving smoother for the entire family:

- Tell children about the move early. Don't try to protect them until the move is about to take place. Children pick up on phrases and stress in conversations and may be more upset about the unknown than you realize. It's OK to let them know if you're unhappy about the move, but emphasize the good points, explaining why the move is necessary.
- Share scheduling with the children. Remember, a school-year move offers some advantages, especially for small children. They will be known as "new" and receive extra attention to make them feel more comfortable.
- Assign children special duties such as packing up their rooms. For garage sales, consider allowing children to include some of their own items and give them the money from those items.
- Help children make new friends in the new location. It might be a good time to involve a family teenager in carpooling younger siblings, providing both transportation and opportunity for everyone to get acquainted with new friends.
- Try getting children excited about the new location. Every area has something to offer.
- Do your homework about the schools your children will attend. Make sure you have all the required school records for the transfer. If your children did not go on the househunting trip with you, take pictures of the new school to take back, so they can see where they will be going to school.

In short, make the move a "family experience". It can help make all of you closer if you include everyone in the process.

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Story submitted by Kay Sutton, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors and currently serving on The Texas Real Estate Commission.

PROGRAMS FOR TEXAS VETERANS



Robles

The Texas Veterans Land Board has three programs available for Texas Veterans. These are the Land Program, the Housing Assistance and the Home Improvement loan program.

The Land Program has two loans available to eligible Texas veterans. The standard $20,000 maximum loan or the enhanced $40,000 maximum loan, to buy a minimum of five acres of land. A 5% down payment is required with the standard loan, or $2,000 down with the enhanced loan. There are minimal closing costs.

The Housing Assistance program was initiated to help Texas veterans frozen out of the home-buying market because of high interest rates.

The Texas VHAP provides up to $45,000 in low interest loans for the purchase of a primary residence. There is no maximum sale price on a home. The TVLB will lend 85% of the home's appraised value, up to $45,000 and it may be used in conjunction with a VA, FHA or conventional loan.

The Texas Veterans Home Improvement Loan will lend eligible Texas Veterans up to $25,000 for up to 20 years on a fixed rate note. No down payment is required. For loans of less than $10,000 the maximum term of the loan will be 10 years.

There is also a forfeited land sales program available to eligible Texas veterans. To purchase forfeited land, purchasers should contact a licensed Texas real estate broker. For further information on any one of these programs you can call the Texas Veterans Land Board toll free at 1-800-252-VETS.

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Above article was prepared by Roger Robles, GRI Broker/Owner of Robles Real Estate.

BUYING A HOUSE LOT



Printz

QUESTION: Can you give me advice on buying a lot on which to build a home?

ANSWER: Generally speaking, the more you pay for a lot, the surer you are of getting your money's worth. if you pay x-amount of dollars for a developed lot with utility lines already in, you may be better off than buying the same lot for half the amount before roads and utilities are built out to it. Development costs vary, but almost anywhere they are rising. If you are not a land expert, have a Realtor do your negotiating. His or her most valuable asset is knowledge of local property values, zoning and the prospects of future land values.

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This article submitted by Victoria Printz, of RE/MAX of Midland.

ANALYZE PRICE CAREFULLY!



Noles

What's the right price to pay for your next home? How can you be sure the price you are being asked to pay is fair? Who sets the price?

The asking price is set by the owners, and should be based on accurate information about other homes recently sold, as well as those for sale now. This information is helpful in establishing a price that is neither above nor below "fair market value."

When priced at "fair market", a home may sell quickly, and at full price. This occurs because buyers recognize the value offered by the home in relation to the price asked. There is often brick competition among buyers for a home in excellent condition offered at a competitive price.

Buyers can determine whether a home is priced fairly using the same methods as an agent - by comparison. Establish criteria for your purchase, i.e. number of rooms, location, price range, square footage, etc. Once you know the parameters within which you will make your purchase, ask the agent to show you homes that match your list of features and amenities.

See a variety of homes, compare size, features and location vs. asking price. Certain homes will stand out because they offer added value for the price. Ask questions, compare, and your pricing concerns can disappear leading to the wise purchase of the right home.

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This article submitted by Anita Noles, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Midland.

"WE'VE AGREED - NOW WHAT?"



Pine

After everyone has agreed on all the terms in the contract on the sale of your home and everyone has signed - what happens next? This is the time when problems, if there are going to be any, will arise. The buyer will have time to work out all the contingencies he has put on the contract such as financing, inspections and such. Financing must be obtained within a certain number of days specified and if the buyer cannot qualify for the loan you will know now. The buyer's mortgage company will have the property appraised. If the buyer had a sale of other property contingency, this must be completed by the closing date. Usually the buyer has requested to do inspections. This also has a time limit in which to be done within. This is also the time period when the closing agent conducts the title search on the property. How fast all this takes place will depend upon the agreed closing date. If it is 30 days then this will be at a fast pace - if it is 90 days things will not be quite as rushed. The longer closing date gives the seller more time to make arrangements for his move. These and many other significant details are a part of your broker's job.

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This story was submitted by Norma Pine, Broker-Associate, ABR, CRS, RE/MAX of Midland.

BUYER HOMEWORK



Dennis

Buyers need to get a letter from the Mortgage Company and talk to a Realtor after you are prequalified. Most of the time Buyers, especially first time buyers, have a urge to look, then buy, but if you do that you may lose the dream house as buyers in Midland have a quick turnaround, if a house is a good buy, priced right, and in a good location.

Do you and your Realtor define your wants versus your needs. Chances are your Realtor can find exactly what you can afford and love.

Check your credit rating especially if you have changed your marital status. Lots of the time one partner will go to extremes by letting a house go back and not tell the ex-partner. Investigate the neighborhood, check the school district you want to live in and be an informed buyer. Check with your real estate agent about restrictions, mold, termites, and pay a professional to inspect the house before and if you decide the house has too much wrong with it, you have a certain number of days to back out of the deal. Unfair to the seller but I don't make the rules. Think through as this will probably be the largest investment you will ever make. Get help from a Realtor, one who will be there for you.

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This article submitted by Jo Dennis, owner of Jo Dennis Realty.

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4905 HILLSBORO
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3518 Stanolind.....Sale or Lease
3116 Tealwood.....$79,900
201 Club.....$122,500
1006 Tarleton.....$79,900
2311 Cuthbert.....$77,000
111 Holly.....$29,900
4713 Cindy Place.....U/C $89,500
24 Lakes.....$300,000
1800 Culver.....$82,500
2300 Hermitage.....$115,000
3402 Alicia.....$159,950
1402 Castleford.....$146,000

2 BEDROOMS

#18 Oaklawn Park-Great 2BR, 3BA, 2LA or 3BR, 3BA, 1LA.....$129,900
1106 W. Missouri-Updated 2BR guest house.....$79,000
1713 Princeton-2 liv.g., big backyard, lots of updating.....$62,900
3215 Sycamore-2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spotless.....$49,900
602 Waverly-Well maintained, hardwood floors, appliances.....$28,000

3 BEDROOMS

1703 North I-Distinctive & elegant, pool, 2LA, bonus room.....$375,000
2005 Shell-"The Entertainers"...completely remodeled.....$293,000
1703 W. Ohio-Gracious & charming w/ grand pool, updated kitchen and baths.....$225,000
1701 Cuthbert-Lovely in "Old Midland" pretty decor, gorgeous yard.....$189,500
6 Chatham-Spacious 3BR, 3 1/2 BA, quiet cul-de-sac.....$164,500
4513 Robin Ln-Open floor plan, 2 liv.g. areas, great backyard.....$164,500
1207 Harvard-Great master w/his & her baths, beautiful yard, lovely!.....$159,675
2500 Sinclair-Many updates, simply wonderful!.....U/C $118,000
1704 Douglas-"Old Midland" lots of updating, great yard.....U/C $117,500
2300 Hermitage-Custom one owner, gorgeous landscaping.....$115,000
3504 Dentcrest-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA, workshop.....$96,900
2311 Shandon Ave.-3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, fireplace.....$89,900
3103 Elma-Magnificent 3BR, 2BA, high ceilings w/skylights.....$88,000
1604 Kansas-2 living, in-law plan, super storage, 3 bath.....U/C $87,900
3313 Dentcrest-Seller will pay Buyer's closing costs. 3BR, 2 1/2BA.....$87,500
1004 Golf Course-A beautiful updated home, great kitchen, great space.....$84,900
1800 Culver-Big bedrooms, gameroom, open living.....$82,500
3116 Tealwood-3BR, 3 1/2BA, multi-level, low maintenance.....$79,900
1006 Tarleton-Great condition.....$79,900
3533 Imperial-3 2-2 LA's.....$79,900
1808 Missouri-Beautiful home, 3BR, 3 liv. areas, storage, workshop.....$79,900
2311 Cuthbert-3BR, 2BA, Hardwood floors.....$77,000
4602 Gulf-High ceiling, sequestered master, Great Price.....$76,500
4733 Dengar-High ceilings, quiet street.....U/C $74,900
812 Lawson-Walking distance to Bowie.....REDUCED $69,900
4303 Country Club-Totally updated, gorgeous yard.....$67,000
1100 McDonald-Large rooms, corner lot, new garage door.....$64,900
1401 Boeing-New carpet, paint & tile.....$60,000
304 Alpine-3BR, 2 bath, beautiful yard, super plan.....$59,900
3616 Storey-3/2 ready to move in, new everywhere.....$59,900
701 Mogford-2BA, 2 living, hardwoods, sprinklers.....$56,500
4400 Tanner-2 living areas + workshop. Lots of Tile!.....$55,900
5125 W. Illinois-Excellent floor plan, vaulted ceiling, FP.....$49,900
1207 S. Baird-Really special home, great condition.....$48,500
3106 Kessler-3 bed, 2 bath, bonus room, updated kitchen.....$45,000
902 Howard-Built in 1983, 3BR, 2BA, 2 garage w/be redone.....$39,900
502 Watson-3BR,1BA, 2 living areas, 1 garage, redo, Like New.....$39,900
809 Devonian-3bdrm, refrig. air, Lots New!.....U/C...$39,000
2831 E. 11th-Foreclosure 3BR, 2BA, Odessa.....$31,500

CONDO/PATIO/TOWNHOMES

911 Citation-4bd, 5.5ba, pool, 4 gar, Fabulous.....$379,900
908 Citation-Perfect patio home with pool. Totally updated!.....$299,000
904 Citation-4/3 2/2, Tile, Pool, High ceilings!.....$275,000
7 Oaklawn-Gorgeous townhome w/soaring ceilings, grand mstr. suite.....$275,000
4100 Edgebrook-Exquisite patio home, grand amenities.....$235,000
2506 Quail Point-3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, garden home.....$145,000
4803 Clayton Ct.-Custom Contractor, 3BR, 2BA, 1 LV, 3 Car Garage, Mike Jackson Patio Home.....$144,900
5488 Cypress Ct.-TH Type Living, 3/2/2.....$142,900
1021 Ward-WHOA! Fabulous 3/2.5/2 TH.....$139,900
2528 Quail Point-3/2.5, 2 Car Garage W/Pool Townhouse!.....$139,900
3302 Haynes-Duplex, 3/2 each side. Nice condition!.....$139,900
#18 Oaklawn Park-Great 2BR, 3BA, 2LA or 3BR, 3BA, 1LA.....$129,900
4805-1 Springmeadow-Hardwood floors, decorating allowance, skylites.....$124,000
2901 W. Golf Course-Exceptional 3BR, 2 1/2BA with study/hobby, 2 patios.....$115,900
2506 W. Wadley-Wonderful townhouse, updated 2BR, 2BA.....$114,900
2202 W. Golf Course-Sparkling clean & charming TH.....$110,000
2805 Sunburst-3BR/2BA, tile, blinds, landscaping.....$102,700
2807 Sunburst-3BR/2BA, tile, blinds, landscaping.....$102,700
3006 Tealwood-Spacious townhouse, 3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, spotless.....$82,900
4506 Norwood-Lots of new, great plan.....$77,500
3214 Elma-Townhouse w/downstairs master & 2.5 baths.....$73,400
3207 Whittle Way-Roomy townhouse, 2 1/2 bath, recent tile & carpet, 2 gar.....$67,900
2100 W. Wadley #13-Beautiful 2 story/condo, master downstairs.....$65,000
600 Liddon #73-Sutton Place Townhomes, lots of new.....$40,000

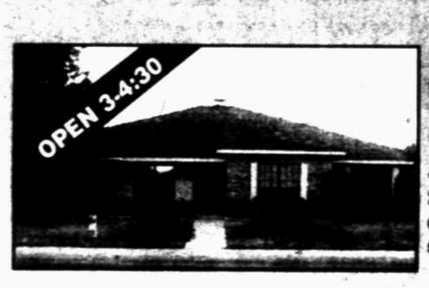


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$132,000
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Sales Associate



5200 Canadian
$99,000
Practically New Inside & Out!
All warranties in effect on appliances, 3BR, 2BA, 1LA w/fireplace, 2 car garage, auto sprinkler system. Don't miss this one!

3901 FAIRWOOD CT.	4-BR 4-BA 3LA 2FP Sunroom. Study, gameroom, formal dining, 3CG, pool. No yard sign. Call Mike	$492,000
28 OAKLAWN PARK	Fabulous home featured in Architectural Digest. Truly unique 3BR, 4BA, huge master w/loft, 3CG	$370,000
4469 HACKBERRY	$6,000 Decorating Allowance. 3BR, 2.5BA, study, huge LA w/FP and wet bar, formal dining, fabulous windows that overlook golf course, tile roof. Call Today!	$169,000
404 SPRING MEADOW CT.	Unbelievable townhome with faux paint, plantation shutters, lots of tile, this one has it all	Reduced $165,000
3400 NORTHFIELD	$3500 Allowance w/Full Price SOLD Excellent Plan. 4BR, 3BA, 2LA, FP, wet bar w/access to covered patio, 3CG. Must See!!	$147,500
3610 OAKRIDGE	Recent paint. 4BR, 2.5BA, Sep. master, built-ins, 2 fireplaces, formal dining, wood roof, 2 car garage, auto sprinkler system. Great Home!	$132,000
1205 BEDFORD	Beautifully Landscaped 3BR, 2BA, W/3.4BA off kitchen, study, 2LA, W/fireplace, Garage W/Workshop, Auto Sprinkler System.	$115,000
5200 CANADIAN	Picture perfect and practically new 3BR, 2BA, 1LA w/fireplace. Great kitchen, 2 car garage, auto sprinkler system & more. Dont Miss This One!	Reduced! $99,000
9201 W. CO. RD. 160	Large barn with stables, 3BR, 2BA, 1LA w/FP, high ceilings, ceiling fans, vinyl floor in kitchen & utility room, covered deck and more	$87,500
5018 JOY	Darling Home, 3BR, 2BA, 1LA, FP, kitchen has great storage, huge rooms, seq. master, excellent closet space, covered patio, 2CG. Call on this one!	$79,000
3411 SENTINEL	Huge shop, extra parking pads, 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, fireplace, "As Is"	NEW LISTING $70,000
906 LIVINGSTON	Updated patio home, 2BR, 1BA, 1LA, central heat/ac, 1CG with auto opener. Too cute!	$59,000
4703 LEISURE	Nice 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, Enclosed patio, dining area, one car garage. Large Home For The Money!	$57,000
4310 HARLOWE	3BR, 2BA, Extra room could be 2nd LA, BR or Office! 2 car garage and carport, RV parking in back.	$54,900
3217 W. OHIO	3BR, 2BA, 2 living areas, huge bedroom, extra large yard. Call Barbara	$53,000
106 S. DEWBERRY	Really cute, 3BR, 2BA, 1LA. Must see to appreciate. Great Kitchen!	$48,500
4311 HARLOWE	Recent Carpet, ceiling fans, recently painted, 3BR, 1BA, 1LA, central heat/ac, 1CG with auto opener. Bring All Offers!	$48,000
3818 MONTY	3BR home. Many Updates! Priced to Sell!	Reduced $39,000
804 CANYON	Recent carpet & paint, 2BR, 1BA, 1LA, new flooring in kitchen & hall, central heat/ac, storage shed. So cute & clean	Reduced $34,000
77 ACRES (+-)	Located in Greenwood, vacant land	Reduced $28,500
8301 COUNTY RD. 56	Lot for Sale in Pecan Acres at Saddle Club Ranch Estate	Reduced $28,000
1205 BEDFORD	3BR, 2BA, 2LA w/fireplace, garage w/workshop, auto sprinkler system & more	FOR LEASE $1,000

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4 BEDROOMS

303 Skywood-Apt. + 4 BR, 3 baths, 2 living, 3 gar + inground pool.....$379,500
24 Lakes-Custom 1-owner in Saddle Club Lakes.....$300,000
4008 Radcliff-Perfect home in Trinity West!.....$248,900
#19 Saddle Club Drive-Location, Location, etc. Great House!.....$248,500
1327 Terra Ct.-Exquisite floorplan over 4100 sq. ft., 4/3 1/2/2LA, study.....$229,000
209 Skywood-4BR, 3 1/2 bath, 3 garage, 2 liv. & 2 din.....$219,500
4108 Radcliff-Gourmet kitchen, large den, 3 1/2 BA/3 CG... Buyer Bonus-Reduced.....$205,000
5804 Devlin-Like new 4BR, 3BA, gameroom, Grassland.....$194,900
6907 Sunrise Crt.-Golf Course View, 2 liv.g., 3 baths, seq. master.....$194,900
3111 Seaboard-MaMar, 4/3.5/2 living.....REDUCED...$169,900
3402 Alicia-Beautiful 4BR, 3BA, 3 car garage, quiet cul-de-sac!.....$159,950
3109 Seaboard-MaMar, 4bd, 3 bath, spacious rooms.....U/C $159,900
3105 Sentinel-Granite & brick kitchen, arched stove.....REDUCED...$159,900
1310 Brighton-Hardwood floors, corian countertops, two FPs, 3BA.....$154,900
5020 Bluebird Branch-Viking Ovens/Breakfast porch.....SOLD
3408 Woodhaven-New Listing-Trinity, 1 living, Immaculate.....$147,500
1402 Castleford-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA w/gourmet kitchen & much more!.....$146,000
5007 Canterbury-Beautiful 4BR in Polo Park, sequestered master, 3 car garage.....$144,900
4986 Rustic Trail-One owner, open living.....REDUCED...$139,900
2507 Bellechasse-4BR, 2 liv., formal dining & pool, FIRM.....$139,900
3 Ridgmar-Fabulous redone kitchen, bonus room, super!.....U/C $139,500
4980 Rustic Tr.-Custom quality, great plan, buyer's incentive!.....$134,900
2512 Dengar-3 bath, huge rooms! New roof!.....REDUCED $129,900
6011 Little John-New Listing, 1 1/2 yrs. new, Open plan, wonderful.....$129,900
#3 Cambridge Ct.-Gorgeous 4BR, (2 masters), 2LA's, 3 dining.....$129,900
2305 Shell-"Old Midland" beauty, across from park.....$127,900
1714 Holloway-"Old Midland", lots of space, new paint.....$124,900
2816 Metz-4/2 living, tile floors, great.....$122,900
201 Club-lots of updating, wonderful kitchen.....$122,500
5010 Chapel Hill-Tip top condition w/tons to offer!.....U/C $117,500
3100 Metz-4BR, 2 1/2BA, recently replaced roof.....$114,900
2510 Shell-Wonderful 4BR, 2BA, 2 liv. areas, lots of refurbishing.....$109,900
1003 W. Storey-Charming "Old Midland" 4BR/2BA w/hardwood floors.....$105,900
4315 Greenbriar-4BR, Great room, Terrific Closets.....REDUCED $95,900
4713 Cindy Place-Plantation shutters, ceramic tile, fresh paint, recent carpet.....U/C $89,500
3612 Baumann-Large 4BR, 3 bath, handicap accessible.....REDUCED $82,500
2802 Sandhill Circle-Reduced $10,000 to sell now! Workshop.....$79,900
2309 Country Club-Spacious, open plan, great yard & porch.....$74,000
911 W. Michigan-Gleaming hardwoods, great yard, Super.....$69,500
1003 Denton-Immaculate 4BR, great play yard, wood floors.....$64,500
2408 Kansas-Humongous, Great location, Mother-in-law plan.....REDUCED...$52,000
110 S. Bentwood-Lots of storage & room.....$49,900
935 Edwards-4 bedroom brick home for only.....$49,900
3103 Illinois-Darling, faux painting, 2 baths.....$46,900

5 BEDROOMS

5719 Hillcrest-5bd/4.5ba/4 car garage/3 living.....$318,000
3906 Baybrook-Beautifully maintained, Morris custom.....$299,000
5801 Cranston-5 or 4BD, 3LA, Stunning & Immaculate!.....$252,000
1001 N. Garfield-A Midland landmark. 5BR, 3BA, 2LA plus study, pool & greenhouse.....$165,000

SUBURBAN & LAND

5000 N. Midkiff-40x60 shop, 6000 sq. ft.....$395,000
Co. Rd. 120-Country Estate, Pool, 4 Houses, 18AC, Reduced.....$265,000
2408 Bluebird-6+ Acres.....$250,000
N. Garfield-40 Acres, Great potential.....$172,800
3408 W. Co. Rd. 185-Hardwood floors, 2.5 bath, Airplane Hanger.....$154,900
2823 Rankin Hwy.-6.46 acres.....$135,000
201 E. Co. Rd. 120-Pool, hot tub, big bedrooms.....$120,000
3801 S. Co. Rd. 1185-Fabulous 4BR, 2BA, workshop, barn, 3ww.....U/C...$99,900
FM 1379-Approx 250 Acres.....$99,000
4610 N. Co. Rd. 1130-3 acres, 3BR, 2.5 bath.....$69,900
2106 N. N-Great lot in the heart of Midland.....$62,000
5122 S. Co. Rd. 1183 1/2-3 bdrm, 3 bath, fireplace, Mobile Home.....$35,000
S. Co. Rd. 1218-10 acres, well & pump house.....$35,000
Tattenham-2 Acres in Melody Acres.....$29,500
Derby Lane-7 acres - trailer pad, water well.....$25,000
4511-4519 Crockett-Res. Lots.....$6,000 ea.
1008 S. Co. Rd. 1127-1 AC Residential lot, Greenwood ISD.....$4,000

LEASE

3518 Stanolind-Fresh & clean 4BR, 2BA & 2LA, plus Walk to Lee!.....
4805 Springmeadow-4BR, 2 1/2 Baths.....$1316/mo.
2506 Wadley-2BR, 2 bath, Lease or Sale.....$1075/mo.
3116 Tealwood-3BR, 3 1/2 baths.....$975/mo.
2311 Shandon-3 bedroom, Fannin area.....$950/mo.
4601 Lanham #2-3BR, 2 1/2, super nice!.....$895/mo.
4601 Lanham #7-3/2, spacious, new carpet.....$875/mo.
812 Lawson-3BR, 2BA.....$750/mo.
1808 Missouri-Museum area, 3 bedroom.....$750/mo.
3300 Dengar-3BR, 2BA.....$750/mo.

COMMERCIAL

2319 W. Loop 250 North-Former Red Lobster, 7,686 sq. ft.....$450,000
5000 N. Midkiff-Approx. 4.4 acres, 40x60 shop, old Classical Greenery, prime location.....$395,000
2060 Market Street-16,755 sq. ft., Industrial w/rail spur and dock high.....$299,000
2823 Rankin Hwy.-6.46 acres.....$135,000
1111 W. Wall-Office building w/garage apt.....$95,000
1310 N. Big Spring-Office bld., too much new to list, ACO.....$85,000
1300 Garden City Highway-Approximately 7 acres total.....$80,000
4407-4409 Crockett-Investment property, 4-plexes.....$80,000 each
4810 Billingsley Drive-1 acre+ perfect for office or retail.....$67,500
8004 W. Hwy. 80-Executive Office Bldg., Sub Lease, 6600+ SF.....$3,300/mo.
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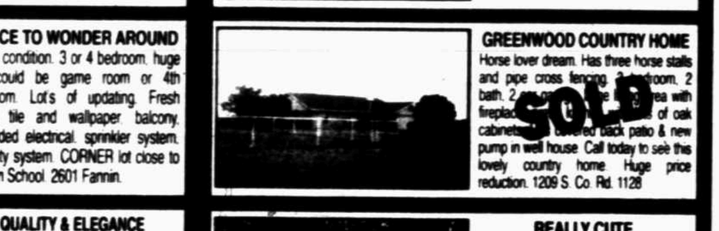
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SEQUOIA...Beautiful 1-Owner: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-On-Course View .. $ 207,000
NORTHFIELD..Large : 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Neutral Carpet/Tile ... $ 174,500
SPARKS....2-Story Cottage: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Tons of Character ..... $ 169,900
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CUTHBERT...Charming 'Old Midland': 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-2 Fireplaces $ 159,900
TEAKWOOD...On the Course: 3 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Metal Roof-Bonus Rm $ 157,000
CROWLEY.....Gorgeous: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-**HOME WARRANTY** ..... $ 155,000
MARMON...Great : 5 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Huge Playroom-Rec Int.Paint $ 149,900
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 145,950
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WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Options ..... $ 142,950
FANNIN...Exquisite 2-Story: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Beautiful Kitchen ..... $ 139,900
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 137,950
BERMUDA..Much Updating: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Great Kit-Fresh Paint $ 129,900
DYER...Great for Entertaining: 3 bd-2 ba-3 liv including Gmrm-Pool $ 127,500
BELLECHASSE...Lovely Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pool + Gazebo ..... $ 119,900
BERMUDA ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
HIGHSKY.....Beautiful Pool: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Bedrooms ..... $ 119,500
HUMBLE.....Updates Galore: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Backyard Waterfall ..... $ 117,500
SINCLAIR.....Remodeling Interior: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Mature Trees ..... $ 114,500
WHITTLE WAY ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 99,900
Kahler Resale: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large/Open Living-**HOME WARRANTY**
N. C.....Great 'Old Midland' Home: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Guest House ..... $ 99,900
CRESTWOOD ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 96,900
Great Floor Plan: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Bonus Computer/Sewing Room
REGAL ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
HUNTINGTON..Pretty Yard: 3 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv--Rec.Paint/Carpet ..... $ 89,750
ST ANDREWS..Rec.Paint: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Tile Thruout-Gourmet Kit $ 89,000
SPENCE ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 87,000
Large: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Formal Dining-Woodburning Fireplace
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make Your Choices ..... $ 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
DENGAR...Lovely: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv--Garden Area-Custom Stg Shed $ 85,000
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
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NORWOOD.....Lovely Patio Home: 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Nice Yard ..... $ 79,500
EDGEMONT ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Bedrm w/Bath ..... $ 79,300
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick All Options ..... $ 78,800
ARBOR ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bedroom ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE...New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available .. $ 75,500
NORTHRUP...Wonderful Crtyd Entrance: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Lrg Patio ... $ 74,900
GULF....Bonus Guest House! 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Fresh Paint/Carpet ... $ 74,900
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options! ... $ 72,800
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,800
NORTHRUP....Wonderful Back Yard: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-MAKE OFFER! .. $ 72,500
LEISURE....Bright Kitchen: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Ready for New Owner ... $ 72,500
CONCHO ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
WHITTLE...2 Story Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-**HOME WARRANTY** . $ 69,900
AMISTAD...Tiled Entry: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Berber Crpt-Wrkshp in Back .. $ 69,900
CANADIAN..Light/Bright: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Much Updating-Rec.Carpet $ 69,500
GRAHAM.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan ..... $ 69,200
BEDFORD..Large/Open Liv: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Big Pecan Trees ..... $ 67,000
CIMMARON...Recent Flooring: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Excellent Location ..... $ 65,900
RUIDOSO....Cozy! 3 bd-2 ba- 1liv-Ceiling Fans-Walk In Closets ..... $ 63,900
CANADIAN ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 63,500
Cute: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Move-In Ready-Sequestered Owner Retreat
MICHIGAN....Much Recent: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-**3% BUYER INCENTIVE** .. $ 62,500
BENTWOOD..Fabulous! 3 or 2 bd-2 ba-1 or 2 liv-Saltillo Tile Thruout $ 61,500
DEWBERRY.....A Dollhouse! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-HVAC Appnx 1 yr Old ... $ 59,900
PASADENA....Cute/Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Updated Kit-Rec.Carpet .. $ 56,900
BURCHILL...Think Starter: 3 or 4 bd-2 ba-1 or 2 liv-Much Recent ..... $ 55,000
RUBY.....Open Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-**ASK ABOUT $0.0 DOWN** ..... $ 54,000
LAURA ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
KANSAS..Tri-plex: Ea.Unit=1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Rec.Roofing-Office Zoned $ 45,500
WALNUT ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
ROOSEVELT..Think Beginner Home! 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-WW for Yard .... $ 39,900
TEXAS..Zoned Office: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apt/Stg in Rear-Near Dwntwn $ 38,000
SUNSET.....Close to Hospital & Shopping: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv ..... $ 37,500
WEATHERFORD...Spacious: 3 or 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Big Kitchen ..... $ 32,900
MAIN.....Two Rental Units: Front=2 bd-1 ba / Back=1 ba-1 ba ..... $ 32,000
TANNER.....Investor Special: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-To Be Sold As-Is ..... $ 29,900
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WEDGEWOOD...Wow! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Huge Shop-Tons of Stg $ 125,900
W. CO RD 124..1-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-1liv-Pool-Wrkshp-Great Nghbrhd $ 109,900
QUAIL RUN ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 89,900
Wonderful Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open/Light Plan
TIM TAM....Nice Dbl-Wide: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-1± Acre-Quiet Area .... $ 76,500
W. CO RD 116...15 Pecan Trees: 2 or 3 bd-2 ba-1 or 2 liv-Pond .... $ 68,000
E. 86TH ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
E. 86TH.....Great Curb Appeal: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Nicely Updated .... $ 62,500
S. FM 1601...Across From Track-Private 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Workshop $ 55,000
E. 52ND.....Selling As-Is: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cellar in Backyard ..... $ 42,000
JOAN.....Good Beginner Home: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Horse Stalls $ 41,900
RIDGEDALE...Great Location: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Appnx 20x20'Stg Bldg $ 38,500
E. 56TH...Opportunity Awaits: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Good Location-As-Is $ 36,000
BOULDER..Great Location: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Near Park/Ele.School $ 35,000
BUCHANAN.....Nice Brick Home: 2 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Large Wkshop .. $ 32,000
WALNUT ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 28,000
Clean Starter Home: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv_Large Storage in Back
W. 18TH...On 5 Lots: 2 bd-1 ba-2 liv-WW-2 Septic-Nice Trees $ 17,800

SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL

W. CO RD 54.....Fabulous! 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Huge Pool-Gourmet Kit $ 320,000
S. CO RD 1119...Greenwood: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-**$3,000 Buyer Incen** $ 159,900
W. CO RD 124..1-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-1liv-Pool-Wrkshp-Great Nghbrhd $ 109,900
N. CO RD 1135..Light/Open: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Beautiful Willow Tree $ 75,000
W. CO RD 116...Pond: 2 or 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-15 Pecan Trees ..... $ 68,000
E. CO RD 73 ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**

BIG SPRING RESIDENTIAL

RIDGEROAD (Big Spring)..Screened Porch: 3/2/1-Fresh ..... $ 37,900

STANTON RESIDENTIAL

ST FRANCIS (Stanton)...Totally Redone: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv .... $ 89,500

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JASMINE.....I-20 Accessible - Zoned IPI ..... $ 6,000
JASMINE.....Great I-20 Access - Zoned IPI ..... $ 17,500
MAIN.....Two Rental Units: Front=2 bd-1 ba/ Back=1 ba-1 ba ..... $ 32,000
TEXAS...Zoned Office: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apt/Stg in Rear-Near ..... $ 38,000
KANSAS..Tri-plex: Ea.Unit=1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Rec.Roofing-Office Zoned $ 45,500
W. I-20.....High-Traffic Retail Loc-Great Access-Move In Ready $ 54,900
INDUSTRIAL...Retail-3 Bldgs (1 w/Rear Entry Gar)-Possibilities!! ... $ 70,000
ANDREWS HWY...Hot Corner-Near Hospital-High Visibil/Traffic $ 75,000
OHIO ..... **NEW LISTING** ..... $ 79,000
Excellent for Retail or Office-4 or 5 Offices-Storage or Work Area in Back
OHIO...Nice Office/Retail Sp-Fenced Side Yd-Rear Prkg for 12 Cars $ 79,000
W. I-20.....Retail Location-I 20 Exit Access-Appnx 1.304 Ac-"As Is" $ 80,000
S MOSS (Odessa)...Approx 120 Ac .5 mi N of I-20-Indust/Comm $ 81,800
GOLDER (Odessa)...Quiet/Clean Mod.Home/RV 20 Site Prk $ 95,021
W. I-20...Appnx 53.69Ac-Retail-N. Serv.Rd Between Midkiff & Cottonflat $ 200,000
E. LOOP 250 & CO RD 1150....Appnx 122.11Ac-Ideal for Indus/Ret $ 262,500
MIDKIFF....Midkiff Industrial Cntr-Appnx 20.092 Ac-No Minerals $ 280,000
W. BUS. 20....Recreation Park & Properties-Appraisal on File ..... $ 1,800,000

LOTS & LAND

CATALPA (Odessa).....One Residential Lot - Appnx .22 Acre ..... $ 995
TREVA (Odessa)..15 Res.Lots-Ea.Appnx .25 Ac-Poss.Owner Fin ..... $ 995/ea
BARBARA (Odessa)..9 Res.Lots-Ea.Appnx .25 Ac-Poss.Ownr Fin .. $ 995/ea
DORIS (Odessa).....Res.Rural Lot-Appnx 0.46 ac-Horses/MH OK ... $ 1,200
GARDEN OF MEMORIES..2 Spaces/Resthaven Mem.Cemetary ..... $ 2,000
LOMA.....Two Residential Lots - Kelview Heights Addition ..... $ 4,000
AMISTAD...One Residential Lot-Zoned for Attached Townhome ..... $ 4,500
S. CO RD 1127.....Appnx 1 Ac-Faces West-No MH-Nice Area ..... $ 4,995
S. CO RD 1122.....18 Lots-Super New Subdiv-Reata Ranch Est ..... $ 9,000/ac
OLEANDER.....Res. Lot in Cielo Vista Addition ..... $ 12,000
PALOMINO (Odessa)...Approx 3.13 Ac. Residential Land ..... $ 12,000
S. CO RD 1127....Res. Lot-Greenwood Acres Addit-Appnx 1 Ac ..... $ 12,900
W. 87th (Odessa)..Res.Lot in University Park-Appnx .75 Ac $ 13,500
S. CO RD 1218 ..... **UNDER CONTRACT**
S. CO RD 1122...2.86 Ac Lot-Reata Ranch Estates-Gmwd Sch ..... $ 20,020
E. CO RD 60.....Approx. 11.66 Ac - Farm/Ranch Acreage ..... $ 35,000
N. HWY 11.....Almost 1331 Ac appnx 10 mi west of McCamey ..... $ 106,480
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1424 Lanham-5+ bdrms w/2LA, hardwood flooring, gourmet kitch. & wonderful patios! $299,900
6200 Oriole-5+bd. 4.5 baths, study & dazzling pool! Spacious! $292,500
5601 Drexel Ct-3.5 baths, study, gorgeous corner lot, fabulous throughout! $274,900
5800 Sterling Ct.-Fabulous! Now under construction! 4br + study+2LA 3.5 ba $269,900
5807 Highland-5 bed, study, 4 ba, 4 gar, fabulous! Granite island Kitchen! ..... NEW! $249,900
4703 Cherrywood Ct.-NEW! Fabulous cabinetry, tile and master suite! ..... SOLD $229,900
2006 Shell-Fabulous 'Old Midland' w/a pool! Huge LA's, 4BR, 2.5BA $209,900
5309 Scottsboro Ln.-Stunning! Light & bright, great patio & yards, 4/3 w/3CG $212,000
3603 Trinity Meadows-Exquisite 4 bed w/fabulous grounds. Great! ..... REDUCED $210,000
1710 Missouri-3/2.5 in man + 1/1.5 in guest house. 'Old Midland' masterpiece $159,900
2209 Southampton-4 or 5bdrm, great floor plan, 3CG, beautiful lot! ..... SOLD $154,900
5410 Grassland-Fabulous, bright & open plan, great landscaping, 2FP $149,900
2404 Bellechasse Ct-Spacious 4 bed w/huge rooms. Lg bdrms room + formal dining, Soaring Ceilings! $114,900
2806 Andover-2.5BA, 2LA, great tile, recent carpet & tons of updates $107,500
4606 Tammy Cove-Tons of space, 4BR, 2BA, large LA and nice kitchen w/hardwood floors! $94,900
3601 Jordan-Five bdrms & 3 baths! Recent paint & carpet! Tons of space! $89,900
801 W. Kansas-Tons of space! Great light, brick floors in Old Midland $69,900
1009 Cuthbert-Tons of space! 2 living! Water well, great area, hardwood floors, study! $55,000
4511 Anetta-Four bdrms, two baths, storage unit, bookcases, tile, open dining! ..... W/C $52,900
312 Thornridge-4 bed, 2 living w/fireplace, 1 car garage, home warranty! $52,500

SUBURBAN & LAND

COUNTY RD 60-215 acres of prime property west of Midland $795,000
5203 SCR 1065-Extradinary home w/over 9400sqft on 32 acres, 5.1% $385,000
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4705 Briarwood-Laser Wash Plus 4 Coin Bays! Great Location! $425,000
1700 Big Spring-$3,500mo/ Lease, great location, tons of office space $275,000
The Cherry Blossom Inn-Charming historic Bed & Breakfast ..... REDUCED $199,900
910 Midkiff (car wash plus property - Midkiff at Wall) $150,000
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4702 Spring Meadow-Gest Townhome! High ceilings, walls of windows & great patios! Beautiful & spacious! $119,900
2814 Moss-Stunning TH w/beautiful pool. Low maint., high ceiling, tile floor, 2 dining areas $109,900
5207 Canadian-Adorable! High ceilings, tons of tile, nice kitchen & large backyard! ..... W/C $92,500
2411 Emerson-Beautiful pool! Soaring ceilings, seq, mstr., quiet cul-de-sac, great flooring! $89,900
4517 St. Andrews-Large lot w/great kitchen, formal dining! Fresh Paint! $89,900
3310 Crestmont-High ceilings, huge FP, recent paint & flooring! Great location & price! $84,900
4711 Timber-Low Maintenance, New Carpet & Paint, Roof on the way $79,900
3203 Mark Ln-3 or 4 bdrms, nicely updated, vaulted ceilings, light & bright $74,900
1309 Godfrey-Stunning! Tons of tile! Recent appliances and updates, 2 bdrms $71,500
3822 Nassau-Lovely low-maint. townhome, 2BR, 2BA, beautiful yards $67,500
3308 Cimmaron-Huge living areas, large lot, great area. REDUCED $66,500
3403 Michigan-Nice & Spacious, hardwood floors under carpet, 2 living areas & formal dining! $64,900
4314 Sentinel-Nicely updated, lg. kitchen w/dining, wkshop, metal fence, inside utility rm $58,900
110 N. Eisenhower-Great! 12' Ceramic tile, recent paint & carpet, 2 car garage! $53,900
3318 Storey-Darling! Tons of recents! Sprinklers & Lush yards! REDUCED $52,500
4602 Mercedes-Cute, clean & cheerful! 2 living areas! Great space! $37,500
3208 Franklin-Totally Updated, Ready To Move In!! Recent Paint ... Reduced $34,900
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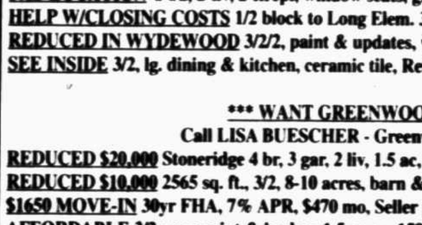
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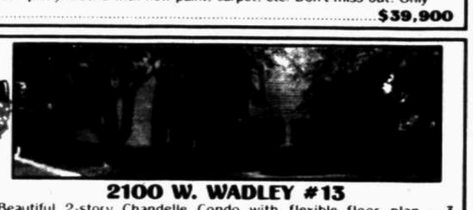
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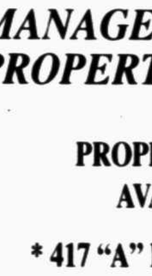
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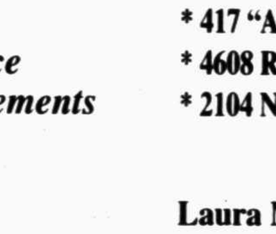
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1802 W. CO. RD. 130	$60,000
1506 PUEBLO	$58,000
3203 MARK LN	LEASE $900 MO.
5104 SUNNYSIDE	LEASE $650 MO.

UNDER CONTRACT

5512 RIDGEMONT	$219,900
2209 SOUTHAMPTON	$154,900
5016 BLUEBIRD BRANCH	$144,900
ARROYO	$122,900
1803 NORTH H STREET	$112,500
4909 SHERWOOD	$96,000
5207 CANADIAN	$92,500
3703 NEELY	$76,000
2602 DORA	$71,800
306 ALPINE	$59,950
5208 RIC	$59,900
4511 ANETTA	$52,900
4711 THOMASON DR	$46,900
4203 HARLOWE	$40,500

4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

3911 Tanforan....www.RealEstateMidland.com $530,000
Under construction in Mockingbird Heights - owners transferred, beautiful, must see. pool & spa. Call Nancy 638-3357

217 Blackberry...Magnificent Custom 5 Bedroom, 3 Acres. $495,000
Incredible! Italian tile, seq, master, seq, 5th, 4BA, open kitchen/den. Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

5300 Teakwood...www.victoriaprintz.com $439,900
The most exquisite home in town! Large & luxurious! 6 baths, 3 fireplaces, golf course views! Victoria 689-4800

3921 Beybrook...Impressive! $400,000
4 enormous BR, 4 1/2 BA, 2LA plus gameroom, 2 FP, kitchen overlooks den, tons of storage. Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369

3918 Fairwood.....www.victoriaprintz.com $399,900
Fabulous custom w/4 bd, 4.5 ba, study or 5th bdrm! Huge gameroom, formals, extraordinary kitchen! Victoria 689-4800.

Co. Rd. 1085....www.victoriaprintz.com...Call about 5.1% Interest..... Drastic Reduction $385,000
6BD, 6.5BA, 4 fireplaces, marble floors, huge grand room, den, study, gameroom! Victoria 689-4800

4900 Rustic Trail.....www.victoriaprintz.com $349,900
4 bed, 4 baths, 3 living and tons of extras! Surround sound gameroom, amazing master plus water well! Victoria 689-4800

1424 Lanham....www.victoriaprintz.com $299,900
Fabulous! 5+ bdrms w/2LA, gourmet kit., hardwood flooring, fantastic patios and terrific style throughout! Victoria 689-4800

6200 Oriole.....www.victoriaprintz.com $292,500
Spectacular 5 or 6 bdrm plus study! 4.5 ba, workout room, gourmet kitchen & the most dazzling pool w/views from the 18th hole! Victoria 689-4800

2711 Shanks....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... SOLD!
Incredible custom home on 5 acres w/barn & stalls. Fabulous floors, tons of light, high ceilings. A masterpiece! Victoria 689-4800

5601 Drexel.....www.victoriaprintz.com $274,900
Woodruff resale on spectacular corner lot! 3.5 baths, formals, computer room/study, 3 car garage! Victoria 689-4800

5807 Highland.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $249,900
Fabulous! 5 bd, 4 bath, 2 living areas & 4 car garage! Loaded w/extras! Victoria 689-4800

4817 Rustic Trail ..... SOLD!
4 bedroom, 4 bath, study, on the golf course, 3 car garage. Call Lavonne Johnson.

4703 E. Cherrywood Ct.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... SOLD!
Fabulous "Old World" Style! Breathtaking w/rounded corners, crown molding, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage! Victoria 689-4800

6301 Driftwood $225,000
5 bdrm, 4.5 bath, 3 LA's, basement, pool, library, playroom - FABULOUS! Call Cheryl 689-4600.

Ridgemont...www.ruth-young.com ..... Under Contract-$219,900
Gorgeous & clean. 4 bedrooms, huge kitchen. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

5309 Scottsboro.....www.victoriaprintz.com $212,000
Fabulous Green Tree home - light & bright, shutters, great patio & yards, beautifully maintained & updated! Victoria 689-4800

3603 Trinity Meadows.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $210,000
Fabulous custom home, gorgeous fireplace, incredible light, shutters, lg. rooms & great style! Victoria 689-4800

2006 Shell.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $208,900
Beautiful Old Midland w/fabulous pool! Renovated kitchen, tons of space, large bdrms, lucious landscaping, shutters & sun room! Victoria 689-4800

5706 Devlin...Grasslands ..... Sale Pending-$186,900
4BR, 3.5BA, 3 living, 3 car. New price. Lets deal. 349-7000 Chris Beckett

5413 Whitman...Newer 4BR/3BA ..... SOLD!
Lovely home in the city w/2 acres, near Santa Rita School. Call joyce brickey 682-3191

1710 Missouri.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $159,900
Fabulous "Old Midland" location. Guest house, tons of updates, white pine floors! 4+bdrms & 3+baths! Victoria 689-4800.

2209 Southampton.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... SOLD!
4 or 5 bedroom, 3 baths & 3 car garage. Great floor plan, beautifully updated in Polo Park! Victoria 689-4800.

5507 Hathaway....www.nancyschultze.com ..... Reduced $153,900
Grassland Estates, Payne-built, good-sized cul-de-sac lot, beautiful exterior. Call Nancy Schultze 682-8820, ext. 126 or 638-3357.

5721 Grassland ..... SOLD!
4BR. Call Lavonne Johnson.

5410 Grassland....www.victoriaprintz.com $149,900
Fabulous open floor plan. 2FP's, huge living, beautiful kitchen! Victoria 689.4800.

5016 Bluebird Branch...www.mazhouses.com ..... Under Contract-$144,900
Stunning 4BR, 3BA, 3 car garage, high ceilings, 2 LA. Ready to enjoy! Please call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223

6404 Driftwood....www.ruth-young.com ..... Under Contract-$141,700
Very special home. Can be 3 or 4 bdrms, huge den, gorgeous yard. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154

4012 Dunkirk....www.ruth-young.com $137,900
4 bed, 3 bath, great location. Call and ask for Ruth Young 682-7884, ext. 154.

4809 Teakwood...4/3...Gorgeous! Unbelievable Price! ..... Under Contract-$134,900
Plantation shutters! High ceilings! Classy decor, over 2700sqft. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Arroyo....www.ruth-young.com ..... Under Contract-$122,900
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, very special. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154.

1407 W. Kansas...www.ruth-young.com $119,900
Pine floor, updated, some new carpet. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154.

3800 Crestridge...Sparkling Pool ..... SOLD!
Wonderful 4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 living areas, cul-de-sac, plantation shutters. Call Alice Howard 694-3040.

1207 E. County Rd. 128...www.westtexashomeinfo.com $119,900
4BR, 2 1/2BA, guest house, mature trees. Call Caleb.

2404 Bellechasse Ct.....www.victoriaprintz.com $114,900
Spacious! 4 huge bdrms, soaring ceilings in living area, beautiful yards w/sprinklers & bonus room! Victoria 689-4800

1301 S. County Rd. 1130...www.westtexashomeinfo.com $112,000
4BR, 2 1/2BA, hot tub, located in Greenwood. Call Caleb.

Dawn Circle-Lots of Space ..... Under Contract-$109,500
New Paint, bright & pretty. New carpet, blinds, etc. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

2806 Andover.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $107,500
4 bdrm, large bdrms, 3 bath, 2 LA, recent carpet, paint, tile! Quiet cul-de-sac! Victoria 689-4800

St. Andrews....www.ruth-young.com $99,900
3 or 4 bedrooms, plus office, nice wood desk. Pretty Home! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

2802 Exeter.....Call Caleb ..... Reduced $95,000
4BR, 3BA Sequestered master. UNBELIEVABLE PRICE FOR SQ. FT.!

4606 Tammy Cove.....www.victoriaprintz.com $94,900
Tons of space, soaring ceilings, quiet cul-de-sac, beautiful wood floorng! Victoria 689-4800.

3601 Jordan.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Drastic Reduction-$89,900
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, fresh paint in & out, recent carpet. Special Financing Available! Call for details!! Victoria 689-4800

3215 Durant ..... SOLD!
Kimber Lea, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2LA, 3 garage. Alice Howard.

4315 Boulder-Must See! Very Special! $89,600
Really precious, 3BR, sunken den, sep. formal dining. Really special. Call joyce brickey 682-3191

2202 Lindora Way $83,900
Large 4 bedroom/or 3 bedroom with upstairs study. Master has separate tub & shower. Hurry to see - Larry or Debbe 684-0369

5126 Reeves Circle...Large Gameroom...Darling $79,900
3 full baths, 4BR, FD, cute kitchen over 2100. Call Larry & Debbie Hatfield 684-0369

3203 Mark Ln.....www.victoriaprintz.com.....SALE OR LEASE $74,900
3 or 4 bdrms, nicely updated, tile flooring, high ceilings, converted garage for great living space! Victoria 689-4800.

3217 Dengar...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com ..... Sale Pending-$71,500
Incredible 4BR, 3BA, 2 LA, just under 2000sqft. Seller furnishing 1 yr. home warranty. Please call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223

801 W. Kansas.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $69,900
4 bedroom, fabulous space, great light, brick flooring, gourmet kitchen. "Old Beauty"! Victoria 689-4800

302 Kerth...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com ..... NOW $68,500
Spend Thanksgiving here! A wow 4BR, all re-done, jacuzzi tub. Call to see! Please call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223

3511 Jordan-Collector's Delight - Lots of Shelves ..... Drastically Reduced $65,000
4+ bedrooms. Rock fireplace. Nancy Schultze 638-3357 or 682-8820 x126.

119 N. Dewberry ..... Reduced $58,800
4BR/2BA, 2 car garage, great price on a darling 4BR! Call Chris anytime 349-7000

1009 Cuthbert.....www.victoriaprintz.com $55,000
Great price for the area! Spacious! 4BD, 2 bath, hardwood floors, 2 living plus study! Victoria 689-4800

4511 Anetta.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Under Contract-$52,900
Nice & spacious! 4 bdrms, 2 baths, nice dining room, storage shed & central HVAC! Victoria 689-4800

312 Thornridge.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $52,500
Two living areas! Fireplace, lg. dining, built-ins & a garage. Nice yard, big trees! Victoria 689.4800.

4608 Ric Dr.-New Listing $48,500
4BR, cul-de-sac, Windmill Ridge, Greenwood

PATIO TOWNHOUSES

4204 Valley.....Just In Time For Christmas!...chriscasa.com $119,900
Fabulous townhome, easy care lifestyle, don't miss out on this one! Please call Chris Beckett 349-7000.

2814 Moss...www.victoriaprintz.com $109,900
Wonderful pool & beautiful patio areas! Spacious living w/soaring ceiling & nice fireplace. Great kitchen w/tile flooring & island work space! Victoria 689-4800.

2412 Castleford $75,000
Call Anita.

3822 Nassau...www.victoriaprintz.com $67,500
Lovely low-maint. w/2 bdrms, 2 baths, beautiful yards, great curb appeal! Victoria 689-4800

3611 Princeton...Wow! What a Steal!! ..... SOLD!
3 lg. bedrooms, seq. master, kitchen overlooks den, come look! Larry/Debbe Hatfield 684-0369

3107 Golf Course ..... SOLD!
Townhouse. Call Lavonne Johnson.

2700-A Pecos $58,500
3BR, 2BA, low maintenance. Call Lisa Kelly 684-3912.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

4481 Hackberry....www.victoriaprintz.com $249,900
Custom home on Golf Course with great pool 3/2 1/2. Great space and light. Victoria 689-4800.

3809 Todd Rd.....www.victoriaprintz.com $169,900
2.49 acres! Beautiful home, tons of tile, light & bright, 3 car garage & over 40 trees! Victoria 689-4800.

1900 Winddrift ..... Reduced $159,000
Very nice home in Grassland with pool-sized backyard and new 50 year roof. Call Kirk.

4903 Foxboro...OFFERS! ..... Great New Price! $158,900
Expensive living area - wood floors in den - Bonus Dry Sauna in master & a sparkling pool too! Please call Chris Beckett to view 349-7000.

6404 Driftwood....www.ruth-young.com $141,700
3 or 4 bedroom, Very Special! Please call Ruth Young at 682-7884 or view ruth-young.com.

5490 Cypress $131,500
Great house on the course, call Clemmie.

14700 Alfalfa $129,000
2BR, 2BA, 18 acres in Gardendale, Barn.

11507 W. Co. Rd. 52...www.westtexashomeinfo.com $125,000
3BR, 2BA, workshop w/office, mature trees. Call Caleb.

2611 Cimmaron...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com ..... Sale Pending-$122,500
Owner Ready for Offers! A Harvest Feature! 2 or 3BR, 2LA, St. Charles kit., sub zero refrig, sunroom. Please call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223.

4702 Spring Meadow....www.victoriaprintz.com $119,900
Lovely patio home in great area! Walls of windows, high ceilings & spacious living! Victoria 689-4800

1405 Daventry ..... SOLD!
Smashing, tile & updates! Call Donna 697-0490.

501 Meadowpark-Double Fireplace...$5,000 Dec. Allowance ..... SOLD!
Pretty 3 bed, 2 living areas, ready to move into. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

1803 N. H Street ..... Under Contract-$112,500
Call Anita.

2409 Bellechasse ..... Reduced $107,900
Lots of pretty tile, large bedrooms. Call Clemmie.

2305 Stanolind $102,500
This home totally remodeled, new tile, beautiful pool & neighborhood. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

1808 Missouri $99,999
Lots of character in Museum District. Call Caleb 697-9400.

4400 Mockingbird ..... Reduced $99,000
Country living in the City on 1 acre. 3BR/2BA/2LA & workshop. Call Anita Noles.

1210 NW 14th Street, Andrews ..... Reduced $94,950
Gorgeous-updated to perfection - 3-2-2- formal dining - sunroom. Call Linda Mason 425-3665.

3212 Frontier...Just Reduced to $94,000 or Will Lease for $900.00 a month $94,000
3BR/2BA, wonderful home in the Fannin school dist. Recent paint, tile, water heater. This home offers a fabulous extra family room. Missey Graham.

5207 Canadian...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Under Contract-$92,500
3 bdrm, fabulous 1998 Kahler Home with island kit., tons of tile, beautiful baths, lg. utility & nice yard! Victoria 689-4800.

3406 Edgemont...Beautiful 3BR w/workshop ..... Under Contract-$92,000
Sequestered MBR, newer central heat/air, (Stylish & Charming). Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

5302 San Antonio $89,900
Super Nice! Built-ins, ceramic tile & wood accents. Please call Chris Beckett to view @ 349-7000

2001 Indiana...Wonderful hardwood floors $89,900
Guest house w/bath. 3BR, seq, master. 2BA, 2LA, Mexican tile, hardwood, darling! Call Larry/Debbe 684-0369

4501 Mathis...www.ruth-young.com $89,900
Fresh, clean, new paint on this 3 bedroom beauty. Great patio & landscaping. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154

2411 Emerson.....www.victoriaprintz.com $89,900
Pool! Great house w/soaring ceilings, large living, spacious bedrooms. 2 baths & "pergo" flooring! Victoria 689-4800

4517 St. Andrews.....www.victoriaprintz.com $89,900
3/2 on great lot, soaring ceilings, light & bright, spacious! Fresh paint on the way! Victoria 689-4800

4803 Elma ..... Reduced $89,900
Computer room, formal dining, wonderful home, call Clemmie.

1003 Ainslee...Pool...Cabana...3BR, 2CG + Workshop $89,840
3 great BD, 2LA with double fireplace, open kitchen/den. Must see!! Larry & Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

1609 N. C....Fantastic! $89,000
Don't miss this one! Updated 3 large BD, 2LA, FD, gorgeous inside & out! Larry & Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Moss-Low Maintenance Patio Home...www.ruth-young.com ..... SOLD!
Pretty 3 bedroom patio home. Please call Ruth Young at 682-7884 or view ruth-young.com.

3400 Canemont ..... SOLD!
Absolutely no other as CLEAN! Classic 3/2, vaulted ceiling, light panelled den, Realty Choice Property. Chris Beckett 567-6200 pgr.

5309 Brazos $88,000
The kids can bike to school. 3BR, 2BA. Call Lisa Kelly 684-3912.

4901 Sunshine Parkway...Contract Fell Through $87,000
Great Wydewood property. Beautiful yard. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

3608 Godfrey Court...Sellers Offering $1,000 Buyer Incentive ..... Only $86,500
Tons of new pretty tile, sep. living & dining rooms, lg. brkfst. room, family den & 2 car gar. - lg. carpet, buster carpeting. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

3310 Crestmont.....www.victoriaprintz.com $84,900
3bdrm, fabulous find in Fairmont! Soaring ceilings, recent carpet, flooring & paint. Lg. bdrms and great mstr. bath. Victoria 689-4800.

4601 Aspen...www.ruth-young.com $84,900
3 bedroom totally redone, better than new. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154 or 682-8820.

2405 Neely....OPEN HOUSE TODAY $84,900
3BR, 2BA, 2LA, fabulous backyard, a dream for entertaining. Beautiful family home. Call joyce brickey 682-3191

3003 Phillip Place...www.ruth-young.com ..... Reduced $84,900
3 bedrooms, clean, 2 living, large deck. Please call Ruth Young at 682-7884, ext. 154 or view ruth-young.com

2413 Goddard Ct $84,900
"POOL", fabulous 3 bdrm/2 bath, corner, recent tile & DW. Call Cheryl 689-4600.

3100 Elma...See me! NormaPine @Realtor.com $84,500
Sip hot chocolate in front of massive FP. 3 very spacious BR, countrified kitchen, huge patio. Won't last long! Call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223.

3212 Sentinel...0% Down $83,900
Wonderful - Lots of updates, lots of new. 3BR plus study, 2.5BA, 2LA, beautiful home. Call Chris Beckett 349-7000

4711 Timber...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $79,900
New carpet! New paint! Great 3/2, low-maint. home w/tons of light & great location! Victoria 689-4800.

2205 Sinclair...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com ..... Owners Ready to Sell! Reduced $79,900
Don't compromise - loaded w/charm & location. Huge kitchen w/bar, pool size backyard, shade trees. Don't hesitate call Norma 686-7000.

2225 Cimmaron...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com ..... Owner Financing!...$79,500
Space galore, central location. Much new! Always call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223.

3411 Humble...Very Lovely 3BR, 2BA, 2CG, 3LA...Near Lee High $76,000
You won't find a prettier home & @ this bargain price, you get pretty manicured yd w/lg. covered patio & 2 storage bldgs. Call joyce brickey 682-3191

3703 Neely ..... Under Contract-$76,000
3BR, 2BA, fabulous location. Must see inside. Beautiful backyard. Never Miss a School Parade. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer.

4511 Cimmaron-Only The Prettiest Home On The Market In This Price Range ... Under Contract-$74,400
Expect to be impressed w/3BR's, plantation shutters, tile. Please call Chris Beckett 349-7000 to view. 0% Down.

3330 Cimmaron-New Listing-Lee High School $72,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA. Recent carpet & paint. Call Gina 349-2756.

2602 Dora Place...3/2 ..... SOLD
Great home on beautiful cul-de-sac. Call Gina 349-2756.

1309 Godfrey...www.victoriaprintz.com $71,500
Stunning! Miles of ceramic tile, formal dining, recent carpet, blinds, appliances! Victoria 689-4800

4505 Neely Ct. ..... SOLD!
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cul-de-sac. Call Lavonne.

3619 Baumann $69,900
3bx, 2ba. Great starter home. Call Caleb.

3308 Cimmaron.....victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $66,500
Cute, clean & updated! Great location w/lovely yards! Recent fence, updated throughout! Victoria 689-4800.

3509 Imperial $65,900
New carpet, 2 living areas, call Clemmie.

721 Melton Alley $65,000
2BR, 2BA, elegant townhouse, low maintenance. Call Tino Perez 664-8748.

3403 Michigan.....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $64,900
Nice & spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bath, w/2 living areas & formal dining. Beautiful patio & yard w/water well! Victoria 689-4800

2501 W. Storey...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com $64,900
Santa will stop here! Charming wood floor thru-out, Austin stone, great lot w/storage shed. Don't miss this one! Please call Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223.

Culver....www.ruth-young.com $63,500
3 bed, 2 ba, 2 living, 2 garage. Call and ask for Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154.

306 Alpine ..... Reduced $59,950
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, awesome inside & out. Please call Linda Mason 425-3665.

Ainslee....www.ruth-young.com $59,900
2BR, brick with guest quarters, covered RV parking. Call and ask for Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217, ext. 154

2502 Kansas ..... Under Contract-$59,500
Nice three bedroom thats been totally remodeled inside. Call Kirk to see.

Crenshaw ..... SOLD!
3 bed, 2 ba, corner lot, real cute in Fairway Park. Great Price - recently updated. Call Lavonne.

4314 Sentinel....www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $58,900
Built-ins, fireplace, shop & storage! Great find! Victoria 689-4800.

6307 Hopi Ct...349 Ranch Estates...See me! NormaPine@Realtor.com $58,500
The countrycottage beckons! Adorable 3BR w/white picket fence. Almost an acre. 2 car workshop & storage bldg. Norma Pine 686-7000, ext. 223

1309 E. 49th (Odessa)...Wonderful $58,400
3BR, 2BA, lots of tile, 2 car, central air/heat, sprinklers. Call Chris Beckett 349-7000 direct.

1506 Pueblo-A Jewel!! $58,000
Updated tile, paper paint, 3 bdrm, 2 BA, 2 LA's. Call Cheryl 689-4600.

701 Boyd $58,000
Big home, central heat & air, 2 living, lots of space! Call Chris Beckett 349-7000.

4823 Ric Dr. ..... Reduced To Sell $57,900
3BR, 2BA, brick home - corner lot - across from Park. FP & pine trees in front. Good home to raise family. Gloria Valdez Farmer, home 563-2732.

3421 W. Louisiana ..... Reduced $56,900
Large bedrooms, very pretty home - call Clemmie.

4506 Parkdale ..... SOLD!
Fabulous workshop, could be 2nd garage. 3 bdrm, 2 ba, lots of updates. Alice Howard 694-3040.

214 N. Eisenhower $54,900
3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, large backyard with covered patio. Call Anita.

110 N. Eisenhower...www.victoriaprintz.com $53,900
Nice! 12" ceramic tile, recent paint & carpet on the way! 3 bed, 2 bath & 2 car garage! Victoria 689-4800

4501 Neely Ct.-Circle Drive ..... SOLD!
2 bedrooms. Low maintenance. Call Lavonne.

2025 Baca Dr....Odessa ..... Under Contract-$53,500
Very Nice. 3BR, 2BA townhouse. Call Gloria Farmer.

4702 Pasadena ..... SOLD!
3BR, 2 bath, 2 living, big back yard. Tino Perez 664-8748.

3318 Storey...www.victoriaprintz.com $52,500
Cute & Clean! Sprinkler system, large yard & great trees for fabulous shade! Recent paint, carpet & A/C! Victoria 689-4800

2700-A Pecos...Low Low Equity Assumption ..... Reduced $52,000
3BR/2BA, Priced to sell. Call Lisa Kelly 684-3912.

1611 Pueblo-Darling!! ..... Reduced $51,500
Decorator colors in this great 3BR, with FP, 2BA, 1CG, sprinkler system. Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

4623 W. Storey ..... Reduced $49,900
Take the Landlord off your payroll! 3BR, 1 1/2BA, fireplace. Call Lisa Kelly 684-3912.

4418 Harlowe...3BR, 2BA, Garage & Workshop off Alley $48,900
Beautiful...Fireplace in family room. Super great home. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Illinois ..... Reduced $48,000
3BR, 2BA, nice brick home with new carpet & paint. Call Gloria, 563-2732.

4711 Thomason ..... Under Contract-$46,900
Recent carpt, paint and ceramic tile, inground pool w/diving board & slide. Call Joel Oldham to see.

2200 West Kentucky $45,000
2 bd, 1 bath, with 1 bed, 1 bath in back. Extra lot & water well. Call Lavonne.

326 Willowood...Great Price!...0% Down ..... Reduced $44,900
3BR, 2BA, 2 car, good floor plan, offers. Chris Beckett 349-7000

Permian Estates...DIAMOND IN THE RUFF ..... SOLD!
3/2/2LV-workshop...Call Anita for more information.

410 Woodcrest ..... SOLD!
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, open-bright kitchen, cute - Hurry! Call Linda 425-3665.

4325 Princeton ..... Reduced $43,500
Nice 3 bedroom with 2 baths. Near Midland Dr. & Andrews Hwy. Call Joel Oldham to see.

2802 W. Michigan Avenue $43,200
Cute cottage w/much updating. Beautiful hardwood floors, stg. bldg. Large backyard. Call Joel Oldham 682-8820.

4407 Storey $42,500
Nice 3BR, 1 1/2BA with central air and a water well. Call Kirk.

1111 W. Florida $40,000
Corner 2 bedroom, one bath home. Great yard!!! Detached garage w/side entry. Call Conrad 631-5002.

1210 W. New Jersey...Best House for the Money $39,900
3BR, 1BA, pool, central heat/air, a Doll House! Chris Beckett 349-7000.

4416 Roosevelt $39,900
3BR, cute fireplace, great condition, Sellers ready to go! Call Chris anytime 349-7000.

3712 Holley, Odessa $39,500
Pretty house on a large lot. Call Clemmie.

414 W. Shandon-MUST SEE! $38,000
3BR, 1BA, good drive-up appeal. New paint outside. This will be a great starter home. Water well. Call Missey Graham 682-8820, ext. 125

2706 Franklin ..... Reduced $37,500
Call Tino Perez.

4602 Mercedes...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $37,500
Great house, great price. Spacious kitchen and two living areas. 3bdrm, 1.5 baths! Victoria 689-4800.

403 San Jacinto...ODESSA...Fantastic! $36,000
Cute! Remodeled - custom whitewashed kitchen cabinets, 2BR, 6 panel doors, oversized AC unit. Larry/Debbie.

405 W. Nobles $35,000
Lots of new, heat & air, appliances, plumbing. Please call Ruth Booker.

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CANONERO-Fabulous, light, bright, contemporary TH in coveted Saddle Club North! Perfection in every way 299,900
WOODHAVEN-Fabulous home behind Trinity School with tons of extras! Light & Bright. This one is perfect 289,900
SINCLAIR-Backyard transformed into paradise in this 4BR/3BA/3LA home, new pool plus so much new 279,000
RIVIERA-Beautiful 4/4 w/lots of living space. Surrounded by a large privacy fence w/beautiful yard 279,000
HIGHLAND BLVD.-New construction. 5BR/3BA & 2 half baths! Slightly different Troy Hunt floor plan 276,500
SEABOARD-Large Old Midland home. 5BR/5.2BA/3LA. Tons of storage 265,000
OAKLAWN TOWNHOME-Stunning architecture, incredible appointments, gorgeous sea blue pool, fabulous guest house 265,000
SEABOARD-Fabulous Warwick beauty w/immense updating. 3LAs, ton of charm and a gleaming pool 246,900
WIDENER STRIP-Wonderful custom w/fabulous floor plan. 3 or 4BR/4A at sits on 1.048 acres 246,000
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SADDLE CLUB TOWNHOME-Absolutely exquisite. One-story custom w/3BR/3.5BA, workshop w/AC/heat. Lovely pool. Great price! 229,500
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CUTHBERT-Stunning & charming w/soaring ceilings, incredible & spacious w/beautiful landscaped yard 185,000
MA MAR-Incredibly spacious fixer upper, appraisal over 5500 sf. Formals, den, study, gameroom, spa, cabana 175,000
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TEAKWOOD-Super 2-story Green Tree home w/room for all 4BR/3.5BA, formals, master down, large lot 149,900
TEAKWOOD-Beautiful lot! Spacious 4BR/3BA w/formals plus den. Also a bonus room 149,900
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EDGEMONT-Fabulous 4BR in Fairmont Park w/loads of amenities 129,900
SPRING MEADOW #2-Spring Meadow TH, super 3/2.5 w/cathedral, master suite w/FP. Formal livdin 126,500
LANHAM-Super 3BR TH w/pool, spa and sauna 126,500
KEENLAND-Lots of new in this 4/2.5 on 1 acre in Greenhill Terrace. $1,500 buyer incentive 125,000
GULF-Sensational home in Fannin w/tons of charm, updates and space 124,900
WARD-Outstanding patio home in excellent condition! Well maintained, neutral colors, great greenhouse 124,500
METZ-Cul-de-sac and huge! Giant yard. 3LAs/4BR/2.5BA, lots of tile 122,500
WOODLAWN-Old Midland, custom home w/fabulous yard, 4 spacious bedrooms, 2 living areas 120,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Great 4BR on the course in coveted Green Tree North 119,900
SENTINEL-New large corner lot. Pretty pool, enormous master 119,500
NOEL-A real cream puff! 4 bedrooms 3 baths, separate formal dining, Patio home 119,500
GULF-4BR/3BA/3LAs, great drive-up and huge trees. You'll love it! 118,900
TEALWOOD-Spacious, unique 3BR/3.5BA/2LA plus gameroom. Quality in every detail 114,500
GODFREY-Another distinctive Hoffman house w/all the extras. 3/2, very livable plan 114,000
WARD-Great patio home in established neighborhood, spacious kitchen, good plan 112,500
STUTZ-Midland's favorite plan. 4BR/3.5BA, spacious rooms, lots of light 112,000
DAWN CIRCLE-Stucco home. 3BR/3BA/2LA/2 car garage. All new tile, open LAs, all 3 seq BR suites 109,500
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MISSOURI-Lovely Old Midland area. Lots of new, nice den with fireplace 88,900
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LINDORA WAY-3 large BRs/2BAs, newer wood floors also Berber, DW & more. Large pool & storage bldg 84,900
ASPEN-Lovely 3BR/2.5BA, 2 story w/large bonus room, corner lot, circular drive 84,500
DURAN...er lot, side-entry garage, quiet street, 3/2/2, clean, newer carpets & tile, stained concrete 84,500
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COUNTRY CLUB-Super nice 3BR w/hot tub room, sprinkler system 79,500
ANDREWS HWY-Lots of space for the price. 2LAs, 2 small offices and great potential 79,000
SINCLAIR-Well maintained Old Midland home w/3BR/2BA/2LA/2-car garage and big backyard 78,900
NEELY-Need a lot of space? This 4/2 has it! Den and formal living area, great kitchen 76,500
NELSON-So appealing, lots of light, seq. master, sprinklers, great location 75,600
MICHIGAN-Charming, spacious, central Old Midland home. Rock FP w/high ceilings. Pool sized yard. 74,900
FALCON-3/2/2, great corner lot, pool-sized backyard and in move-in condition 74,900
DENGAR-Terrific home in Fannin w/3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, spacious backyard. 72,900
PYLANT-Well kept 3/2 w/2LA plus approx. 24'x18' and 2nd storage bldg. Nice 72,900
CAMARIE-Charming 3BR/2BA/2LA dollhouse. Great drive-up and wonderful yards. Immaculate 72,500
SHELL-Inviting Old Midland charmer, new carpet, fresh paint, baths updated 70,000
GOLD-Garden City, TX. 5BR/1BA/2 gar + gar apart 1/1. + rent house 2/1 situated on 12 lots 69,900
OHIO-Very well maintained 3BR/2BA, very nice, owner anxious - make offers 69,900
BAUMANN-Light, bright and so inviting! You'll love all the updating and the great yard 69,500
WARD-Very nice w/super drive-up appeal. Interior is light, bright, clean and convenient 69,000
DENGAR-Spacious 4BR/2BA/2LA/2FP. Great area 68,500
PRESTON-Newly refurbished and ready to live! New paint, carpet, lighting, faucets, plug,doors, switches 67,500
OHIO-Lovely Old Midland home. Hardwood floors, garage converted to 4th BR or study. A must to see 65,000
HARLOWE-Very pretty 4/3, approximately 2322 sq ft, lots of new, close to schools 65,000
LOUISIANA-You must come inside to see custom kitchen and parquet floors, shop. 37257 62,500
PUEBLO-Well-cared for country-type home. Old fashion backyard 62,000
ILLINOIS-Comfortable & cozy 3/2, Franklin FP & American Home Warranty 59,900
PRINCETON-Very nicely redone 3/2 w/recent carpet, tile, counter tops, luxury tub in master, quiet spot 59,900
SUNNYSIDE-Neat 3BR/2BA/2-car garage near schools & shopping & NOA for quick closing 57,000
THORNRIDGE-This is a delight to show. Clean, neat, 4/1.5/1 + garage near Loop 250. Den, FP, 1994 sq. ft. 56,000
WOODCREST-Great 3BR/2BA, big living, nifty kitchen plus bonus room, fresh and clean 55,000
LEDDY-Immaculate home w/charm, space, updates and a great storage shed 50,000
LAURA-3BR/3BA, circle drive, great backyard 49,900
SINCLAIR-So much room for the money. 3BR/2LA + a large gameroom. $2500 buyer incentive 48,950
DEWBERRY-3BR, west side brick home w/sunroom and 14x24 shop 47,500
WILLOWOOD-3 or 4BR w/2BA, central HVAC, large backyard in West Midland. Easy access to Odessa 46,500
MONTY-Terrific 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl and paint! Great home 46,500
CARRIZO-Owner/agent. Nice older contemporary duplex for sale and lease @ $375/mo 45,000
STOREY-Quaint, charming and cozy are just a few words that describe this Old Midland beauty 41,900
MICHIGAN-Old Midland cottage w/generous sized bedrooms, gleaming hardwood floors, charming 37,500
CONVENT-Stanton. Brick home w/3BR/1 large baths, corner house on two lots 36,500
OAK-Wonderful property! Lots of room, new carpet, FP and more 32,900
LOUISIANA-Call all handy people! Here's a nifty "fixer-upper" in A-OK area 32,500
MAIN-Great Old Midland 2BR located on a double lot w/1BR, bath guest house 31,900
WASHINGTON AVE-Cute 2BR/1.5BA, carport w/storage, workshop, corner lot, 2LAs, hardwoods & carpet 31,500
LIDDON #61-Great 2BR/1.5BA condo. Super location, stove, refrigerator, fireplace, pool 29,900
BAIRD-Cute 2BR w/hardwood floors, fenced corner lot 28,900
STOREY-Really cute, one side duplex. Stove, refrigerator included. Pool available, central location 12,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

DALE WADE-Wow! Fabulous suburban w/10 acres, pool, 4BR/4FPs/3LAs and barn 680,000
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S. CO. RD. 1184-4/3 Ridge Heights beauty. 1.27 acres, 4 car garbarn, pipe fencing, country kitchen, office 119,900
FM 307-5 acres, Midland School District. Horse ready, roomy 2BR/2LA + 2-car garage 70,000
GARDEN CITY HWY-House (1500 sf), office (780 sf), warehouse (1800 sf) & yard all for this price 69,900
E. CO. RD. 105-Purchase or lease or lease purchase. Greenwood 3/2/2 garage - behind schools 69,900
S. CO. RD. 1057-Manufactured 3BR home on approx 1 acre in Greenwood. Owner will carry note - call for details 67,500
S. CO. RD. 1148-Very nice MH. 3/2 w/nice double carport and storage bldg. - also has nice patio 54,900
S. CO. RD. 1210-Terrific home in immaculate shape on 2 acres in the country w/lots of charm 49,900
W. CO. RD. 150-Cute 2/1 on 2 acres. Large kitchen, fresh paint, newer flooring, ceiling fans, fireplace. Great buy 38,000

SUBURBAN ACREAGE

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STEWART ROAD AT HWY 158-5ac Pecan orchard w/horse pens. Highly improved. Will subdivide & owner finance 39,900
S. CO. RD. 1308-3.8 acre tract is well located and very desirable 39,000
N. CO. RD. 1244-New water well and electricity installed w/in last year! City water will be avail. in future 15,000
W. CO. RD. 101-2.5 acres - ready to build on South at Skywest Airport 10,500
E. CO. RD. 128-Rural acreage of 1.5 acres in Ridge Heights. Annex CR 128E cul-de-sac 7,500
N. CO. RD. 1250-Approximately an acre for home/stables. Deed restrictions. Abundant water 5,500

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MIDKIFF-2 acres on North Midkiff, property has been fenced and leveled 48,000
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PINEHURST-Excellent residential lot in Saddle Club East 42,000
L-Rare and beautiful lot in museum district, special site 37,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Great Green Tree North residential lot 29,900
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JUNIPER CT-Wonderful, large lot in Green Tree South 29,900
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RIVERA CT-Great lot in Saddle Club East on cul-de-sac. Only a few left 28,500
CONNELL-Three lots, I-20, 1 blk. from Rankin Hwy. - directly West of motel ..... 28,000 each
PRINCETON-Good location for .30 acre corner lot. Princeton & Westcliff off of Woodcrest, S of Andrews Hwy 9,500
GREEN TREE BLVD.-Good price on great lot 8,500
LA SALLE-Nice residential lot on cul-de-sac. Call for details 8,500
TEALWOOD-Excellent location, well priced and ready for construction. Adjacent lot also available 8,000
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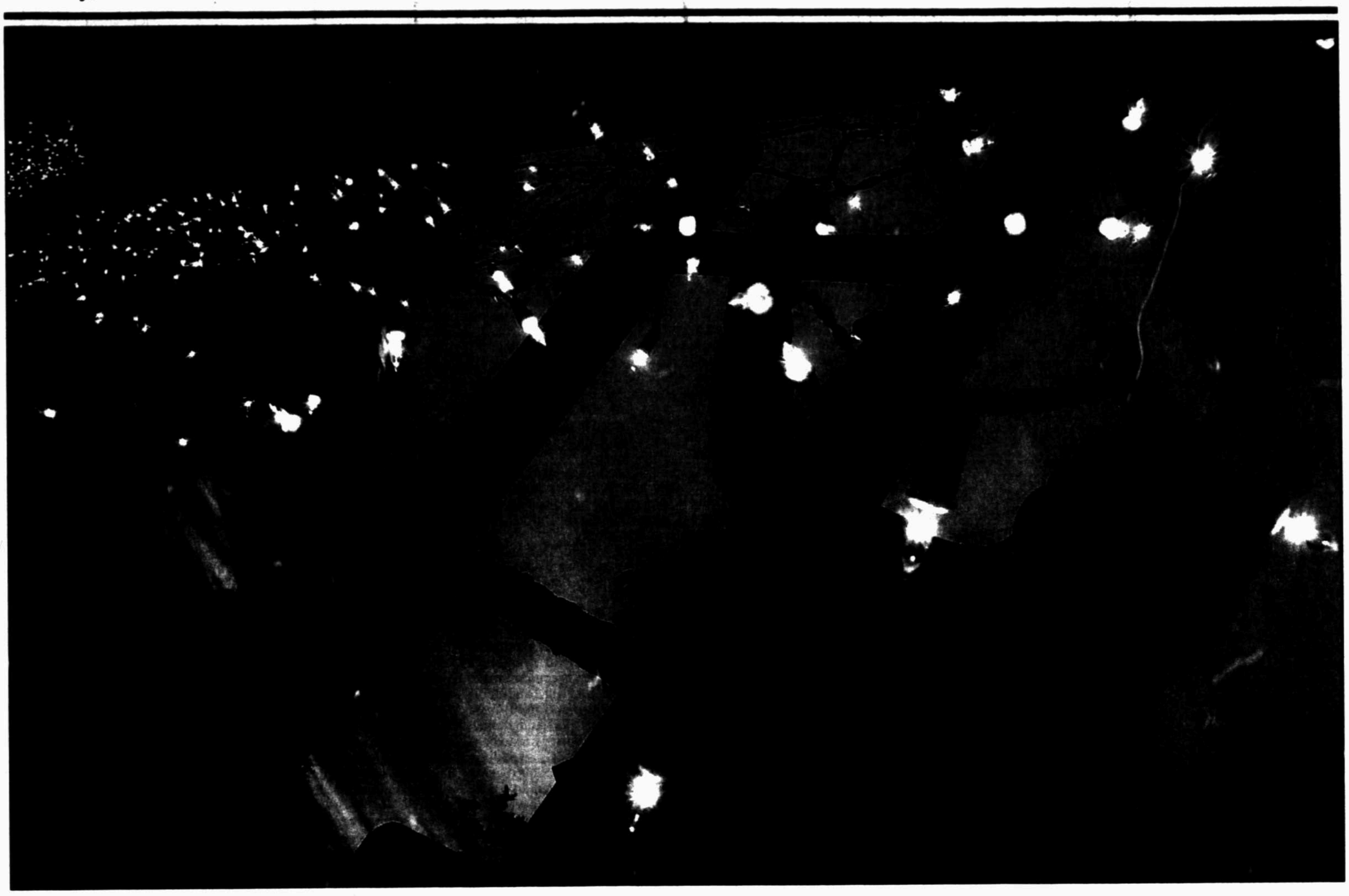
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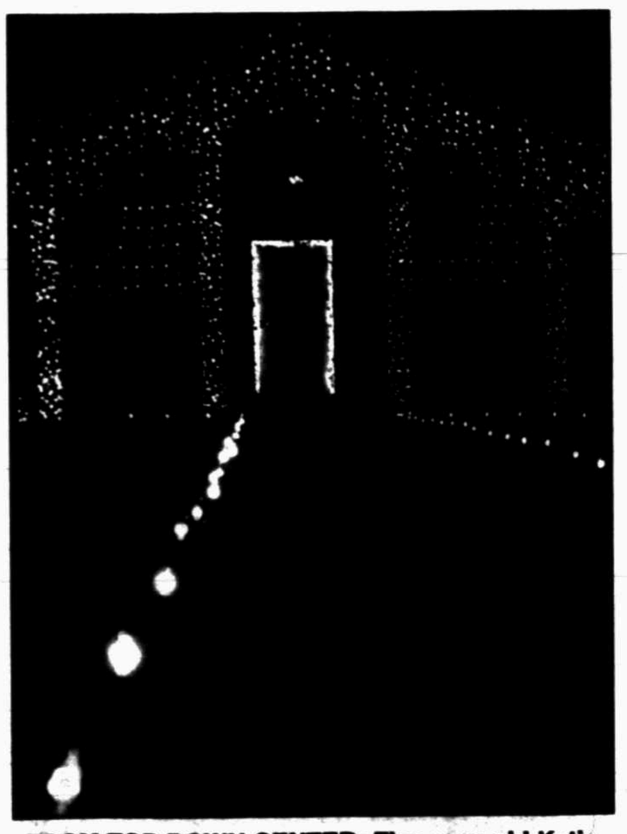


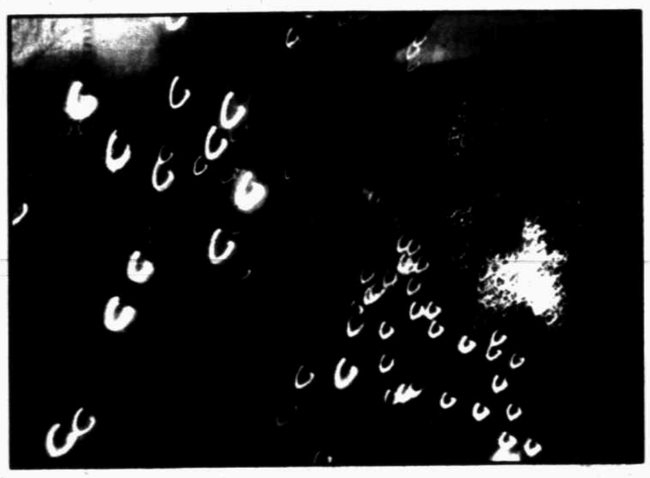


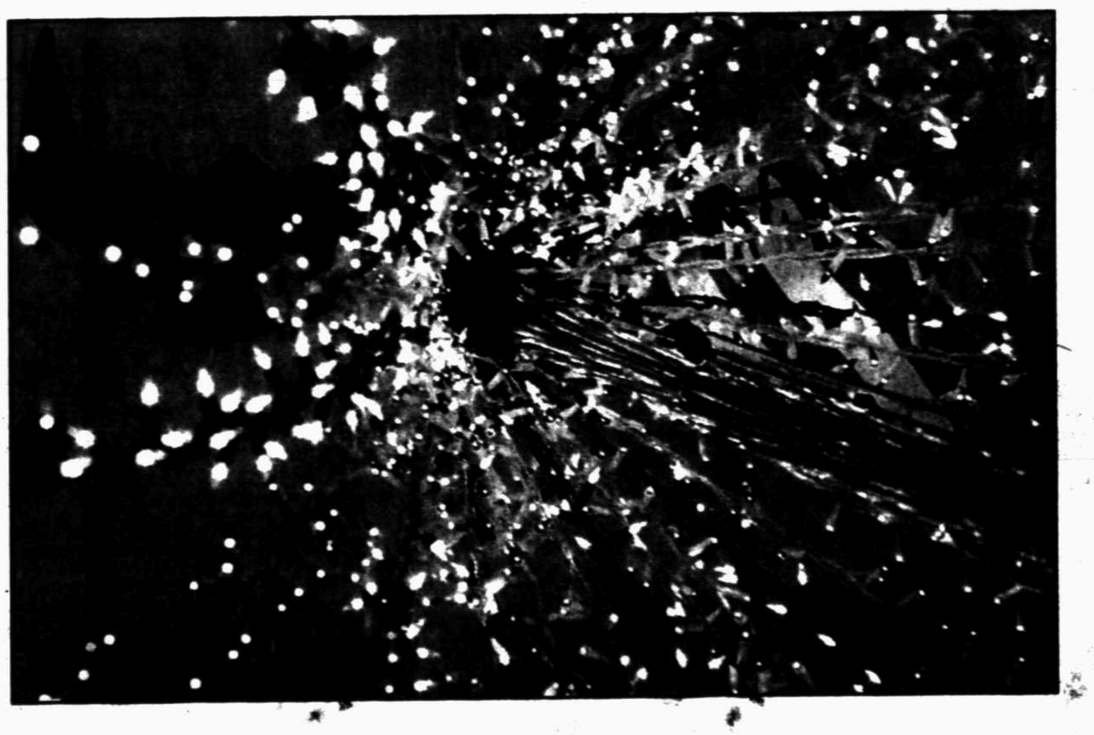
Children of all ages are making sure Santa and his reindeers know where to go on Christmas Eve this year, decorating their homes and neighborhoods with bright lights and holiday cheer.

From stars and stripes to southwestern-themed Santas, Midland's in the holiday spirit.

HOUSE BRIGHT







FROM TOP DOWN CENTER: Five-year-old Katie Wilton helps string lights along the front of her house in central Midland while perched on a ladder. A large red-and-green bow is part of this elaborate yard in the upper reaches of Greentree. A slow shutter on the camera sets the masses of lights on this house on South Marshall Street dancing. AT RIGHT: Resurgent patriotism takes form in long strands topped by an eagle and Old Glory in this yard in west Midland. ABOVE: Two versions of the Stars and Stripes are front and center at this residence of a former Army paratrooper. ABOVE FAR RIGHT: This large nativity graces a yard near Travis Elementary.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

The Ladies of the Petroleum Club and their guests left the December meeting in the holiday spirit after a delightful program of music.

The StrictLee Strings Chamber Ensemble, which has been formed from the Lee High School Orchestra, performed under the direction of **Karen Walker McAfee**. Their repertoire included Christmas songs, show tunes, a stirring medley of patriotic music and even some fiddling.


Harrison

The ensemble has had many exciting opportunities, including a performance at the inauguration festivities of President Bush in Washington, D. C., last January and a concert tour of England, Scotland and Ireland this past summer.

Cranberry punch and white wine were served during the social hour prior to a delicious luncheon, with southern roasted chicken breast stuffed with spinach and Swiss cheese as the piece de resistance. A scrumptious chocolate layered raspberry cake completed the menu.

Among those enjoying the event were **Ellen Helbing, Sharri Pruett, Mary Erwin, Sylvia Hampton, Elinore Chase, Billie Ross, Tish Taylor, Sarah Neisig** and **Charlene Bunnell.**

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You may have seen the play or caught the made-for-TV movie, or read the book, but until you hear **Mary Lou Cassidy**'s review of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," you will find that you have never been more entertained or enlightened by the story.

The tale centers around the six skinny, stringy-haired Herdman children (with very little in the way of upbringing), who despite themselves and others' views of the little hooligans, manage to bring a whole new meaning to the Christmas story when they take over the church's annual pageant. Although the story is hilarious, Mary Lou's interpretation is bound to bring a tear to the eye or a lum to the throat or both at its conclusion.

The Executive Women of Midland, of which Mary Lou is a member, never tire of her review. It has become a tradition at the December meeting.

Many of the members brought guests for the recent luncheon and program at the Petroleum Club. Among them were **Mary Hilton, Jan O'Neill, Cynthia Morales, Maria Galindo, Nancy Henderson** and **Shirley Ireland.**

About the book written by Barbara Robinson, Mary Lou says, "It has become somewhat of a cult classic. It's done in one form or another everywhere."

Although it's often described as a children's book, it is actually a book for adults, who will discern its deeper meaning.

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The Midland Chi Omega Alumane celebrated Christmas recently with a coffee and ornament exchange at the home of **Evelyn Halvorsen**. Co-hostesses were **Tish Deffenbaugh** and **Carolyn Welton.**

The exchange is repeated each year by the group, and there are lots of "steals" from one another as the game progresses until everyone is left with an ornament.

Some of those participating were **Wanda Campbell, B. J. Filley, Connie Thacker, Carol Ann Hunt, Beverly Philbeck, Patty Lowery, Audrey Curry, Jo Sneed, Sandra Woerndle, Alison Smith, Claudia Gleeson, Betty Meador, Pat Epley, Jennifer Cavazos** and **Alisa Armejo.**

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Members of the Midland Woman's Club opened the doors of the newly refurbished clubhouse recently to a large number of guests for the club's annual Christmas Tea.

This year's hostesses were **Dollie Ballenger, Jo Connell, Hilda Hinds, Carole Hobbs, Carolyn McGaha, Martha Moore, Lucille Nobles, Mary Rasavage, Frances Ratliff, Beverly Riley, Dell Shettle, Hazel Smith, Almeda Tinslar, Dorise Watson** and **Eileen Welch.**

The club was resplendent in its holiday finery, which included garlands of greenery, accented with red velvet bows and white lights; a beautiful Christmas tree, and red poinsettias and candles. An array of mouth-watering delicacies was served in the Great Hall and the adjoining Tea Room.

Among the partygoers were **Frankie Simmons, Katie Hibler, Mim Curry, Carol Hall, Jean Sauze, Lois Rogge** and **Virginia Manusos.**

CLUB BRIEF

From Staff Reports


George

Midland Woman's Club is to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time is at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon served at noon.

A program of Christmas musical selections will be performed by Jane George, a native Texan. She and her husband Jim moved to Midland in 1987 from Sun City West, Ariz.

While living in Arizona, Ms. George was a member of a trio that performed gospel, country and popular music.

To make reservations, call 697-0980 or 694-8046.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Dec. 3 - Dec. 9

Monday: Open Pairs
1. Gloria Crites — Marie Morris
2. Aggie Anguish — Linda Evans
3. Belle Harris — Debbie Kemp
4. Norma James — Joe Salman

Wednesday: Open Pairs
1. Babe Griffin — Joe Brittain
2. Becky Kinsey — Gloria Crites
3. Sandra Rea — Aggie Anguish
4. Marilyn Matthews — Helen Wise

Thursday: Invitational
1. Bonnie Hubbard — Eleanor Kimberlin
2. Sally Reeder — Jean Banks
3. E.J. Henderson — Joe Salman
4. Billie Ruppe — Kathryn Locke

Friday: Christmas Party
N-S Strat A
1. Jame Myers — Flo Curry
2. Jerry Williamson — Elle Kerr
3. Joyce Mitchell — Frances Levin
4. Sadie Hudson — Sue Gardiner

Strat B
1. Joyce Mitchell — Frances Levin
2/3 Helen Wise — Sarah White
2/3 Laura Williams — Babe Griffin
4. Kathryn Locke — Bob Stuart

E-W Strat A
1. Sandra Rea — Nancy Liberty
2. Mary Hammond — Gloria Crites
3. Betty Moudy — Carolyn Hancock
4. Norma James — Jimmie Penn

Strat B
1. Nancy Liberty — Sandra Rea
2. Carolyn Hancock — Betty Moudy
3. Leila Seal — Tommie Strack
4. Helen Owen — Debbie Kemp

Saturday: Open Pairs
1. Belle Harris — Wayne Rector
2. Deborah Englert — Becky Kinsey
3. Leonora Slusher — Sue Gardiner
4. Glenda Simmons — Joe Brittain

Sunday: Open Pairs
N-S Strat A
1. Babe Griffin — Frances Levin
2. Gloria Crites — Becky Kinsey
3. Billie Rush — Verna Chambers

Strat B
1. Verna Chambers — Billie Rush
2. Glenda Simmons — Joe Brittain
3. Betty Fernandez — Jo Price

E-W Strat A
1. Mary Hammond — Aggie Anguish
2. Terri Tedford — Jimmie Penn
3. Marian Mathews — Clarence Marley

Strat B
1. Mary Renton — Ken Hill
2. Helen Owen — Laura Williams
3. Belle Harris — Wayne Rector

'What were you doing when you heard the news?'

Texans recall morning of Sept. 11

By Charlotte Moore
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — *What were you doing the morning of Sept. 11 ...*

Danielle was beaming as she modeled her exquisite bridal gown for her mother, Daryl. The attendants at Coutures by Laura bustled about the boutique, assisting the bride-to-be. "Oh, you look so beautiful," Daryl exclaimed just before the news came across on the small television in the shop.

... when you heard the breaking news ...

Shannon's water broke at 3:30 a.m. She and her husband, Wesley, headed to St. David's Hospital. By 7:15, Shannon was on a gurney being wheeled to the operating room. She saw groups of doctors and nurses huddled around televisions. She asked someone what was going on.

... that several commercial airplanes had been hijacked by terrorists ...

Janet was also at St. David's early on that morning. The maternity ward is so busy today — so full of life, she thought. This being their third child, Janet and Bruce are pros at labor and delivery. They know exactly what to expect — or so they believed.

... and hurled into the twin towers of the World Trade Center ...

Omer and Pearl were married 70 years ago on Sept. 11, 1931. The first anniversary was intoxicating. The fifth, inspiring. The 10th, solidifying. Each subsequent anniversary was quieter, sweeter and demanded less fuss; Omer and Pearl don't recall much of their 27th or 43rd or 66th anniversaries. Their 70th anniversary, however, will be hard to forget.

... the Pentagon and an open field in Pennsylvania?

Eggs, bacon, strawberry milk and doughnuts. Nine-year-old Chloe couldn't stop thinking about the special breakfast she was going to have the next day. Her mom always let her and her brothers choose breakfast on their birthdays. But, at school, Chloe noticed some of her teachers were crying. Something wasn't right.

We all know what we were doing on the morning of Sept. 11, as death and destruction invaded what should have been a typical Tuesday. The more pertinent question might be: "Are you able to get on with your life?"

Life goes on. It has to. For every person lost in the rubble — every soul now unfettered by the wreckage — there are scores of lives yet to be played out. For most of us, the decision was not one of survival, but one of resolve: to make sure to appreciate each breath — to honor the victims in our ability to live and prove to terrorists that despite their cruelty, life goes on in America, and in Austin.

Daryl Day flew into Austin from her home in Point Pleasant, N.J., on the night of Sept. 10. Her plan: Spend the entire week with her daughter Danielle Panis to prepare for 32-year-old Danielle's Sept. 15 wedding.

Daryl awoke early that Tuesday morning in Austin for her daughter's final dress fitting. The gown was exceptionally simple — a strapless Italian satin dress with a short train. My daughter will make a beautiful bride, Daryl thought, elated at being mother of the bride. Moments later, Daryl was hurled into the depths of sorrow.

"The girls working in the shop suddenly stopped what they were doing," Daryl said. "There my daughter is in her wedding gown with one of her bridesmaids and on the television they're showing the picture of the towers ... we just couldn't believe it."

Daryl's mind was racing: All those poor people. Is everyone OK at home in New York? Should the wedding go on? Will everyone be depressed and miserable? Do I know anyone in the towers? Is this really happening? Danielle looks so beautiful. ...

The wedding would go on, they decided. That might seem inappropriate, or insensitive, to some, Daryl said. But canceling was not an option.

"We're Jewish," Daryl said. "It seems to me that weddings are supposed to go on no matter what."

Getting through what should have been an exhilarating week suddenly became unimaginably daunting. Many of Danielle's family and friends couldn't make it to Austin. Her aunt and uncle and two cousins from Boston didn't come. Her grandfather, whose greatest desire was to be at his granddaughter's wedding, didn't make it. Danielle's maid of honor, a New Yorker, didn't make it. Danielle's best friend, who lives in London, didn't make it. Fortunately, Danielle's father and two brothers were able to manipulate foiled flight plans to get to Austin in time.

Daryl is grateful. Her family was together on Sept. 15. Life went on despite vicious strangers' efforts to slay it.

"The experience was like a beautiful oasis," Daryl said. "In a more spiritual sense, it gives you some hope that life goes on. To others it may sound selfish that you would go on and be happy, but seeing our children, Paul and Danielle ... glowing at their wedding was a wonderful thing in the midst of terrible tragedy."

On Sept. 11, Reagan Elizabeth Scott entered this world at 8:02 a.m., 17 minutes after the first jet hit the north tower at the World Trade Center. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Down the hallway, a little while later, Sarah Elizabeth Fatheree arrived, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Two perfect babies they were, each with two arms, two legs, 10 fingers, 10 toes and healthy cries.

Reagan and Sarah with bodies intact. Limbs stretching. Fingers grasping. Feet kicking. Blood rushing through veins and arteries. Circulation fueled by the beat of two purposeful hearts. Cheeks tinged with the bright glow of life. Life, animated by the spirit and soul. Two new lives.

"There might have been feelings of guilt," said Bruce Fatheree. "I was contemplating how many people were in the towers. I was trying to process what, at that time, we thought could be upward of 20,000 deaths while at the same time one little one was coming into the world. So many going out and one coming in."

Janet Fatheree couldn't watch television for two days.

"I asked Bruce to turn the TV off in the hospital," she said. "I couldn't deal with what was happening and the labor at the same time. It was difficult for me to focus so I had to shut it out."

Shannon Scott knew something was wrong as she lay on the gurney on her way to the operating room where the doctors would perform a Caesarean section. Why was the television blaring in a maternity ward, she wondered.

"It was scary," Shannon said. "There I was, in a lot more pain than I ever thought I would be. There was a feeling of disbelief and 'Did I really hear what she told me? Something about terrorists in the United States?' At the time I didn't know the magnitude of it all, and everything was kind of a blur."

Wesley Scott's concern was for his wife — keeping her comfortable and calm — while fiery images of the World Trade Center were playing on every television.

"This is something Shannon doesn't need to know at this time," Wesley remembers thinking. "She was already apprehensive about the needles and the surgery."

The common thread woven through the story of these two couples, and the stories of the countless others who welcomed children into the world on that fateful morning, is one of life conquering death.

"When she's older, I will tell my daughter that out of tragedy there's always hope," Wesley Scott said. "Uncertainties have been a constant in the context of history, but in the despair, there's always hope."

Omer Jordan was on the University of Texas campus, hauling air conditioners to the Balcones Research Center when the shots rang out. The year was 1966, and Charles Whitman was in the tower with a rifle. The experience was horrific, Omer said. He couldn't wait to get home and hug his wife, Pearl.

They had been together 35 years at that point. Omer was 17 and making a little extra money on the weekends driving a cotton truck in Granger when he met Pearl. If memory serves him correct, it was love at first sight.

"We had a country preacher, and we just went by his house late one evening and got married" two years after they met, Omer said. "Then we went to Taylor and spent the night; that's all there was to it back then."

"What that man did up in the UT tower — that was bad at the time," Omer said. "Of course, it's no comparison to what just happened."

Age has taken its toll on Pearl, 89, and she is somewhat oblivious to the terrorist attacks. Omer, also 89, is as vivacious as ever. He and his wife live on their farm in Thorndale. On Sept. 11 the two quietly celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

"The fact that the attack happened on our anniversary seems to have some bearing on us," Omer said. "It'll probably always come up when I talk about the day me and Pearl got married."

Chloe Cannary turned 10 on Sept. 12. She celebrated at the Round Rock roller rink the following Saturday. Only about four or five kids showed up; nevertheless, Chloe's birthday party was decidedly spectacular.

The best part was doing the limbo with in-line skates on, she said.

"I bumped my head on the stick," Chloe said, laughing.

And the gifts weren't too shabby, either: in-line skates, Beanie Babies, lots of money and Gooze (an oozy, slimy mass of gunk).

Chloe knew about what had happened on Sept. 11. She knew that planes had crashed into big buildings in New York and Washington. Chloe knew the day was real bad. But from a 9-year-old's perspective, life most definitely goes on, especially when you turn 10.

The Cannarys briefly discussed canceling Chloe's birthday party, but thought better of it.

"We explained to our kids that there are bad people in this world who made bad decisions and hurt a lot of people," said Chloe's father, Mac. "I told them that we need to remember those who died and be thankful for our family. But no, we didn't cancel the party. That's what the bad guys would want. They wanted to disrupt and destroy the American way of life. If you succumb to that, they win."

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AROUND TOWN

■ **The Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association** is hosting its Annual Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Mott Williamson, 1600 Stanolind. All Kappas are invited to bring their mothers and daughters. For more information, call 685-0648.

■ **The Midland Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association** is having a Mother-Daughter tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today at #9 Belfield Court. For more information, contact Susan at 685-4125.

■ A mother-daugther brunch for **Zeta Tau Alpha** alumnae and collegians will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at 6 Lakes Drive in Saddle Club Lakes. For reservations, please call 682-8332 before Dec. 17.

■ **The Petroleum Museum** is sponsoring an evening of Christmas Caroling at 7 p.m. Dec. 18. Mrs. Claus will be a special guest. The museum will furnish sheet music and refreshments. For more, information call 683-4403.

■ **The Permian Aimees** will hold its Christmas cheer luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the home of Lexeen Weaver at 2810 Durant. For more information, call 694-7994 or 686-7937.

■ **The Delta Delta Delta Alumnae** are having their Mother/Daughter Christmas Tea at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 18 at 2009 Winfield. All area alumnae and collegiates are invited.

■ The **Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** will hold its annual "Gathering of Angels" Christmas tea from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the home of Anne Johnson, 2755 Racquet Club Drive. Alumnae are invited to bring their mothers, daughters and granddaughters. For more information, call 683-7308.

■ **The Lion Tamers** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 19 at the Ranchland Hills Country Club. A Christmas musical program is to be presented by Tawny Clardy and there will be a Christmas ornament exchange. For more information, call 694-1187.

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To have your event included in this column, mail the information to Around Town, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702; fax it to 570-7650; or e-mail it to hillary@mrt.com.

Temporary assignment turns into career for country doctor

By Marta W. Aldrich
Associated Press

ERIN, Tenn. — In the hills of rural Tennessee, where people farm and work in factories in communities like Bumpus Mills and Cotton Patch Crossroads, young Dr. Doug Ligon accepted a six-month hospital assignment as a favor to a friend.

That was almost 30 years ago. Today, Ligon cares for many of the now-grown people he delivered into the world during his early years at Trinity Hospital.

His decision to stay in the medically underserved area — where one of every six people lives below the poverty line — is why Ligon was one of four national finalists for "Country Doctor of the Year."

"I like practicing medicine out here," Ligon said. "You get involved in birth and life and death and, to me, that's what a true family physician does. You not only look after a patient's health but after their welfare, too."

Only about 10 percent of the nation's physicians serve rural areas, where about 20 percent of the population lives, according to Staff Care, a temporary physician staffing firm that annually honors rural physicians who demonstrate extraordinary dedication to patients, community and medicine.

"People think of country doctors in Norman Rockwell terms. But in reality most are innovative and extremely hardworking professionals," said Staff Care Vice President Joe Caldwell. "They deserve our recognition and our thanks."

Ligon, who is 58, said he was an unlikely candidate to settle in Erin — population 1,490 — about 60 miles west of Nashville.

Raised comfortably in Nashville, he attended private schools, rubbed shoulders with the city's elite and graduated from Vanderbilt University. His father, president of the Nashville Gas Co., was unable to dissuade him from a career in medicine and suggested dermatology as a lucrative specialty with good hours.

Ligon graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1968 and, after a medical internship with the Air Force, accepted a temporary job at Trinity Hospital until his dermatology residency was to begin in Memphis.

Then he fell in love with the work, people and medical staff in this tiny hamlet.

"They needed help," he said, remembering the soul-searching that convinced him to cancel his residency.

"I apologized to the chairman of the program, who responded, 'You know, we need family doctors a whole lot worse than we need dermatologists, and I've got 150 people who want your spot here.'"

There was no such flood of applications, however, for the 40-bed hospital where Ligon joined a surgeon and one other family doctor.

Together, they served a five-county area that included a 164-bed nursing home. With no obstetrician on staff, Ligon delivered babies. He treated ulcers, set fractures and patched up people injured in bar fights. He worked 80-hour weeks and was on call every other night and weekend. He also served as county coroner and medical examiner, refusing pay because "Houston County needs the money more than I do."

The demands were overwhelming at times and anything but the 8-to-5 job his father had envisioned for Ligon, who by then was married with two small children.

Please see **DOC/4E**



AP Photo

Dr. Doug Ligon listens to the oxygen pump of patient Wanda Dew, right, at his office in Erin, Tenn., Nov. 20. In the hills of rural Tennessee, where people farm and work in factories, young Dr. Ligon accepted a six-month hospital assignment as a favor to a friend. That was almost 30 years ago. Today, Ligon cares for many of the now-grown people he delivered into the world during his early years at Trinity Hospital.

DEAR ABBY

Friend to couple feels caught in the middle of man-wife problems

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As a 65-year-old, I am no youngster. I have a big problem. I have a friend, "Manny," who is 74; his wife, "Alice," is 73. Every time I visit their home, Alice beats up on Manny. Not physically, but mentally. She cusses and yells and puts him down. I am considered a family friend, so she does not ask me to leave or step out of the room. She just starts in on poor Manny.

This is a terrible situation. Alice has driven away every friend Manny's ever had. I could go on and on. It makes me sick. I feel caught in the middle, and I don't want to be in the middle of a man-and-wife problem.

I don't want to tell Manny I can no longer be his friend because of his wife's behavior, and I also don't feel it's my place to protect him from his wife.



Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

Manny has a lot of medical problems. He has emphysema and is on oxygen 24 hours a day. He also recently got a pacemaker. For obvious reasons, he's no longer handy around the house. I try to help, but sometimes I feel what's the point in visiting them? Any suggestions? — BILL IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR BILL: Take Alice aside and tell her you are worried about HER. She seems to be experiencing caregiver burnout. Perhaps if she gets additional help and some time for herself, she'll be more tolerant. If she refuses, tell her you have no choice but to report her to adult protective services for elder abuse.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I separated three years ago, right after the birth of our second daughter. He said he didn't love me anymore and was no longer attracted to me.

We are now divorced. Abby, he never comes around to see the girls. He won't even call once in a while to find out how they're doing. The only time he sees them is the rare occasion when I call upon him to baby-sit.

As a single mom with a demanding career that takes me out of town on a regular basis, I am blessed to have two devoted baby-sitters. One is my mother, and the other is a good friend and neighbor who happens to be male. His name is "Anthony." In the last year, the girls have grown very fond of Anthony and have started calling him "Daddy," since they spend far more time with him than with their own father. Anthony doesn't seem to mind. In fact, he says he's proud to be part of their lives, and has talked to me more than once about becoming a permanent part of ALL our lives.

Anthony is divorced with two children of his own. Would it be inappropriate for me to start something romantic with him, or should our friendship be left alone? Above all, I want what's best for my little girls. — CONFUSED BUT HOPEFUL, SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

DEAR CONFUSED BUT HOPEFUL: There's nothing inappropriate about two single people dating. Start slow — dinner, movies, walks.

Plan activities that include your children and his. Find out how you all relate to one another. If you have a romantic future with Anthony, you will know it soon enough. If there is no romantic spark, maintain your friendship and a good-neighbor policy.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate, 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

■ SAN ANGELO — **San Angelo Writer's Club** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3355 West Beauregard.

■ ODESSA — **West Texas Singles Association** invites all singles to take country western dance lessons and line dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at YMCA, 3001 E. University in Odessa. For planned activities call 550-6960.

■ **The New Nashville Nights**, 4300 Andrews Hwy. in Odessa, will present country and western music in an alcohol- and smoke-free environment at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays for Senior Night, Fridays Youth Night and Saturdays, ages 17 and up are welcome. For information call 915-366-3240 or 915-559-3574.

■ **45 Plus Dance Club** will host a country western dance with live music every Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Building, 4601 Farm to Market 1788, non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. Admission is $4 for members and $5 for guests. Guests do not need to be accompanied by a member and singles are welcome. For information call 699-5202 or 694-8442.

■ **AARP Chapter 256** will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Memorial Christian Church Library, 1001 Andrews Highway. For information call 694-2439.

■ **AARP Chapter 4816** will meet at noon the third Thursday of each month at the Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana. Interested persons are invited. Call 682-3655 for information.

■ **AARP Chapter 5271** will meet at noon on the last Monday of each month at Casa de Amigos, 1107 E. Garden Lane. For information call 682-9701.

■ **VAN — Visually Impaired Men's Support Group** meets from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. **The Women's Support Group** meets 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Please bring a sack lunch. Both groups meet at VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Call 694-2648 for information.

■ **The Children's Department at Midland County Public Library** holds Storytime 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday in the Kaleidoscope Room.

■ **Seniors Over 50 Dance Club** meets 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays at 501 Airpark Road. Admission is $4. Potluck dinner will precede dance at 6:45 p.m. first week only; participants should bring favorite dish. For more information call 694-3236, 687-1633 or 697-0679.

■ **Grief support groups**:

— **Remembering Our Children,** for parents, meets the first Monday of each month (or the second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. For more information call 682-2855.

— **The Compassionate Friends**, for parents, grandparents and siblings, meets the first Monday of the month (or the second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets 7:30 p.m. at 2700 Wydewood. For more information call 694-4157, 684-8356 or 520-6461.

— **Remembering Our Mothers** is a support group for grieving daughters. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2855.

■ ODESSA — **Actor's Gym**, an ongoing acting class taught by resident artist/educator Kathryn Graybill, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd. on the Odessa College campus. Contact the Globe office at 580-3177 for details. A fee is charged.

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FRYREAR-PARTAIN



Andrea Denise Fryrear and Daniel Blake Partain

Ken and Cindy Fryrear of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Denise to Daniel Blake Partain, son of Linda Bond and Bruce Partain of Nacogdoches, formerly of Midland. A June wedding is planned.

Andrea is a junior at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, majoring in English. She was recently named an All-Conference Athlete as a setter for the nationally ranked Austin College volleyball team. She has been on the Dean's List all three semesters of college, and was an honor graduate from Lee High School in 2000. Andrea was an intern with the Midland Reporter-Telegram in the summer of 2001.

Dan is a junior in computer science at the University of North Texas in Denton where he is a Board of Regents Scholar and on the Dean's List. Dan is a 2000 graduate of Midland High School, where he was president of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Commended Scholar, on the Catoico Court and an honor graduate. He is an Eagle Scout. Dan interned at Enertia-Software.Com in Midland last summer.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Bill and Sherry Fryrear of Big Spring and James and Bo Fryar, also of Big Spring. Grandparents of the groom-to-be are Peggy Thorsen and the late W.G. Thorsen of Midland and J.B. and Elaine Partain of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

BELL-McDANIEL



Krystal Bell and Brandon McDaniel

Krystal Bell of Lubbock and Brandon McDaniel of Auburn, Ala., plan to be married at 6 p.m. Jan. 12 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The future bride is the daughter of Steve and Reta Bell of Garden City and the granddaughter of Lloyd and Marguerite Hardy of Garden City and Lometta Bell of Odessa.

The future groom is the son of Howard and Judy McDaniel of Sundown. He is the grandson of Walter and Marianne Halfmann of Garden City and Hillan and Marie McDaniel of Ballinger.

ADKINS-LORD



MarNae Adkins and Isaac David Lord

MarNae Adkins of Houston, Texas, will marry Isaac David Lord of Midland, Texas, on Dec. 27, 2001, in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Shana Adkins of Coalville, Utah, and the groom-elect is the son of David and Susanne Lord of Midland, Texas.

ANNIVERSARIES

Goodes celebrate 50th anniversary



Gerry and James Goode

James and Gerry Goode of Midland celebrated their 50th anniversary Dec. 1 with an open house hosted by their daughters.

Goode and the former Gerry Porter were married Dec. 1, 1951, in Gainesville.

They have three daughters — Melissa McCabe of Midland, Karen Broyles of Odessa and Theresa Stone of Coolidge, Ariz. — and five grandchilden.

Before moving to Midland the Goodes lived in Wilson, Okla., and Andrews.

Goode worked for Mobile Oil Corp. The couple is active with St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Mobil Retirees Club.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Reporter-Telegram Sunday edition is Friday 10 days before the requested publication date. The Reporter-Telegram now offers paid engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements in addition to the free ones.

MILESTONE EVENTS

Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, free engagements must be published no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements: Free wedding announcements can be published up to six weeks after the event.

Anniversary announcements: Free anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — can be published up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Quinceanera announcements: Free quinceaneras can be published up to six weeks after the celebration.

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Forms are available at the Lifestyle office. Photographs may be submitted but are not required and can be picked up at the Lifestyle office after publication, or they will be mailed if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided.

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Around Town: The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Items are published on a first-come/first-serve basis and may appear more than once.

Club news, luncheons, or fashion shows: These items will be published on Sundays only.

Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants.

EDUCATION

Making the Grade

Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements.

Items that are not accepted:

- Announcements of students applying or being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners.

Use of photographs:

- Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements or college graduations.
- Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs."
- Photographs WILL be published for students of the week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

Junior high school honor roll

For junior high school students, the six-week honor roll is the ONLY academic honor that is published.

Education In Brief

Included in Education in Brief will be:

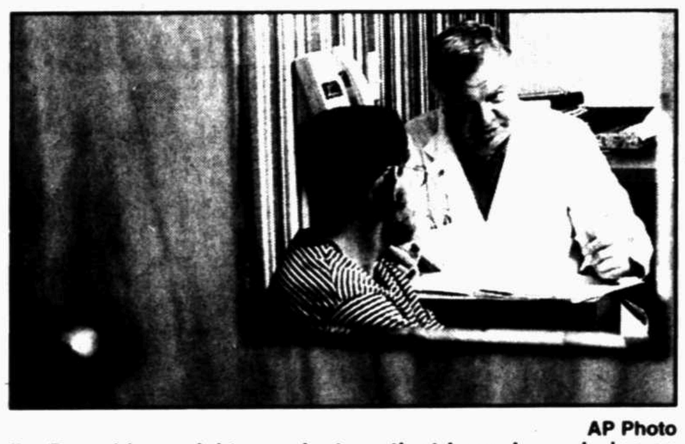
- Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
- Announcements of teacher academic honors.

UIL winners:

- Lists will be published of UIL winners in all categories for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.
- Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories that make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

- Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitons are announced with education news.
- Squad photos will be published for first place in state competition.
- Squad photos will be published of cheerleaders who are to perform at prestigious events such as the Rose Bowl or Orange Bowl.



AP Photo

Dr. Doug Ligon, right, speaks to patient Larry Lynn during an office visit in Erin, Tenn., Nov. 20. Ligon, who served as a doctor in rural Tennessee for almost 30 years, was one of four national finalists for "Country Doctor of the Year."

DOC: Many patients show gratitude with baked goods

(From 3E)

"Even though I liked what I was doing, this job was doing to me exactly what I didn't want. I was getting swallowed up in a family practice," he said. "I thought more than once, 'Man, go somewhere else.'"

He didn't, though, and credits patient gratitude, an increase in medical staff in the last decade and his wife's support for keeping him in Erin.

"Without a doubt, the biggest challenge of attracting and keeping a doctor in a rural setting is the wife," said former Trinity administrator Billy Alsobrooks, who worked with Ligon until 1989.

"Many have never been out of the city much — where there's no shopping and such. In the case of Mrs. Ligon, she was very interested in horses and seemed to take to the area."

It was Betsy Ligon who nominated her husband for the "Country Doctor" award as an early Christmas surprise.

Although the award went to a Pennsylvania physician, Dr. Kamlesh Gosai of Bentleyville, Mrs. Ligon achieved her goal of surprising her husband. As a finalist among 317 nominees from 38 states, Ligon received a commemorative lab coat and plaque in a small ceremony at his office.

"I'm honored, but I'm really not comfortable being in the spotlight," he said.

Family and colleagues say Ligon is more at ease sitting at the foot of a hospital bed chatting with a patient, making house calls to those who can't travel and accompanying a struggling patient on the winding, two-hour ambulance ride to Nashville.

Most of his patients do not have private health insurance, but many show gratitude in their own way with gifts of banana bread, walnut fudge, country ham and even moonshine.

"Dr. Ligon reminds me of the country doctors I grew up with who came to your house with that little bag," said 69-year-old John Phillips, a longtime patient and friend.

"He may be a big city boy, but he's got a country heart," hospital nurse Lynn Meyer said.

In characteristic humility, Ligon said he's just doing his job.

"If all I did was write prescriptions and couldn't get to know my patients, it would take all the fun out of it."

Graduation week military wedding becoming thing of past

By Debra Gaskill
Associated Press

Assembly line June weddings are a thing of the past at U.S. military academies as more young officers elect to establish their careers before walking down the aisle.

Graduation week weddings once were so numerous at service academies that wedding times were assigned by lottery, with barely enough time allowed — in some cases just an hour — to get the couple wed.

"We used to have as many as 100 weddings during graduation week, from eight in the morning until nine at night," said Peggy Kelley, wedding coordinator at the Air Force Academy. "One bride would be walking down the aisle while another was literally changing into her gown. That's changed dramatically.

"People wait longer to get married. We average about 20-30 weddings on graduation week now."

Military weddings traditionally include the groom and the ushers, if military, in their dress uniforms.

If officers, the event may include an arch of six sabers, a dramatic — and some might say slightly risque — end to the marriage ceremony.

The arch of sabers follows the ceremony in all services, according to Service Etiquette, a guide for new officers originally published in 1959 and still in use at West Point, according to Cadet Hostess Carol Wearth, who teaches etiquette classes. At West Point, there are six sets of sabers on hand — and one antique set — just for use at military weddings, she said.

The saber bearers assemble just outside the door of the church as the couple walk back down the aisle after saying their vows. As they pass through the first arch, one pair of sabers is lowered in front of the couple.

The couple are allowed to pass once they have given the proper password — a kiss.

As the bride and groom pass beneath the last pair of sabers, another saber bearer lowers his saber after the bride and gives her a swat on the behind, declaring: "Welcome to the army, Mrs. Jones!"

It's a tradition that is declining as many young lieutenants and ensigns wait to tie the knot until they are more settled in their careers.

Academy graduates, whether they be from the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval, Air Force, or Coast Guard academies, can get married after graduation at one of the chapels located on each academy's campus. Active duty personnel stationed at the academies, and their dependents under age 21 and living at home can also get married at the academies, according to officials.

"We've seen a major drop-off in graduation week weddings," according to Father Thomas Murphy, Chaplain at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. "We've gone from 10 to 15 weddings to three at graduation week."

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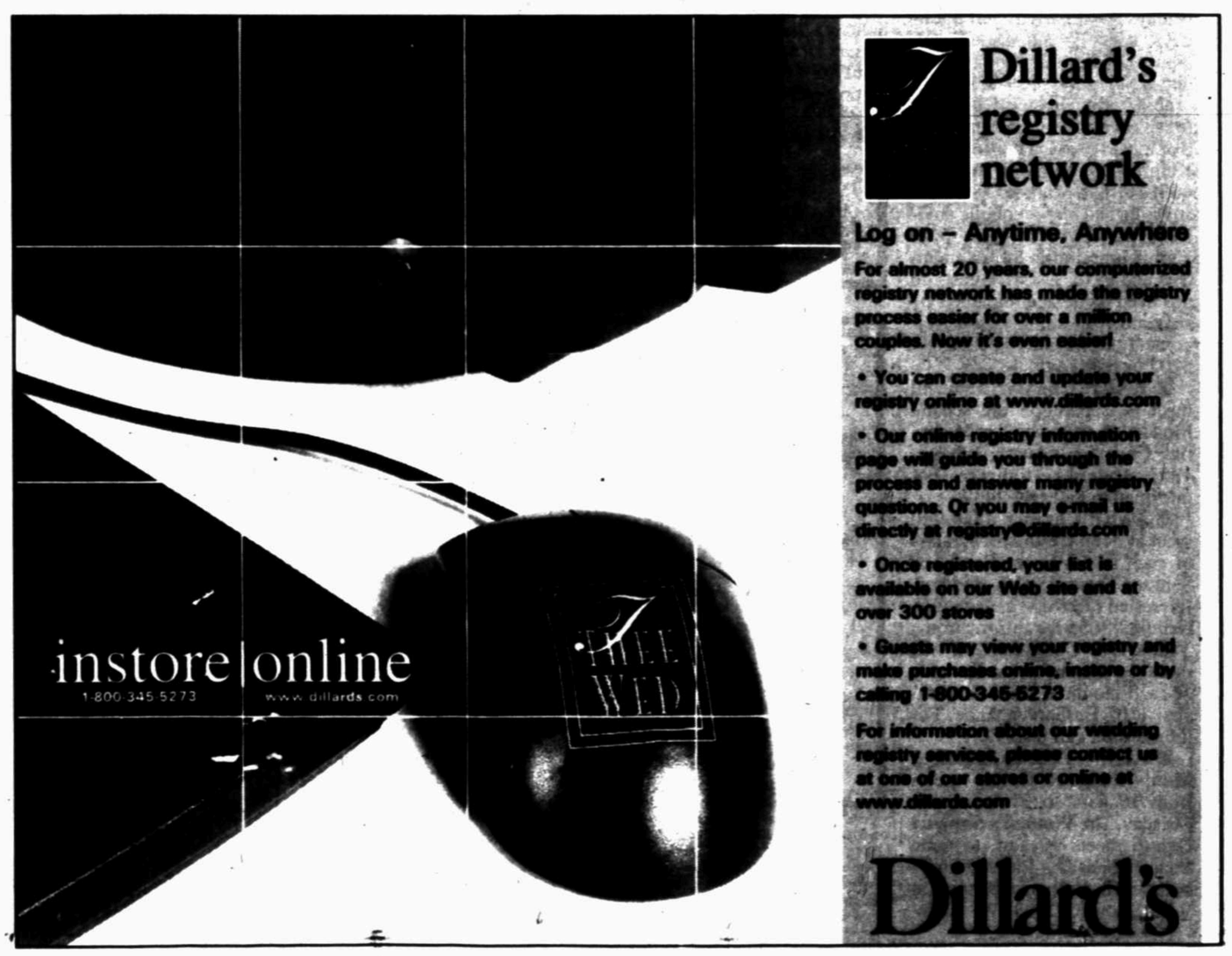


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Dec. 17 - Dec. 21

Midland ISD

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TUESDAY: Breakfast: Sausage foldover, low-fat milk. Lunch: Christmas meal — baked turkey or baked chicken, cornbread dressing, green beans, chilled peaches, whole wheat roll, low-fat milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, low-fat milk. Lunch: Combo nachos or crispy tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, cornbread, low-fat milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY: Breakfast: Jumbo muffin, low-fat milk. Lunch: Pizza or country steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, green salad, bread stick, low-fat milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY: Christmas break begins

Greenwood ISD

MONDAY: Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, sausage, juice and milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, green beans, potatoes with gravy, hot rolls, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Pig-in-a-blanket, tator tots, garden salad with low-fat dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes, salsa, cheese, chilled fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast: bacon, eggs, biscuits, juice, milk. Lunch: Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Cheetos, carrots, fresh apple, milk.

FRIDAY: Christmas break begins

MAKING THE GRADE

Patrick A. Timko of Midland was awarded a Benedict Scholarship to attend the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Each year, three students receive the scholarships, which cover the full cost of tuition, fees, room and board.

Timko, the son of Shelley Hickman, is a graduate of Trinity School.

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Shahan

Pamela Rose Shahan, a Lee High School senior, was selected as the Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week. Miss Shahan, 17, is the daughter of Toby and Sue Anne Shahan.

She is the French Club president, on the yearbook staff, a member of the Speech Team, National Honor Society and D-Fy-It, president of the Lee High chapter of Teens in Charge and a DARE role model.

Miss Shahan also is a member of the Midland Festival Ballet Company as a dancer and as a board member. She belongs to the Coleman Academy and is a Dee Ann Studio dancer. She is a dance teacher for the Arts Assembly of Midland and was a Summer Mummers Olio cast member.

She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, has been an academic letterman for three years and is a Texas Scholar. She has received the National English Merit Award, the National History and Government Award and the International Foreign Language Award.

Miss Shahan plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a pharmacy major.

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McCarty

Midland Lee High School senior **Dan McCarty** has been named the Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week. McCarty is the son of Michael and Lois McCarty.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, D-Fy-It and is a three-year academic letterman.

He is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Group, a volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul and Helping Hands and is a member of Interact.

McCarty is a National Merit Commended Scholar, among Who's Who Among American High School students and is a National English Merit Award Winner.

Captain of the swim team, McCarty was the regional qualifier in swimming.

McCarty plans to attend Texas A&M to major in electrical or mechanical engineering.

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Midland High student **Luke Musselman** has been named the Downtown Rotary Club's Student of the Week. He is the son of Henry and Melinda Musselman.


Musselman

Musselman is involved in MCAS, is assistant editor of the yearbook, is a member of National Honor Society and Young Republicans and is a Texas Scholar.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Young Life and Campaigners and volunteers with the Confederate Air Force and Pole on the Prairie, a fund-raiser for M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Musselman plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

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McGraw

Midland Christian High School student **Cliff McGraw** has been named the Downtown Rotary Club student of the week. He is the son of Tim and Terri McGraw.

McGraw is involved in JV baseball and was on the varsity football TAPPS 4A State Championship team for two years.

He was included in Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a member of the National Honor Society.

McGraw has participated in Golf Course Road Church of Christ Youth Group Mission trips to Nashville and Mexico.

WED: Chaplain says couples need to expect to travel a lot

(From 4E)

Murphy, a 29-year veteran who was seen 87 countries, also served as chaplain at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

While at Annapolis, Murphy says he performed his share of back-to-back weddings. "I've gone from a wedding mass to a wedding ceremony because the bride was half an hour late and there was another wedding immediately following," he said.

Part of the reason for the decline, at least at the Coast Guard Academy, according to Murphy, is that midshipmen are "strongly discouraged" from getting married before they start their careers.

"It's hard to start on a brand new career and to embark on a brand-new marriage at the same time," he said. "You have to hit the deck running with your career and (when you're also a newlywed) it creates issues."

Many new officers wait a few years and then come back to their academy to get married.

Still, there are different stresses for a military marriage than civilian marriages, none more obvious than now when the country is at war.

"People who serve in the military serve 365 days a year, 24 hours a day," Murphy said. "Every hour is accounted for. Sea services are different because they go out on a ship. They're gone for six months at a time."

Military marriage has changed as well, with many wives having careers of their own.

"It makes it hard," Murphy says.

Captain John Cook, chaplain at the United States Military Academy at West Point, says most brides — and the vast majority of civilians who marry into the military are still women — have "no clue" about what they are getting into.

Cook tries to give potential brides an idea of what's ahead during West Point's annual bride's coffee, held each May.

"The army is its own family," said Cook. "When you marry a soldier, you're marrying into the military family and it's full of its own traditions."

'It's hard to start on a brand new career and to embark on a brand-new marriage at the same time. You have to hit the deck running with your career and (when you're also a newlywed) it creates issues.'

— Thomas Murphy, Coast Guard chaplain

Cook advises couples to expect to travel and to move a lot, to expect some long hours and separations.

"It's not a nine-to-five job, and he'll have to work hard at his first assignment," Cook said.

Wives should also get involved in the military community, find a mentor and "schedule and guard their couple and family time."

Most of all, "keep a positive attitude," Cook said. "The army is what you make it. It's the people who will be your military family."

The rewards can be great, however.

"When I came back from Desert Storm, they were playing the Bette Midler song, 'Wind Beneath My Wings.' I thought, you can look at that song two ways — for the people who served and for the wives and kids back home," Cook said. "They were the real heroes of Desert Storm. They stayed at home and kept everything going.

"And I tell brides 'That's the impact you'll have on our nation, as you serve your nation beside your spouse. We as the military could not do what we do without you."

South Plains to offer marksmanship courses

From Staff Reports

LEVELLAND — South Plains College is to offer two competitive firearms courses during the spring semester.

The courses are offered through SPC's law enforcement program and will provide students with a chance to develop and improve their skills in the sport of rifle marksmanship.

The courses are Basic Firearms, which will meet 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Advanced Firearms, which will meet 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The courses are open to students who have marksmanship skills similar to those developed in 4-H and require special approval from the course instructor. Students will need to furnish their own rifles and specialized equipment.

The instructor will be Rick Monger, 4-H rifle coach and member of the Texas State Rifle Development Team. He is certified in rifle, pistol, shotgun and home firearms safety and is a National Rifle Association training counselor.

"We start with safety, and we end with safety," said Monger. "Our ultimate goal for those students who have aspirations of international and or Olympic competition is to help them get to that level."

Spring registration begins Jan. 9; classes begin Jan. 14.

For more information, contact Monger at 229-8871.

Some Americans wear their patriotism with pride

SAN ANTONIO (NYT) — As they did after Pearl Harbor 60 years ago, Americans began showing their patriotism in a variety of ways after the events of Sept. 11.

People donated staggering amounts of money to relief efforts, volunteered and offered prayers.

Then there are those who chose to draw a permanent line in the sand, so to speak, by getting patriotic tattoos.

"I did it in memory of what happened in New York, for 9-11, for all the firefighters that passed away who were working, because I wasn't able to go up there," said Raymond Leal, 49, a 25-year veteran of the San Antonio Fire Department.

He sports a fresh tattoo of New York City firefighters hoisting the American flag at the World Trade Center ruins. Other tattoos on his body include the silhouette of a firefighter over a fire and a badge.

On July 4, Frank Davila decided to get his first tattoo, a colorful bald eagle just below his left shoulder.

"I had the flag (added) on it on the 14th of September. Three days after that incident," said Davila, 41, president of Plane Ideas Inc., a custom aircraft cabinet company. "I was feeling patriotic. If I was going to have a tattoo, it was going to be something American — not a dragon or samurai warrior."

Paul Espinoza, of Dandyland Tattoos & Body Piercing, said one customer who came in after Sept. 11 wanted a tattoo that read "Don't tread on me" with a serpent and the U.S. flag wrapped around a dagger.

Tattoo artist Steve Cockrell recently tattooed a man who told him a relative died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

"It was an 'in memory of' kind of thing," Cockrell said. "There have been people coming for flags, and we've even drawn up a few (patriotic) patterns."

Cockrell noted that one customer undergoing "a big outer space scene" tattoo requested red-white-and-blue rockets incorporated into the artwork after Sept. 11.

Artists at Phoenix Graphix have completed about a dozen patriotic designs since the terrorist attacks. American flags and eagles holding flags are most popular.

"Nothing too dramatic, but people are feeling patriotic," said artist Carlos Gonzalez, who added that a "good-sized tattoo" costs between $150 and $200.

Lloyd Shultis, 52, spent his tax rebate check to get his first tattoo (a patriotic eagle grasping a serpent) in October.

"God, Allah ... cannot possibly condone what happened that day," said Shultis, a native of New York.

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Classes will run for a minimum of four hours each day, with exact hours for each class being determined on the first day of class. All classes begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 17.

Registration for the interim session is 8-9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Classes begin immediately following registration.

Holidays during the Winter Interim session are Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Scheduled classes are: Composition and Literature, Technical Writing, Survey of American Literature, Federal and State Government I, U.S. History Since 1877, Integrated Software Applications, Personal and Community Health and Child Psychology.

Also, two other courses—Composition and Rhetoric and Appreciation of Music are taken by computer over the Internet.

Students who register for the Composition and Literature class should send their email address to the instructor, Dr. Pamela Howell, *prhowell@att.net*. Students who register for the Music Appreciation class should send their email address to the instructor, Dr. Betty Morris, banw@midland.cc.tx.us.

All TASP requirements apply to courses taken during the interim session.

Spring registration

Spring registration continues at Midland College after the Christmas break. Registration begins again Jan. 2, Classes begin Jan. 14.

A special registration day with extended office hours will be 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9. For information, call 685-4501.

Broadway trip set

The Midland College Drama Department and Midland Community Theatre are sponsoring a trip to New York City May 24-29, 2002.Cost of the trip includes airfare from Midland to New York, hotel accommodations in the heart of Broadway and tickets to Broadway performances. For more information, call Dr. David Allen at MC, 686-4205, or Tim Jebsen at MCT, 682-2544.

Summer travel course

Midland College will offer an 11-day government/history travel course to Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. during Summer I, which begins May 30. For more information contact Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or Monica Sosa at 685-4640.

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Greenhouse Effect

MC's Horticulture Program begins a new era of growth



Instructor Shelly Borgstedte (right) and student Mary Lou McDonald.

Garden club, campus planting projects part of program curiculum

Under the new leadership of faculty director Shelly Borgstedte, the Midland College horticulture is ready for a new era of growth.

"I am looking forward to each semester and the new ideas and new students we will send out into the workforce," Borgstedte said.

"Anyone interested in the horticulture program, even in just taking one class as an elective, is welcome to come and talk to me," she said.

Students are propagating new plants for campus flower beds in the college's greenhouse, and Borgstedte is encouraging students to form a school garden club. At an October brown bag lunch, students demonstrated fertilizing, mulching, pruning and propagation techniques to an audience from the campus and the community.

Also, Borgstedte said she is talking with other college about allowing some of the horticulture classes to transfer to four-year schools.

The horticulture technology program prepares students to enter both the landscaping industry and the nursery industry at a technician level. The program places emphasis on specialization in West Texas plant care and landscape management

A certificate in horticulture gives the graduate skills required in landscape construction and service, park maintenance, home landscape and garden services and garden center and nursery sales.



Student Duana Hodnett demonstrates mulching techniques.

Tips from the Greenhouse #1

Spread the word (& the mulch)

After beautiful fall, mulching garden now can enhance soil fertility



Maddaford in the MC greenhouse.

by Barbara Maddaford

Even with the recent snowfall, what wonderful fall weather we've had. The summer garden has faded and the fall colors have been subtle and beautiful. The leaves are going through senescence to prepare for winter's dormancy.

On the Midland College campus, the sweetgum trees in Beal Plaza are shades of purple and gold, getting ready to shed their fragrant leaves and round, patterned seed pods, which are great for potpourri.

There are six magnificent Chinese pistache trees coloring up between the Murray Fasken Learning Resource Center and the Technical Center.

One male has pollinated the five nearby females to produce the brightly red-colored wild pistachio nuts the birds love to eat.

Across Midland, asters and chrysanthemums, both perennials, are blooming, and it's time to plant some annual fall favorites in Texas gardens. Remeber, to add a little compost as you plant pansies, violas, ornamental cabbages and kales, dusty miller, dianthus and stocks. Mulch around your new plants, and refresh soil around your existing plantings with an inch of compost under a new layer of wood mulch.

Red cypress mulch lasts the longest. Of course, there are many other things to use: pine bark, colored gravels, pine cones, lava rock, wood chips, river rocks and pebbles, and cotton burr hulls. Mulch makes your garden look nice and keeps soil moisture from evaporating, saving water. Three-inch deep mulch keeps weed sprouting to a minimum and protects tender roots from damaging deep frosts. Organic mulch adds to the fertility of our alkaline Permian Basin soil. Mulching is an effective technique that needs to be practiced more by Midland gardeners.

Maddaford is the Midland College greenhouse technician

Tips from the Greenhouse #2

Planting bulbs: a splash of the sunshine to come this spring

by Shelly Borgstedte

It's time once again for planting bulbs. Bulbs are great early spring color. They can be used to "naturalize" your lawn. Think of it as a splash of sunshine to come.

There are many varieties of bulbs with many different colors, sizes, bloom times and shapes. Make sure that you pick the bulbs that fit your taste and location in the garden. Some bulbs have foliage year around while other have two types of bloom seasons. You can find most of your bulb needs at any garden center or try a mail order catalog.

There are two types of bulbs, tender and hardy. Hardy bulbs should be planted in the mid-fall for spring flowers. This allows the bulbs to go through a chilling period. If you plant summer flowering bulbs in the fall the bulbs will flower their second year. Tender bulbs should be planted in the spring after the danger of frost is over. They may be started indoors then transplanted in the garden.

The first thing to do is to figure out where you want to plant your bulbs. Pick a place that will not get disturbed very much. You can pick spots in your garden designs that will add color when summer perennials are missing from the design. Remember that some bulbs will leave foliage and others will disappear from site when not blooming. Once you have picked the spot you would like to plant the bulbs think about what height you will need. Since bulbs come in different heights, you have many to choose from. Tall bulbs include gladiola, dahlias, cannas, elephant ear, amaryllis, and iris. Medium bulbs include tulips, lilies, paper white narcissus, and daffodils. Short bulbs include: hyacinth, crocus, dwarf daffodils, and grape hyacinth.

Now that you have decided what type of bulb you want and where you want to plant them, here are a few tips to planting those bulbs.

First you want to use a bulb planter or shovel to dig a hole twice the depth of the bulb's size you are planting, or use the depth recommended on the label. Next add bulb fertilizer and mix with a small amount of soil to the hole. Add the bulb tip up and back fill with the soil. Water thoroughly and apply mulch 2-3 inches.

To naturalize your lawn, just pull back the thatch layer of grass and place bulbs tip up then replace thatch. Crocus, tulips and daffodils may be used to naturalize.

Bulbs add the color you add the care and they will give you blooms season after season.

Borgstedte is Midland College horiculture faculty director

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous

By Deborah Benge Frost

Plants are very much a part of the Christmas season and they do add so much in the way of festive color and in many cases tradition. Such is the case with poinsettias.

Poinsettias were cultivated by the Aztecs of Mexico long before they were introduced into the United States. During the 17th century, Franciscan priests near Taxco began using the flower in the Fiesta of Santa Pesebre, a nativity procession.

The poinsettia grew natively in the area and bloomed at the time of the fiesta and because of its blooming time and brilliant color it was a natural for the event.

Joel Robert Poinsett, U.S. ambassador to Mexico, observed the plants growing on the hillsides while on a visit to Taxco and was so taken with the beautiful and unique plant that he collected cuttings and shared them with a botanist friend who lived in South Carolina. From that point it wasn't long until a nurseryman, Robert Buist, introduced it for sale to the public. Since that time the poinsettia has undergone a few changes.

Poinsettias are now available in red, pink, white, yellow, marbled and speckled.

The forms vary from upright, hanging, dwarf, to miniatures and even some trained and gorgeous topiary forms. There are even a few with ruffled bracts. The variety is quite amazing, especially when compared to the native form.

The red petals of the poinsettia are actually modified leaves called bracts. The true flowers are in the center of the bracts and are actually apetalous flowers (flowers without petals). They are tiny and curious looking red, yellow and green flowers.

A misconception that plagues poinsettias is the reputation for being poisonous, but they are not. They don't contain toxic properties, but they do contain properties that can cause skin or mouth irritation — but not illness or death. They do contain a white milky sticky sap that is common to members of the Euphorbia family of which it belongs.

If you've got plans for a poinsettia in your near future consider these selection pointers.

- Buy from a retail source that is equipped to provide the right temperature, light, water and fertilizer and general care so you receive a good, healthy plant.
- Select plants that are stiff, not wilted or drooping and have their lower leaves.
- The true flowers found in the center of the large red bracts should be fresh and not wilted or dried up.
- The bracts should be fully colored and absent of green color on the edges.
- Avoid plants packed too close together, have water-logged soils or pests.
- Don't transport plants in windy or cold (below 50 degrees) conditions. Large paper or plastic sleeves are available from some growers and garden centers for transporting.

Once you get your gorgeous plant, here's how to keep it healthy.

- Place the plant where it gets indirect light for at least six hours a day. Diffuse direct light with a sheer curtain.
- Keep temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees and avoid hot or cold drafts or heat sources.
- Water plant when the soil feels dry to the touch. Water thoroughly and let excess water drain before putting plant back in a sleeve or saucer.

Healthy, well taken care of poinsettias can retain their good looks for months to come. If you are interested in keeping your plant until next season, here's how.

- Fertilize the plant after the blooming season with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.
- Continue normal watering until the first of April, then allow the soil to dry gradually. Do not let it get so dry that the stems shrivel.
- Following the drying period, store the plant in a cool (60 degrees), airy location.
- In mid-May, cut the stems back to about four inches above the soil and replant.
- Water the soil thoroughly after potting and put the plant near a sunny window.
- After new growth appears, fertilize every two weeks with a complete, water- soluble fertilizer at the recommended rate.
- In early June move the potted plant to the outdoors in a protected, lightly shaded location. Continue watering and fertilizing.
- Pinch each stem (remove one inch of terminal growth) in early July.
- Between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1, cut or pinch the new stems back, allowing three or four leaves to remain on each shoot.
- Before nighttime temperatures dip below 65 degrees, bring indoors to a window with a sunny exposure and keep in temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees at night and continue watering and fertilizing.

Now comes the hard part. Poinsettias need complete darkness between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. from the first part of October until Thanksgiving to induce flowering. During this period, any kind of light exposure between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. will delay flowering. A closet, opaque box or opaque cloth will keep the plant in darkness during those hours. Remember to put the plant near a sunny window in the daytime. Continue fertilizing the plant until mid-December.

Deborah A. Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

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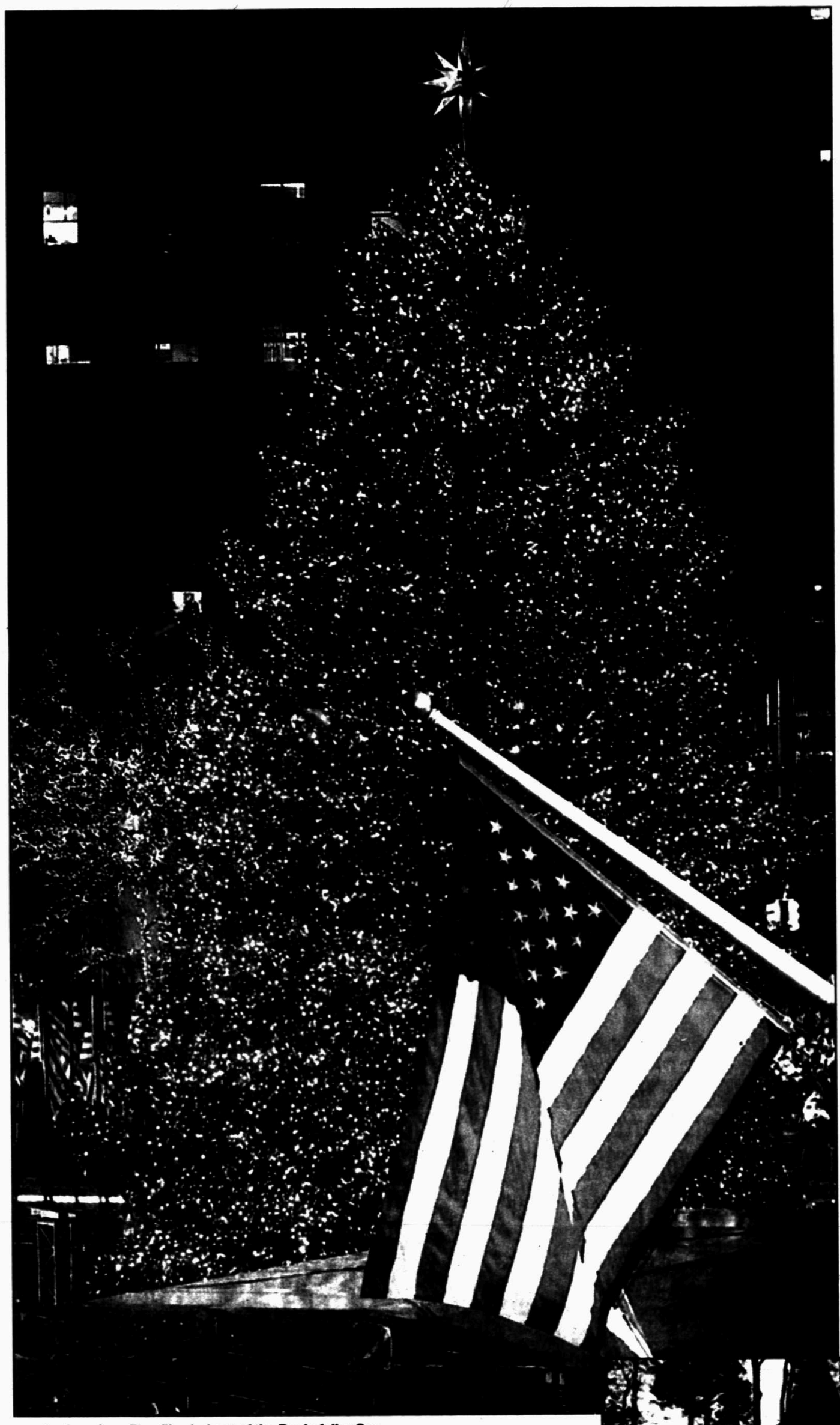
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A Patriotic Christmas



An American Flag flies in front of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree following the lighting ceremony, Nov. 28, in New York. In a patriotic gesture, the tree's light this year are red, white and blue.

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. (AP) — As he does each year, Gerald Wilhite used his ocean-fishing rod to cast strands of lights over the limbs of his front yard's towering oak and maple trees. He untangled coils of green wire and dangling bulbs, then nimbly wrapped them around evergreens and stretched them out to line each side of the driveway.

But the bulbs that flickered on when all were plugged in weren't the usual multi-colored variety, not the type that typically light up this town built on Christmas.

The colors were simple: red, white and blue.

"In some sense," Wilhite said, "it doesn't feel quite right being all jolly and full of Christmas this year."

So he, and everyone in his subdivision, adopted a patriotic theme in honor of Americans fighting overseas and the thousands who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

From Wilhite's street in middle America to the 81-foot spruce in New York City's Rockefeller Center, on homes along both coasts and on the boughs of indoor scotch pines in between, the red and green of Christmas have been joined this year by white and blue.

"People are wrapping their presents in it, decorating their homes," said Deidre Parkes, spokeswoman for Hallmark Cards Inc. "You're just going to see a lot of red, white and blue this holiday season."

Parkes said the five best-selling cards on Hallmark's Web site now are holiday cards with patriotic themes.

Retailers snapped up patriotic ornaments — including a snowman waving an American flag, which the company produced after the terrorist attacks, she said. "We sold out of it in three days."

Visitors to the nation's largest shopping center — the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. — are greeted by 50-foot-tall Christmas trees at each entrance, draped in red, white and blue ribbons and lights. Holiday banners inside the mall hang alongside American flags that had been hung after Sept. 11.

"We wanted to keep our American flags up," said mall spokeswoman Maureen Cahill. "It seemed like the right decision to make, because we could incorporate it with our holiday decor. I think people really appreciate it."

Bonnie Scott of Amarillo, says patriotic craft patterns have been all the rage this season on her craft-oriented Web site, www.NorthPoleChristmas.com.

In Nova Scotia, Sandy Hellard and Patsy Gallagher are whittling away to keep up with American customers who want their hand-carved, red, white and blue Santa figurines.

"We have certainly produced more of them this year," Hellard said. "There's been quite a demand."

But amid these displays of national pride, which have given some living rooms the look of Independence Day rather than the Yuletide, there's concern the so-called "reason for the season" is more clouded than ever.

"Unfortunately, it makes sense," said the Rev. Michael J. Baxter, a professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame. "There's no reason why, if we've merged Christmas with crass commercialism for years, we shouldn't merge it now with this kind of patriotism. It's already become such an amorphous cultural celebration so far removed from what the church understands and observes in Christmas."

He said by Christian standards, the Advent season leading up to Christmas should be a subdued time where people try to obtain purity of heart, not a time of flashing lights and celebration. It's difficult enough for a theologian to see front-yard manger displays next to light-up Santa Claus figures — the patriotic additions are even harder to reconcile.

But, Baxter said, you can't blame people for supporting their country.

"It really is a failure of the church as a whole from long ago, for failing to help us all see more clearly the nature of God in the world," Baxter said. "So who wants to go and browbeat well-meaning people?"

Bill Mayer, department adjutant for California's American Legion headquarters in San Francisco, sees red, white and blue decor as an appropriate way for citizens to express their support, and demonstrate their unity in the face of all that's happened since Sept. 11.

"The flags are all still up, flag banners are hanging in the windows. We definitely see a very flag-oriented theme to the decorations out here," Mayer said. "We're gratified to see it."

Back in Santa Claus, the Wilhites and their neighbors have lined their street with signs that, verse by verse, display the words to "God Bless America." It's a long way from New York City, where 30,000 red, white and blue lights twinkle on the Rockefeller Center tree, but the tragedy of the terrorist attacks still hit this community, and left people searching for a way to show they care.

So, the neighbors say, they turned to the season that's their specialty, and let the patriotic Christmas decorations speak for themselves.



Gerald and Laurie Wilhite pose in front of their home, decorated with red, white and blue lights, in Santa Claus, Ind., Nov. 30. The subdivision where the Wilhites live has adopted a patriotic theme this Christmas to honor the soldiers overseas and the thousands who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

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The Spirit of Christmas



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Candles, flames and other representations of light used to symbolize goodness since the dawn of time

The word "light" first appears in the Bible just three verses into the first chapter of the book of Genesis.

"Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

But it is the verse that follows Genesis 1:3 that is perhaps even more telling.

"And God saw that it was good."

In the New Testament, the Gospel of John reaffirms the goodness of light: "The light shines through the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it."

Light is often associated with all things good. From its first appearance in Genesis to popular culture of the 20th century, light is synonymous with Christ, peace, hope, joy, happiness and virtually any word you can find to describe goodness.

An eternal flame at the Temple in Jerusalem that burned for eight days on one-day's worth of oil was the origin of the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah when the Menorah candle is lit each day for eight days.

Today, the Lutheran Church keeps an eternal flame over the lectern, and candles are extinguished prior to the recessional in Presbyterian churches to signify that parishioners are to go forth and spread the light of peace in the world.

Light is a major part of spirituality. Always has been. And by all accounts, the goodness of light is eternal.

Biblical dictionaries point to the emergence of the lamp or candle in the 4th century as a normal part of Christian worship, but according to the same sources, it wasn't until the latter Middle Ages that the placing of candlesticks on the altar began.

According to Catholic Church instruction, candles are used either on or near the altar "to indicate the various degrees of solemnity," but must not impede the people's view of the altar or anything placed on it. In the 13th century, the Bishop of Worcester ordered that a lamp must burn day and night before the Eucharist, the first evidence of light being displayed at the altar, and in the 16th century Anglican church, retention of lights on the altar were " for the signification that Christ is the very true light of the word they shall suffer to remain still."

Pastor Robert Pace, of Midland's Grace Lutheran Church, credits two giants of his faith with lights upon Christmas trees.

"It goes back to Martin Luther," Pastor Pace said. "He was walking home from church and he saw the light of the moon reflecting off the snow, and he was mindful of Christ coming into the darkened world." That was the beginning of the lighted Christmas tree.

Then, in the mid-1800s, a Pastor Schwan, of a Cleveland based Lutheran congregation, was credited with introducing a lighted Christmas tree inside a church.

Bill Clark, pastor of Midland's Grace Presbyterian Church, said his congregation is reminded weekly of the need to carry forth the light of God's goodness into the world.

"We light the candles in our sanctuary to remind us of the presence of God in our midst," Rev. Clark said. "And then at the end of the service we extinguish the candles and the light is carried out of the sanctuary. We call that the light going forth into the world to remind us to take God's light out into the world with us."

The Lutheran Church does not symbolically carry the light out in the manner of the Presbyterian Church. For Lutherans, the light stays inside, and is symbolic of a different part of the Christian worship experience.

"In the Lutheran church, the eternal flame is located above the lectern," Pastor Pace said. "It is never extinguished, and it is symbolic that God, that Christ comes to us through the word. Light dispels darkness, and where there is light, there cannot be darkness."

Jo Gay, Pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, in answering the question, "How do we find God in the darkness?" in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, emphasized the importance of light this way: "Think of a flashlight," Rev. Gay said. "Shining a flashlight in the daytime doesn't do much good. It is when the day is at its darkest when a flashlight works best. Because there is darkness, you can see God."

There are no doubt many examples of the symbolism of light and goodness in popular culture. In the 1980s, the vocal duo England Dan and John Ford Coley made popular a song written by Todd Rundgren:

"Light of the world shine on me,
Love is the answer."
Shine on us all, set us free
Love is the answer."

Advent signals beginning of church year

With today being the third Sunday of Advent, Liturgical Christian churches around the world light the third candle in the Advent wreath. Advent is the time in the year that not only signals the beginning of the church year, but also one that encourages followers of Christ to slow down and prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. The season of Advent began December 2 and concludes with Epiphany Sunday, January 6.

Each Sunday in Advent brings a different observance. The First Sunday symbolizes hope and the first candle of the Advent wreath reminds us of the light of hope such as when the Old Testament prophets predicted the coming of the Messiah. The Second Sunday of Advent is when Christians are reminded to follow The Way of Christ. The second candle in the wreath, known as the Bethlehem Candle, reminds Christians of Mary and Joseph's inability to find a place to stay at the inn.

The Third Sunday of Advent signifies joy, and the Shepherd's Candle honors the shepherds who first visited the newborn Christ and who were the first to see the light and joy of this time for all the people of the world. The Fourth Sunday of Advent makes us mindful of Peace; the final candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes the star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men who followed the star to Christ's manger.

Advent is a time when Christians not only prepare for the birth of Christ and also focus on His second coming, it is also a time of hopefulness and anticipation, as well as a time to prepare for Christ's coming in our daily lives.

"Advent is the right time for all of us time-weary people to return to the present, to be awake and alert to the God who desires to break into our lives in order to tell us what time it is," writes Catholic Hans Christoffersen in the Ligouri Sunday Bulletin. "It is the hour when the knowledge of the gift of Christ engulfs us, revealing to us how favored we are to be aware that our salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers."

The Rev. Jon Stasney of St. Nicolas Episcopal Church sees Advent as a penitential season.

"As the world celebrates Christmas earlier and earlier each year, Advent says, 'Not yet,'" Rev. Stasney said. "The real celebration begins December 25 and lasts 12 days. Advent is a preparatory time. We work the reverse of the rest of the world, where you party now and pay later with a hangover. For Christians, we fast first to get ready, and then pull out all the stops."

Following the conclusion of Advent with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, the season gives way to a six-week period of what is referred to as Ordinary Time.

The Spirit Of Christmas

After Ordinary Time, the liturgical church begins observance of its holiest season of the year - Lent, the 40-day period that begins with Ash Wednesday - this church year on February 13 -- and concludes with the Easter Triduum, a 3-day period that begins on Holy Thursday, March 28.

The timing of Easter was decided at the Council of Nicea in the year 325. It was decided at that time that Easter would always fall on the first Sunday of the first full moon following the vernal equinox. Easter 2002 will fall on March 31.

Pentecost, essentially the birth of the church, falls 50 days after Easter. Following Pentecost, the church enters its second period of Ordinary Time.

Despite the blandness of its name, Ordinary Time is described as the time of the year when Christians are called on to reflect on God's role in our everyday lives.

Not all churches follow the liturgical calendar. Baptists, churches of Christ, nondenominational, Evangelical, Pentecostal and Apostolic churches, for instance, do not.

Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans and Presbyterians do abide by the liturgical calendar.

According to the *Christian Book of Whys*, "The liturgical year was created by leaders of the Early Church as a guide for worship throughout the year. It listed dates and seasons that highlighted the life and teachings of Jesus, plus reviewed the dimensions of the ideal Christian life.

"The liturgical year contains prescribed readings from the Scriptures and prayers that are meant to be used on a particular Sunday in every liturgical church throughout the world."

As is the case with many aspects of religion, there are two sides to the liturgical calendar issue - even among those bound to observe it by their church.

According to the *Book of Whys*, ministers who follow the calendar say the ancient guidelines compel them to preach on a variety of subjects within the course of the year. A Methodist minister, now deceased, once said, "I cannot become excited about some of those themes that were so important to Christians 2,000 years ago. There is much more that the Bible has to offer us today. To follow the so-called liturgical year would bind my hands as a preacher as well as those of my people."

Thankfulness takes on new meaning during 2001 holiday season



Patterson

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, our family sits around the dinner table and, before digging in, we take the time to share with each other what we are most thankful for. It's a tradition no doubt shared at holiday feasts around the country. We did it again this year.

One of our daughters expressed thanks for her family and the other one-upped her by saying how grateful she was for the love we have in our family. The Boy was thankful that we were all safe, an expression of gratitude no doubt made possible by his continued concerns about September 11.

I'm thankful for having children who are grateful for such simple things.

I'm also grateful for a few other things that I didn't express at the dinner table that Thursday.

I'm grateful that my daughters can walk around in whatever sort of clothing they want - within reason of course - and that they are not confined to wearing body-length, black robes. I'm grateful that they do not face public humiliation - or likely much worse - for choosing to wear Dr. Martin shoes or Nikes with no socks.

I'm thankful that I wake up each morning and see Mrs. P dress for work. I'm grateful for the fact that I can see her face every day, and that it does not have to be covered by a black veil simply because she is a woman.

Imagine for a moment if women in our society were forced to hide themselves - with such a single incomprehensible change, our society would be radically altered in a way I'm certain no one would enjoy or benefit from.

I'm grateful that every week, we teach our son how to spell new words and that most every night we sit down and read with him. Reading and spelling and math are, of course, the foundational building blocks for a sound education - not to mention an education that is imminently preferable to putting an automatic rifle in his hands and teaching him to kill infidels.

I'm grateful that I live in a country where our President doesn't want to kill other people just because they don't agree with his Methodist and Christian beliefs.

We live in a place that is really not such a bad place. Despite all our problems, we are free to do within reason whatever we want; we can believe whatever we want. Others might not agree with us, but we're free to do as we choose within the legal and ethical boundaries set for us.

America is a place where we have the right to take our children to see "Harry Potter." It is a place where people can choose to NOT take their children to see "Harry Potter" if they decide that it is not what they wish to have their children see. And it is a place where we can discuss and debate freely whether "Harry Potter" is a movie that will encourage our children's imaginations or whether it will encourage them to buy a magic wand and take up witchcraft as a hobby.

I happen to believe that "Harry Potter" should be thought of as a sort of "Wizard of Oz" for today's children. Any movie where the children celebrate Christmas and whose overriding messages are courage, good conquering evil, and whose parting bit of wisdom is the power of love can't be a movie that's too bad -- and hardly evil.

You may disagree with me, but you are, of course, entitled. After all, we live in America and while we may disagree, your views are as valid to you as mine are to me. So we're both right. Which is the beauty of living in America.

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Holidays, supposed to be simple, often turn out stressful

Stress. It's with us year round, but during the months of November and December, it mounts and becomes, at times, unbearable for many people. So much to do. So many appointments to keep, gifts to buy, expectations to meet.

For a time of year when we are supposed to slow down and simplify in order to adequately reflect on the birth of Christ, it sure can be a complicated time.

Dr. Frances Hymel, founder of New Hope Pastoral Counseling, says the desire to have a perfect holiday is what brings on the stress.

"Fantasies of the picture perfect happy family often don't match up with reality," Dr. Hymel said. "We should feel happy, but often we simply don't. We feel stressed because our expectations don't coincide with our reality."

Adding to this failure to reconcile fantasy with reality are the consumerism, commercialism and materialism that are pervasive in the culture.

Liturgical churches follow the season of Advent, which calls for Christians to prepare for the coming of Christ. By its very nature, the season asks us to simplify during what is perhaps the most difficult time to do so.

"Either we need to change our external expectations and demands, or we need to alter our inner resources to more effectively cope with stress," Dr. Hymel said. "It is a balancing act, but we also need to know that we are grounded in a spiritual truth that supercedes everything else. We need to remember that we are children of God - first and foremost -- and that we have been created to be with God now and forever. Ultimately, our only true security is in communion with God.

To help combat stress, Dr. Hymel also reminds people of the importance of the three universal eternal truths: faith, hope and love.

"Everything else passes away," Dr. Hymel said. "From an eternal perspective, nothing else matters. Material things will never bring us lasting joy. Only God can do that for us. And when we realize and experience this truth, stress merely becomes a vehicle for bringing us closer to God.



What further complicates this holiday season for many people are the emotions felt in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Dr. Hymel said it's unnecessary to consciously change the way we celebrate the season - that change has already been forced upon us by the terrorists.

"This holiday season is already different because everything has changed," he said. "We don't have to change our rituals and traditions, but we can change our attitude of gratitude for the gift of life, loved ones and treasured friendships."

Remembering to pray for those who have suffered loss over the past year is what God calls us to do, and expressing to those who have suffered our solidarity in their suffering as well as compassion and support is also helpful.

When people hope to take off weight or live a healthier lifestyle, certain regimens are necessary, and effectively dealing with the stress of the holiday season takes a similar kind of discipline to stay emotionally - and physically - fit.

Suggestions from Dr. Hymel include:

✔ prioritizing differences between what you want and what you need;

✔ realizing that spending more does not equal loving someone more, and just as importantly -- spending less is not tantamount to loving someone less;

✔ ask yourself if you're getting over-stressed by a certain activity and then determine if that activity is even necessary.

Children are, of course, an important part of the Christmas season to many people. Dr. Hymel said in this very different holiday time, each child's emotional state is unique.

"The important thing to remember as parents is to give our children adequate opportunities to express their feelings whether it be through words, art or play. We should of course also be there to give them a hug if they want one, and we can assure them of our love and always give them our blessing."

Dr. Hymel said it is wrong to guarantee our children that nothing bad will ever happen to them, but it is OK to assure and reassure them that if something does go bad, God will always love them and their parents will always love them.

New Hope Pastoral Counseling is for suffering people who are seeking hope, healing and wholeness, serving all ages and denominations. Dr. Hymel holds a Doctorate of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Masters in Theological Studies in Spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union, also in Chicago. He also holds a Masters in Pastoral Studies in Human Relations and Helping Skills from Loyola University-Chicago, and a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Mary's in San Antonio.

"My primary orientation now is Theophostic Ministry, which takes a person to his or her original experience and feelings, names the core lies and connects them to that memory all at the same time," Dr. Hymel said. "Once this is accomplished, the person is able to receive divine truth directly from God that sets them free from the painful lies and heals the painful emotions."

In 13 years of counseling, Dr. Hymel considers the theophostic approach the "most powerful and effective."

For more information, call 687-HOPE.

A "New Spring" has sprung in the desert of West Texas!

New Springs Family Life Church

New Springs is a nondenominational contemporary fellowship

Sunday Services @ SCARS Cafe Neely & Midland Dr.

"Where Relevance Meets Reality"

You are invited to join us Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Illinois and "M" Street

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:30pm Children's Mass with Children/Youth Choirs

8:00pm Vigil Mass Preceded by Carols at 7:15 pm by the Folk/Traditional Choirs

11:00pm Choral Christmas Eucharist Preceded by Carols with combined Choirs & Brass at 10:15 pm

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00am Mass With musical prelude beginning at 9:40 am by Mr. Jeff Fentem

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Illinois Avenue and "M" Street
Midland, Texas 79701
915-682-6303

ADVENT CALENDAR



Sunday, December 16, 2001 - 5:30 pm
The annual Round-the-Table-Carol-Sing is a fun fellowship time and dinner - lots of singing. This promises to be a great evening you won't want to miss!

Monday, December 24, 2001
Christmas Eve service celebrates the birth of our Lord with Lessons, Carols and Candlelight.

5:30 p.m.
The children's choirs will sing for this first celebration of the birth of our Savior.

9:00 p.m.
The Sanctuary Choir will sing for this service, at which the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Nursery Available

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1412 W. Illinois, Midland, TX.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
Teaching Mission on prayer with Bishop Hulsey
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Parish Hall (lunch included)

1 ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
Advent Festival for Children
10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
ECW Tree Decorating, 10:00 a.m.
ECW Potluck Luncheon, noon in Parish Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
Primetimers Luncheon with Music by Trinity School Choir
11:45 a.m. at Green Tree Country Club

2 ADVENT, DECEMBER 9
Ultreya, 2:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Feast of Virgin of Guadalupe, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Confirmation Service, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Hall

3 ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
Candlelight Carol Service
5:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall

4 ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
Caroling to Homebound
Meet at 6:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Pageant and Eucharist
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall (Nursery Available)
Christmas Eve Worship and Eucharist
8:00 p.m. (Rite 2) and 11:00 p.m. (Rite 1) in St. Francis Hall (No Nursery)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
Christmas Day Worship and Eucharist
11:00 a.m. (Rite 1) in St. Francis Hall (No Nursery)

Busy Santa Claus stresses importance of acceptance, love

Recently, writer Jimmy Patterson sat down and spoke with everyone's favorite resident of the North Pole for an in depth interview on his life, work and love. Here are some excerpts from that conversation.

MRT: So Santa, how was your year?

Santa: My year was fabulous. I stayed busy most of the year making toys. We've all been as busy as we can be. And we're just now getting ready. We'll load the sleigh a little before Christmas Eve, and then it's off we go to see the kiddos. Sometimes we can't make all their requests, but we try to leave them something they'll like.

MRT: What do you when you have spare time, Santa?

Santa: I get a lot of mail. I spend probably 4-5 hours a day sorting mail and reading the mail and separating the mail into different categories. That takes up a lot of my extra time. Kids write to me and they'll want a specific item. In our mail we count how many of those items we have, and then we'll build all the items we don't have, and sometimes we'll build extra ones if we think we're gonna need more.

MRT: How do you keep in shape?

Santa: Well, if you'll look at me real close you'll see that I don't stay in too good a shape, really. I don't get out much up here. We do get out in the summer for about 3-4 months, but we don't do a lot of jogging. We're getting a little too old to do that, and besides, we have the reindeer. We see that they're fed and very happy.

MRT: How are the reindeer doing, anyway?

Santa: The other day, ol' Donner was pretty upset because he wasn't gonna make it on the front row this year.

MRT: How do you decide who gets to go on the front row, anyway?

Santa: Well, course Rudolph is up front all the time. But we use a rotation system for everyone else. Last year, Donner was up front behind Rudolph and he liked it so well he wanted to be up there again this year. He knows when he's foward the back he doesn't get all the moon sparkle he gets when he's up front. He loves to be first and to watch all the meteors and moon sparkle go by.

MRT: Something I've always wanted to know, Santa: How do you make it all the way around the world in just 24 hours?

Santa: We have different time zones, and that helps us so much. Today, it's tomorrow somewhere. We don't get around to everywhere in one night, but the way we do it is really quite a feat.

MRT: How do you do it, Santa?

Santa: Well first, all the toys and gifts are separated. We know who wants what and we put it in a certain place on the sleigh. That saves us a lot of time. But because we have to get the whole world done in 24 hours, that's one of the reasons we ask all the kids to go to bed early on Christmas Eve. If they didn't, we wouldn't get anywhere, Christmas would last all year.

MRT: So, you don't have much time to sit and chat on Christmas Eve ...

Santa: Oh no. Wish we could, but we really have to leave the gifts and run.

MRT: When's the last time you got stuck going down a chimney?

Santa: Oh, good grief, I nearly got stuck last year. I misjudged one. Ya know, they have big chimneys and little chimneys. If the chimney's too little, I just have to go in another way. And there's not a chimney in every home, but we'd rather come down a chimney because it saves us so much time ... boom, we're in and out. Sometimes we have to park and come in the door. If you live up north, everybody's got chimneys, but down in your area, in Midland, there aren't as many chimneys as there are doors.

MRT: Where was it exactly that you got stuck?

Santa: Des Moines, Iowa. It took a full 30 minutes to get out of there. I had to hook the ropes onto the reindeer and they had to pull me out.

MRT: Have you ever slid down a chimney that was too hot?

Santa: We usually feel the top of the chimney, and if heat is coming out, we have a little machine we use that we can pretty well tell if we're gonna get hot. If the machine tells us the chimney is so many degrees, we just won't go down it. If it's too hot, that'd be it for ol' Santa. All they'd find would be a pile of grease and a burned up red suit.

MRT: How long have you and Mrs. Claus been married?

Santa: Well, of course she'd tell you it's been forever. We've been married a long, long time. I kind of lost track of it, but once in a while she'll give me a nudge and tell me, 'You shouldn't forget that!' I imagine we've been married close to 200 years.

MRT: Is there a special gift you give for a 200th anniversary. There's gold for 50, diamonds for 75. What do you give for 200 years together?

Santa: By that time you're out of ideas, so we just give each other the gift of love.

MRT: Will Mrs. Claus be making the trip with you this year?

Santa: She doesn't usually come along. By Christmas Eve, she's just worn to a frazzle. She does all the sorting and packing, and she makes me a list and puts down what goes where and who gets what. Then I go, and when the reindeer and I get back, we clean up after ourselves and that's it until about mid-summer.

MRT: Do you have a favorite Chrisjmas carol, Santa?

Santa: I get such a kick out of that song, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." It just boosts my spirits when I hear it. But let me go on record as saying that not many mommas have kissed me except for Mrs. Claus.

MRT: Have you answered any unique questions from kids this year, Santa?

Santa: For the first time, I had a little girl that wanted to know the names of my parents. She also wanted to know where I bought groceries and where I live. 'Course we buy our groceries at Point Barrow, Alaska, which is about an hour and a half cross-country by reindeer.

MRT: When you go to the grocery store, do the reindeers fly or run?

Santa: Oh, we always go by land to the store. They love to run.

MRT: Any unusual or funny requests from kids?

Santa: Sometimes I'll have two or three teenage girls come up to me asking for a boyfriend. I always give them some tips on how to get a boyfriend, but it's not a good idea to promise them a boyfriend. It's like toys, sometimes it's difficult to promise a toy because you might run out of that particular toy and they might not get it.

MRT: What are kids asking for this year?

Santa: Seems to me that the Power Rangers have been the most sought-after thing this year. The requests have been more varied this year than I've ever seen them. Power Rangers came out 4-5 years ago, you remember, but they're still real popular with the little kids. Power Rangers and Barbi Dolls. Barbi anything for girls. One thing that has some popularity this year are those sneaker skates, the ones that drop the wheels out of the bottom of your shoes.

MRT: Let's talk a little serious. This has been a difficult three months for our country. Have you had any kids sit on your lap and tell you they're concerned about anything?

Santa: Not to a big degree, no. They keep it suppressed. But I can tell it in the general atmosphere. Christmas has been a lot different this year, people are tending to be more secluded. I can't put my finger on it. I know there are concerns and feelings that exist with the parents, and the economic picture's not looking good. People are concerned and that sometimes rubs off on kids. But it's gonna be OK. The closer we get to Christmas the better it is because the Christmas spirit is gonna come through.

MRT: Do kids ever get serious when they talk to you? Do any of them ever ask for anything that you just can't promise?

Santa: I've had some of them ask me if I can make their daddy stop drinking. Another one asked me if his dad can come home for Christmas. And then you ask where he is, and they tell you he's in jail. It's sad, but you can't make any promises when it comes to those kind of requests. That's out of Santa's realm. A lot of kids in the 8-, 9- and 10-year-old age groups are asking for peace on earth. More people are asking for that this year. And that's not surprising because they're inundated with bad things. Santa doesn't understand all the badness. He just likes a lot of love in everybody's heart because he has a lot of love in his heart.

MRT: What lasting message would you leave for people this year?

Santa: Just to try as hard as you can to be accepting of people. You don't have to love everybody, but just be accepting of everyone. Make their lives happier. Give people a good greeting when you pass them on the street -- and mean it. Smile. If you do those things, people will get the feeling of, 'Well, golly, wasn't that nice.' Wish people well whenever you have the chance. And of course, have a Merry Christmas.

Children, in order to have a Merry Christmas, please follow these rules



Patterson

Here we are just a little more than a week from Christmas. The spirit of the season has descended upon us and we are approaching the final countdown to when we are awakened at 4 a.m. by really small people wanting stuff. I don't know what it is about Christmas: If I blow an air horn in my 15-year-old daughter's ear and have the dog lick her in the mouth, I can't get her out of bed 364 days a year, but on Christmas morning, she's up before her 7-year-old brother.

I like this time of year. Despite the stress, the obligations, the traffic, the long lines, the mean people who cut me off, the expense, and of course the noise, noise, noise, noise, noise, as Andy Williams once sang, `It's the most wonderful time of the year.' I think we can all agree on that.

There are certain things that happen in December that make this time of year really special. For instance, this is the one time of year where we can tell our kids, "Put it on your list" -- and it WORKS! When one of the kids upsets me, I can always bring out another time-honored threat: "If you don't behave, I'm gonna call Santa's toll free hotline: 1-800-BRING-THE-BOY-A-BAG-OF-ROCKS." That does work great for The Boy, but when we use it on the girls, they just look at us like we're crazy.

Every year, Mrs. P and I sit down and draft a letter to the children regarding their Christmas list. We try to simplify The List, which the kids always try to make more difficult than it really is. We have our annual formal letter -- signed by an attorney -- to help us in case a legal matter should ever arise. Mostly, our letter just spells out to the kids- for their protection -- what is expected of them when they draw up their lists.

If you don't mind, I'd like to share with you a copy of our letter:

Dear Sir or Madam:

We hope you have a Merry Christmas. In order to ensure you maximize your joyfulness during the holidays, please adhere to the following Christmas List Guidelines:

1. Automobiles are out. Presents should bring joy. When a 15-year-old asks for a car -- that is not joyful. Neither is it remotely funny.

2. All requests must be for items that can be wrapped and remain living. You can't wrap a puppy so don't ask for one unless it is manufactured in bulk by a toy company AND DOES NOT BREATHE.

3. Concert tickets to any teen boy band will not be given as gifts unless said boy band agrees to come play - unplugged -- in our backyard for free. When done, said boy band must clean up after themselves and then disappear from the face of the earth forever.

4. If you submit multiple lists (in case mom and dad mislay the first list), a gift request MUST appear on BOTH lists to qualify as "a genuine want." If the gift request appears on just one list, we'll naturally think you don't need it and you put it on your list just because you saw it on a TV commercial 30 seconds ago.

5. Do NOT ask for anything furry, stuffed or cute that represents a creature that has never existed in real life. Like a Furby. Or a Teletubby. Or an Elmo. Or a blue dog. If we're gonna buy it, we've got to know what it is. Snoopy Dogs and Garfield cats are OK -- those things really lived.

6. If every 7-year-old in the entire world wants one, you don't need it. Trust me on this one. If you get something that everyone else EVERYWHERE wants, six months from now, you won't even be able to find it, and if you do, you won't want to play with it anymore.

7. Thou shalt not ask for presents that contain 10,000 pieces. For example, Lite Brites and Lincoln Logs. Really boring toys, you'd hate them.

8. Thou shalt not ask for loud toys. If it screams, bangs, dances, sings, claps, cries or shoots bullets, you wouldn't like it so forget it.

Now that the groundwork has been laid and the rules established, have a nice Christmas. We love you, we just want to shop wisely and we don't want to have tobuy you anything that will be messy, loud or in a garage sale in six months.

Love, Mom and Dad

What bothers both Mrs. P and me about Christmas is the notion that one of our children may one day actually try to sneak a peek at their presents when we're not around. If you're a parent, I think you know what I'm talking about.

Our daughters say they have never tried to do this -- and I believe them. One reason I know they have never done this is that they have never, ever come to either me or Mrs. P with that ashen, "Oh-my-God-I-Saw-A-Present-And-I-Didn't-Mean-To, Do-You-Still-Love-Me?" look on their faces.

I still remember the day I lost my facial coloring when I was a kid. I was rooting through my parents' closet. I didn't want to actually SEE a gift, I just wanted to know where they were in case I should ever WANT to sneak a peek. Which I never would. Honest. Sometimes when I would go rooting, I would lift open the top of a plastic department store bag or undo the tape at the end of the wrapping paper, closing one eye in the process so it wouldn't be too hard to stop myself if I thought I was ABOUT to see something I wasn't supposed to.

But I always pulled back at the last moment, just before I knew I was about to see something.

Except for once.

It wasn't a big present, but it was something I had asked for. It was a book named "How to be An NFL Star." I was just 9 at the time, and I used to have these weird delusions about being a professional football player. I know -- it's hard to believe I squandered all that athletic potential. To those of you who know me, it's obvious I would have had unlimited ability as an NFL star -- maybe a linebacker? -- had I chosen to pursue this dream.

Anyway, the moment I peeked and saw "How To Be An NFL Star," I felt really, really bad. I felt like I had betrayed mom and dad. But over 30 years after sneaking that peek they have ALMOST forgiven me, even though mom still double wraps my presents.

Mrs. P and I have also taken steps to ensure that our children will never sneak a peek at their presents. I'm sure our daughters won't do it.

It's The Boy we're worried about. We are resigned to the fact that he will most assuredly be a peeker, and there's not a lot we can do about that. However, we can take some precautions to assure that if he DOES try to peek, he won't have much success. Here's what we've done at our house to protect the gifts under the tree from the internal intruders called nosy kids:

-- We have installed really small car alarms on each of the presents under the tree. If he tries to sneak a peek, everyone in the neighborhood will know about it.

-- Mrs. P has taken the time to spray paint a chalk outline around where each of the presents were placed when they were first put under the tree. Sorta like what cops on TV do when there's a murder.

-- We've TOLD our kids that what hangs from the tree are decorative ornaments. But they're not. They're really nothing more than little glass balls with tiny surveillance cameras in them recording the kids' every movement.

-- The angel at the top of the tree is no angel at all. She's actually a really small, full-time security guard keeping an all-night vigil over the presents under the tree. When she sees something amiss, she radios down to the tiny little guy who looks like the conductor of the train but is really the Director of Security. Together the two of them are in charge of insuring that NO one sneaks a peek in the Patterson house.

-- Around the perimeter of our tree, on the exterior of the train track, we have placed 350 small, green, heavily armed toy soldiers. If The Boy tries to take an early look at any of his presents, we are issued an immediate, classified report from the unit commander, and we take away the boy's Pringles for a week. And I think we all know how distressing that would be.

The Spirit Of Christmas

You are invited to join us Christmas as we celebrate the birth of JESUS CHRIST

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10:30 am Worship

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10:00 pm Candlelight Services

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Westside Baptist Church

of Midland will present their annual Christmas Cantata, "The Birth of Jesus" in the 11:00 A.M. service on Sunday, December 16, 2001

Honoring Jesus and celebrating His birth, the Sanctuary and Children's choirs under the direction of Pat Bryant, and the young actors under the direction of Patti Higgins and Amanda Alvarez will present this program. Pastor James Higgins will narrate the program.

Westside Baptist Church, located at 4201 West Illinois Avenue, in Midland, welcomes the public to this special service.

Merry Christmas

Oh, Come Let us Adore Him
Come celebrate the Christmas Season with us here at

St. Stephens Catholic Church

Christmas Mass & Confession Schedule

Confessions:	Monday	Dec. 17th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	Dec. 18th 4:00-530 p.m.
	Wednesday	Dec. 19th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
	Thursday	Dec. 20th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
	Friday	Dec. 21st 4:00-5:30 p.m.
	Saturday	Dec. 22nd 3:00-4:45 p.m.
	Monday	Dec. 24th 3:00-4:45 p.m.

(By appointment anytime)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M.
Children's Christmas Pageant with Mass
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. & Midnight Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 500 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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Hanukkah commemorates the Maccabees taking back of the Jewish Temple

It has been a common misconception shared in the Christian community for hundreds of years, that Hanukkah is the Jewish Christmas. It is, in fact, a religious contradiction in terms since Jews, who don't hold that Christ as the Son of God, would have no cultural or religious reason for celebrating the birth of the Baby Jesus. The only similarities between the Christian Christmas and the Jewish Hanukkah celebrations is the giving of gifts, and the use of light as a symbol of God's goodness.

Hanukkah, rich in Jewish traditions but not considered one of the faith's major Holy Days, is an eight-day period (December 10-17 this year), that commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty carried on by a small band of Israelites, led by the brave Maccabees, against the vast army of their Syrian oppressors," according to "Religions in America" (c.1975, Simon & Schuster).

"The Maccabees freed the Temple from one of the various sundry groups that occupied Israel and had desecrated the Temple," said Dr. Frank Kasman, president of Odessa's Temple Beth El. "When the Maccabees occupied the Temple again, they prepared for a celebration of freedom and found only enough purified oil to light the eternal light for one day. The eternal light burns all the time in front of the Ark of the Covenant."

Despite the fact that there was only enough purified oil to keep the eternal flame lit for one day it, in fact, remained lit for eight days, considered a miraculous occurrence in the Jewish faith. It is the basis for the celebration of Hanukkah's eight-day length and the reason it is often referred to as the Festival of Light.

"It was considered a miracle of the lights," Dr. Kasman said. "When you have a votive candle and you know it's going to burn all night, but then it burns for eight days, it's a miraculous thing."

Dr. Kasman noted that Jewish families light a Menorah candle, but the celebration is conducted in homes, not the synagogue or temple.

"Families light a candle and say a prayer for each of the eight nights of Hanukkah," Dr.Kasman noted. "Jewish children receive a gift, usually in the form of money, on each night of Hanukkah."

The observance also often has the family celebrating by eating latkes, or potato pancakes cooked in oil, and children playing dreidl, a game that uses a spinning top.

Families also often retell the story of the Maccabees taking back the Temple, which is a freedom story in the Jewish tradition.

"After our dinner of latkes, we exchange presents and light a candle each night," Dr. Kasman said. "The first night you light the head candle, which is then used to light the other candles."

Hanukkah is celebrated in December because of the time of year in which the Maccabees took back the Temple, not because of its proximity to Christmas.

Celebration similar to Christmas only in gift-giving, symbolism of light

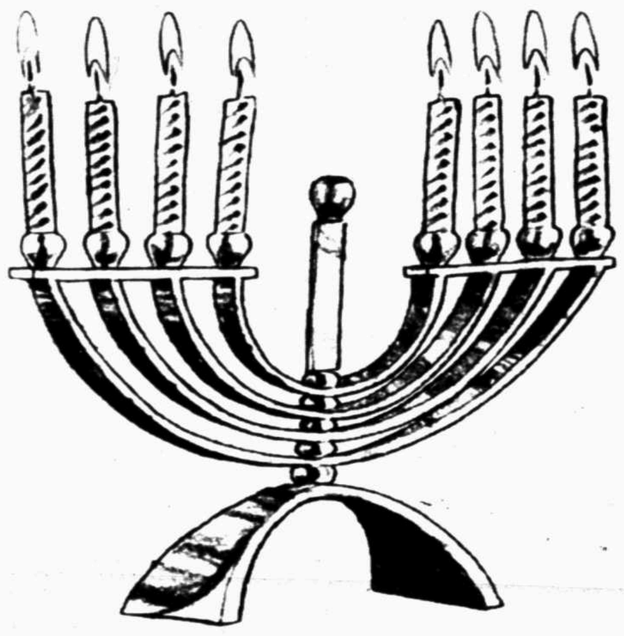
The cross-cultural traditions are often shared between faiths. In the Kasman house, "My kids would invite their non-Jewish friends to light candles with them. We never had a Christmas tree or celebrated Christmas, but my kids got a Christmas present at the neighbor's houses, and their non-Jewish friends got a present at our house."

Dr. Kasman's children would take certain Hanukkah-related items to school to teach non-Jewish friends about their traditions. The Celebrations curriculum in Midland schools has also permitted non-Jewish children to learn more about the traditions of the Jewish people. At some Midland schools, holiday musical programs include a Hanukkah song and a lighting of a Menorah.

"They've done some really nice things in Midland schools for a long time," Dr. Kasman said. "It's not been referred to in Midland schools as a Christmas season, but a winter festival."

Dr. Kasman's Jewish heritage extends to at least his grandfather, who came to America from Russia in the early 1900s. He sold clothes on the street in Houston and later co-founded Oshman's Sporting Goods.

Note: A children's Hanukkah program will begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Dec.16) at the Midland Barnes & Noble. The program is meant to educate those not familiar with the Hanukkah tradition.



THE Spirit OF Christmas

How The Grinch Found God

Animated character develops genuine spiritual side

Long before Jim Carrey, there was an animated green being that lived atop a mountain looking down on a place they called Whoville.

The original Grinch was seemingly as mean as cartoon figures can get, but he was also perhaps the one character in the annals of televised secular Christmas specials who is most beloved by the end of the 30-minute holiday program.

It is indeed a magical transformation the Grinch undergoes during the wonderful program, "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Chr stmas."

When the Whovillians down in Whoville gather round and hold hands in the downtown square to sing despite being robbed of their material Christmas gifts, the sight of the merriment and joy in the face of their loss makes the Grinch's heart grows three times its normal size. Seeing the Whos carry on in the wake of their loss, and feeling the swell in his heart, the Grinch makes the hurried transition from a mean one to an honorary citizen.

The Whovillians, being in the Christmas spirit and all, are quick to forgive the beast for taking their Christmas - but as any Grinch-o-phile can tell you, the green one didn't take Christmas at all. After learning the real meaning of Christmas, he only made it better.

But what exactly happens to the Grinch? To understand the change, it is first necessary to look at the Grinch's selfish issues.

"I think the first thing we notice about the Grinch is he has a very inward focus," said Judy Lerwick, who in January will begin instruction of a philosophy of religion course at Midland College. "He's very selfish, but it's described to us as his heart being two sizes too small. All religions teach us that we need to turn from this sort of inward focus to more of an outward focus, and to what has true meaning, or lasting eternal meaning."

Ms. Lerwick earned her B.S. at Baylor University, and completed her graduate degree in religious studies while at home raising her family.

Ms. Lerwick said that in order to have true joy in life, that joy must transcend life's situations and problems. And it's quite obvious that the one thing missing from Mr. Grinch's emotional makeup is joy.

"The second thing we notice is that the Grinch is very irritated by these Christmas traditions that he sees," Ms. Lerwick said. "It's a big irritant for him and he hates it. The lights, the gift giving, the feasting and singing."

And let's not forget all the noise, noise, noise, noise, noise.

"All of these things have no meaning to the Grinch," Ms. Lerwick said. "I started thinking about everyone's cultures and traditions for a minute - all religions have as their objective a union with the transcendent. Our points of departure begin with our different definitions of the transcendent. From those departures, our path to the goal will be different and our religions are different; our institutions are different.

"The purpose of these Christmas traditions that we have is to focus our minds and hearts and intentions to the truths behind the traditions. So here's the Grinch looking at an outward tradition and he does not know the meaning behind them so the tradition is meaningless. It's an irritant he wants to stamp out. But if he will just take the time to try to understand what the meaning of all this is, I think it would be a step on the road to finding peace one earth and goodwill toward men for him."

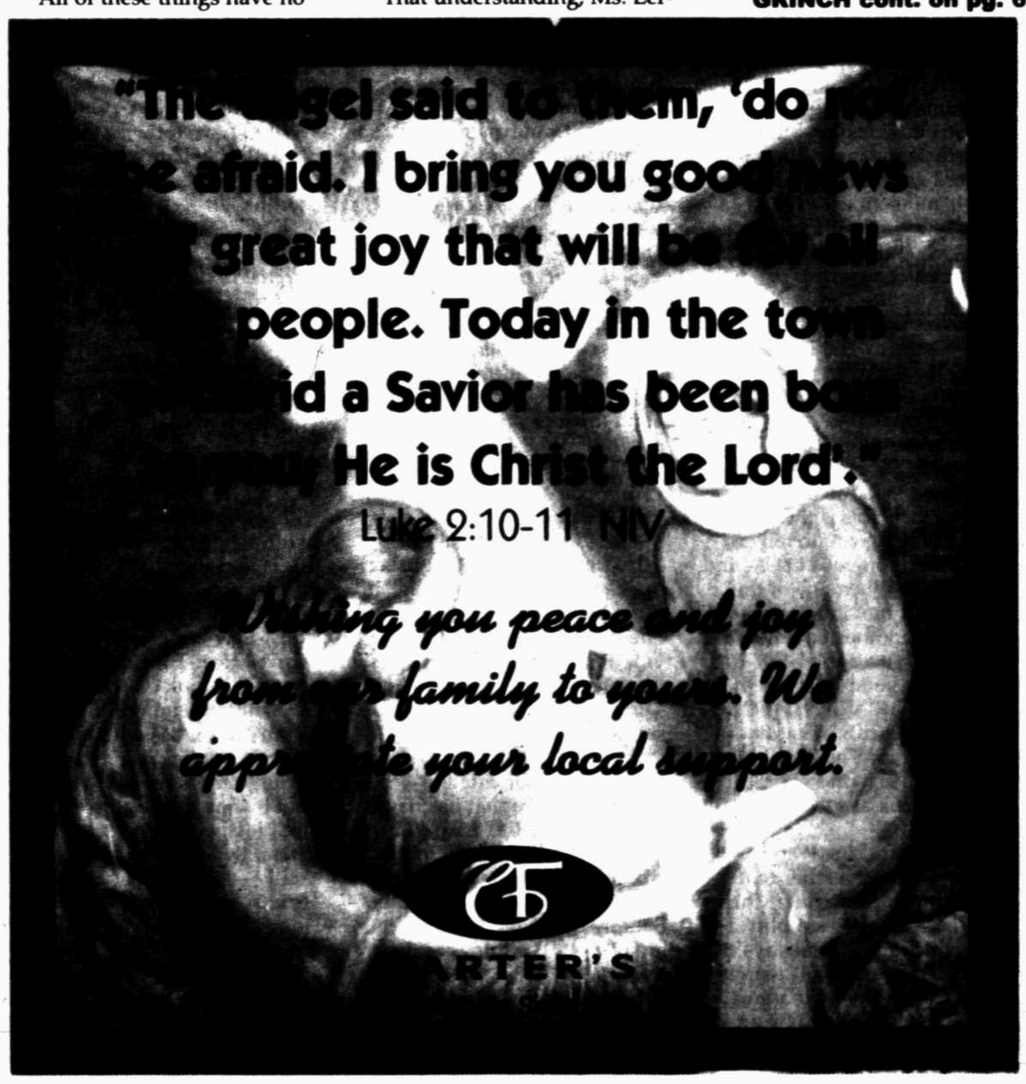
That understanding, Ms. Lerwick said, is not to say that Whovillians must try to convert him to their way of thinking.

"Just an understanding of people, their cultures and religion helps us to live in peace and harmony, and can bring about a sense of clarity and love towards each other, which is what "goodwill toward men" means.

Fred Lybrand, pastor at Midland Bible Church, says similar themes of understanding can also be found in the updated version of the movie of the same name, which starred Jim Carrey as a truly offensive Grinch.

More than in the book or animated version, it is spelled out in the movie directed by Ron Howard just why the Grinch turns out to be such a mean one: his issues were the result of bullies who made fun of him when he was a kid - one of which grew up to be the perpetual town mayor, himself the real mean one.

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Local clergy answer questions related to faith in the aftermath of Sept. 11

Think of a flashlight. Shining a flashlight in the daytime doesn't do much good. It is only when the day is at its darkest when a flashlight works best.

The analogy was put to use by Jo Gay, pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, during last month's meeting of the Midland Association of Churches, when lay and clergy from a number of Midland churches gathered to have roundtable discussions on four topics dealing with the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Rev. Gay addressed the question of how to find God in the spiritual and emotional darkness that has befallen many in the months since the attacks on the country.

"Because there is darkness, you can see God," Rev. Gay said." Because the property of light is different from darkness you can see the light."

Members of MAC meet monthly at churches across Midland. The discussion of the September 11 attacks, entitled "Fears and Hope in the Age of Terrorism" was conducted in MAC's small monthly setting November 29, but members will re-address the same questions and others in a community panel discussion set for Midland College's Roadrunner Room, at 7 p.m., January 31. Such a discussion, members say, would be helpful in the healing process, and would also better acquaint the public with the mission of MAC.

At Rev. Gay's table during the November discussion, the conversation turned to when people are killed by the Tower of Siloam in Luke 13:4.

"The question posed to Jesus was 'What happened to those people?' His answer was 'You repent.' He didn't answer their question. He just said, 'You repent.' It was always about our repentance and our confession and does it cause us to stand up, take notice and say, 'What was in me is darkness, what was in me needs change.'"

At another table, the question regarded God's role and whether it was in the attacks, the rescue, the recovery or all three. "We looked at the evolution of man's understanding of God, and it is an evolutionary process," said Pam Smith, a member of MAC's executive board and a registered nurse and counselor with Centers for Children & Families. "The Old Testament perception of God is very different from Christ's introduction of 'Abba.' We feel that war is very contrary to the message of Christ, so his role is definitely not in the attack. We feel that in times of darkness and catastrophe there's always that blessing. We have a tendency as a people to harden. When we harden, we lose God, and the light of God cannot reach those dark places in our being because we've become so hard.

Tragedy, Mrs. Smith said, evokes within people a surrendering process, breaking us so that God's light can penetrate into the dark places brought on by tragedy. That transformation, Mrs. Smith said, makes God very much a part of the healing process in times of great tragedy. But being human, she said, means that we need constant reaffirmation of God's presence in our lives.

"We're on a journey, hopefully drawing closer to that Christ light, and we have to be broken over and over again, it seems, in order to remember and re-remember that divine presence in our lives."

That divine presence, or grace, rains down on us like a continuous mist, Mrs. Smith said.

"When we are open and receptive to that grace -- and it can be just for one moment -- we receive that grace. Some of us call that a miracle," she said. "I think that it is an experience available to us at any moment, and sometimes tragedy opens us up a little bit more to the availability of grace."

The question of whether the God of Islam and the God of Christianity are one in the same was put to another discussion group. What an individual perceives of God really depends upon their own definition, according to Jan Artley, also with the MAC Executive Committee. "There are two ways of looking at this," Mrs. Artley said. "One is that the concept of God as seen by Americans is very definitely defined and colored by our culture -- how you were brought up, what religion you've been steeped in. If one looks at what God actually is, that might be a very different thing. The real God is probably much larger, much bigger than we can fully understand in our humanness, and certainly much different than we can understand through the screen that our own personal cultures bring to that definition."

Mrs. Artley said the very fact that God tries to direct His people toward peace implies that he is, in fact against non-peace.

A fourth group discussed whether the September terrorist attacks served to strengthen or weaken the faith of Americans. Sharae Buskirk, director of Words of Hope Ministries, said when answering the question, it is important to be aware of where we are in our faith journey.

"An element of our faith is our awareness of who we are, and we all agreed that we were aware of how transient our stay on earth is, and how vulnerable we are," Ms. Buskirk said. "We must realize that what we do, we wish could be permanent, but can be wiped out in a quick second."

That realization, Ms. Buskirk said, empowers people to be able to appreciate and walk daily on their faith journey realizing who we are in the face of God and his universe. Ms. Buskirk's group looked at the question of 'To what degree are we using the terrorist attacks to reinforce what we already believe?'

"An atheist would probably use what happened to reinforce what he believed," Ms. Buskirk said. "A Muslim would use what happened to reinforce his beliefs. We need to look at our faith as Christians to ask ourselves, 'How much am I hearing God, and how much am I putting into the box what I've already created to reinforce what I already believe?"

MC professor: Religious tolerance key to peaceful future

President George W. Bush says Islam is a religion of peace.

Franklin Graham, the evangelist son of Billy Graham, calls Islam evil and refuses to differentiate between those Muslim radicals responsible for the September 11 attacks on America and those who follow the peaceful tenets of the Koran.

President Bush says "God's greatness and His commandment to live in peace and to help neighbors in need" are beliefs straight from the Koran.

In the Wall Street Journal (Nov. 26, 2001), a story tells of a Virginian named John Marion who has enlisted 800 missionaries to convert Muslims to Christianity with tactics that include the publishing of a book, "The True Furgan" with sentence structures that mimic the structure of the Koran.

Are we to go with President Bush and his tolerant views on differing religious beliefs? Or are we to believe evangelicals like Graham, Marion and Chuck Colson, the latter who says if Islam is taken seriously "promotes violence?"

Religious tolerance - and perhaps more so religious intolerance - has been around since the dawn of time. During this time when we say we are tolerant but maybe are in fact unwilling to believe other religions are valid, the interest in Islam is at an all-time high - even in the staunchly conservative Bible Belt of West Texas.

Midland's Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity has a weekly attendance of up to 50 for its comparative religion classes. A Muslim-turned-Christian spoke last month at First United Methodist Church. And in Lubbock, an "Islam 101" course at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) crams in 250 people a week.

If we are so intolerant of other views, why are we so fascinated? "I think we've maybe been attracted to Islam for years. We've watched the oil situation and the conflict in Israel with the Palestinians and others, but we've never really been focused on trying to understand it until September 11," said Dr. Will Morris, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education at Midland College. "With the terrorist attacks, that sort of smoldering underlying interest is coming to the fore. It might be that people might not have felt comfortable talking about and asking questions about these things unless there was a crisis. A crisis like this one makes learning about others socially acceptable."

Morris equates the present-day environment to a time when he first began teaching high school civics over 30 years ago - in Las Cruces, N.M.

"One of the things we were learning about in a civics class I was teaching was political philosophy," Dr. Morris said. "One of those philosophies I was teaching about was Communism. At the time, Communism was highly controversial. At a back-to-school night, one of the parents of a student took me to task and asked me why I was teaching his child Communism. Two other parents heard what was going on and said to the parent, 'But Joe, we've got to know our enemy.' "

That, though, was a political intolerance issue. What we are dealing with now in the wake of 9-11 is religious fervor. Or is it? Are the people who are responsible for the worst terrorist attacks in the history of our country political extremists or religious extremists?

"Even though I'm a card-carrying Christian, I come at religion from a secular point of view," said Dr. Morris, who earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas. "When people try to influence somebody else whether deliberately or in passing, that's politics. The same thing is true inside churches and inside individual congregations, even down to whether we should use silver candles or wooden candles during advent, or what part of the liturgy should be stressed and what can be left out. Those are political issues - not religious - because they involve how you ought to do certain things and what procedures you should use."

Dr. Morris further says that the suicidal Islamic extremists justified their actions by believing they were told to carry out the attacks by God, and most people, Morris said, "tend to justify what we do in ways that make us look good," in this case, in the eyes of a person's own God.

The Spirit of Christmas

Luke's account of Jesus' birth comes in at a brief 14 verses

Next to "In the beginning ..." one of the most oft repeated Bible stories is about the birth of Christ. The brief, 14-verse story is read in churches everywhere at Christmas Eve masses and in homes before presents are unwrapped. For many, the retelling of the story comes from a blanket-loving cartoon character named Linus during the dramatic high point of the time-honored animated holiday special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Luke 2:1-14 culminates with the proclamation, "Glory to God in the Highest and peace, goodwill toward men." It is maybe hard to believe that in the prior 13 verses, the entire story of the birth of the Savior of the Christian faith is detailed simply, yet exquisitely and memorably. Still harder to believe is that the first four verses that outline the birth of Christ deal with the Caesar-mandated census and of Joseph and his wife Mary, who were made to travel to Bethlehem because of that census.

It is not until the fifth verse when it is obvious that Mary is soon to give birth, and only in the seventh verse that the actual birth of Jesus can be found, which condenses one of the most important events in the Christian faith to a mere eight verses.

The brevity of the story of the birth of the Christ child runs counter to the way 21st century cultural behaviors would have us celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus, according to Fred Lybrand, pastor of Midland Bible Church and a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary.

"Culturally, we think in a funny way about birth," Mr. Lybrand said. "We always celebrate birthdays, but the fact is our birth is not so meaningful except in relation to what we do with our life. We celebrate the birthdays of famous people because they were famous, but the real story of Christmas ought to also include the Easter story. Without the Easter story, what does it matter? I usually try to make that point around Christmastime - that it's an incredibly wonderful story, but we get lost in thinking that it's all about presents and that Jesus was a gift. But that final purpose for which He came is what makes the story of His birth so significant."

Certainly Christians everywhere would agree with Mr. Lybrand's views, however a question remains: if the story is about the birth of the Savior why does it all begin with passages about a census?

"It was prophesied in Micah 700 years earlier that Christ would be born in Bethlehem," Mr. Lybrand said.

The passage is found in Micah 5:2, where it is written, "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past."

"The census and the collecting of taxes," Mr. Lybrand said, "are merely the means by which Joseph brought Mary to Bethlehem. The taxing structure in those days demanded that they go to their original town to make sure everyone is covered. Joseph had to take his bride to his hometown, which is where the birth occurred."

Plenty is known of Mary, and even more about Jesus, but not much is written of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father.

"From what we know, he was a carpenter; he was hard working, and by every indication he was a really good man," Mr. Lybrand said. "Especially the way he treated Mary on the issue of her being pregnant. He was a man of faith, and when the message or the vision came to him, he believed God. He always did what God asked, and there aren't many people in the Bible that did everything God asked."

In the days of Jesus' birth, there was no calling ahead to secure a place to lay one's head for the night. As a result, Christ was born in a stable, or manger. The reason for the over-bookings of the Bethlehem inns takes us again back to taxes.

"The hotels were packed," Mr. Lybrand said. "It was worse than a NASCAR weekend. The inns were all packed because everyone is obeying Caesar ... the people knew it wouldn't sit well if they chose not to obey Caesar."

Also in those days, news, be it good or bad, broke somewhat slower than what we have become accustomed to with the Internet, CNN and our endless supplies of journalistic sources. God often used angels to spread His word. In the case of the birth of Jesus, the angels told the shepherds, and the shepherds acted as God's network affiliates.

"It was a common practice for God to make his announcements through angels - even the last trump was tooted by an angel - but the fact that shepherds were brought into the picture had to do with two simple facts: one is that humility came with the birth of Christ," Mr. Lybrand said. "When God is taking on the form of man - that's pretty humbling. The shepherds ... they were stinky, smelly, hard-working folks. That the word would come through shepherds was also prophesied; John 10 refers to a shepherd."

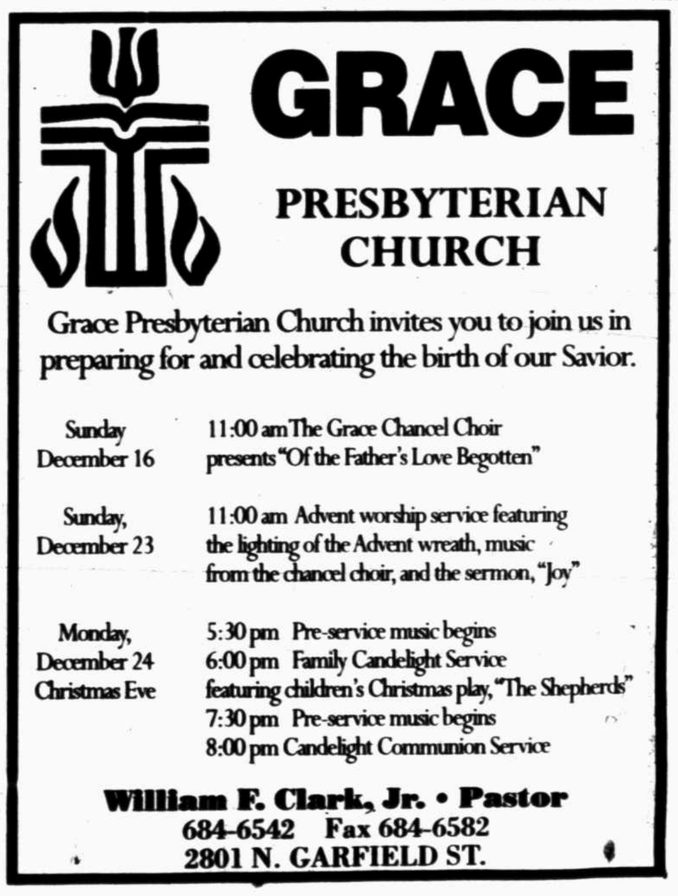
Mr. Lybrand also said that Isaiah was prophetic about the image of God as man.

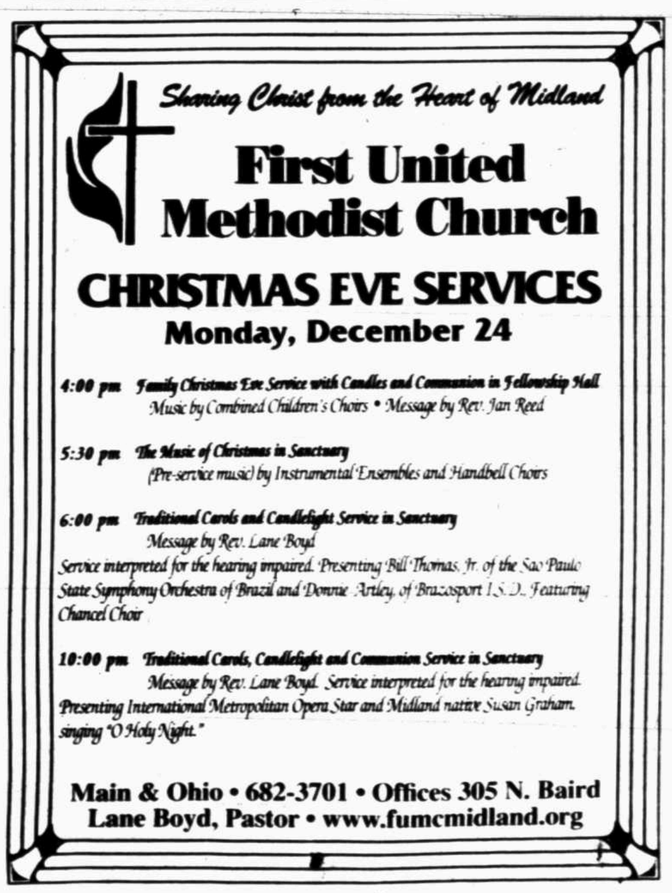
"Isaiah 53 talks about Jesus' humility, even about His looks and how He wouldn't even be that handsome of an individual, which messes up a lot of artwork, but He's a regular human being and it works to make an amazing framework for the picture of what His spirit is all about."











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"In this movie, you had the contrast between the giving of presents and the real meaning of Christmas, which is accepting people and loving each other," Mr. Lybrand said. "Christmas isn't just about stuff. Stuff rots and breaks and you throw it away or the warranty expires, so you get a new one and then it rots again and you throw it away. But the spiritual stuff lasts and lasts."

For the Grinch, there's no Christ, except Santa Claus. The poor guy is mistreated as a child, but he is ultimately accepted, his heart grows and he's more loving"

That exclusion faced by the Grinch in the Carrey-Howard movie is something that leads to the inward focus that is such a right-on trait of the Grinch.

"What happened to the Grinch can make people build a shell and go inside themselves," Ms. Lerwick said. "There are a lot of factors that push people in that direction, but we need to fight against it."

Ms. Lerwick said every Christmas we need to constantly remind ourselves to not get too wrapped up in the holiday traditions.

"It's not the traditions that hold the meaning," Ms. Lerwick said. "The traditions without the meaning are very empty. Someone who comes to America from the east who has never been to America can watch someone saying the Pledge of Allegiance and to them it looks like someone standing at attention reciting words to a piece of cloth. The tradition without the meaning behind it is just empty, and it holds nothing for anyone."

And what of the future for Mr. Grinch?

"Let's say there's a sequel," Mr. Lybrand said. "Is the Grinch made an honorary Whovillian? Or will he slide back into his old ways?

'Exactly what is frankincense?' and other Christmas questions

Everyone knows Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We know he was born of a Virgin in a manger because there was no room in the inn. We know this all happened as shepherds stood watch in their fields -- and it was cold. We've heard the stories of Mary, Joseph and their baby being visited by Three Wise Men. We know that the birth occurred without any of the traditional comforts mothers-to-be are afforded in the 21st century.

We know the Wise Men brought Jesus gifts called gold, frankincense and myrrh and, while most of us fully understand what gold is, we may be a little fuzzy on the frankincense and myrrh part.

So with the help of Fred Lybrand, pastor at the Midland Bible Church, here are some answers to some common --- and maybe not too common -- questions about Christmas.

MRT: Exactly what is frankincense and myrrh?

Lybrand: They're spices. Myrrh has more of a bitter motif to it and was used in embalming, and as perfume. Frankincense, according to Easton's Bible Dictionary, is an odorous resin imported from Arabia. It was one of the ingredients in the perfume of the sanctuary and was used as an accompaniment of the meat offering in Leviticus. When burnt it emitted a fragrant odor, and hence the incense became a symbol of the Divine name and an emblem of prayer. Interestingly, it was a custom of the Jews to give those who were condemned to death by crucifixion "wine mingled with myrrh" to produce insensibility. This drugged wine was probably partaken of by the two malefactors, but when the Roman soldiers pressed it upon Jesus "he received it not" (Mark 15:23).

MRT: Why didn't the baby Jesus receive gifts that were a bit more practical?

Lybrand: The wise men offered presents that represented kingly homage. The gifts offered were something profound and appropriate to offer as the Wise Men kneeled before him and honored him.

MRT: What made the wise men wise?

Lybrand: That was their status or their role in the age they were in. They were spiritual and royal advisors, but to me, I think what made them wise was that God said do something and they did it.

MRT: Are the Three Wise Men and the Three Kings of the Orient three and the same?

Lybrand: Yes. They were said to be from the Orient, which was just a little further east from Bethlehem. It's not the Orient as we know it today. The Middle East is the way we refer to it today.

MRT: What was significant about the North Star?

Lybrand: First of all, it's not the North Star that was followed, but the Star of Bethlehem. It's a common mistake. The North Star has always been a guiding star. The Star of Bethlehem was a particularly miraculous indicator brought by the glory of God. The Bible indicates that it moved, guiding the Magi, or the wise men.

MRT: There are three main cities mentioned during Jesus time - Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth. What is unique about each?

Lybrand: Bethlehem was the place of His birth. Nazareth was the place of His boyhood, where He grew up, and Jerusalem was the final place, where He was rejected and killed. As significant as each of these cities are, 75 percent of Jesus' ministry occurred around the Sea of Galilee. The prediction had been made in the Old Testament that His ministry would come from Galilee, which caused confusion among rabbis who argued that not much of anything good could come out of Galilee.

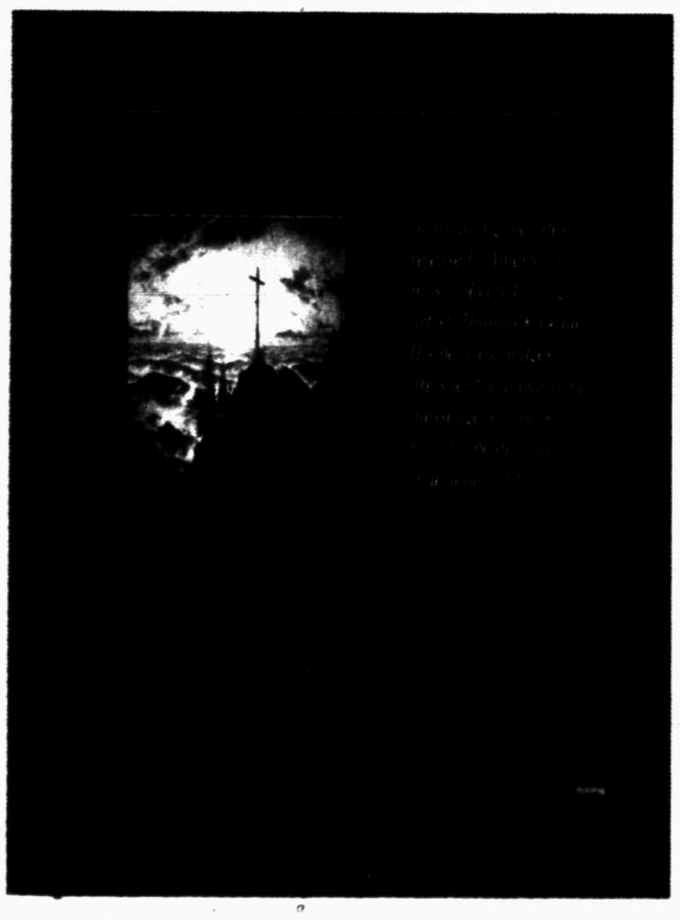
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We live in a country where we disagree vehemently about health care and welfare and tax credits, but when political extremists bomb our country's most famous landmarks, we are all one and the love we share is vast and far-reaching. We are a country where when we are attacked, we go to church and hold hands with strangers. We come together in a way I hope other nations do, but doubt they do.

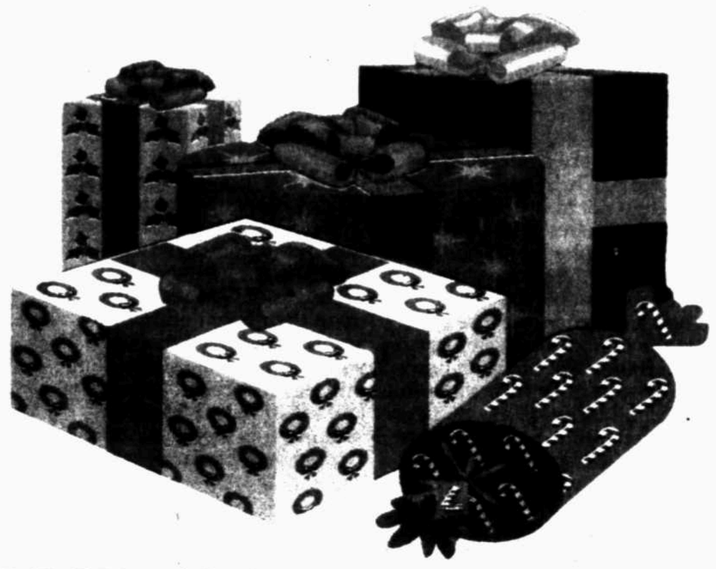
This holiday season, maybe a commitment to being thankful and more loving all year -- instead of just at Thanksgiving and Christmas -- is in order. It's so very easy to slip back into old routines and habits. Maybe what we need to come away from September 11 with is our gratitude for being where we are and who we are - all year long.

Maybe now is the time to reflect on how we reflect. Shouldn't we express our love more than on just those occasions when we realize we haven't done it in a while?

On Thanksgiving Day, a columnist in a Dallas newspaper issued a challenge to his readers that I think will stick with me for a while. He asked his readers not to just remember what they would be thankful for, but to try this exercise: He told them to put themselves in the World Trade Center or on board one of the four hijacked flights on the morning of September 11. In your pocket or purse is your cell phone. You realize you are going to die. Who would you call? And what would you say?



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OPEC expects weak growth in demand

Caracas (Bloomberg) — OPEC forecasts oil demand to grow just 0.7 percent next year as the slowing world economy damps consumption, the group's secretary-general, Ali Rodriguez, said.

"According to our analysis, demand is only going to increase by 500,000 barrels a day, which is a small increase," Rodriguez told journalists at a news conference. "Everything depends on the world economy."

Rodriguez said he was still confident that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps about 35 percent of the world's oil, will reach an agreement with rival producers to cut production by a total of 2 million barrels a day.

Denbury cuts planned budget

DALLAS — Denbury Resources Inc. has reduced its projected 2002 development and exploration expenditures ("CAPEX") budget by approximately $25 million or approximately 20%.

The change adjusts for the loss in potential revenue and cash flow during 2002 from its natural gas hedges with Enron Corp. and for the general decline irf commodity prices. The reduction in spending is expected to reduce the company's forecasted 2002 production only 2%, from its previously announced target of 36,000 BOE/d to a revised annual target of 35,250 BOE/d. The company is currently pursuing its legal remedies to protect itself as a creditor in the Enron bankruptcy proceedings and is reviewing other options available to it. The company has no assurance that it will prevail in these efforts.

RRC issues October statistics

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission issued 857 original drilling permits in October, compared with 1,147 in October 2000. Total drilling permits for 2001 year-to-date is 10,754, up from 10,008 during the same period of 2000. October's total includes 652 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 to reenter existing well bores and 170 for recompletions. Permits issued in October include 205 oil, 242 gas, 378 oil and gas, 13 injection and 17 other permits.

In October, operators reported 300 oil, 537 gas, 52 injection and one other completion, compared with 298 oil, 429 gas, 29 injection and one other completion during October 2000. Total well completions for 2001 year-to-date are 7,764, up from 6,641 in the same period last year. Operators reported 752 holes plugged and 77 dry holes in October, compared with 705 plugged and 151 dry holes last year.

Texas preliminary September crude oil production averaged 978,333 barrels daily, down from 1,046,274 barrels daily averaged in September 2000. Preliminary Texas crude oil production for September is 29,349,981 barrels, a decrease from 31,388,209 barrels reported last September.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 429,688,123 Mcf of gas based on preliminary production figures for September, down from September 2000 preliminary gas production total of 438,995,692 Mcf.

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Myra Robinson receives PBPA 'Top Hand' award

From Staff Reports

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association has announced that its Top Hand Award for 2002 will be given to Robinson Drilling Co. of Texas CEO, Myra Robinson.

She will receive the award at the Top Hand Award banquet Jan. 17, 2002 at the Midland Petroleum Club.

Ms. Robinson's late husband, G. R. (Bob) Robinson, his father, Glenn Robinson and Mrs. Robinson started the company in Colorado City in 1947. The older Robinson worked on land deals, Bob Robinson acted as tool-pusher, and Ms. Robinson kept the books and made out the payroll, after her housework was done and the children were in bed.

In 1966, the Robinsons moved the company to Big Spring.

When Bob Robinson was killed in an automobile accident in 1972, Ms. Robinson took over as CEO of the three-rig company, a position she still holds, and continues to run the company along with her son, Mike, and General Manager, H.L. (Papy) Warneke. Ray Alexander is office manager and Sherre Davis is secretary. Mrs. Robinson comes to the office every day when she's in town.

Mrs. Robinson is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, and has served as a trustee for Schreiner College, Texas Presbyterian Foundation, Howard College Foundation, Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Salvation Army, Samaritan Counseling Center Advisory Board and was Big Spring's Woman of the Year in 1985.

Besides her son, Mike, she has two daughters, Myra Ellen Crownover, and Anne Compton, and 11 grandchildren.

Midlanders can expect lower heating bills

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midlanders who endured sky-high natural gas bills the first of the year as natural gas prices soared to $10 per Mcf can breath easier this winter.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews predicts that natural gas bills should be 30 to 50 percent lower than last winter as the nation heads into the 2001-2002 winter — expected to relatively mild — with record amounts of natural gas in storage and prices considerably lower.

"So consumers get good news. The heating bills for this winter should be anywhere in the range of 30 percent less than they were last winter to maybe even 50 percent less in January, when it was very cold and prices were at their highest last winter," Matthews said.

Last winter, Matthews pointed out, was the coldest in history as measured by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration while natural gas supplies are at levels higher than in the last five years, 3.2 trillion cubic feet as opposed to the traditional 3 Tcf in storage facilities.

The better news, he said, is that market forces successfully worked to bring prices to affordable levels.

"The marketplace reacted to last winter's high prices. The large industrial consumers of natural gas began to shut down in February. Fertilizer manufacturers went overseas and petrochemical companies were unable to export product due to the high price, thereby causing a reduction in the demand for natural gas.



Midlanders can expect to see heating bills in the range of 30 percent lower than a year ago, when natural gas prices near $10 per Mcf sent heating bills soaring.

At the same time, the oil and gas industry responded to the market and helped bring prices back down. The high hit around $10 in January. At that time, producers reacted by ordering rigs and drilling, activity not seen since the boom of 1997," he said.

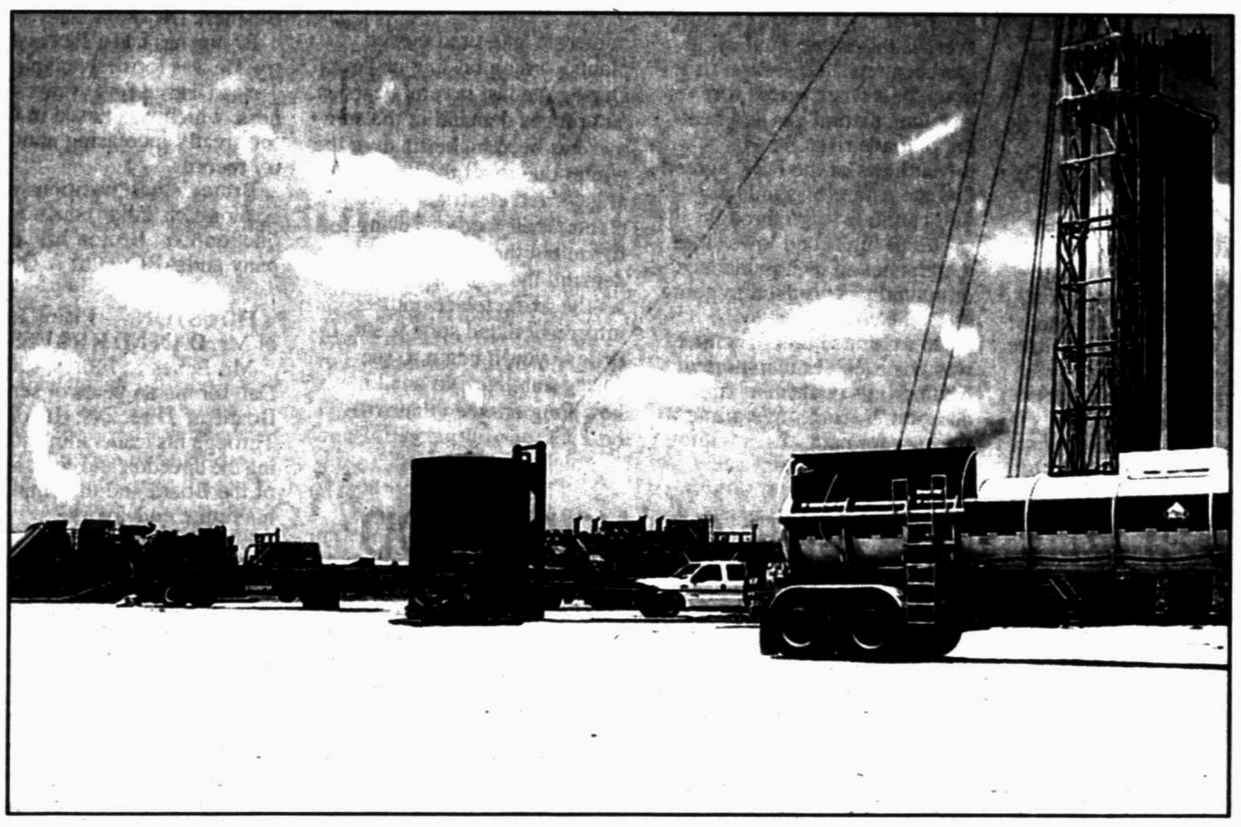
The jump in natural gas prices and resulting high heating bills this past winter gave rise to what the International Oil & Gas Compact Commission called "The Blame Game."

"So you just opened up your home heating bill, and found that it cost twice as much to heat your part of the American dream as it did last winter," the IOGCC writes. "Now you are angry, and your dog Blue is too good at pheasants to kick. What do you do?

"You will probably do what generations of Americans have done — blame the oil and natural gas industry for this misfortune. Next the federal politicians, sensing an angry electorate, will seize the opportunity for free publicity and further denounce the people who keep you warm. They will demand congressional investigations to expose profiteering, price-fixing, collusion and money-grubbing on the part of the industry. After all, they also used to watch 'Dallas' on television so they have firsthand knowledge of the mechanics of the oil and gas industry. The industry will be accused of almost everything except teen-age acne at this stage.

Militant activists, using environmentally friendly materials like sticks and stones as potential weapons, will chatter saying they told us so. If the United States didn't burn fossil fuels, then its citizens wouldn't be subject to this profiteering industry and the air quality would be much improved. They may re-launch the idea of a big tax on burning fossil fuels so that you won't

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CMS Oil & Gas has successfully utilized horizontal drilling techniques to complete gas discovery wells where laterals were drilled underneath the City of Midland. The Petroleum Technology Transfer Council will host a horizontal drilling techniques workshop Tuesday at the Midland Petroleum Club.

PTTC to hold horizontal well workshop

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

As part of its ongoing efforts to convert technology research into practical use in the oilfields, the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council will host a horizontal well technology workshop Tuesday at the Petroleum Club.

"Horizontal drilling technology is already important in the Permian Basin," said Bob Kiker with the PTTC Permian Basin, "and it's getting more important as we go along."

Noting that the technology is being used to drill lateral gas discoveries under the city, Kiker said that as technology develops, the industry could see horizontal drilling techniques used to drill injection wells for waterfloods or CO2 floods.

Tuesday's workshop, to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be presented by Bob Knoll of Maurer Technology.

"Bob Knoll has been in the business

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Dan Robertson

Readers invited to send thoughts to Oil Report



Dan Robertson

Last week we actually got to the first installment on issues development and we promised that we'd try to stay on message. As a senior Senator once told us, with a meek shrug, after we lost a heated debate and close vote on the senate floor, "we lied".

Instead, this week we want to address a letter that we got in response to our first editorial on oil price. We like to receive mail, and sometimes we like what it says. But most importantly, we like to know that someone out there is reading and actually cares enough to let us know. So, if you do read the column and you care enough to let us know what you think, drop us a line. Occasionally, we'll let the rest of our readers in on the exchange of ideas.

One of our readers, who will remain anonymous, sent the following letter on oil pricing and the national policies that they think should be in place. We were impressed that the writer put what many in the oil patch believe, in a clear and concise form, so we'll just print the letter and give a general response at the end.

Dear Oil Editor:

Congratulations on being selected the interim editor of the Oil and Gas Report. I am looking forward to what you have to contribute to the whole range of energy problems our industry faces.

Please allow me to set forth the principles I believe would help solve most of these problems. Elaboration on each of them will follow.

"(1) Accept the fact that for national security, a significant amount of the supply of "petroleum products" must come from domestic sources.

(2) Abandon "spheres of influence" in the oil producing areas of the world.

(3) Force the foreign producing countries to compete for the share of our market available to them.

(4) Encourage U.S. importers to make the best deals they can and then grant licenses for that volume, starting with the lowest priced volumes in succession.

(5) Forbid our government to play any part in this approach except determining target volumes and granting the licenses.

When domestic oil was $10.00 per barrel I wrote a letter to the editor with this proposal. I did not get a single comment from anybody. At that time, many in the industry were pushing for a floor price for domestic production. History proves that price controls do not solve problems. But they do create cumbersome and expensive bureaucracies.

None of the governments in the Middle East like us, including

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Texas House to review pipeline regulations

By Ralph K.M. Haurwitz
Cox News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Unregulated rural pipelines and flaws in a state program intended to prevent excavation damage to pipelines are likely to be scrutinized next year by the Texas House Committee on Energy Resources.

Speaker Pete Laney has directed the panel to examine pipeline laws and regulations, as well as the conversion of older crude oil pipelines to carry more volatile products. Although Laney's charge did not specifically mention the unregulated gathering lines and the call-before-you-dig program, the committee's chairman says he plans a wide-ranging review.

"We've got a pretty broad charge there, and I think we can bring in whatever we think is necessary," said the chairman, Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville.

The review is expected to shape legislative proposals for the next session, which begins in January 2003.

A series of articles in July in the Austin American-Statesman revealed numerous shortcomings in federal and state efforts to protect the public and the environment from pipeline spills and explosions. Rural gathering lines, which carry oil and natural gas from wells to larger-diameter transmission lines, are not subject to government inspection, strength standards or testing requirements. Yet the aging lines are rupturing with growing frequency, often polluting soil, creeks and underground water supplies.

The newspaper also found that a lack of precision in laws, regulations and industry practices concerning damage prevention contributed to the fatal rupture of a high-pressure pipeline near Abilene in September 2000. A bulldozer digging a trench for a water line punctured the pipeline. The resulting explosion of butane, propane and ethane vapors killed Abilene police detective Jay Hatcher, who had stopped to investigate the leak.

Texas has more miles of pipeline than any other state, about one-sixth of the national total. Regulatory duties are split between the texas Railroad Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety.

Stacey Gerard, the department's associate administrator for pipeline safety, has ordered an OPS review of gathering line spills around the nation. The review could lead to a proposal to bring some of the lines under regulation. The only gathering lines currently regulated by state or federal officials are those in urban areas.

The staff of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which reviews state agencies, recommended last year that the Railroad Commission assume jurisdiction over rural gathering lines. The Railroad Commission acknowledged the need but declined to pursue the matter when lawmakers neither pressed for such regulation nor offered additional money to undertake the task.

However, the Railroad Commission's chairman, Michael Williams, urged lawmakers to take another look at the issue in letters he sent in August and October. The American-Statesman obtained copies of the letters last week under the Texas Public Information Act.

"Obviously, I think that's a good thing," Williams said Monday when informed of Lewis' plans. "We had urged that they look at these issues."

In his letters, Williams said of the unregulated lines: "Many of these pipelines may pose a significant hazard based on their operating characteristics, such as size, pressure and sulfur content. Some of these pipelines are located in close proximity to people . . ."

Williams wrote that the state's damage-prevention program also warrants review. Under the program, excavators are required to phone a notification center before digging. The notification center alerts operators of pipelines, fiberoptic cables and other underground utilities of the planned excavation. The operators, in turn, mark the locations of their utilities with small flags or paint as a warning to the excavators.

"Third-party accidents continue to be the leading cause of pipeline accidents in our state," Williams wrote. "Although Texas initiated damage-prevention legislation in 1997, the Texas law does not meet many of the recognized 'national best practices.'"

A study last year by the One-Call Board of Texas, a nonprofit organization created by the Legislature to oversee the program, found that the state law falls short of national benchmarks for meaningful fines, effective enforcement, damage recovery, industry participation and other matters.

For example, regulatory agencies, including the Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission, have no enforcement role under the one-call program. Instead, county and district attorneys are responsible for fining violators, but they have never done so.

Furthermore, the one-call law authorizes fines only for excavators who fail to call before digging, not for utility operators who fail to mark lines. Lawmakers raised the fine for a first offense to $500 from $50 earlier this year.

"I think it is appropriate for us to have a greater role in this area, particularly because of the expertise that we have here at the commission and because of the nature of the pipelines that we regulate." Williams said. "They can cause injury or loss of life."

ROBERTSON: Column on pricing draws response

(From 1)

Saudi Arabia. They are "friendly" only because they need our protection and our oil revenue. With all the turmoil there, now would be a good time to abandon our "spheres of influence" and let them all fend for themselves.

This approach enables our domestic industry to survive, but on a competitive basis. Then the consumer (and taxpayer) gets the benefit of competition by both sources. Such a policy is fair, simple, and costs very little to administer.

I am a third generation oilfield worker whose grandfather and father (and myself) made a poor to good living starting about 1912 through all the booms and busts in Illinois, Indiana, Southwestern Kansas, Northeastern Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle and the Permian Basin. We never owned any oil production.

This proposal is constructed on the basis of my knowledge and experience, the last 20 years as a purchasing agent and crude oil marketer for a large independent Permian Basin producer.

Thank you for allowing me to share my convictions. And good luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

(A reader that we value.)

Dear Reader:

Thank you for your kind words and thoughtful comments. We only wish that we could muster the passion and courage that you have shown in this letter. We're still taking things slow at this stage in "interim" process.

While we don't disagree with the general thrust of your comments, we can't see significant incereases in the domestic output side of the petroleum products equasion.

With regard to the "spheres of influence" argument, former Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace was a strong voice on this issue for many years. He traveled the halls of power with his message that U.S. citizens were paying over $100.00 for each barrel of crude imported from the Middle East because of the military cost of protecting that supply. But alas he has no successor.

Fortunately, we live in a free democracy governed by majority rule. Unfortunately, the majority in this free society is more concerned with cheap energy than they are with national security or a stable oil industry.

Next week we'll try to get back on message.

BILLS: Consumers may pay 30 percent less

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consume as much, forgetting that high prices tend to naturally encourage conservation. If we can just get the price so high that people can't afford it, then the air will be much better. (Remember the failed carbon tax?) Never mind that you might live through the winter at a brisk 42 degrees inside your home, while spending more than you thought possible to bring your home to a temperature at which your Thanksgiving turkey will thaw in the recommended three days — if left in the living room. Now, aren't you sorry that you opened your bill for home heating?

"Later, prices for natural gas and heating oil will fall once more, and all the sensationalism, investigations and muckraking will vanish. If completed, the investigations will find no collusion or price-fixing, but rather the vagaries of a free market at work.

"Clearly, the above scenario has been exaggerated. The essence of truth remains, however, as this witch-hunt cycle has been repeated several times in the past when prices for gasoline, natural gas and heating oil have risen."

Matthews of the RRC agreed that the natural gas industry will continue to go through cycles of highs and lows since there is not an overabundance of natural gas production going on in the country.

He cautioned that, if winter weather is colder than normal, heating bills could rise. In addition, he said, "We are in a new era for natural gas with numerous gas-fired power plants coming on-line in Texas. During the last several years, natural gas demand in the summer has been higher than in the winter due to all the new natural gas-fired electrical power plants. Everybody is trying to figure out the amount of demand these plants will have. As the marketplace gathers information and sorts it out, I believe you'll begin to see prices stabilize. No one knows how long or when that will be."

PTTC: Horizontal drilling focus of workshop

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for a considerable time." Kiker said.

Knoll has 28 years experience in the upstream oil industry since 1990 has authored and presented over 170 technical training programs in every major petroleum province on the globe.

Topics will include:

■ The basics of rock mechanics and borehole stability concerns, completion mindset, completion-design methodology, advanced completion options, smart completions, capabilities and limitations of multilateral technology and methodology of multilateral design.

■ The fundamentals of modern under-balanced drilling technology, capabilities and constraints to UBD application, fundamentals of modern coil technology, capabilities and constraints to coiled-tubing applications, basics of well intervention, production logging ad production operations, management overview and check lists, field execution key issues, summary and wrap-up.

The mission statement of the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council is to present seminars to help operators utilize modern technology to enhance recovery and add value to their reserves.

The target audience is any manager or decision maker involved in exploiting oil and gas reserves and includes operators, working interest partners, service providers and industry regulators.

Kiker said he anticipates a good crowd Tuesday. Seating is limited to 60.

Cost is $85 and includes the course notebook, lunch and refreshments.

NYSE to list Plains Resources stock

HOUSTON — Plains Resources Inc. announced that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has approved trading of the common shares of Plains Resources (PLX). Trading is scheduled to commence on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, December 21, 2001 under the same ticker symbol ("PLX") as currently utilized on the American Stock Exchange (Amex). In the interim the Company's common stock will continue to trade on the Amex.

James C. Flores, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Plains Resources Inc. is honored to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The NYSE listing is the opportunity to enhance the visibility of Plains Resources to the capital markets which will benefit our shareholders."

The listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange require that the Company disclose that additional information is available upon which the New York Stock Exchange relied to list the Company, and is included in Plains' listing application. Such information is available to the public upon request.

Namedropping

IRVING, Texas — Exxon Mobil Corp. has announced the anticipated election of **LUCILLE J. CAVANAUGH** as vice president, human resources of Exxon Mobil Corporation effective January 1, 2002.

She succeeds **TIMOTHY J. HEARN**, who will become president and a director of Imperial Oil Limited (Toronto), an affiliate of ExxonMobil.

Ms. Cavanaugh is currently the vice president, global supply and distribution for ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company in Fairfax, Va.

Hearn joined Imperial Oil as a marketing representative in 1967. He advanced through increasingly responsible management assignments in marketing, logistics, and systems and computer services. In February of 1998, he was named to his current position.

HOUSTON — **JOHN BOLES**, president of Equiva Trading Company, has been elected president and CEO of Motiva Enterprises LLC. Boles assumes his new position effective immediately.

He succeeds **ROGER EBERT**, who announced his retirement.

Boles joined Getty Oil Company in 1973 at the Delaware City, Del., refinery. He worked in Getty's refining and fiscal organizations in Tulsa from 1977-84. Following Texaco's acquisition of Getty in 1984, Boles held various planning and operational positions with Texaco USA and Texaco Refining and Marketing Inc. in Houston.

Boles was named vice president of planning and administration for Texaco Refining and Marketing Inc. in Los Angeles in 1993. He was appointed chief operating officer of Star Enterprise in 1996, vice president of portfolio planning and development for Equilon Enterprises LLC in 1998, and senior vice president, Equiva Trading Company in March 2000. Boles became president of Equiva Trading in May 2000.

HOUSTON — Willbros Group Inc. announced that one of its operating units, Willbros Engineers Inc., Tulsa, has promoted **LONNIE HAMILTON** to vice president of business development.

Hamilton has over 23 years of business and project development experience in the oil and gas industry, including 18 years with Willbros. Before joining Willbros in 1983, he held positions in both the manufacturing and operating sectors of the pipeline industry. Hamilton will be responsible for developing and implementing marketing strategies for the entire range of project management, engineering and construction services, including engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services.

HOUSTON — Nuevo Energy Co. announced that **JANET F. CLARK** has joined the company as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, replacing Robert M. King who resigned to pursue other interests. She will be responsible for financial reporting, accounting, corporate finance and development, commercial and investment banking relationships, investor relations and information systems.

Nuevo also hired **GEORGE B. NILSEN** as Senior Vice President of Planning and Asset Management. Nilsen will be responsible for corporate planning and budgeting, asset management including acquisitions and divestitures, crude oil and natural gas marketing, and risk management.

Clark brings to Nuevo over 18 years of diverse corporate finance and investment banking experience. From 1997 to 2000, she was Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Administration, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Santa Fe Snyder Corporation and its predecessor, Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc.

Nilsen brings to Nuevo over 20 years of domestic and international experience in the oil and gas industry. Prior to joining Nuevo, Mr. Nilsen was an independent consultant for small independent exploration and production companies. From 1987 to 2000, Mr. Nilsen held various domestic and international management positions in engineering and operations, most recently as Division Manager - Gulf Division and Corporate Manager - Exploration and Production for Santa Fe Snyder Corporation and its predecessor, Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc.

AMARILLO — EnergyNet.com, Inc., an online, real time oil and gas property auction marketplace, announces that **STEVEN L. BRUTON** has joined the firm in the capacity of Vice President Sales-Business Development.

Bruton has had a successful 21-year career in the oil and gas industry. He was formerly employed as the District Manager for the North Texas District for 9 years with the pioneer oil and gas auction business, which was based in Oklahoma City. Bruton was responsible for greatly increasing annual sales in his district and setting industry records.

Bruton's past positions include Senior Landman for both Harken Exploration and Production Company and Sun Exploration and Production Co. Bruton has also worked for Mapco Production Company and ARCO Oil & Gas Corp.

HOUSTON — Plains Resources Inc. announces the resignation of Mr. **DAN M. KRAUSS** from its Board of Directors.

Mr. James C. Flores, Chairman and CEO, stated "I want to thank Dan for his 14 years of service to the Company as a member of the Board of Directors, 10 of which included the role of Chairman. Through his leadership and vision, Dan has been invaluable in charting the direction and complexion of Plains Resources today. On behalf of the Board and the employees, I want to wish Dan all the best in his future endeavors."

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Nuevo finals first phase of corporate strategy

HOUSTON — Nuevo Energy Company announced that as part of its strategy to optimize capital allocation, reduce costs and expenses, and improve returns, the following actions have been undertaken:

- The 2002 capital budget (excluding acquisitions) has been established at $94 million, an estimated 39% reduction versus 2001.
- Exploration and production operations have been reorganized and 20 technical positions have been eliminated.
- Three outsource contracts have been terminated and the relevant functions will be transferred in-house during the first quarter 2002.
- Total lease operating expenses and general and administrative expenses in 2002 will be reduced by $33 million versus 2001.
- A pre-tax charge of approximately $75 - $85 million will be reported in the fourth quarter 2001, primarily due to non-cash impairments.

Fourth Quarter 2001 Financial Charge

Nuevo will record a pre-tax charge of approximately $75 - $85 million in the fourth quarter 2001. The largest portion of the fourth quarter charge, approximately $50 - $55 million pre-tax, is related to a FAS 121 impairment of the carrying value of several fields, primarily offshore California. Other components of the charge principally relate to several foreign and domestic projects that Nuevo will not be pursuing in the future.

The FAS 121 property impairment is expected to result in a reduction in the depreciation, depletion and amortization (DD&A) rate for 2002 of approximately $0.25 - $0.30 per barrel of oil equivalent (BOE). The final DD&A rate per BOE will be dependent on total oil and gas reserves at December 31, 2001.

Also included in the fourth quarter 2001 charge is a provision associated with the cancellation of all outstanding derivative contracts with Enron North America, representing contracts in the fourth quarter 2001 through the fourth quarter 2003. The maximum pre-tax exposure is approximately $7 million based on the mark-to-market value on the cancellation date.

2002 Capital Budget

Based on a $20.00 Bbl. crude oil price and a $3.00 Mcf natural gas price, Nuevo established an initial 2002 capital budget (excluding acquisitions) of $94 million which represents a 39% decline versus 2001. Despite the lower capital expenditure level, it is expected that Nuevo will produce approximately 18.5 to 19.5 million barrels of oil equivalent, representing a 5% increase at the high-end of the range versus 2001. The budget reflects capital being allocated to the highest growth and rate of return prospects and a positive production impact from the restarting of thermal operations.

Reorganization of Exploration and Production Operations

In connection with the downsizing of exploitation operations to reflect a smaller, more focused exploitation program and the elimination of the California exploration program, approximately twenty positions have been eliminated within the exploration and production department. Severance costs are included in the previously mentioned fourth quarter 2001 charge. In addition, exploration expense is forecasted to be $7 million in 2002 versus an estimated $28 million in 2001.

Outsource Contracts

As part of Nuevo's objective of exercising greater control over certain operating functions as well as lowering costs, three outsource contracts have been terminated. The terminated contracts include: California field operations, natural gas marketing and human resources. In order to maintain consistency and an extensive knowledge base of its California assets, Nuevo intends to retain the majority of field employees currently working on Nuevo's California properties. Lease operating expenses will be reduced by $10 - $12 million due to the elimination of certain non-steam costs. Gas marketing and human resource functions will be brought in-house. Costs associated with the termination of these contracts are included in the previously mentioned fourth quarter 2001 charge.

Ocean Energy sets capital budget for 2002

HOUSTON — Ocean Energy, Inc. announced that its board of directors has approved a capital investment program of approximately $650 million for the year 2002. The spending will be funded from Ocean's discretionary cash flow based on anticipated commodity prices, and is subject to change if market conditions shift or new opportunities are identified.

"We believe that this amount is sufficient to sustain continued production growth at double digit rates and fund our successful deepwater exploratory program in the Gulf of Mexico. It also reflects our commitment to financial discipline and our desire to maintain balance sheet strength in a weaker commodity price market," said James T. Hackett, Ocean Energy chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Even though commodity prices are down nearly 50 percent from the highs of 2001, our drilling program has been reduced by less than 25 percent from last year, excluding the $300 million we spent on two niche acquisitions."

On a geographic basis, about half of the projected 2002 capital spending budget will be directed toward Gulf of Mexico activities with 40 percent focused on international programs and the remainder funding domestic onshore exploration and exploitation.

Gulf of Mexico

In the Gulf of Mexico, Ocean plans to spend approximately $300 to $350 million to grow its reserve base through the delineation of recent discoveries and additional deepwater exploration. Included in this amount is funding for nine planned exploration tests during the year and the acquisition of deepwater seismic for future exploratory initiatives. A portion of the dollars will also be allocated to development activities in five new deepwater fields and further development of the Nansen and Boomvang deepwater fields in the East Breaks area as well as Gulf of Mexico shelf properties.

International

On the international front, Ocean has allocated approximately $250 to $275 million of its 2002 capital budget. Nearly half of the total international budget will be spent in Equatorial Guinea on continued development of the Zafiro field. In Egypt, the company plans to develop reserves from its recent A-21 discovery in the East Zeit Concession. Four exploratory wells are also scheduled to drill in Angola on Blocks 24 and 19.

U.S. Onshore

Ocean plans to spend approximately $50 to $75 million on its domestic onshore properties. In the Rockies, the company has scheduled 50 development wells in its Bear Paw field in north central Montana. Further development of assets acquired during 2001 in the Arklatex region is also planned.

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 Rocky Mountains, Permian Basin, Arklatex, Anadarko, East Texas and the Gulf Coast regions. Internationally, Ocean holds positions in West Africa with oil and gas activities in Equatorial Guinea, Angola and Cote d'Ivoire. The company also conducts operations in Egypt, the Russian Republic of Tatarstan, Brazil, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

Industry Briefing

Devon high bidder on Eastern Gulf tracts

OKLAHOMA CITY — Devon Energy Corp. reported that it was the apparent high bidder on three blocks in Eastern Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 181. The U. S. government lease sale was held December 5, 2001.

Devon bid with a partner on the three blocks in the Desoto Canyon area. The company's total exposure for its 25 percent share of the high bids is approximately $2.8 million. The bids are subject to approval by the U. S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service.

Assuming approval of its bids, Devon will hold 370 lease blocks in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Devon's lease blocks include 257 on the shelf and 113 in deepwater. Of the 370 total blocks, 166 are producing blocks and 204 are exploratory blocks. Devon currently operates 97 platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Exxon Mobil completes Gulf explorers

IRVING, Texas — Exxon Mobil Corporation announced the completion of the Hawkes and Timber Wolf exploration wells in the Mississippi Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico. The wells are located approximately 20 miles northwest from the giant Crazy Horse discovery in which ExxonMobil has 25 percent interest. Both wells discovered hydrocarbons in Miocene reservoirs.

ExxonMobil plans further seismic studies and appraisal drilling. ExxonMobil holds 100 percent interest in seven blocks covering the Hawkes discovery and 89 percent in four blocks at Timber Wolf.

The Hawkes well, Mississippi Canyon Block 509 No. 1, was drilled in 4,174 feet of water to a total depth of 23,143 feet and is being temporarily plugged and abandoned.

The Timber Wolf well, Mississippi Canyon Block 555 No. 1, was drilled in 4,749 feet of water to a total depth of 23,105 feet and was temporarily plugged and abandoned. ExxonMobil is the operator with Marathon Oil Company and Woodside Energy (USA) Inc as co-participants.

ExxonMobil is now drilling the Keltics prospect in Mississippi Canyon Blocks 912 and 956. This well, Mississippi Canyon Block 912 No. 1, will test the Miocene section 10 miles southeast of the Crazy Horse discovery. The well is located in 6,695 feet of water and is permitted to a total depth of 26,000 feet. ExxonMobil holds 100 percent interest in the prospect.

ExxonMobil has an interest in 580 exploration blocks in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, totaling approximately 3.3 million acres.

Halliburton KBR awarded LNG contract

DALLAS, and YOKOHAMA, China, — Halliburton KBR and JGC have been awarded a contract to provide Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) for the terminal portion of Guangdong LNG's (GLNG) Terminal and Trunkline Project's proposed Chinese Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project in the Guangdong Province in southern China. The overall project, estimated at approximately U.S. $600 million, comprises both an LNG receiving terminal with an initial capacity of 3 Mtpa (million tons per annum) and a 300km natural gas distribution pipeline system. Halliburton KBR is the engineering and construction segment of Halliburton (NYSE: HAL).

The contract will be executed in two phases. During the conceptual phase, the LNG terminal design will be optimised within the context of the overall project, and during the front-end engineering phase, the design for the terminal will be developed. Conceptual work will be undertaken in the London offices of M.W. Kellogg Limited while execution of the FEED phase will occur in JGC's offices in Yokohama, Japan. The FEED is scheduled for completion by first quarter 2002.

This project represents the first of its kind in China.

Powell Industries, BP sign agreement

HOUSTON — Powell Industries, Inc. announces that its wholly owned subsidiary, Powell Electrical Manufacturing Company (PEMCO), has been awarded strategic sourcing agreement with BP for their Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Development Program.

Under this agreement PEMCO will supply Power and Control Modules for use on several of BP's production platforms currently in development. The modules, which include electrical switchgear, will provide electrical power for normal and emergency loads for the facilities' production, drilling, and quarters operations.

Initial releases for engineering and production are expected in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Over the next three years, revenues of $40 to $50 million could be realized by Powell from this strategic agreement., said Tom Powell, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Conoco gets block offshore Indonesia

HOUSTON — The Indonesian government recently awarded the Nila block in the West Natuna Sea offshore Indonesia to production sharing contract (PSC) partners Conoco Nila Ltd. and Inpex Natuna, Ltd., as part of an exploration and production tender offered earlier this year. The award supports Conoco's strategic growth plans for Southeast Asia, which was recently designated the company's fourth core area of operations.

Conoco, which will serve as operator and hold a 65-percent majority interest, believes the 5,300-square-kilometer block has significant natural gas potential. Extensive seismic studies and drilling will be conducted under a three-year work program. The Nila block is located adjacent to the Conoco-operated South Natuna Sea Block B PSC.

Conoco's growing upstream presence in Southeast Asia is anchored by its various Indonesian assets, development of several significant discoveries in Vietnam, exploration acreage in Malaysia and Cambodia, and the added holdings of Gulf Canada Resources Ltd., which resulted in a 72-percent majority interest in Gulf Indonesia Resources Ltd.

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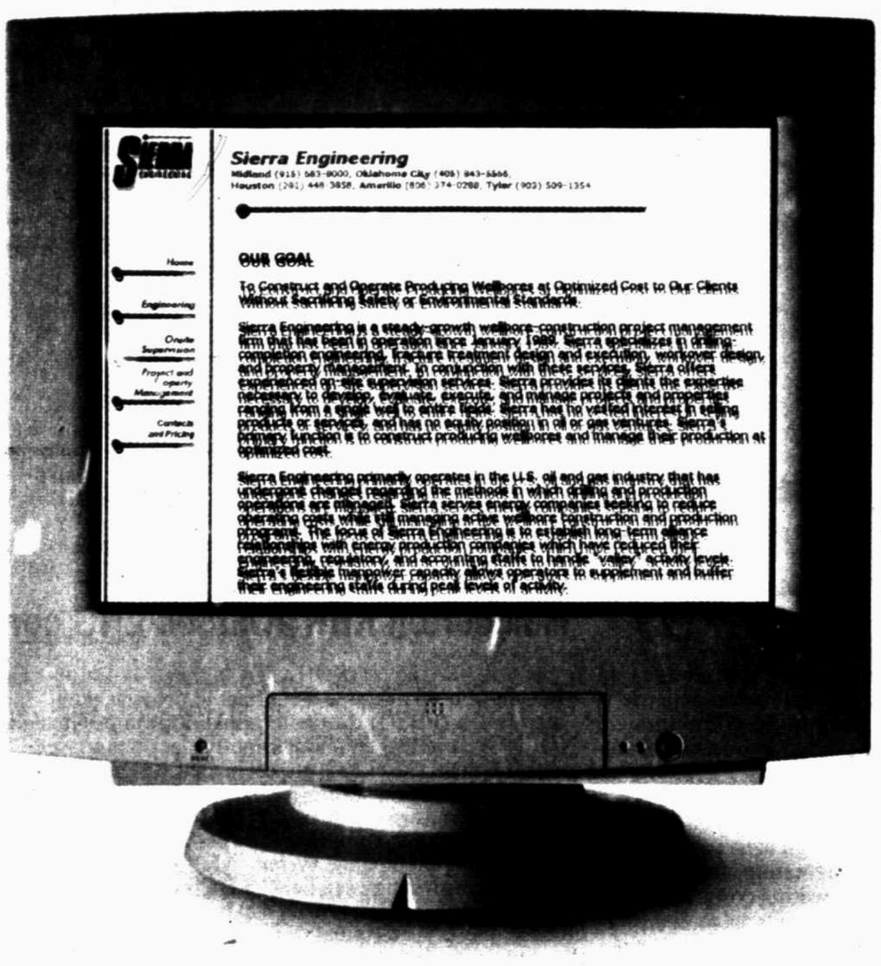
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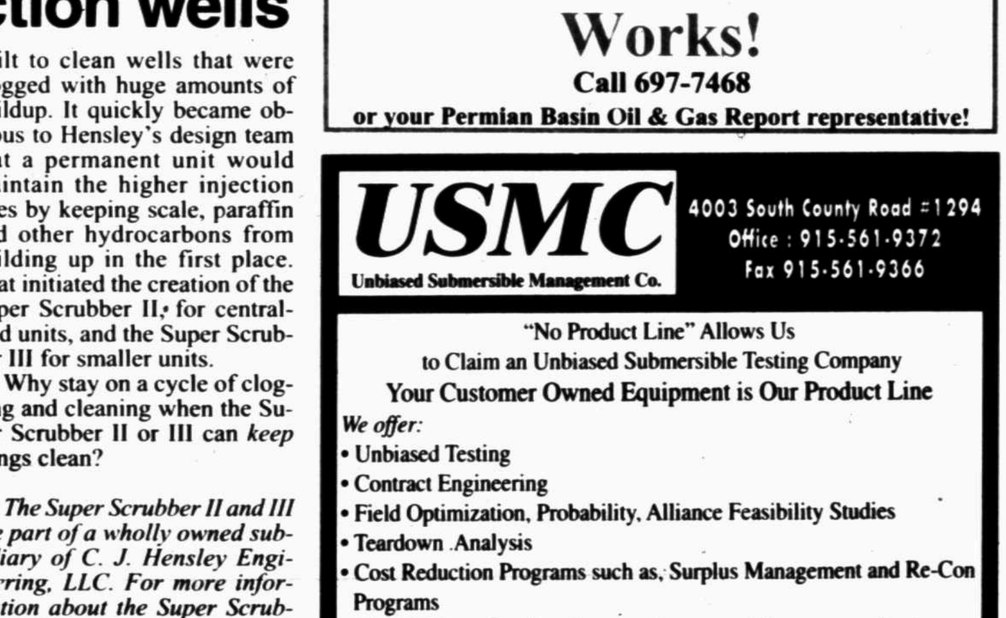
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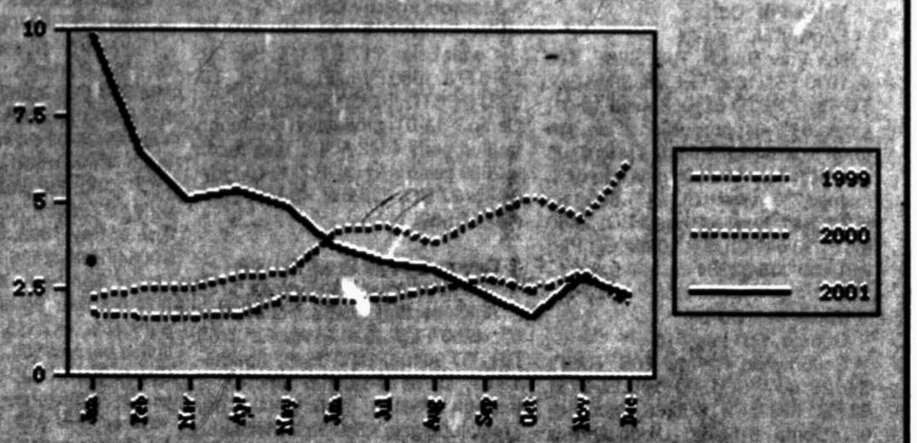


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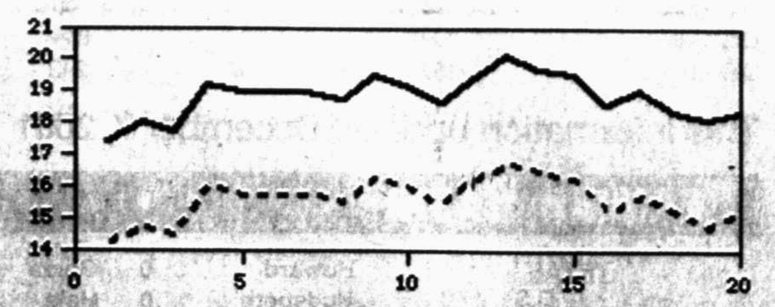
Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$2.08**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$2.28**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$2.13**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:





Current WTI Posted Prices

BP Amoco	$17.50	ExxonMobil	$17.75	Phillips*	$15.25
Chevron	17.29	Koch*	15.80	Plains*	15.25
E.O.T.T.	15.25	Navajo WTI	15.25	Sun*	15.25
Equiva	15.25	Navajo NMI	16.75		

* Net Price without transportation charge

Gasco updates results of Utah discovery well

DENVER — Gasco Energy, Inc. provided an update on the Phillips Federal 31-29, a 12,500-foot discovery well in Gasco's Riverbend Project in Uintah County, Utah.

Phillips Petroleum, the operator, made these well results, along with those of the Federal 34-29 confirmation well, available to the public via its recent filing with the Bureau of Land Management.

According to the filing, the Phillips Federal 31-29, located in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 19 East, produced 1,320 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of natural gas and 251 barrels of water on a 24-hour flow test of the Mesaverde interval. The test occurred in seven fracture-stimulated Mesaverde intervals between 10,014 feet and 12,060 feet using a 50/64-inch choke with a 350-psi flowing tubing pressure. Gasco's working interest in the Mesaverde intervals is 15%. Additionally, the Phillips Federal 31-29 has Wasatch formation natural gas potential behind pipe. Gasco owns 75% of the Wasatch pay in this wellbore.

The Phillips Federal 34-29, located in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 19 East, approximately three-quarter miles south of the Federal 31-29 well, was set up as a 12,600-foot test of the Mesaverde, Castlegate, and Mancos sands.

According to the filing, the Phillips Federal 34-29 produced 648 Mcf of natural gas, 10 barrels of condensate and eight barrels of water on a six-hour flow test of the Mesaverde interval. Gasco's working interest in the Mesaverde intervals is 15%. The test occurred in four fracture-stimulated Mesaverde intervals between 8,936 feet and 11,624 feet using a 16/64-inch choke with a 2,000-psi flowing tubing pressure. The Phillips Federal 34-29 also has Wasatch natural gas potential behind pipe. Gasco owns 75% of the Wasatch pay in this wellbore.

The third well drilled to date, the Federal 24-7, located in Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, approximately seven miles southwest of the Federal 31-29 and Federal 34-29, is currently completed and waiting on pipeline hook-up. No results from the drilling or completion of this well have been announced. Gasco owns a 20% before-pay-out working interest and a 15% after-pay-out working interest.

The company currently holds an average working interest of 45% in approximately 159,000 gross acres in the Riverbend Prospect. Phillips has the right to earn 80 percent of Gasco's interests within their Area of Mutual Interest (AMI) with Gasco holding the remaining 20%. Gasco also holds a 75% to 100% interest in up to 150 shallower Wasatch exploitation locations within the AMI. The Uinta Basin has become an area of significant recent activity. A total of 85 wells with significant penetrations into the Mesaverde formation have been successfully drilled and completed over the past 23 months by various large independent exploration and production companies including El Paso Natural Gas, Dominion Resources and Questar Corp.

Mark Erickson, Gasco President and CEO, said, "The results from these wells further confirm and validate our play concept that a large, regionally extensive basin-centered gas accumulation exists within the Mesaverde formation of the Uinta Basin in Utah. The Federal 24-7 stepout along with existing subsurface well control indicate that the current area for Mesaverde exploitation may cover more than 100 square miles. We are a large acreage holder within this area."

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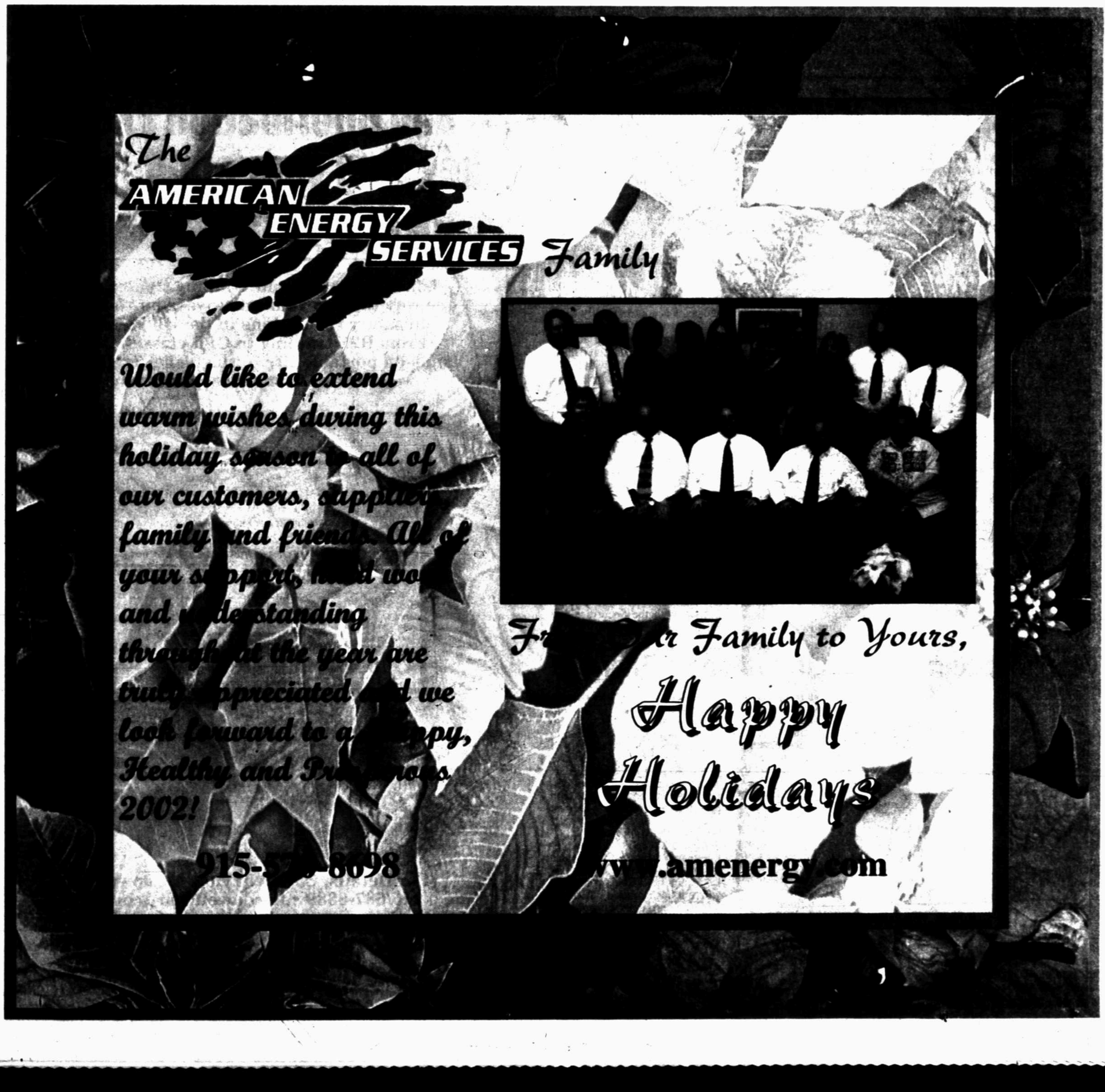
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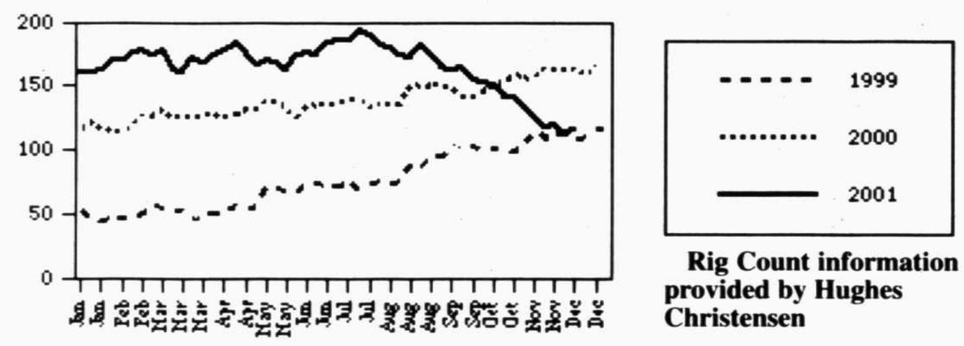
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USA Offshore	146	153	168
Canada	274	257	409
U.S. Directional	250	252	253
U.S. Horizontal	74	72	65
U.S. Gas	769	785	844
U.S. Oil	159	167	242

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Reagan	4	Presidio	0	Motley	0
Runnels	0	Reeves	3	Scurry	1
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		Gaines	1	Basin Total	116
				Year Ago	163

Rig Count Profile



Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Pioneer unveils 2002 budget

DALLAS — Pioneer Natural Resources Co. announced that its Board of Directors has approved a 2002 development and exploration capital budget of $425 million.

Pioneer plans to invest approximately $200 million to essentially complete the development of four significant projects, Canyon Express, Falcon and Devils Tower in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and Sable in the shallow water offshore South Africa.

"We are very excited about 2002. The production and revenue impact from these four projects is expected to begin within seven months and continue to build through 2003, increasing 2002 production 12% to 15% and increasing 2003 production 45% to 50% over 2001 levels," stated Scott D. Sheffield, CEO and Chairman.

Canyon Express, in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, is expected to be the first of these projects to move into the production phase with first production expected in July of 2002, adding over 100 million cubic feet (Mmcf) of natural gas per day to Pioneer's North American natural gas production, an increase of 40% from current levels.

Sable, an oil field in the shallow water offshore South Africa, is scheduled for first production in late 2002. The field is expected to increase Pioneer's worldwide oil production by approximately 12,000 to 13,000 barrels per day or approximately 35% from current levels.

Falcon, a recently announced natural gas discovery in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, is expected to be developed during 2002 for first production in the first quarter of 2003. Pioneer's share of peak production from the field is expected to be approximately 75 Mmcf of natural gas per day and, combined with production from Canyon Express, is expected to increase North American natural gas production approximately 70% from current levels.

Devils Tower, an oil discovery in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, is being developed for first production in the second quarter of 2003. As additional wells are brought on production through the year, the field is expected to reach full production of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 barrels of oil per day net to Pioneer, an increase to worldwide oil production of approximately 25% from current levels.

Pioneer has budgeted approximately $70 million to continue its successful exploration program in 2002. The company plans to drill four to six wells in the Gulf of Mexico, three wells offshore Gabon, two wells offshore South Africa, and two wells in North Africa. Pioneer will continue to drill lower-risk step-out exploration wells onshore U.S. and in Argentina and plans to expand its exploration program in Canada. The company has budgeted approximately $155 million for continued development of its core areas in the U.S., Argentina and Canada.

Hedging Program

Pioneer has significant oil and natural gas hedges in place to protect its cash flow and lock in strong returns. In addition to the hedges monetized during the third quarter, Pioneer recently monetized a portion of its natural gas hedges for 2003 and 2004. The company took the profit on 42.5 million cubic feet per day of its 2003 natural gas hedge position at approximately $3.15 per mcf and 50 million cubic feet per day of its 2004 natural gas hedge position at approximately $3.25 per mcf for a total profit of $26 million that will be recognized over the contract periods in 2003 and 2004. The remaining intrinsic value of Pioneer's 2002 through 2005 oil and natural gas hedges was approximately $167 million, or $1.70 per share. Hedge contracts valued at $7.8 million, including unsettled 2001 contracts, were placed with Enron North America Corp. The remaining contracts are with a diverse group of intermediaries, principally large U.S. banks.

During 2002, Pioneer has hedges covering approximately 60% of expected North American natural gas production at an average NYMEX equivalent price of $4.30 per barrel or greater and approximately 45% of expected worldwide oil production at an average NYMEX equivalent price of $26.00 per barrel or greater. Pioneer has natural gas hedges that extend into 2005 and oil hedges through June of 2003 as outlined in its latest Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Noble acquires assets from Aspect Energy

HOUSTON — Noble Affiliates, Inc. announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Samedan Oil Corp., has entered into an agreement with Denver based Aspect Energy and certain of its affiliates, through which Noble has acquired all of Aspect's current net production from approximately 110 wells located in a fifteen- county/parish area along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

In addition, Noble has acquired a 50% interest in Aspect Resources, LLC which holds Aspect's portfolio of future drilling prospects in this region. The total cost of the acquisition is $125 million. Eighty-five million dollars is allocated to 59 Bcfe of proved developed producing reserves resulting in a cost of approximately $1.44 per Mcfe. Forty million dollars is allocated to the investment in Resources, whose drilling portfolio includes 166 Bcfe of risked resources net to Noble's interest. The full cost of the Aspect Resources component, including acquisition and future exploration and development costs, is estimated to be $1.20 per Mcfe. As part of the agreement, Noble expects to become the operator of all the properties operated by Aspect.

The total acquisition price for existing net production, which totals approximately 57 million cubic feet per day of gas and 1,900 barrels of oil per day, is $85 million and is composed of $55 million in cash, $15 million in stock and $15 million in net assumed liabilities. The net assumed liabilities include $40 million of gross debt offset by $15 million in working capital and $10 million in net unrealized gas hedge gains.

The acquisition price for Resources, which includes over 350 drilling opportunities ranging in depth from 6,000' to 20,000', is $40 million. Noble will also pay an additional $55 million to help fund Aspect's portion of drilling costs over the next two years. Resources' existing staff of approximately 45 geologists, geophysicists, engineers and land personnel will remain in Denver with additional operational staff being provided by Noble.

Aspect has focused its exploration and drilling efforts along a 260-mile stretch of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast (see map) where it has acquired one of the largest contiguous onshore 3D seismic databases in the United States. From Matagorda County, Texas, which is just southwest of Houston to Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, Resources has access to approximately 5,600 square miles of 3D of which 2,100 square miles are proprietary data.

Completions

New Mexico

Chaves County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Engwall RL Fed #4
NW Foor Ranch; T9S, R26E, Sec 4; 1980 FSL 1650 FEL; EL 3856 GR; TD 6510; PBTD 6110; Spud 3-10-01; Comp 6-27-01; production is through treated perfs: 5872-6016; Treat: 6100 gals 20% Hcl, 130,000 gals 65q CO2 foamed 7% gelled KCL + 177,500# sd; IP: 8-1-01 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 2480 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 1000# CP Pkr; API #30-005-63284

Yates Pet. Corp.
George "QJ" Fed #10
Cottonwood Ranch; T6S, R25E, Sec 26; 660 FSL 1500 FWL; EL 3751 GL; TD 5329; PBTD 5285; Spud 7-5-01; Comp 8-14-01; production is through perfs: 4996-5012; IP: 8-14-01 Flow 24 hrs 2765 MCF, 3/8" Ch, TP 800 CP Pkr; API #30-005-63368

Yates Pet. Corp.
Getty PS 18 Fed #5
Pecos Slope; T6S, R26E, Sec 18; 1980 FSL 1060 FWL; EL 3750 GR; TD 5574; PBTD 5050; Spud 2-3-01; Comp 4-10-01; production is through treated perfs: 3771-4023; Treat: Acdz w/2050 gals 7% Hcl, Frac w/74,682 gals WF-135 65q N2 foam + 159,000# 16/30 sd; IP: 5-12-01 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 0 BW, 150 MCF, 15/64" Ch, TP 150; API #30-005-63286

Yates Pet. Corp.
Nitram "AVN" Fed #1
NW Foor Ranch; T8S, R26E, Sec 34; 660 FSL 660 FWL; (Re-Entry of Martin "ADW" Fed #1, P&A, Old TD 6525); EL 3880.6 GR; TD 6525; PBTD 6200; Re-Entered 7-21-01; Comp 4-30-01; production is through treated perfs: 5136-5510; Treat: Acdz w/2300 gals 15% Hcl; IP: 5-1-01 Flow 24 hrs 12 MCF, 8/64" Ch, TP 20, CP Pkr; API #30-005-62326

Eddy County

Mack Energy Corp.
Beech Fed #2
Logan Draw; T17S, R27E, Sec 25; 1650 FSL 1650 FEL; EL 3579 GL; TD 7800; PBTD 7752; Spud 5-31-01; Comp 7-14-01; production is through treated perfs: 6915-6988; Treat: 2000 gals 15% MEFE; IP:7-21-01 Flow 24 hrs 102 BO, 7 BW, 184 MCF, None Ch, GOR 1533, Gty 38; API #30-015-31790

Premier Oil & Gas Inc.
Dale H Parke A Tr 1 #16
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 22; 1650 FSL 430 FWL; EL 3630 GR; TD 5170; PBTD 5142; Spud 3-24-01; Comp 4-19-01; production is through treated perfs:4604-4807; Treat:Acdz w/2000 gals 15% NEFE; IP:4-23-01 Pump 24 hrs 49 BO, 951 BW, 37 MCF; API #30-015-30457

Marbob Energy Corp.
Lee Fed #10
Cedar Lake; T17S, R31E, Sec 20; 2310 FNL 1650 FWL; EL 3639 GL; TD 5231; PBTD 5219; Spud 4-29-01; Comp 7-11-01; production is through treated perfs:4642-5042; Treat:Acdz w/2000 gals 15% Hcl; IP:7-13-01 Flow 24 hrs 27 BO, 685 BW, 48 MCF; API #30-015-30511

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Southern Cross 32 State #1
Antelope Sink; T18S, R24E, Sec 32; 1750 FLS 1980 FWL; EL 3753 GR; TD 8640; PBTD 8591; Spud 5-13-01; Comp 8-8-01; production is through treated perfs:8381-8469; Treat:4000 gals 7.5%-30% methanol; IP:CAOF 3749 MCF, Various Ch, TP 1260, GOR 654.67/1; API #30-015-31302

Lea County

Ocean Energy Inc.
Texaco 5 State #1
North Vacuum; T17S, R35E, Sec 5; 660 FSL 660 FEL; EL 3987 GR; TD 12807; PBTD 12719; Spud 5-18-01; Comp 7-10-01; production is through treated perfs:12295-302; Treat:Frac w/34000 gals 70 q binary foam w/40,000# 20/40; IP:7-24-01 Flow 24 hrs 4 BO, 4 BW, 1161 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 1400, GOR 29025; API #30-025-35497

Louis Dreyfus Nat'l Gas Corp.
Toro "27" #5
Klein Ranch; T19S, R35E, Sec 27; 2220 FNL 2010 FEL; EL 3720 GL; TD 11,129; PBTD 11063; Spud 5-25-01; Comp 8-29-01; production is through perfs:10732-10881; IP:10-10-01 Pump 24 hrs 92.5 BO, 2 BW, 80 MCF; API #30-025-35425

Conoco Inc.
SEMU #153
North Hardy; T20S, R38E, Sec 19; 830 FSL 910 FWL; EL 3532 GL; TD 7850; PBTD 7763; Spud 3-29-01; Comp 9-6-01; production is through perfs:7647-7733; IP:9-12-01 Pump 24 hrs 385 BO, 1415 BW, 396 MCF; API #30-025-35434

Apache Corp.
State "C" Tr 12 #9
Penrose Skelly; T21S, R37E, Sec 16; 600 FNL 1850 FWL; EL 3497 Gr; TD 4200; PBTD 4121; Spud 9-25-01; Comp 10-15-01; production is through treated perfs:3784-3998; Treat:Acdz w/6275 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/4000 gals gel & 80320# 16/30 sd; IP:10-30-01 Pump 24 hrs 106 BO, 227 BW, 800 MCF, GOR 7547, Gty 37.9; API #30-025-35707

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Midland County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
Hence "B" #1303
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Completion; T & P RR Co.; Blk 38, T3S, Sec 13; 750 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 12 miles S of Midland; Comp 10-31-01; Test 11-30-01 24 hrs tested, Pumping 1 "" insert rod pump, 34 BO, 30 MCF, 180 BW, 882 Gas-Oil Ratio; 42.6 Oil Gravity, 70 Casing Pressure; Top of Pay 7593; TD 10101; PBTD 10054; Perfs:7686-7689.5 (14 holes) Upper Spraberry & 8452-8458 (26 holes) Lower Spraberry; Treat:1000 gals 15% HCL/55,574 gals 25# x-linked gel pad/106,312# 20/40 Brady Sand; Perfs:9420-9563 (60 holes) Upper Wolfcamp; Treat:3000 gals 15% HCL/91,332 HCL/91,332 gals 10# linear gel/40,679# 20/40 Brady Sand; Perfs:9826-9918 (60 holes) Lower Wolfcamp; Treat:4000 gals 15% HCL/101,213 gals 10# linear gel/40,379# 20/40 Brady Sand; permit #512757; API #42-329-34643

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
TP Land Trust "A" #3504
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Completion; T & P RR Co.; Blk 40, T3S, Sec 35; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 17 miles S of Midland; Comp 10-25-01; Test 11-25-01 24 hrs tested, Pumping 1 "" insert rod pump, 42 BO, 42 MCF, 132 BW, 1000 Gas-Oil Ratio; 42.6 Oil Gravity, 70 Casing Pressure; Top of Pay 7768; TD 10235; PBTD 10187; Perfs:7851-7854.5 (14 holes) Upper Spraberry & 8663-8669.5 (26 holes) Lower Spraberry; Treat:1000 gals 15% HCL/72,604 gals 25# x-linked gel pad/217,760# 20/40 Brady Sand; Perfs:9508-9604 (60 holes) Upper Wolfcamp; Treat:3000 gals 15% HCL/89,847 gals 10# linear gel/42,139# 20/40 Brady Sand; Perfs:9880-9977 (60 holes) Lower Wolfcamp; Treat:4000 gals 15% HCL/99,843 gals 10# linear gel/40,281# 20/40 Brady Sand; permit #502015; API #42-329-34441

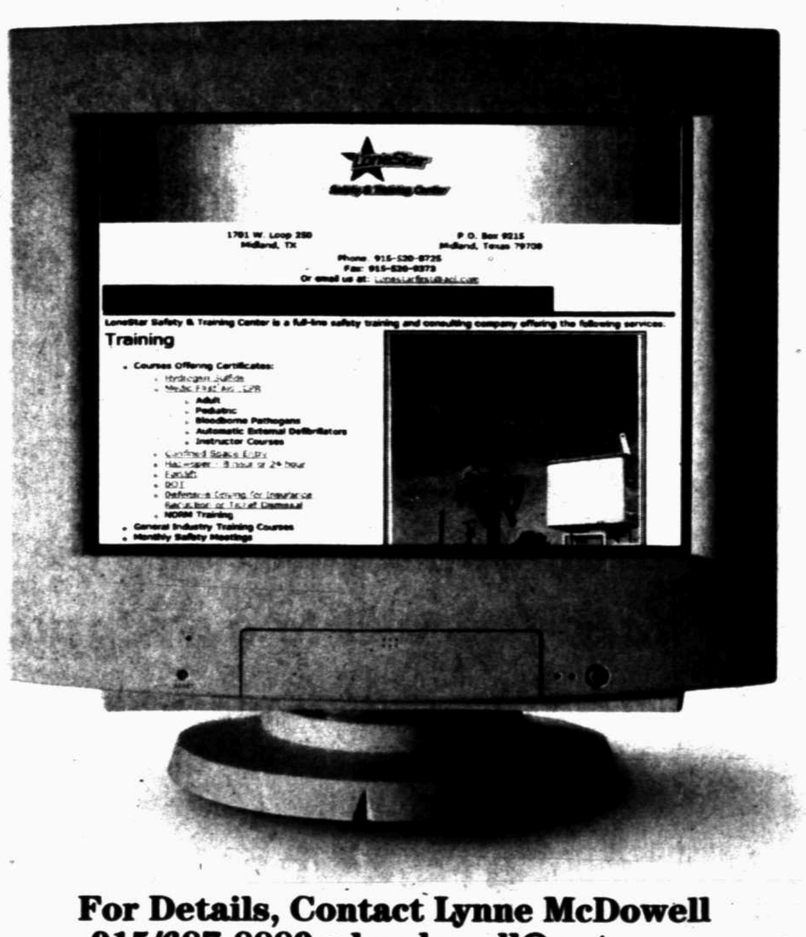
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Gaines County

Breck Oper. Corp.
Clopton #2R
Harris (San Andres)-Completion; PSL/O. Stolley; A-2030, Blk A-23, Sec 20; 467 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 10 miles SW of Seminole; Comp 9-28-01; Test 10-4-01 24 hrs tested, Pumping, Calculated 24 hr rate 7 BO, 1 MCF, 3 BW, 40 Oil Gravity, 20 Casing Pressure, 143 Gas-Oil Ratio; Top of Pay 4814; TD 5315; PBTD N/A; Perfs:4814-4828, 4840-4854, 3000, 2235-1900; Treat:1500 gal 152 + 87 balled, flush w/270 RCL; permit #503403; API #42-165-10749

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Crockett County

RME Pet. Co.
Helbing 14 Unit #8
Ozona, NE. (Canyon Sand)-D; D & SE RR Co./J. T. McInteer; A-5167, Blk QR, Sec 14; 399 FNL 1800 FEL of lse; 1400 FNL 1800 FEL of survey; 9 miles SW of Ozona; obj: 7000; permit #514958; API #105-38778

RME Pet. Co.
Friend 'D' #6
Ozona, East (Ellenburger) & Ozona, NE. (Canyon Sand) & Ozona, SW. (Strawn)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-5167, Blk GH, Sec 93; 2100 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 2100 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 1.80 miles SE of Ozona; obj: 8220; permit #514901; API #105-38777

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Couch 30 #15
Ozona, NE. (Canyon Sand)-Field Transfer; EL & RR RR Co./G. Sandoval; A-4579, Blk QR, Sec 30; 720 FEL 2050 FSL of lse; 720 FEL 2050 FSL of survey; 10.30 miles SW of Ozona; obj: 7100; permit #515224; API #105-38427

Irion County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Sugg 35 #1
My Way (Clear Fork)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-248, Blk 1, Sec 35; 565 FSL 845 FEL of lse; 565 FSL 845 FEL of survey; 6 miles W of Mertzon; obj: 7350; permit #514836; API #235-33800

Schleicher County

Incline Energy
Deal, Otis #2
Buckhorn (Wilberns)-Re-Enter; HE & WT RR Co.; A-454, Blk A, Sec 175; 467 FSL 2200 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 2200 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of El Dorado; obj: 7086; permit #515225; API #413-30117

Sutton County

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Mayfield 46 #14
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; GC & SF RR Co./T. B. Adams; A-1641, Blk D, Sec 46; 437 FNL 1810 FWL of lse; 437 FNL 1810 FWL of survey; 10 miles W of Sonora; obj: 8475; permit #514856; API #435-35660

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Vanderstucken "26" #3
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co./H. Freeman; A-1161, Blk C, Sec 26; 500 FEL 500 FSL of lse; 500 FEL 500 FSL of survey; 10 miles SE of Sonora; obj:5700; permit #514855; API #435-35662

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Ward 127 #14
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-336, Blk B, Sec 127; 1550 FEL 2110 FSL of lse; 1550 FEL 2110 FSL of survey; 6 miles SW of Sonora; obj: 7125; permit #514854; API #435-35663

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Shurley 110 #13
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co./M. B. Atkinson; A-951, Blk B, Sec 110; 500 FEL 575 FSL of lse; 500 FEL 575 FSL of survey; 4 miles SW of Sonora; obj: 6850; permit #514853; API #435-35661

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Vanderstucken "27" #3
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-393, Blk C, Sec 27; 700 FWL 770 FNL of lse; 700 FWL 770 FNL of survey; 10 miles SE of Sonora; obj: 5700; permit #515205; API #435-35677

Terrell County

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Geaslin SW "198" #30
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; T. J. McDaughlin; A-902, Blk Y, Sec 198; 330 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 2310 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 7500; permit #514882; API #443-30909

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Geaslin NW "186" #29
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Mrs. A. M. Dunnam; A-260, Blk Y, Sec 186; 836 FNL 1002 FWL of lse; 836 FNL 1002 FWL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 7500; permit #514881; API #443-30910

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Geaslin SW "204" #31
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Mrs. T. Burngarner; A-42, Blk Y, Sec 204; 796 FSL 892 FWL of lse; 796 FSL 892 FWL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 7500; permit #515237; API #443-30914

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Geaslin SE "204" #32
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Mrs. T. Burngarner; A-42, Blk Y, Sec 204; 630 FSL 760 FEL of lse; 630 FSL 760 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 7500; permit #515236; API #443-30913

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Geaslin NE "199" #34
Geaslin (Wolfcamp)-D; Houston Wheeler; A-1291, Blk Y, Sec 199; 1081 FNL 349 FEL of lse; 1081 FNL 349 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 7500; permit #515235; API #443-30912

Upton County

Arco Permian
McElroy Ranch Co. 119 #22
Wilshire (Consolidated)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-70, Blk D, Sec 119; 550 FNL 561 FEL of lse; 550 FNL 2100 FWL of survey; 17 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11700; permit #514867; API #461-34231

Arco Permian
Windham, R. S. Et Al 118 #24
Wilshire (Consolidated)-Recompletion-Horizontal Well; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./J. E. Smiley; A-968, Blk D, Sec 118; 503 FSL 519 FEL of lse; 2140 FNL 2140 FWL of survey; 18 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11770; permit #514865; API #461-34162

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Andrews County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
King, E. F. #2R
Fuhrman (Glorieta)-Recompletion; PSL/E. F. King; A-1961, Blk A-42, Sec 10; 613 FEL 658 FNL of lse; 613 FEL 1981 FSL of survey; 7.50 miles WSW of Andrews; obj: 6205; permit #515258; API #003-38777

Crane County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M. B. #199
Running W (Wichita-Albany) & Sand Hills (Tubb)&(Wolfcamp)-D; PSL/M. C. O'Neal/M. B. McKnight; A-1105, Blk B-17, Sec 24; 4620 FNL 8580 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 27 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6200; permit #514298; API #103-34872

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M. B. #201
Running W (Wichita-Albany) & Sand Hills (Tubb)&(Wolfcamp)-D; PSL/M. C. O'Neal/M. B. McKnight; A-1105, Blk B-17, Sec 24; 710 FNL 7260 FWL of lse; 710 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 27 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6200; permit #514296; API #103-34873

Chevron USA Inc.
McElroy, J. T., Cons. #356R
McElroy-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-13, Blk F, Sec 215; 2210 FSL 4740 FWL of lse; 2210 FSL 540 FEL of survey; .75 miles N of Crane; obj: 4000; permit #515234; API #103-34878

Chevron USA Inc.
McElroy, J. T., Cons. #1268
McElroy-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./J. T. McElroy; A-1089, Blk F, Sec 202; 7260 FSL 5295 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 15 FEL of survey; 1 mile NE of Crane; obj: 4000; permit #515233; API #103-34877

Ector County

Texon Oil Co. Inc.
Jennifer (Queen) Unit #27
Concho Bluff, North (Queen)-Re-Enter; T & P RR Co.; A-159, Blk 43, T4S, Sec 3; 659 FWL 3315 FNL of lse; 1981 FSL 1981 FEL of survey; 10 miles SE of Odessa; obj: 4500; permit #514825; API #135-35797

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Dickens County

Sullivan, Hollis R. Inc.
Grantham "D" #1
Grantham (Tannehill)-D; W. Ahrenbeck & Bro. #15; A-294, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 353 FWL 2667 FSL of lse; 353 FWL 2667 FSL of survey; 10.60 miles E of Spur; obj: 5500; permit #515188; API #125-30769

Gaines County

Seaboard Oil Co.
Henry #6
Robertson, N. (San Andres)-D; PSL/T. A. Robertson; A-821, Blk A24, Sec 21; 330 FNL 1981 FEL of lse; 330 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 9 miles S of Seminole; obj: 5000; permit #514969; API #165-35799

Seaboard Oil Co.
Henry #5
Robertson, N. (San Andres)-D; PSL/J. Dow; A-454, Blk A-21, Sec 25; 330 FNL 991 FEL of lse; 330 FNL 330 FWL of survey; 9 miles S of Seminole; obj: 5000; permit #514898; API #165-35796

Hale County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Eason #1
Anton-Irish (Wolfcamp)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-266, Blk DT, Sec 13; 911 FNL 470 FEL of lse; 470 FEL 1731 FSL of survey; 8 miles E of Anton; obj: 7500; permit #513909; API #189-30446

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan CO2 Co., L.P.
Sacroc Unit #2135
Kelly-Snyder-D-Directional Well; H & TC RR Co./Z. T. Beasley; A-1881, Blk 97, Sec 249; 16950 FEL 15100 FSL of lse; 2231 FNL 1109 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Snyder; obj: 7200; permit #514906; API #415-33876

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Wade, I. B. #4
Sharon Ridge (Clear Fork)&(1700)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co./J. W. Dosier; A-1955, Blk 97, Sec 141; 330 FEL 990 FNL of lse; 330 FEL 1650 FSL of survey; 4 miles NW of Ira; obj: 2470; permit #514843; API #415-02582

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Wade, I. B. #2
Sharon Ridge (Clear Fork)&(1700)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co./J. W. Dosier; A-1955, Blk 97, Sec 141; 330 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 990 FSL 2300 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Ira; obj: 2480; permit #514847; API #415-02580

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Wade, I. B. #3
Sharon Ridge (Clear Fork)&(1700)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co./J. W. Dosier; A-1955, Blk 97, Sec 141; 330 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 990 FSL 990 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Ira; obj: 2480; permit #514845; API #415-02581

Kinder Morgan CO2 Co., L.P.
Sacroc Unit #2168
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./W. L. Rogers; A-2136, Blk 97, Sec 249; 19800 FEL 17000 FSL of lse; 1266 FNL 1326 FWL of survey; 5 miles NW of Snyder; obj: 7200; permit #515088; API #415-33879

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2550
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-26, Blk D, Sec 829; 3143 FWL 1402 FNL of lse; 2123 FEL 1402 FNL of survey; 2.50 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514950; API #501-34650

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #3562
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/J. Nolan; A-1656, Blk D, Sec 864; 950 FWL 5338 FNL of lse; 950 FWL 65 FNL of survey; 2 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514949; API #501-34649

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #4557
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-49, Blk D, Sec 893; 23724 FEL 13737 FNL of lse; 2604 FEL 2085 FSL of survey; .75 miles W,of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514948; API #501-34648

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #4556
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-49, Blk D, Sec 893; 24362 FWL 13829 FNL of lse; 1927 FWL 2002 FSL of survey; 1 mile W of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514947; API #501-34647

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2661
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/W. Wilkerson 657, Blk D, Sec 828; 9592 FWL 1638 FNL of lse; 959 FEL 1638 FNL of survey; 2.50 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514946; API #501-34646

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #3559
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/S. G. Ivie; A-1688, Blk D, Sec 864; 2241 FWL 6362 FNL of lse; 2241 FWL 1135 FNL of survey; 2 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514945; API #501-34645

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #3558
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/S. G. Ivie; A-688, Blk D, Sec 864; 1299 FWL 6405 FNL of lse; 1299 FWL 1137 FNL of survey; 2 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514943; API #501-34644

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2659
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/W. Wilkerson; A-657, Blk D, Sec 828; 6185 FWL 1224 FNL of lse; 920 FWL 1224 FNL of survey; 2.50 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514942; API #501-34643

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2555
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-26, Blk D, Sec 829; 2101 FWL 5015 FNL of lse; 2101 FWL 243 FSL of survey; 2 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514941; API #501-34642

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2552
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-26, Blk D, Sec 829; 1635 FWL 2955 FNL of lse; 1635 FWL 2309 FSL of survey; 2 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514940; API #501-34641

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #3560
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/S. G. Ivie; A-1688, Blk D, Sec 864; 3177 FWL 6401 FNL of lse; 2107 FEL 1156 FNL of survey; 1.5 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #514938; API #501-34640

New Mexico

Eddy County

Marbob Energy Corp.
Lee Fed #20-Y
T17S, R31E, Sec 20; 330 FNL 2260 FEL of Cedar Lake; 5 miles E of Loco Hills; Rot 6000 Yeso; API #30-015-32087

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #21
T18S, R31E, Sec 12; 1470 FSL 390 FWL of Shugart; 7 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32077

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #22
T18S, R31E, Sec 12; 1220 FSL 2500 FWL of Shugart; 7 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32078

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #23
T18S, R31E, Sec 12; 1200 FSL 1160 FWL of Shugart; 7 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32079

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #24
T18S, R31E, Sec 12; 20 FSL 330 FWL of Shugart; 7 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32080

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #25
T18S, R31E, Sec 12; 20 FSL 1220 FWL of Shugart; 7 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32081

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #26
T18S, R31E, Sec 13; 1100 FNL 330 FWL of Shugart; 8 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3800 Y/Sr/Qu/GB; API #30-015-32082

Ray Westall
Taylor Unit #27
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Lea County

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T21S, R36E, Sec 1; 2990 FSL 450 FEL of Hardy; 2.5 miles E of Oil Center; Rot 7000 Tubb/Drk; API #30-025-35770

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Roosevelt County

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Coke County

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Underwood #1
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./W. Graham; A-1844, Blk A-1, Sec 382; 1320 FSL 1320 FEL of lse; 1320 FSL 1320 FEL of survey; 5 miles NE of Robert Lee; obj: 4900; permit #515072; API #081-31805

Concho County

Clark, John M., Inc.
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Crockett County

RME Pet. Co.
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Tom Green County

Star Prod., Inc.
Sturm, Kevin #1
Wildcat-D; SP RR Co./C. Mullins; A-7250, Blk Dist. 11, Sec 102; 1340 FSL 830 FEL of lse; 1340 FSL 830 FEL of survey; 8 miles E of San Angelo; obj: 4900; permit #515032; API #451-32443

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Howard County

L.C.S. Prod. Co.
Slater #7
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./S. W. Moore; A-1070, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 16; 467 FNWL 669 FWLYNEL of lse; 467 FNWL 1342 FSWL of survey; 5 miles NW of Big Spring; obj: 5999; permit #515130; API #227-35755

Loving County

TMBR/Sharp Drlg., Inc.
Leiman #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/M. H. Reed; A-1352, Blk 75, Sec 9; 1907 FSL 2388 FWL of lse; 1907 FSEL 2388 FSWL of survey; 16 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 22000; permit #515253; API #301-31130

Pecos County

Pure Res., L.P.
Neely 75 #3
Wildcat-Field Transfer; H & GN RR Co.; A-231, Blk 8, Sec 75; 670 FSL 2383 FEL of lse; 670 FSL 2383 FEL of survey; 8 miles ESE of Coyanosa; obj: 6000; permit #515129; API #371-37064

Thompson, J. Cleo
West Ranch #2203
Wildcat-D; T. C. RR Co./J. T. Brown; A-5129, Blk 2, Sec 22; 4813 FWL 9863 FSL of lse; 467 FEL 697 FNL of survey; 27 miles S of Ft. Stockton; obj: 6000; permit #514747; API #371-37125

Naumann Oil & Gas, Inc.
Roadrunner #2
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-3010, Blk 121, Sec 591; 1471 FSL 2389 FEL of lse; 1471 FSL 2389 FEL of survey; 10 miles S of Imperial; obj: 6400; permit #515142; API #371-37129

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Koontz, Doris #2
Wildcat-Recompletion; MEP & P RR Co./J. F. Smith; A-5551, Blk 101, Sec 34; 1380 FEL 1560 FSL of lse; 1380 FEL 1560 FSL of survey; 33 miles SE of Fort Stockton; obj: 16500; permit #515052; API #371-30959

Riata Energy, Inc.
Big Canyon Ranch #1
Wildcat-Re-Enter; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./W. J. Crain; A-5669, Blk 3, Sec 106; 3107 FSEL 5747 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Longfellow; obj: 24075; permit #515031; API #371-36373

Reeves County

Mobil Producing TX. & N.M. Inc.
Ligon, S E 20 #1H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; H & GN RR Co./S. Ligon; A-4791, Blk 7, Sec 20; 2544 FSL 464 FEL of lse; 2544 FSL 464 FEL of survey; 8 miles NW of Cayanosa; obj: 15500; permit #512861; API #389-32231

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Cottle County

Burnett Oil Co., Inc.
Windfohr, A. B. 10 #25
Wildcat-D; R. M. Thompson; A-809, Blk K, Sec 10; 1400 FNL 8060 FEL of lse; 1400 FNL 2780 FEL of survey; 8.50 miles ESE of Paducah; obj: 8900; permit #515033; API #101-30587

Dickens County

Sullivan, Hollis R. Inc.
Pitchfork-Toreador "22" #5
Wildcat-D; R. M. Thomson; A-548, Blk AB, Sec 15; 1807 FNL 3208 FWL of lse; 1807 FNL 192 FEL of survey; 15 miles E of Spur; obj: 5500; permit #515143; API #125-30768

Gaines County

Texland Pet. Inc.
Bailey, E. B. #6
Wildcat-D; PSL/W. D. Bartlett; A-695, Blk A-10, Sec 6; 273 FEL 1599 FNL of lse; 2260 FWL 1599 FNL of survey; 4 miles E of Hobbs; obj: 10200; permit #510854; API #165-35764

King County

Clear Fork, Inc.
Ross-Engler "22" #1
Wildcat-D; R. B. Masterson; A-1161, Blk T, Sec 22; 1784 FEL 1560 FSL of lse; 1784 FEL 1560 FSL of survey; 15 miles E of Guthrie; obj: 6300; permit #515038; API #269-32448

Lamb County

Devon SFS Oper., Inc.
Lancaster #1
Wildcat-D; R. M. Thomson; A-98, Blk I, Sec 32; 467 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 7 miles ENE of Anton; obj: 7500; permit #515196; API #279-30353

Terry County

Great Western Drlg. Co.
Boggs-Davidson #2
Wildcat-D; C & M RR Co./T. A. Holley; A-801, Blk D-14, Sec 18; 2112 FNL 672 FWL of lse; 2112 FNL 672 FWL of survey; 16 miles NW of Brownfield; obj: 8200; permit #515079; API #445-31975

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Shell, Saudi Refining sign agreement to acquire Texaco stake in refineries

HOUSTON — Shell Oil Company and Saudi Refining, Inc. have signed definitive agreements to acquire Texaco Inc.'s interests in Equilon Enterprises LLC (Equilon) and Motiva Enterprises LLC (Motiva).

Under terms of the transactions, initially announced October 9, 2001, SRI will own 50 percent of Motiva while Shell will own the other 50 percent of Motiva and 100 percnet of Equilon. The transactions, which are subject to the approval of governmental authorities, are expected to conclude in January 2002.

Motiva operates primarily in the eastern United States and includes nearly 4,800 Shell-branded gasoline stations, almost 8,200 Texaco-branded stations, four refineries and a network of oil products terminals. In July 1998, Shell's eastern and Gulf Coast refining and marketing businesses were combined with similar operations owned by Star Enterprise, a joint venture between Texaco and Saudi Refining, Inc., through the formation of Motiva.

Equilon operates primarily in the Western United States, and includes approximately 4,500 Shell-branded gasoline stations and nearly 4,500 Texaco- branded gasoline stations, four refineries, a lubricants business and an extensive pipeline and terminal network. Equilon was formed in January 1998, when Shell's western and midwestern refining, marketing, trading, transportation and lubricants businesses were combined with similar operations of Texaco.

Shell Oil Company, including its consolidated companies and its share in equity companies, is one of America's leading oil and natural gas producers, natural gas marketers, gasoline marketers and petrochemical manufacturers. Shell Oil is the leading oil and gas producer in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and is a recognized pioneer in oil and gas exploration and production technology. Shell Oil Company is an affiliate of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies.

Saudi Refining, Inc. (SRI) is a subsidiary of Aramco Services Company, headquartered in Houston, Texas. In addition to managing its 32.8 percent joint venture investments, SRI sells approximately 525,000 barrels of crude a day to Motiva, which has a refining capacity of approximately 800,000 barrels per day.

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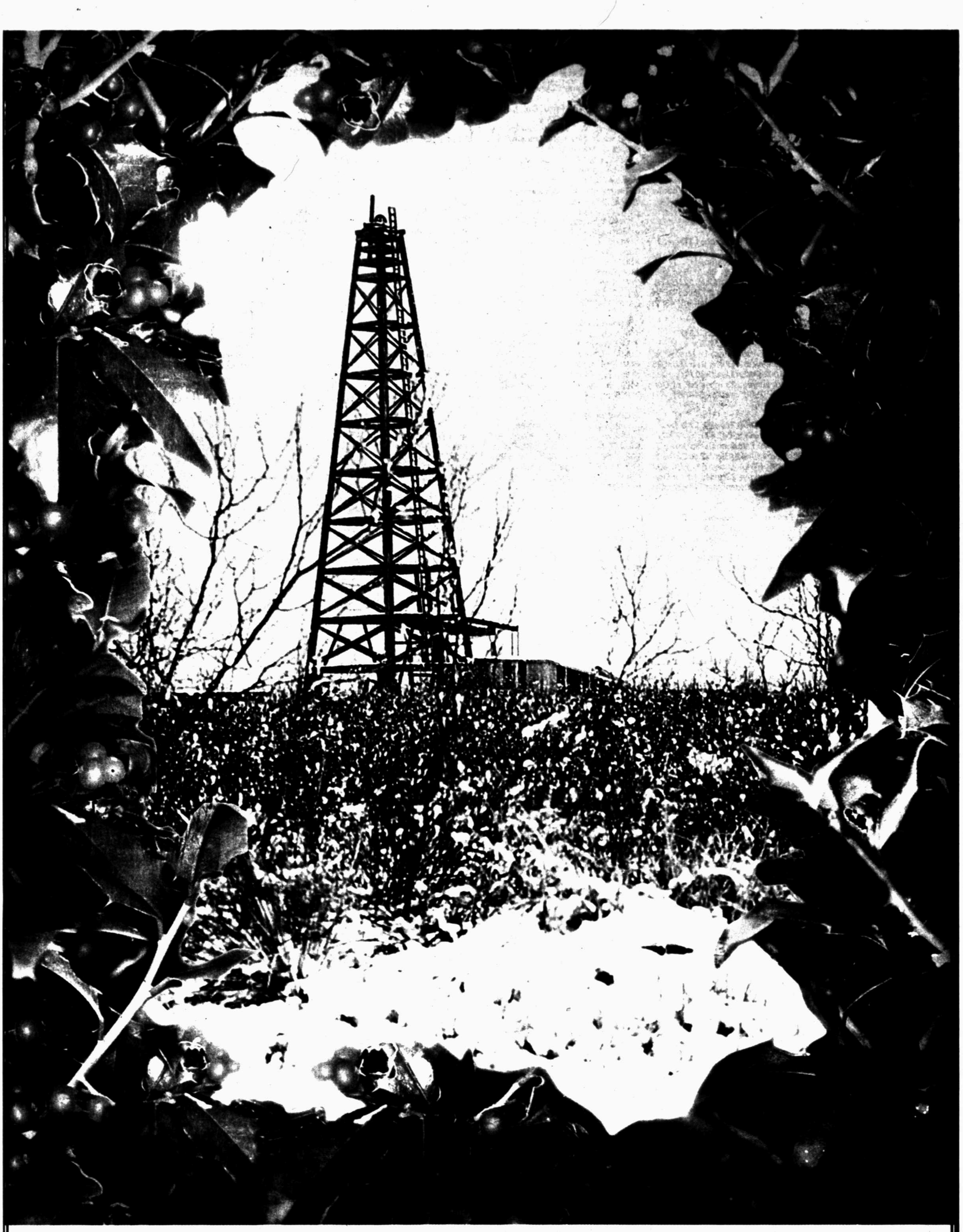
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Santa Fe Opera apprentices Deborah van Renterghem, Michael Ryan and Zeffin Quinn Hollis, in the top hat, performed selections from "Bastien and Bastienne" for Midland Opera Theater during the 2001 season. This coming spring, another apprentice group from the New Mexico opera company will perform here.

Midland Opera Theater to kick off 2002 season

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The success of opera through the centuries has been due to its composers; it has survived as an art form because it has offered great music. This coming year, Midland Opera Theater continues in its commitment to bring that music to its patrons.

"We are going to have a nice season starting with the fund-raiser Jan. 19 and bringing Rob Hunt, whom we all love dearly, back to Midland for an evening of his renditions on the piano," said Lucy Lee, vice president of the non-profit organization, noting MOT recently has mailed out information on its 2002 offerings.

On April 2, Santa Fe Opera Company's Apprentice Program, sponsored by MOT, will offer a free evening of opera at Midland College's Wagner and Brown Auditorium.

"Santa Fe Opera has been very good to give us their apprentice program," said Lee Harley, incoming president. "And this has always been a highlight for those of us who enjoy opera."

Next up will be a local favorite, Opera in the Park on April 28. The event will feature former Midlander Heather Johnson, a coloratura soprano, and tenor Nicholas Watts of Yorkshire. Both are attending the Royal College of Music in London, England. Miss Johnson, who was in town recently, traces her love for opera to her father, Tom Johnson, taking her to "every Midland Opera Theater performance" since she was a child.

"I remember the first one I ever saw was 'Carmen,' and it always stuck with me because it was such a memorable performance," Miss Johnson said. "I remember being mesmerized by these people who were singing so amazingly. And it's just one of those things you think as a child — 'I want to do that, too.' And I just love the music. I feel very blessed that I have the ability to sing."

Also on the program April 28 will be the choir from Trinity School, directed by Darryl Knapp, performing selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado."

"And we're repeating 'The Grasshopper Opera,' which is a spoof on opera," Ms. Harley said. "This will be sung by members of the board and friends of Midland Opera Theater."

Admission to the special MOT fund-raiser at Midland Country Club featuring Hunt, former conductor of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., is $125 per person and includes dinner. Admission to Opera in the Park, held at Midland Center, is $25 per person and includes dinner. For more information call 520-7515.

"This is a well-received program" Ms. Lee said of Opera in the Park. "Everybody that comes really enjoys it."

The season is flexible. MOT has in past years brought traveling opera companies here and continues to look for quality performances that could become a part of the 2002 sea-

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She's gone COUNTRY



AT LEFT: June Brake of Odessa, holds her more than 60 concert tickets she has kept from all the different country artists she has seen, many from the front row. BELOW LEFT: One of the pictures in June Brake's collection is this one of her getting a big hug from Garth Brooks.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Country's 'biggest fan' has room set aside for collection

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Country music covers everything from Jimmie Rodgers to Faith Hill, from Willie Nelson to George Strait and from Charlie Daniels to Robert Earl Keen. Country's fans tend to love their performers, and with that love comes a little dedication.

June Brake of Odessa has an entire room of her house set aside for country music. The walls are covered with posters, pictures and autographs. The window is covered with a curtain Ms. Brake fashioned out of bandannas she bought at concerts. A close-to-life-size George Strait stands in the corner.

The walls in Ms. Brake's dining room also are covered with autographs and pictures. The freezer part of her refrigerator is nearly covered with concert magnets.

Her interest in country music comes from her childhood in Minnesota. As Alan Jackson would say, "Daddy had a radio. He tuned it to a country show," and a country-music fan was born.

She began her collection in 1990 when she got her first autograph, Robin Lee, at the then-open Cac-

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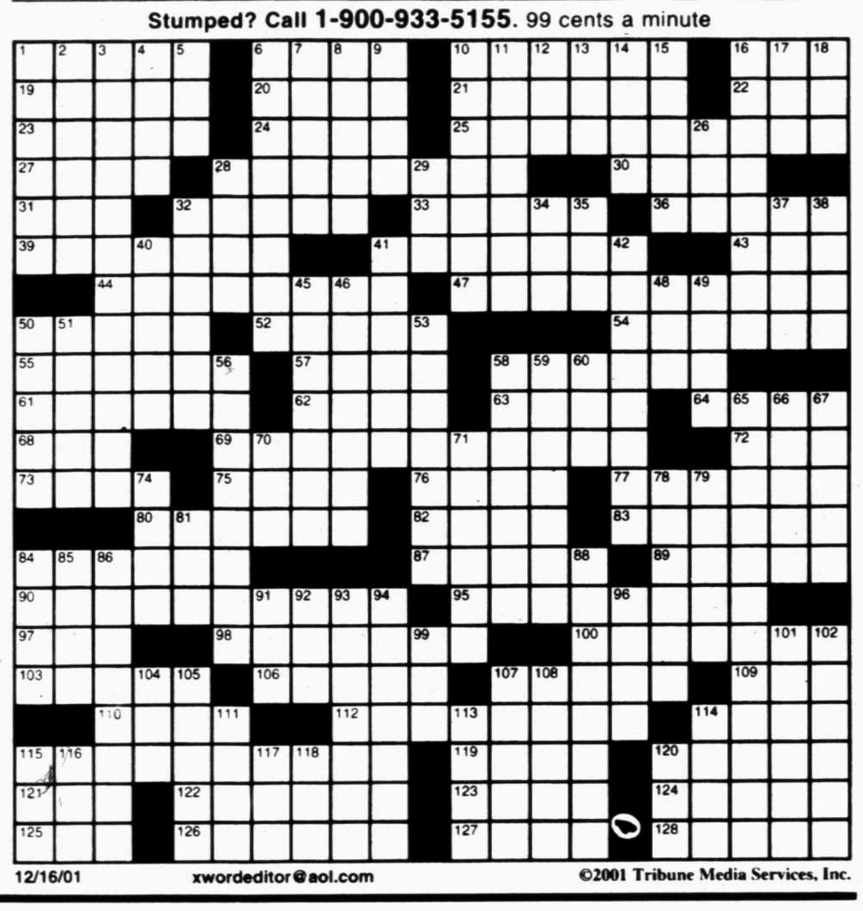
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"WHAT A BUNCH OF CARDS" By ELIZABETH C. GORSKI

ACROSS
1 "Glengarry Glen Ross" playwright
6 Flat land
10 Whole
16 Safari sight
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20 Author Kingsley
21 Épée artist
22 Alliance since '48
23 President who appeared on "Laugh-In"
24 Paris hangout
25 Noted scythe-carrier
27 Lowers?
28 Yak
30 Campus bigwig
31 Computer add-on
32 Dirties
33 __ the hole
36 Church holding
39 Columbo and others
41 Barrel attachment?
43 Cinque follower
44 Continent, e.g.
47 Tom Hanks' "Punchline" role
50 Beethoven's "__ Solemnis"
52 Words before rocks or ropes
54 Whitewashes
55 Clowning Kelly
57 Votes for
58 Dressed (up)
61 Desists
62 Playwright Connelly
63 "Only Time" singer
64 Down-Under birds
68 Wheels, so to speak
69 "On the Town" librettist
72 __ glance
73 Tiny toilers
75 Like a Stradivarius
76 Historic times
77 Verve
80 Kind of roll
82 Proceeded
83 With verve
84 Sumptuous fabrics
87 "Just Shoot Me" actor George
89 Al of "Today"
90 "The Best is Yet to Come" author
95 Anne Baxter's "Walk on the Wild Side" role
97 Nonexistent
98 Some vacation trips
100 Rich
103 Dip with zip
106 Arrived
107 "Uh-uh!"
109 Hole goal
110 Two-master
112 Vespucci and Gucci
114 "Casablanca" role
115 Living Legends Grammy winner of 1990
119 Cutting word
120 Valuable viola
121 Answer to a bailiff
122 Plaza sweet
123 Broadway opener
124 Ham alternative
125 Some TVs
126 Extent
127 Idée's source
128 Chapel cries

DOWN
1 Hashes
2 Melodic piece
3 Agent 99's lover
4 Seth's son
5 10th anniversary symbol
6 Tough-guy trait
7 Click on the "Send" button
8 Separates
9 "Hold on __!"
10 Obliterates
11 Most orderly
12 Explosive letters
13 German 101 word
14 Bagpipes, for one
15 Goofed
16 Incidents
17 "Platoon" setting, briefly
18 Apply
26 Confucian path
28 Firewood measure
29 "Told ya!"
32 100-member group
34 Social finish
35 Great Basin st.
37 Disappear, with "away"
38 Fosters
40 Tiffany treasures
41 Minor key of the "Moonlight Sonata"
42 Opposite of boards
45 Nowadays
46 Crook
48 Dundee denial
49 "La Symphonie pastorale" author
50 Much-visited place
51 "__ you no harm"
53 Shuns
56 Followers of Nicholas I
58 Drive crazy
59 Not great, as an eatery
60 Cleaning agent
65 1977 Supporting Actress Emmy winner
66 Of service
67 Lascivious man-horse of myth
70 Bonn article
71 Welcomes
74 Peel
78 Water source
79 Inclined
81 Literary collection
84 Transgressions
85 Reebok competitor
86 Stirs up the hounds
88 Tart dessert
91 Syncopated piece
92 "The X-Files" subj.
93 "Piano Lesson" artist
94 "__, why so pale?": Suckling
96 Cain and Abel, e.g.
99 __ jiffy
101 "For Your Eyes Only" singer
102 Water ways
104 Japanese honorific
105 Having bristles, as wheat
107 Pained response
108 1945 "Carousel" star
111 Sparky with 238 career saves
113 Would-be D.A.'s exam
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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001:
You're unusually directed this year. You will want to strengthen your foundations and add to your security. Anything becomes possible with an associate's or key partner's help. Together you can make waves financially as well as emotionally, if you have that type of relationship. Opportunities will generally come from others. Picking and choosing the best offers will remain paramount. If you are single, you will value a relationship much more than in prior years. At any point this year, you could hook up with someone important. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish if you don't become too controlling. Know what you want. CAPRICORN appreciates you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Grab family members and pile into the car for a holiday happening or maybe just an old-fashioned day out in the country. You cannot help but feel as if your mind isn't present. Your concerns surround work or an older family member or friend. Tonight: Up late.
This week: You add that extra snap, crackle and pop through Wednesday. Success becomes you. Vanish if you can from Thursday on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your plate is full. You want to visit with friends — finish off some holiday errands. Return calls and e-mail. Others seek you out and could easily waylay plans. Remember the spirit behind this season. Stop and take time with those who count. Tonight: Relax to a favorite TV show.
This week: You put the salt and pepper on the action. Handle responsibilities quickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You enjoy a loved one to no end. You naturally want to spend time with this person and spoil him or her. By pampering this person, you recognize that you are also indulging yourself. Share hot chocolate together as you go to a favorite restaurant or holiday spot. Tonight: Enjoy.
This week: Take off, if you can. You simply won't be here as the "ho, ho, ho" spirit takes over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your positive attitude helps someone calm down. Drop in on family and/or friends and all will have a great time together. So much happens so fast that you might lose direction. Why worry? Just enjoy the moment. Share your holiday spirit.
This week: Touch base with close work associates before Thursday, when you need to handle other matters and perhaps take off for the holidays.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Dig into work and follow through on a hunch. Invite a friend or loved one to join in on a project close to your heart. By sharing this experience, you develop a new closeness. Express more of your inner thoughts. Tonight: Relax. You benefit from downtime.
This week: Others seek out the very popular Lion. Make it a point to join friends at various parties and celebrations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You're unusually inspired this holiday season, partially because you feel as if you have been given a lot of gifts. Share feelings with a child or loved one. Gratefulness breeds abundance. Someone surprises you with his or her generosity. Tonight: Play away.
This week: Dig into work Monday. Clear out errands. The first three days could be exhausting, but you'll love partying from Thursday on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might feel like you're at a taffy pull and you are the taffy. You still have some matters at work and outside your domestic life to deal with. Yet a close loved one demands your attention. See how well you can juggle everything and keep smiling!
This week: Your frisky and fun ways draw many to you. If you have any shopping or last-minute errands left on Thursday, you panic. Don't worry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Speak your mind and reach out for others. Your sense of humor and perspective helps those around you let go of holiday stress, easing some of your tension as well. Catch up on friends' news. Get together for hot cider or eggnog. Tonight: At a favorite spot!
This week: Family and domestic matters break your concentration at work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Juggle finances with care, especially with a spendthrift partner who likes to splurge. This person has no limits, as you are most aware. Even with your generous nature, you might have to put your foot down. Don't let someone run away with your funds! Tonight: Have a money chat.
This week: You run around like a chicken with his or her head cut off Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others seek you out, though you certainly have your own set of plans. Someone knows how to entice you to toss structure and commitments away. Be with friends; walk among the crowds. Someone might ask you to volunteer for something. Say yes. Tonight: Everyone follows your suggestion.
This week: Financial matters take priority through Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Assume a low profile and be very comfortable and relaxed. Don't push hard; do only what you want. You actually have fun getting holiday projects done and float into your own world. Play Christmas carols. Why shouldn't you sing away? Tonight: Don't make plans. Just float.
This week: You're feeling your Wheaties this week. Your magnetism speaks volumes, drawing others to you. You're already celebrating the holidays.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Maximize the positive people energy that surrounds you. Play with a loved one until your heart's content, but also make time for friends. Let your nostalgia come out. Go ice-skating with a child or see a Christmas show or concert.
This week: You have a lot on your mind and could be a bit blue up to Thursday. When you hit your power days — Thursday and Friday — you become an unstoppable force.

Goren Bridge

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 9
♡ K 8 5
◇ 10 7
♣ J 8 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 4
♡ J 10 6 3
◇ A K Q J 9 2
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ J 7 6 5 2
♡ A 7 4
◇ 6 5
♣ K 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8 3
♡ Q 9 2
◇ 8 4 3
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
3◇	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ◇

If you were to ask us to name the three people who contributed most to the game of contract bridge, we would not hesitate a moment. For their skills at promoting the game and, in the process, themselves, Ely Culbertson and Charles Goren have no peer. But none of that would have been possible without the genius of Harold "Mike" S. Vanderbilt. Born into one of the richest families in the land, law graduate from Harvard, three-time defender of the America's Cup, his most enduring legacy is his transformation of auction bridge into the game we know today.

On a cruise in October 1925, he and some friends developed the modern version of the game and drafted an almost perfectly balanced scoring table that exists almost intact to this day. At the suggestion of a lady whose name has been lost in the mists of time, he introduced the concept of "vulnerability" that put the icing on the cake. Backed by his social standing, contract bridge quickly became one of the most popular of card games.

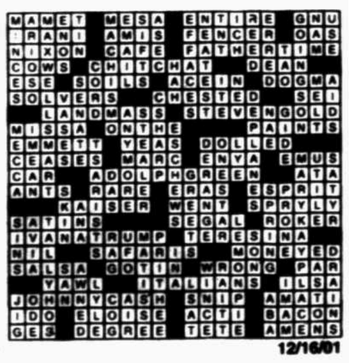
Vanderbilt was a player of considerable skill. His Vanderbilt Club bidding system became the foundation of the Italian big one-club systems which dominated the bridge world for two decades.

If the auction seems a bit creaky by modern standards, it is because it is from a rubber bridge game in the 1930s. In those days North's three spades, a "free" bid, showed additional values so Vanderbilt, despite having nothing in reserve and only four trumps, elected to push on to game since all his partner's cards rated to be working.

West cashed two top diamonds and, had the suit been continued, the contract would surely have been defeated. At trick three, however, West shifted to the jack of hearts, and that was all declarer needed. Dummy and East both followed low and South won in hand with the queen. A heart to the eight lost to the ace and, with nothing better to do, East exited with a heart to the king.

Reading the cards perfectly, Vanderbilt ran the nine of spades and, when that held, abandoned trumps in favor of leading the jack of clubs, which held, then repeating the club finesse. After cashing the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed the remaining diamond with the ace of trumps as East underruffed helplessly. No matter what card declarer led from dummy, Vanderbilt had to score the last three tricks with K Q 8 of trumps.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



12/16/01



THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, 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 fourth annual Art in the Park, featuring sculptures at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: A variety of Christmas favorites, 2:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Reduced admission charged.

Crestview Baptist Church: CONCERTS: "Christmas Is Calling You Home," presented by The Worship Choir, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.; and Ensembles Christmas Music Concert, 6:15 p.m., 3300 Thomas, 694-7701. Free admission.

Downtown Midland, Inc.: EXHIBIT: "Toy Truck" by Jim Robertson, "Milestone 1995" by Tim Glover, and "Roughly Endless" by Randy Jewart, sculptures on display in Centennial Plaza, Loraine and Wall Street. Free.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASSES: Adventures in Art, classes for ages 6-12, held one Sunday each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuition required. Next class on Jan. 13 features paper art. Call 550-9696. EXHIBIT: A Meditation of Fire: Ceramics by James Watkins, nationally known West Texas artist, author, Texas Tech architecture professor, through Dec. 23. EXHIBIT: Faith Ringgold: A Mini-Retrospective, featuring her story quilts, soft sculptures, drawings and works on paper, through Jan. 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Free admission.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: "From Taos and Texas," features the works of three artists, Robert Batterton, Thomas Hölzer, and Kitt Blair Beck, through Jan. 6. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Regular gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Globe Theatre: PERFORMANCE: "Nutcracker Magic," a show for children by children, presented by The Dance Connection, 2:30 p.m., 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 580-3177 or 332-1586. Admission charged.

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: McCormick Art Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield, 685-4554. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thur. 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. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Oliver," 2 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITS: Permanent exhibits: Indian artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and 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; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. Call 682-2931. Free tours.

Midland Festival Ballet and Midland-Odessa Symphony: PERFORMANCE: "The Nutcracker," 2:30 p.m., Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely, Midland, 570-8095 or 570-0564. Admission charged.

Midland Gallery: EXHIBIT: An eclectic collection of art from around the world, Colonnade Shopping Center, 4610 N. Garfield, Suite A-2. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment, 694-8761.

Museum of the Southwest: HOLIDAY EVENT: Fourth annual "Christmas at the Mansion" fundraising event features holiday activities and exhibits, including carolers, appearances by Santa on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23, open gift shop through Dec. 23, decorated trees and train exhibit, continuing through Jan. 2. Free admission, charge for some activities. EXHIBIT: David FeBland: Painting, part of the Contemporary Artist Series, through Dec. 31, Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension, sculpture selections. EXHIBIT: John James and John Woodhouse Audubon, Hogan Gallery, 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. Call 915 335-6646 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: "Hands Can!" a temporary exhibit, through Jan. 6. Museum hours are Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1500 I-20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: "A Reflection of Colonial Mexico: Traditional Ceramics of Guanajuato," through Jan. 5. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged adults.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 S. Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: 2001 Freshman/Sophomore Exhibition, through Jan. 3. 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: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Paintings by member artist Virginia Hanley on display, Monday-Friday, banking hours, Bank United lobby, 401 W. Texas.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Palette Club artist Reba Loyd, Monday-Friday, banking hours, Bank One lobby, 2301 W. Wall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

First Presbyterian Church: CLASSES: Fine Arts School fall semester, through January 11, is on holiday through Jan. 4, 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Tuition required.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Museum hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

Petroleum Museum: HOLIDAY EVENT: Christmas Community Sing-along, sheet music, cocoa, cookies, and coffee provided, 7-8 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

The Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin: BROWN BAG LUNCH: Brown Bag Educational Series, held each Wednesday at noon in the classroom. Today's topic "Not a Rhyme Time," looks at an era of cultural revolution in which black artists challenge mainstream aesthetics, identity and power, 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-9696. Free admission.

Museum of the Southwest: LUNCHEON: Enjoy lunch at the Mansion with live entertainment, featuring gourmet lunches on fine china with carolers entertaining. Limited seating, reservations required by Monday prior, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Currently on display, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple, Odessa, 1-915-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Afternoon tea and live entertainment, featuring Christmas favorites by some of the area's finest musicians, 3-4:30 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: "The Story of Silent Night," 8 p.m., followed by telescope viewing, weather permitting, Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Regular admission charged.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOWS: A variety of Christmas favorites, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Reduced admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Annual fundraising event features decorated trees, Southwest Express train exhibit, shopping at the gift shop, caroling by local choirs, an appearance by Santa, punch and cookies served, 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free admission, charge for some activities.

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 karen@artsassembly.net or linda@artsassembly.net; http://www.artsassembly.net.

✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 16-22

Sunday, Dec. 16

Play

"Oliver!" is being presented by Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., at 2 p.m. today. Admission is $14. The production is rated G. For more information call 570-4011.

Ballet

Midland Festival Ballet and the Midland-Odessa Symphony will present "The Nutcracker" at 2:30 p.m. today at Lee High School. For tickets call Chris Nevarez at 570-8095 or 570-0564.

Production

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse will be holding auditions for its production of "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit," by Ray Bradbury, at 8 p.m. today and 6 p.m. Monday at 310 W. 42nd. St.

Needed are Hispanic/Latin/Mexican American men and women of all ages, who can move or dance and artists of Hispanic/Latin/Mexican American subject matter, of all mediums. Scripts available at the theater. For more information call 550-5456 or 362-3929.

Art exhibit

Gallery 1114 is hosting the works of three artists, Robert Batterton, Thomas Holzer, and Kitt Blair Beck, "From Taos and Texas" through Jan. 6. Regular gallery hours are 105 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The works of Faith Ringgold — acclaimed artist, author, and story-teller — are on display at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University, in a mini-retrospective through Jan. 13. The exhibit features her story quilts, soft sculptures, drawings and works on paper.

Ms. Ringgold is best known for her painted story quilts — art that combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling— and her popular children's books such as "Tar Beach," "Dinner at Aunt Connie's House," "The Invisible Princess" and "My Dream of Martin Luther King." Copies of books by Ms. Ringgold are for sale at the museum.

Call the museum at (915) 550-9696 for more details. Admission is free. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Modern art

FORT WORTH— "Trenton Doyle Hancock: The Life and Death of #1 and Who" will remain open until Jan. 20 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. The museum is located at 1309 Montgomery St. For more information call 817-738-9215.

Photo exhibit

HOUSTON — The 2000 BG Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition submissions are on display at the Museum of Natural Science until Jan. 13. The 2000 competition received more than 19,000 entries from more than 60 countries. Britain's Manoj Shah captured the winning photograph of a young orangutan cradled in her mother's arms. Winning photographer of the year was 17-year-old Kobe Van Looveren from Belgium who won for his image of a butterfly in a corn meadow.

Admission to the exhibition is included in the regular museum admission which is free for members, $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 3 to 11 and $3 for seniors ages 62 and older. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 713-639-4629.

Monday, Dec. 17

Museum exhibit

The traveling exhibit "Hands Can!" is on display at The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum until Jan. 6. The exhibit illustrates how hands are the primary means by which people explore, play and communicate. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For group tours or more information call 683-4403.

Art exhibit

Virginia Hanley's paintings and prints are being displayed at Bank United's lobby this month. She is an art/education graduate of East Texas University. Ms. Hanley is a member of Midland Art Association, the Art Assembly of Midland and the Palette Club.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Art classes

First Presbyterian Church will have fine arts school fall semester through Jan. 11, 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Tuition required.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The Mexican Consulate of Midland and the Presidential Museum are presenting a two-part exhibition "A Reflection of Colonial Mexico: Traditional Ceramics of Guanajuato." The exhibit is on display in the Presidential Museum through Jan. 5. The museum is located at the corner of Seventh and Lee Streets in downtown Odessa. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Students and preschoolers are admitted for free. For more information call 1-915-332-7123.

Friday, Dec. 21

Nativity scenes

DALLAS — A collection of 500 nativity scenes from around the world is on display in the historic DeGolyer Home through Dec. 31. Tours are being held daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for seniors 65 and older and $3 for children ages 3-12. Children ages 2 and younger and admitted for free. On-site parking is $3. For more information call 214-328-5335.

Art exhibit

TAOS, N.M. — The Millicent Rogers Museum presents "Sobre Muerte: Altars in Celebration of All Souls' Day" through Jan. 6.

For the exhibit, 13 artists were asked to create personal altars in celebration of death. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Mondays and November through March and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for seniors and students, $4 for New Mexico residents with ID, $12 for families and $1 for children. For more information call 505-758-2462.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Art exhibit

ALBANY — The Old Jail Art Center is hosting "The French Connection: Murray Bewley and James Blake" through Feb. 10. The exhibit features the work of two Fort Worth artists separated by two generations and linked by the inspiration of long-term residence in France. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Western paintings

OKLAHOMA CITY — A retrospective of Tom Ryan's works, "The Brotherhood of Man: Tom Ryan and the Cowboys of the 6666 Ranch," is on exhibit at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum through Dec. 31. The show will feature the largest grouping of Ryan's paintings ever assembled. A collection of black and white photos as well as 70 paintings will be displayed. Ryan lives in Midland.

Upcoming In Midland-Odessa

Concert

The Midland Opera Theater will sponsor Rob Hunt, former Midland-Odessa Symphony conductor in concert at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Midland Country Club. Dinner will be served. The event is a fund raiser for the 2002 season of the Midland Opera Theater. Cost is $125 per person, and a table for eight is $1,000. Reservations can be made by calling 520-7515. Or send checks to 2826 Haynes Dr., Midland, Texas 79705.

Improv

"Improv at the Yucca!" will take place Jan. 11-12 and 18-19 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. Curtain time is 8 p.m. This is an Act IX fund raiser benefiting Midland Community Theatre. Tickets are $10. The show is not recommended for children. For more information call 682-4111.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The Ellen Noël Art Museum will exhibit more than 30 paintings, 12 papel picados (intricate paper cutouts) and two metal cutouts by renowned Mexican-American artist Carmen Lomas Garza. The exhibit opens on Jan. 8 and runs through April 18.

In a special collaboration with the UTPB, a co-exhibit of the multi-media work "Ofrenda para Antonio Lomas, 2001," by Ms. Garza will be installed at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB and displayed concurrently with the museum's exhibit.

Ms. Garza will visit the Ellen Noël Art Museum for a community day event open to the public at the Ellen Noël Art Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 12. There will be a gallery talk, a book signing, Mariachis, art activities, refreshments and dance performances.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum is located at 4909 E. University Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge. For more information call 550-9696.

Art classes

ODESSA — The Ellen Noël Art Museum presents Adventures in Art, a program of art appreciation, art history and creative studio art classes for students ages 6 through 12. Held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month, these classes provide an experience of looking at, talking about and creating unique artwork.

Each class will tour the gallery and then have a hands-on studio art class in the museum's classroom. All instructors are qualified art teachers from across the Permian Basin. Parents are welcome to attend.

Upcoming classes include paper art Jan. 13, painting Feb. 3, book making March 24, collage April 7 and abstract arts May 5. For more information, call the museum at 550-9696. The museum is located at 4909 E. University Blvd. and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Auditions and Contests

Art show

The Midland Arts Association is accepting entries for the 2002 Spring Juried Art Exhibition through Jan. 25. Entries in oil/acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, photography, pastel and three-dimensional will be judged by 35mm slides. Works must be appropriately framed and wired for hanging. Weight limit is 50 pounds, and size limit is 50 inches-by-50 inches. Only original work that was completed in the last two years without supervision is accepted. Computer art is not eligible. Submit up to three slides. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call Nancy Henderson at 697-2479 or Herb Cooper at 683-2295.

Pageant

The Ms. Wheelchair Texas Achievement Program is seeking women to participate as contestants in their pageant. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, between the ages of 21 and 60 for the Ms. category and 13 and 20 for the Junior Miss category. They must use a wheelchair as the primary means of mobility outside the home. The pageant will be held April 3-7 in San Antonio. Participants are judged on their communication skills, self image, initiative and accomplishments since the onset of their disability. For more information call Cherry Patton at 817-491-0331. Deadline for entering is Feb. 15.

Poem competition

The Bards of Burbank is accepting entries for its Religious Competition 2002. Entries must be 21 lines or less. The competition deadline is Jan. 1. Poems may be sent to Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W Olive Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91506, or entered online at www.freecontest.com.

Art show

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association is accepting entries for its 44th Annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition which will be on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum Feb. 15 through March 17. Deadline for entering is Feb. 9.

Categories are oil/acrylics, photography, watercolor, pastels, graphics/mixed media and sculpture/pottery/3-dimensional work. Awards include $200 for best in show, $100 for first place, $50 for second place and $30 for third place. Entry fee is $6 per entry for OAA members and $8 per entry for nonmembers.

Entries must have been completed in the last two years without supervision, and they must be original work. Artists must be at least 18 years old. Entries can be not be larger than 40 inches by 40 inches including frame, and entries must be wired for hanging. Entries cannot have been previously exhibited in OAA shows or at the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Juror will be Tim Norman, an oil painter with 19 years of professional experience. For more information or to request an order form, call show chairman Sireesha Amaram at 367-0833.

Video festival

The Dallas Video Festival is accepting entries until Jan. 8. There are no thematic or content restrictions. Categories include experimental, documentary, music video, animation, video art, feature, multimedia or any style/genre. Texas entries under 25 minutes are eligible for the Texas Show. Register online at www.videofest.org and find more festival rules and information. Entries must be submitted in VHS NTSC. Entry fees are $25 for members of the Video Association of Dallas, $35 for nonmembers and $20 for students with valid ID.

Arts Organizations and People in the News

Sculpture winners

The Arts Assembly of Midland recently announced the winners of the Hogan Park Golf Driving Range contest. Winners are Midlanders Mary Griffith and John Etheridge, Odessan Nancy Dye Molinar and Wayne Rossi of Dripping Springs.

Published artwork

Artwork by Midlander Michael C. Hagemann, age 11, son of Lyndon B. Hagemann, was published in the December issue of Farm Collector Magazine. Hagemann, who drew a picture of a John Deere tractor, is a fifth grader at Washington Elementary School.

Art program

Jeff Schneider, a 1996 graduate of Greenwood High School, recently completed a five-year art program at Texas Tech University where he has worked in various art mediums. His senior art show included metal sculptures and paintings and has been on display in the Texas Tech Art Gallery.

One of his sculpture pieces was selected to be on display through the end of the month at the National Museum of Art and Garden Center in Little Rock, Ark.

He is the son of Jackie and Sarah Schneider of Midland and graduated last week from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in studio art.

Endowment

ODESSA — Seven Odessa culture organizations have joined together to form the Odessa Endowment for the Arts & History, which will be administered by the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

Founding organizations of the Endowment are the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, the Globe of the Great Southwest, Heritage of Odessa Founders, Parker House Ranching Museum, Permian Playhouse of Odessa, Inc. Presidential Museum, Inc., and White-Pool House Friends, Inc.

The Odessa Endowment for the Arts & History will be composed of a permanent fund for each of these founding organizations. Each of the organizations has contributed initial gifts to their individual fund. Donations and bequests to the Endowment may be made for the perpetual support of one founding organization or for the benefit of all of the organizations.

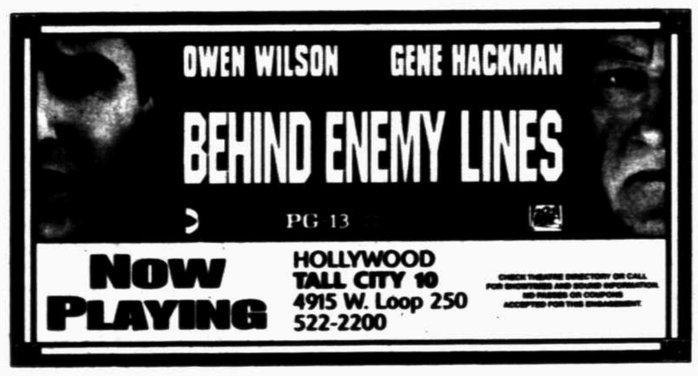
"Our goal is to make each of the organizations financially stronger by creating a common vehicle for cooperation and development," said Grace King, Chairman of the Heritage of Odessa Founders, and one of the leaders of the initiative.

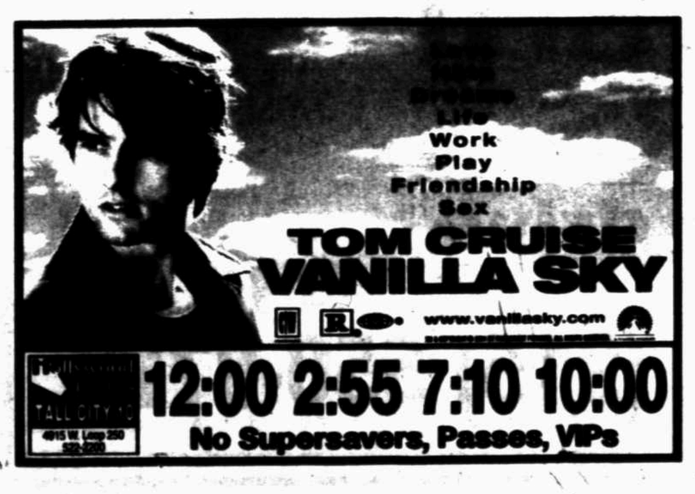
"With the growth of this Endowment, Odessa will benefit greatly because our organizations will be working together to strengthen our precious cultural assets," she said.

"The Foundation is honored to be named as steward of these funds," said Jack Swallow, president of the Permian Basin Area Foundation. "While we manage a number of endowments for nonprofit organizations, this is truly a unique relationship, and a visionary approach to sustaining Odessa's cultural treasures. I believe the Odessa Endowment for the Arts & History will serve as an example for other communities of our region to emulate."

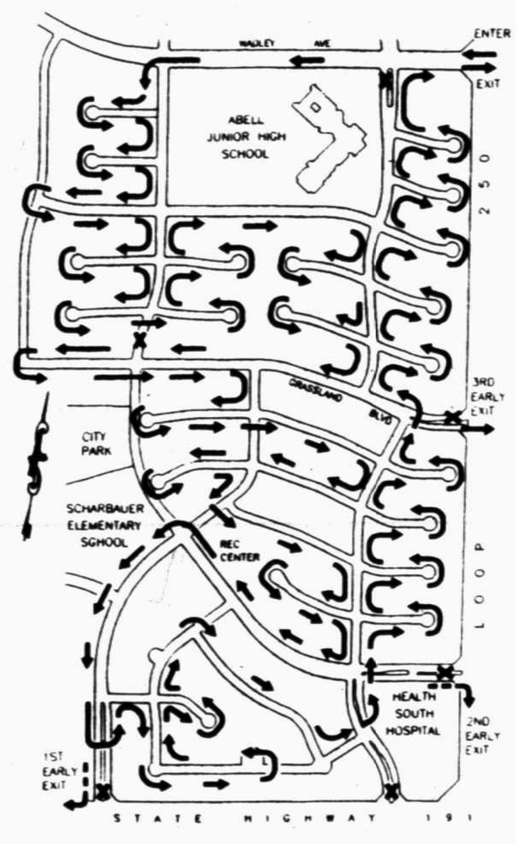
Additional contributions to the Odessa Endowment for the Arts & History may be made payable to the Permian Basin Area Foundation, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Looking for new Christmas music is always a bear because most of the available recordings are recycles from previous years and the offerings are, frequently, the same songs over and over again. The "new" may not really be a new recording just a repackaging of the same album(s) from the last 20 years. And sometimes the albums are not even repackaged.

This year had been about the same from my vantage point until I discovered the "Magic of Christmas" with Natalie Cole working with the London Symphony Orchestra. The CD is copyright 1999 and was, possibly, available last year in limited supply. But the timing is not the subject that matters. Rather, the content is the more important subject. In this case the content is very, very good.

Natalie sings and swings with the orchestra as opposed to "screaming" with a group which she has been know to do with other recordings. Her approach to the Christmas music makes for a most pleasant listening. And in keeping with "her" trademark in the record world she includes one combination recording from the Nat Cole Christmas song book to add more charm. In this instance Natalie selected the Bob Wells/Mel Torme' Christmas song...ala Nat Cole's recording for the combination, and it is a delight as they compliment each other's abilities one more time. This is not a "must have" album, but it does make for some pleasant listening.

Also, the Mannheim Steamroller has another Christmas album on the shelves if you can find it. I believe this is the 5th in the series of seasonal recordings that have been placing a different approach to Christmas listening for 20 years. The sound is about the same as in the previous Christmas themed CD's with maybe a new "ching" or "ping" or non-offensive "effect" to add a different color to the selections.

If you are a Mannheim groupie, the "Mannheim Steamroller Meets the Mouse" album is much more fun for shared good listening. This is a unique musical creation based on Disney songs from the movies and concludes with the "Mickey Mouse March" from the Mickey Mouse Club. For creative contemporary jazz, with familiar themes throughout, the Mouse album is a must have for all year. It is available locally on the Walt Disney Record label...again, if you can find it. It is worth the search.

In my mind there is only one choice that is outstanding for giving this year, and it is a re-release and compilation from the 1950s with the added bonus of digital clean up. The album is just a reminder of a gentler time in listening that features Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. Verve has packaged all three of their two-record set recordings, "Louis & Ella," "Louis and Ella Again," and "Porgy and Bess," into the complete Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong that is a show stopper from the very beginning.

The first two CD's in the group include their working with, among other, Oscar Peterson, Herb Ellis, Ray Brown and other Peterson usuals, and they alone would constitute a marvelous sound experience, but adding Ella and Louie in the spotlight with the various groups make it heavenly. The third entry, "Porgy and Bess," works the pair with Frank Devol's charts and orchestra and produces yet another masterpiece.

It is rare that I will listen to a recording more than one time in a sitting, but on this three CD set I listened almost three times in the same sitting. If you give this boxed set of recordings for Christmas, you'll be pleased with yourself. If you don't keep a copy for yourself, you'll be sorry, and they are a boxed-set specially priced.

You and I both know the meaning of this holiday period for everyone. Hopefully, it will be another happy experience this year. But I hope that you will join me in adding to the usual meaning of the season some extra thoughts, love, and...if you are so inclined...prayers this year for our country and the people working toward keeping it a place where we can continue to celebrate, with the true meaning we each have, the freedoms we have been experiencing for a long time. It won't hurt a bit and it can help tremendously in our efforts for our personal expression(s) of joy to continue. I promise!

My name is,
Max Howard—
and music is my business

Holiday albums capture spirit of season

By Michael Clark
Hearst News Service

With all the new holiday albums out, it seems every recording artist is in the spirit of the season.

Can't go without "Ho, Ho, Ho" musical greetings from Bon Jovi Claus or Old St. Stevie Nicks. Both can be found on the fifth edition of "A Very Special Christmas" compilation, singing "Blue Christmas" and "Silent Night," respectively.

And everyone from punk diva Bif Naked to jazz pianist Joe Sample can be found re-creating "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" if you look hard enough (Bif's naughty version is on "MTV's TRL Christmas," while Sample's improv is on the GRP holiday jazz compilation "Making Spirits Bright").

Since the entire new holiday canon simply cannot be covered, a sampling of various styles — Barbra Streisand, Destiny's Child, the Asylum Street Spankers and bluesman B.B. King — will serve as a primer for those looking to expand their holiday jukeboxes.

Streisand is the gold standard because of the power she wields. Who else could call Stephen Sondheim and ask him to add a verse to 1966's "I Remember" to make it more Christmas-y? On "Christmas Memories," Babs' second holiday album and the first since 1967's "A Christmas Album," she did just that, and the results are buttah.

Spiritual renditions of standards on "A Christmas Album" remain holiday staples in many homes, and "Christmas Memories" steers clear of the first album's legacy. While many tracks are modern and unknown, the theme of the new work is the warmth of reflection and family gathering.

"Snowbound" and "Christmas Lullaby" are exquisitely orchestrated audio greeting cards pulled from some unwritten holiday musical. A lone fiddle gilded with horns guides Streisand through the title track as she recounts traditions while sounding melancholy for not experiencing some of them.

Streisand offers a few familiar carols, including "I'll Be Home for Christmas," with especially strong and determined vocals. Her one nod to her past Christmas album is a second rendition of "Ave Maria." Switching from the melody of Charles Gounod to Franz Schubert's 1825 version, she creates a more jubilant hymn.

"Christmas Memories" is not the most joyous album ever made, but it represents a very adult view of a holiday that loses its innocence as we grow older.

The flip side of that coin is "8 Days of Christmas" by Houston's pop divas Destiny's Child. In addition to gospel-influenced solo efforts by Beyonce Knowles ("Silent Night"), Kelly Rowland ("Do You Hear What I Hear?") and Michelle Williams ("O Holy Night"), the album adds a little hip-hop to Christmas standards.

"The 12 Days of Christmas" is shortened by four days on the title track. Garnished with jeep-hopping bass beats, it turns the gifts of turtledoves and partridges into back rubs and Chloe shades. The ladies do have a gift for hooky vocals as they turn a collection of carols into dance music on "A 'DC' Christmas Medley."

Much like she does on the castoffs of the group's hit album "Survivor," Knowles gets carried away with octave cartwheels on "Opera of the Bells" (her take on "Carol of the Bells"). Overall, however, this is the cool teens' holiday album of choice.

The glossy production of Streisand and Destiny's Child is a mystery to Austin's Asylum Street Spankers. An alt-country band that has been known to use washboards and kazoos, the group recorded its holiday album, "A Christmas Spanking," in Texas clubs (including Houston's McGonigel's Mucky Duck) last year.

It is not a great recording (crowd noise is everpresent) and is wildly inconsistent. Still, you have to love the Spankers' eclectic choices. They turn "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" into a performance-art musical and transform "Mele Kalikimaka" into a twangy Southern celebration with a snare drum and clarinet.

Fans of the Peanuts gang holiday special will adore the mouth-harp cover of the theme song "Linus and Lucy." It's not a classic, but the Spankers have created an entertaining oddity that makes one hope for encore performances.

It could have been tempting to prop B.B. King, one of the living icons of blues, behind his guitar, Lucille, and let him just stretch and improvise on classic holiday melodies. Thankfully, "A Christmas Celebration of Hope" is much more than that.

In addition to two King originals, "Christmas Celebration" (originally released in 1960) and "Christmas Love," the album is a peek at what carols might sound like if they were born in a Delta juke joint. "Lonesome Christmas" is a 12-bar blues romp picked up by horns and King's arcing solos.

Most of the time it is King's fretwork that speaks most loudly, but rarely in recent years has he been in such good voice, particularly on "Please Come Home for Christmas" and "Merry Christmas Baby." Of course, getting lost in his noodling on "I'll Be Home for Christmas" isn't bad either.

COLLECT: Country fan has room full of memorabilia

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tus Moon. Her collection now has around 100 autographs including Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, LeRoy Parnell, Merle Haggard, Rick Trevino, Lori Morgan, The Judds, Brooks and Dunn, Doug Supernaw and LeAnn Rimes.

"She's a sweetheart," Ms. Brake said as she pointed to a picture of Pam Tillis.

Yes, she's met George Strait. Seven times, in fact. Ms. Brake attended Strait's roping in Kingsville one year.

"We met the ranch manager, and I said, 'Well, I'm George Strait's grandmother,' and he believed me," she said with a laugh. After the manager figured out that she was kidding, he gave her an autographed picture of him presenting a pistol to Strait.

Ms. Brake has seen Strait in concert also, and she camped out in front of the coliseum for 16 days to get tickets.

"I didn't want to go to concerts and sit in the ninth row," she said. "I like to be in the front row."

She camped out for 14 days to see Garth Brooks when he performed in Odessa in 1992.

"I thought my life would be complete if I could meet Garth," she said. And she did.

In total, Ms. Brake — whose other hobbies include gardening and taking care of her two kittens — has attended about 60 concerts in the last 11 years, most in Midland-Odessa. She keeps the ticket stubs in a picture frame in her country room.

"I should call it my 'Wow Room' because when people come in here, they just say, 'Wow'," she said.

Though it seems she has met everyone in country music, including country talk-show personalities Lorianne Crook and Charlie Chase, Ms. Brake would like to meet Randy Travis and Dwight Yoakam. She would liked to have met Keith Whitley.

So, how does she get to meet all of these stars? Connections, of course. Ms. Brake has a good friend among the local radio personalities.

Her most valuable collector's item to her, and possibly in market value, wouldn't be so valuable without that connection to get back stage. The item is a bandanna with about 60 autographs on it. She won the bandanna from a radio contest, and it originally only had The Judds' signatures on it. She had it framed after she won a little money playing bingo, and she added to it the autographs at Fan Fair in 1993 and at concerts.

While at Fan Fair, Ms. Brake snapped a picture of one of the autograph signers.

"I didn't know who he was because he was just starting out then," she said. "But look who he is now." She was pointing to a picture of now mega-star Tim McGraw.

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"We have not found the quality traveling opera companies that we have in the past when Texas Opera Theatre operated under Houston Opera Theater," Ms. Harley said, noting TOT no longer exists because "the expense of it was too great.

"We have had San Francisco Opera Company and the New York City touring opera company. Neither of these are available to us because they need other cities in close proximity to book them also. They won't come for just us. And we have not been able to get other cities to book the same opera companies that we would like to have.

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