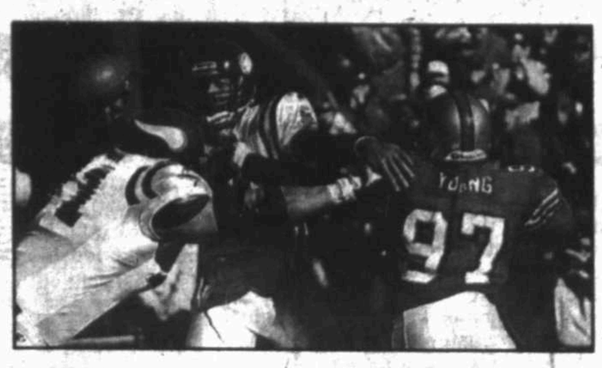


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Horse Museum

Ruidoso, N.M. is home to the Museum of the Horse, which includes the Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame/**1E**



SPORTS

49ers advance

The San Francisco 49ers emerged fairly unscathed from Saturday's 38-22 playoff victory over the Minnesota Vikings./**4B**

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Clinton asks for Peace Corps buildup

■ In his weekly radio address, President Clinton asked Congress to increase allocation to corps by $48 million.

By Sandra Sobieraj
Associated Press

ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands — Previewing a piece of his new budget plan, President Clinton asked Congress to add $48 million to the Peace Corps' allocation in order to place 10,000 volunteers overseas by the millennium.

Currently, 6,500 volunteers serve in 85 countries. Thus, bringing the number in the field to 10,000 would swell the corps' ranks by more than 50 percent.

In his weekly radio address, broadcast Saturday from his Caribbean vacation, Clinton said his purpose is to "call forth a new spirit of citizen service here at home, as necessary to meet our new challenges and to fulfill our obligations both at home and around the world."

He saluted President Kennedy for founding the volunteer service corps in 1961. It is, Clinton said, "a pragmatic approach to bettering the lives of ordinary people around the world ..., an investment in our own future in an increasingly interdependent world."

More than 150,000 Americans contacted the corps last year to express interest in volunteering, Peace Corps director Mark Gearan said.

Clinton's budget package, which he will unveil in February, would increase next year's federal spending on the Peace Corps by 21 percent, to $270 million.

"Strengthening the Peace Corps, giving more Americans opportunities to serve in humanity's cause, is both an opportunity and an obligation we should seize in 1998," the president said.

In an effort to build public support for its priorities before the Republican-led Congress replies to the February package, the Clinton administration has sought recent opportunities to publicize other proposals for increased spending on programs such as AIDS treatment and food safety.

Clinton's call for a major Peace Corps expansion was endorsed by the six members of Congress — three Republicans and three Democrats — who served as volunteers.

"This Peace Corps initiative will allow more Americans to make more of a difference in more countries. I could not support it more," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., a volunteer in Fiji from 1968 to 1970. The other endorsers were Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Reps. James Walsh, R-N.Y.; Tom Petri, R-Wis.; Sam Farr, D-Calif.; and Tony Hall, D-Ohio.

Another lawmaker, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., is a former Peace Corps director.

Since the corps' founding, more than 150,000 Americans have served as volunteers, teaching AIDS prevention and

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with high near 60. Weather on 4A





AP Photo

Kennedy funeral

CENTERVILLE, Mass. — Although his final year was darkened by scandal, Michael Kennedy was mourned Saturday by his famous family as a loving father and a force for public good. Mourners arriving for the funeral of the sixth of 11 children born to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy were given cards with Michael's picture.

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Algeria massacre

ALGIERS, Algeria — The armed men slaughtered from dusk to dawn. Gathering their victims in the homes of four mountain villages, they slit throats, cut off heads and bashed babies against walls, survivors of the deadliest massacre in Algeria's 6-year-old insurgency said Saturday.

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Cable lineup

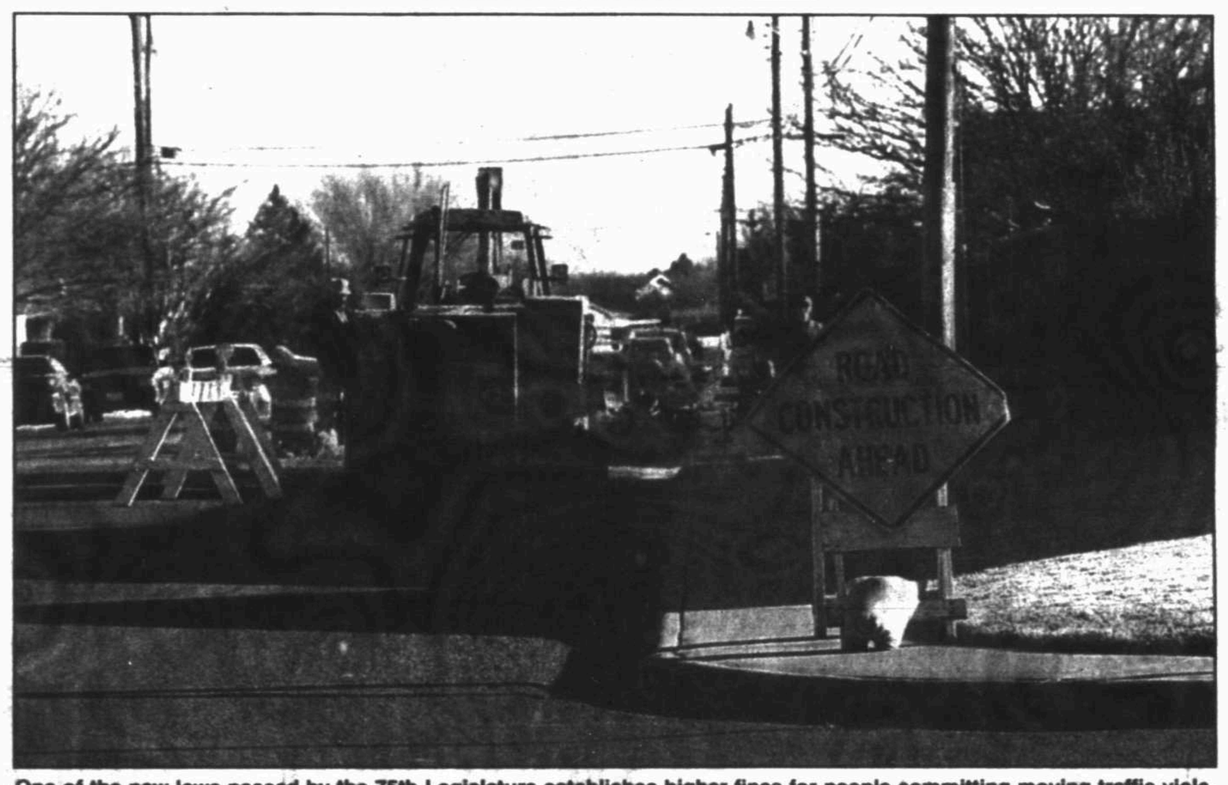
Cox Cable has changed its channel lineup beginning today to make room for additional channels in the next 24 months, according to an insert in customers' December bills. The new channels are listed on Page 4 of today's TV Times.

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NEW LAWS FOR 1998



One of the new laws passed by the 75th Legislature establishes higher fines for people committing moving traffic violations in street maintenance work zones.

New Year rings in 31 more laws for Texans

Legislation ranges from increased traffic fines to continuing education requirements for county commissioners.

Texans have more to ponder on this year besides sticking to their New Year's resolutions.

Thirty-one new laws passed by the 75th Legislative Session went into effect on Jan. 1, according to the Senate Research Center in Austin.

One law — House Bill 981 — establishes higher fines for people committing moving traffic violations in street maintenance work zones.

Under the old law, a fine between $1 and $200 was issued if the offense was committed in a construction or maintenance work zone when workers were present.

Since Jan. 1, SB 981 allows law enforcement to issue a fine between $2 and $400.

Speeding in working zones is not much of a problem in this area, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper John Barton said. He added that most of these violations are observed inside city limits.

"Basically, we really don't have that problem here. That's seen more often in metropolitan areas like Dallas and Houston," Barton said.

Barton explained that drivers are given several warnings before approaching a road construction zone.

"Usually, drivers see the big signs that tell them to reduce speed because they're near a working zone," he said. "Once they actually get into that zone, there is another sign posted that tells you what speed to follow. So drivers have plenty of warning indicating that a construction is ahead."

The fine increases when workers are actually at the site, Barton said. However, drivers are supposed to reduce their speed regardless if someone is at the site or not.

The fines vary depending on which county or municipality the motorist is in, he added.

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House Bill 1112 brings in new regulations regarding the revocation and release of people under supervision of pardons and paroles.

State law provides that if a released prisoner violates his or her parole, the state issues an arrest warrant for them. County authorities are required to arrest and hold these state inmates.

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Story by Rick Lopez Photo by Tim Fischer

Major changes await Pease and Travis students

■ Renovations to Pease will require students from both schools to adapt to the changes waiting for them upon their return from the holiday break.

From Staff Reports

Midland Independent School District officials hope Pease and Travis Elementary students will adapt to major changes smoothly when they return to school Monday.

Pease students in grades kindergarten through three and six, will attend the old Travis Elementary campus on Gist Avenue during the spring 1998 semester, which begins Monday.

Travis students will move into the new Travis addition. Gist Avenue will essentially have two schools on one campus.

To ease traffic and concerns about inadequate bus services, classes for Travis students will start at 8:10 a.m., the normal elementary schedule. Classes for Pease students will be delayed until 9:10 a.m., according to MISD officials.

The school day ends at 3:10 p.m. for Travis students and 4:10 p.m. for Pease students.

To get to the Travis campus, students will catch a bus at Pease Elementary at 7:40 a.m. and will return to Pease after school.

Pease sixth-graders include students whose neighborhood schools are Bowie and Parker and who attend Pease under MISD's "cluster system." Those students will also catch a bus at Pease for the trip to the Travis campus.

Wilson Heidelberg, MISD construction manager, said the temporary move for Pease students is regrettable but will allow students to have a new campus in fall 1998. The use of Travis will save MISD taxpayers time and money.

"Construction is tough," he said. "Everybody is going to be mad at me before we get through. But hopefully everybody will be happy with me when it's done."

For more information on bus scheduling, call the MISD transportation office at 689-1038.

Popular role-playing card game enthralls local participants

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Two powerful wizards battle to the death, hurling deadly spells and summoning terrible warriors to carry out their attacks — though one may leave the battlefield early when his mother comes to pick him up.

At the local Astral Castle the card game Magic: The Gathering is a favorite among role-playing enthusiasts.

Over the last several years, Magic has grown in popularity. There are tens of millions of players in countries around the world, according to veteran Magic player Trey Collins.

In the basic scenario of Magic, opponent wizards square off over a complex terrain of plains, mountains, swamps, islands and forests. From the lands he controls, the magicians summon the power, or "manna," in order to summon fighting creatures or cast spells on his opponent. All lands and magic are separated into five colors — white, red, black, blue and green — and each color has unique characteristics.

Land, spells to summon fighters and other spells, such as raining fire on one's opponent, are all represented by cards. In fact, cards are everything in Magic.

Since the game was first introduced, there have been thousands of different cards printed, according to players at the Astral Castle. There are common spell cards and rare spell cards.

Collins, 23, is one of the older Magic players at Astral Castle, although there are some in their 30s and 40s. Having played the game for five years, Collins has amassed so many rare cards that he is making extra

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A popular card game, Magic: The Gathering, is being played at Astral Castle, a local book and game store.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

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412 Algerians dead in wake of Islamic insurgency's worst massacre

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The armed men slaughtered from dusk to dawn. Gathering their victims in the homes of four mountain villages, they slit throats, cut off heads and bashed babies against walls, survivors of the deadliest massacre in Algeria's 6-year-old insurgency said Saturday.

"We're almost done here," one gang leader was overheard saying on a walkie-talkie during the overnight slaughter Tuesday to Wednesday of 412 men, women and children.

The attack — whose scale emerged only Saturday with the first accounts from villagers and rescue workers — came on the first two days of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month that has seen a surge of violence every year since Islamic insurgents launched their struggle to bring down Algeria's military-backed government.

The massacre started at sunset just as the inhabitants were ending their daily Ramadan fast in four hamlets around the town of Relizane, 180 miles west of Algiers.

On Saturday, hospital sources, rescue teams and cemetery workers confirmed 176 dead in Khourba, 113 in Sahnoun, 73 in El Abadel and 50 in Ouled Taieb.

The total death toll of 412 was first reported by the independent daily Liberte on Saturday. Government radio earlier reported 78 villagers killed and 68 wounded — official figures are usually low, part of an apparent effort to play down the seriousness of the militants' attacks.

Villagers said the armed gangs fled just before dawn, taking young women from the villages with them and leaving behind devastation.

Rescue workers retrieved dozens of corpses from homes where the killers had methodically clustered their victims and then killed them, hacking and slashing them with axes, knives, hoes and shovels.

"I pulled out 50 mutilated bodies from one house and 30 from another," said Hadj Mohammed, a villager in Khourba, home to about 200 families.

Emergency teams stitched slashed survivors back together and buried the dead quickly, in accordance with Muslim law.

"I can't get rid of the smell of blood," said one nurse, her blouse splattered with gore, before bursting into tears.

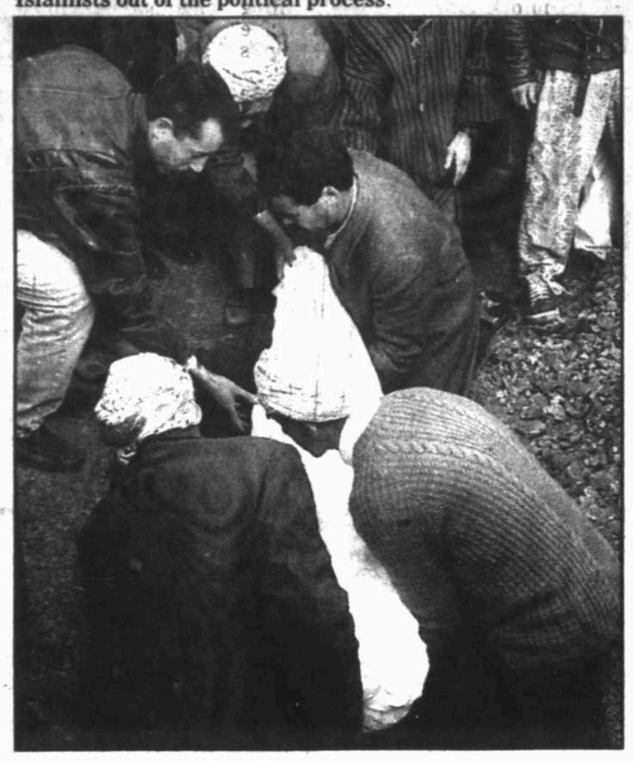
Many surviving families planned to move to the nearby port of Oran, villager Amar Meziani said.

"Leaving is better than dying," Meziani said. "I'm leaving everything here, my house, my crops, what's left of my livestock. To go where? I don't know, but I can't stay here.

"I'm too old to carry a weapon. I'll return when it's calm."

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on the Armed Islamic Group, the insurgency's most violent movement, which has claimed responsibility for past bombings and massacres.

Known by its French initials GIA, the group seeks to bring down the military-backed government of President Liamine Zeroual, who held elections in 1997 that consolidated his power and kept most Islamists out of the political process.



Villagers bury the 10-year-old boy killed in an attack earlier Friday in the village of Chebli, Algeria, 25 kms (15 miles) south of Algiers. Four villagers also were wounded, but three attackers were killed by residents defending the village from this first attack of the new year. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack.

AP Photo

The insurgency, which has left more than 75,000 dead, has intensified every year around Ramadan as militants step up what they see as a holy war against the government. They seek to establish a state based on Islamic law.

The army has pressed attacks on militant strongholds in rural Algeria in recent months; Zeroual and his underlings insist the continued insurgent attacks are only "residual terrorism."

Zeroual's interior minister, Mustapha ben Mansour, visited the villages Friday, making no comment on the massacre.

A spate of other attacks was reported in recent days, including four motorists killed at a fake checkpoint in the hills of Algiers overnight Friday, residents said on condition of anonymity. Gunfire killed one person and wounded four others, they said.

Newspapers on Saturday reported scattered violence in other towns that left more than a dozen dead, and a package bomb was dismantled in an Algiers movie theater.

Algeria's conflict started after January 1992, when the government canceled elections that the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win. The front was capitalizing on voter anger over high unemployment and corruption in the petroleum-rich North African nation.

Despite the government's claims that it largely has quelled the uprising, the two biggest massacres before the attacks near Relizane took place just last year, in August, in two villages south of Algiers.

Then, about 250 people were killed at Bentalha, and between 200 and 300 people were killed days later in the village of Raisi.

More than 400 people were killed during Ramadan last year, and more than 300 were killed in the two weeks leading up to this year's holiday, which started Tuesday.

In Mexico, scowling Indian villagers clamor for justice — for accused killers

LOS CHORROS, Mexico (AP) — Fifteen miles down an unpaved, muddy mountain road lies this village of accused killers — a village of angry Indians more concerned about the rights of those arrested in a massacre than about the 45 victims.

Hundreds of townspeople in Los Chorros — a relatively wealthy village nestled in southern Mexico's remote mountains — gathered in the central square late Friday to decide how to get the government to stop arresting their neighbors.

The arrival of two journalists halted the meeting and angry, shouting townspeople surrounded the outsiders.

The man who had been speaking, Antonio Entzin Lopez, said it was a "pure lie" that any of the killers were from Los Chorros.

"The only problem here is that we want to be free to walk around, and that nobody arrest us," he said, adding that villagers planned to go to the state capital to petition the governor.

"People from the community are afraid sometimes when they're walking in the road," he said.

Entzin Lopez and others in Los Chorros made clear that they felt betrayed by a ruling party has long commanded their loyalty. Typically, the PRI is able to retain the support of such villages by repaving streets, putting up new roofs and making other urban improvements.

'The government is violating personal rights of some of our people. They're taking people away with no proof, no evidence.'
— Nestor Hernandez Lopez, representative of PRI-allied Cardenist Front Party

He has had no opinion about the Dec. 22 massacre in nearby Acteal, in which all but nine of the victims were women and children, and asked the journalists to leave town. The crowd shouted in agreement. The reporters left.

At the edge of town, a man in a cowboy hat said he was "very sad." Asked whether he was referring to the victims of the massacre, he said: "No, the people they arrested." He refused to give his name.

A village leader, Antonio Santis Entzin, has been called the massacre's mastermind by one of the arrested gunmen.

The informant, also from Los Chorros, admitted to his role in the slayings and said the killers — whom he said were members of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI — planned the attack in Los Chorros, according to the federal attorney general's office. Authorities didn't release his name.

One man here said he'd never heard of Santis, whom authorities said they arrested last week.

Another said Santis had died a few years back. "Go to the cemetery if you want to find him," he said. None would give their names.

In the municipal seat of Chenalho, a representative of the PRI-allied Cardenist Front Party complained that the government was throwing people in jail indiscriminately for alleged roles in the massacre.

"The government is violating personal rights of some of our people. They're taking people away with no proof, no evidence," Nestor Hernandez Lopez said.

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Held back by riot police, supporters of the political party of Kenya's veteran incumbent presidential candidate Daniel arap Moi celebrate the victory of a ruling party parliamentary candidate and the apparent win of President Moi, in front of a vote counting center in Nairobi, Saturday.

Moi confirmed; monitors declare vote satisfactory

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's election chief confirmed President Daniel arap Moi on Saturday as the winner of the nation's chaotic elections. Independent monitors upheld the vote, calling it disorganized but an accurate reflection of the will of Kenya's people.

Although still unable to provide complete, official results, the head of Electoral Commission said Moi had secured the requisite 25 percent of vote in five out of eight provinces, a plurality of the total vote and a parliamentary seat, giving Moi his fifth straight term.

According to partial, official results, Moi had a lead of more than 400,000 votes over his main challenger, Mwai Kibaki.

Electoral Chairman Samuel Kivuitu said he didn't expect results from the sparsely populated north and two Nairobi constituencies to affect the outcome of the presidential race — Kenya's third multiparty elections since independence.

It wasn't clear whether Moi could be declared the winner outright before all the votes had been counted. Some reports said the formal swearing-in would take place as early as Monday.

On Friday, Kibaki and third-place Raila Odinga protested the vote, saying it was rigged and calling for a rerun within 21 days.

While individual presidential candidates can file suit to contest results, Kivuitu said the commission had no power to void elections and call for a new vote.

Opposition leaders complaining of widespread, serious irregularities suffered another setback Saturday when a federation of independent Kenyan observers called the electoral process satisfactory.

The observers urged Kenyans to respect the results, despite reports of scattered vote-buying and assorted organizational problems that created confusion and delays in voting.

"It is clear that the logistical and administrative organization of the elections was characterized by chaos and inefficiency," Mutawa Musyimi, secretary general of the National Council of Churches of Kenya, said.

"Notwithstanding, the voting process was generally handled well by polling station officials and closely scrutinized by party agents and poll watchers."

"As a result, the organizations conducting the observation of the elections have to conclude that the results do, on the whole, reflect the wishes of the Kenyan voters," he said.

Moi has chance in final 5 years to make good on promises

By Susan Linnee
Associated Press

■ News analysis

NAIROBI, Kenya — Heading into his fifth term, President Daniel arap Moi has the opportunity to make good on his plea to voters for five final years to ensure that Kenya enjoys progress and remains united.

Although roundly criticized for fostering repression and turning a blind eye to corruption, the 73-year-old former schoolteacher proved once again that he is the East African nation's most able politician — and probably the most agile of the 15 candidates who ran in Kenya's third multiparty elections.

Unlike many of their neighbors in central and eastern Africa, Kenyans have enjoyed 34 years of peaceful independence, and they are wary of any movement or politician who could threaten the country's stability.

Alone among the five leading candidates, the long-ruling Moi was able to appeal to a significant number of voters outside his ethnic group. Kenya has 42 tribes, and the support of the other four candidates appeared largely based on tribal following.

And, although his Kenya African National Union — in power since independence in 1963 — appeared to have lost ground in the vote Monday and Tuesday for the 210 elected seats in Parliament, it remained the only effective, nationwide party.

Moi now has a choice to make.

He can heed the counsel of senior KANU members who believe that the only way forward is through greater government accountability and attention to voter demands. Or Moi can follow the advice of a small clique of men in the party who have become wealthy and powerful through corruption, kickbacks and intimidation.

Which way he turns could become evident from his choice of vice-president — and heir apparent — when he appoints his government this week.

Some have predicted that Moi will be a lame duck in what he has said will be his final term, essentially marginalized as KANU barons maneuver for advantage in upcoming party elections Moi put off until after the general elections.

But others maintain that Moi, who has been shaken by unflattering comparisons to his friend, the late Zairian dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, could seize the occasion to remedy the neglect and decay that have permeated this once-prosperous nation.

Since he doesn't have to worry about holding onto power any longer, Moi could move to create a truly independent judiciary and a civil service that are loyal not to him, but to Kenya.

For the first time since 1964, Kenya appears to have a serious and strong opposition in Parliament, an institution that could cease to be a rubber stamp.

In balloting for the Parliament seats, voters showed their preference for individuals they trust, rather than parties.

Although the political opposition was not capable of — or interested in — fielding just one or two candidates against Moi, there are indications that opposition legislators will work together — and with some KANU members — to bring to light financial, business and political scandals that highlight the rot spreading through the system.

Kivutha Kibwana, one of the academics spearheading the push for political reforms that was ultimately taken over by Parliament at Moi's urging, does not think the movement achieved as much as it should have. He blames the politicians, who he says "deserted and undermined us."

But the actions of members of Kenya's eighth Parliament — as well as those of the nearly 6 million voters who showed great patience and determination in casting their ballots during the chaotic election — could prove Kibwana's pessimism unwarranted.

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EDITOR'S NOTE — Susan Linnee has been the AP East African bureau chief since January 1996. She has covered Africa since 1980.

Burundi army mobilizes Hutus to track rebels

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Scores of Hutu men who survived a Hutu rebel assault that killed 300 people and displaced another 7,000 lent their support Saturday to Burundi's Tutsi-led army to help track down the attackers.

While international human rights organizations have accused the army of using Hutu civilians as human shields, those aiding Saturday's search joined voluntarily, said army spokesman Lt. Col. Mamert Sinarinzi.

Up to 200 civilians, most of them women and children, died during the horrendous assault Thursday at Rukaramu settlement and a nearby army camp several miles south of the capital, Bujumbura, said Sinarinzi.

Also killed were at least 100 rebels and four government soldiers.

It was unclear whether the civilians were targeted or simply caught in the cross fire. In other attacks, the rebels, fighting to overthrow the Tutsi-dominated government, have killed Hutu civilians whom they accuse of denying shelter, money and recruits to the guerrillas.

As many as 7,000 Hutu villagers were forced to flee the fighting, Sinarinzi said, and it was unclear when they would be able to return.

The army said the Hutus were taking part in Saturday's roundup because they believe they were singled out by the rebels during Thursday's attack. The government's claim was difficult to confirm independently, because the army had barred all reporters from the scene except those from state-controlled television, claiming it was too dangerous.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers	Mostly cloudy
High 58	High 55	High 56
Low 41	Low 40	Low 33

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies during early morning hours, then becoming partly cloudy by the afternoon. The high will be near 60. Winds will be from the northeast to east at 10 to 15 mph. By the afternoon, winds should be coming from the southwest.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 40, according to the National Weather Service.

Monday calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 55 and low near 40.

Tuesday calls for a chance of rain with a high near 56 and low near 33.

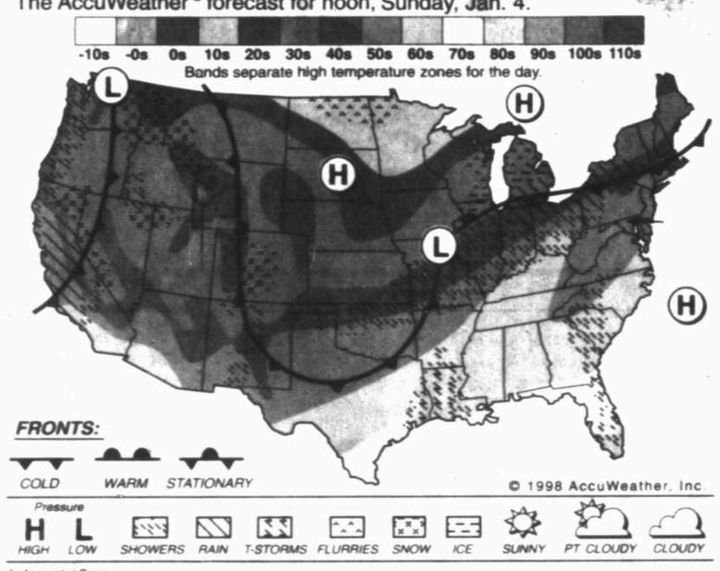
After an overnight low of 45, Saturday's high was 63, compared to the record high for that date of 82 set in 1997. The record low was 8 set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall	.00 in.	High	63
Rainfall	.00 in.	low	45
Total for month	.00 in.	Normal high	56
Total for year	.00 in.	Normal low	28

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National forecast

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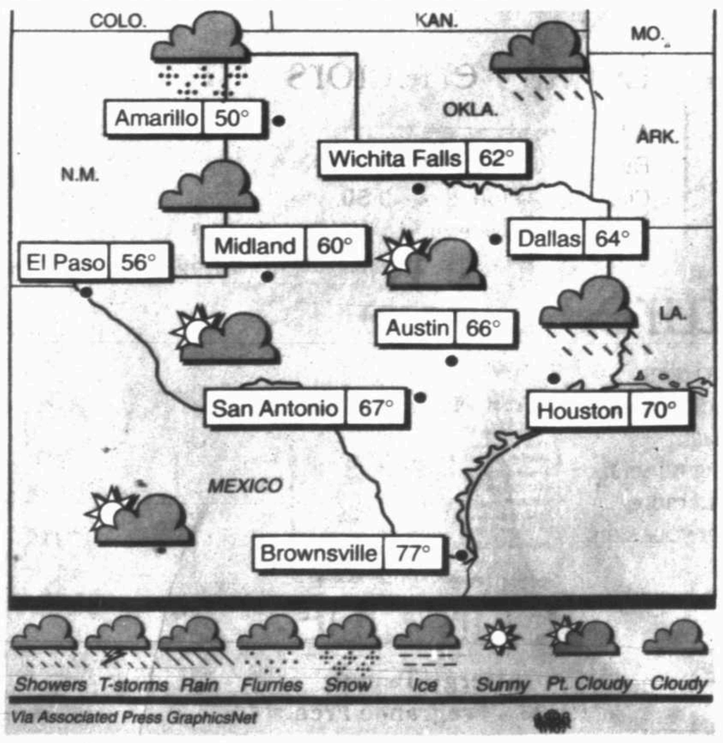
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST

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Atlanta	64	36	clr	
Atlantic City	59	38	cdy	
Baltimore	62	35	cdy	
Baton Rouge	73	56	cdy	
Boston	60	37	rn	
Bridgeport	52	34	cdy	
Buffalo	50	43	.05	rn
Burlington,Vt	47	38	.01	cdy
Charlotte,N.C	65	33	cdy	
Chattanooga	65	29	cdy	
Cheyenne	31	25	cdy	
Chicago	58	49	.03	rn
Columbia,S.C	69	31	cdy	
Columbus,Ga	70	41	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	56	46	.03	rn
Concord,N.H	54	27	cdy	
Daytona Beach	75	58	cdy	
Denver	44	35	cdy	
Des Moines	53	52	cdy	
Detroit	54	44	rn	
Fairbanks	-31	-33	cdy	
Fargo	0	-1	cdy	
Flagstaff	39	35	cdy	
Flint	52	45	.10	rn
Fort Smith	66	57	rn	
Fort Wayne	55	43	.10	rn
Fresno	59	46	.03	rn
Goodland	36	33	rn	
Grand Junction	50	27	cdy	
Grand Rapids	54	46	.37	rn
Great Falls	5	-17	.02	sn
Green Bay	48	43	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C	60	32	cdy	
Harrisburg	53	35	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	58	34	rn	
Helena	8	-5	.04	sn
Indianapolis	57	44	.03	rn
Jackson,Miss	71	50	cdy	
Kansas City	61	60	.03	cdy
Knoxville	59	27	cdy	
Lake Charles	75	57	cdy	
Lansing	52	45	.17	rn
Las Vegas	63	53	cdy	
Little Rock	64	49	rn	
Los Angeles	63	55	.41	rn
Louisville	62	51	.01	rn
Memphis	68	53	cdy	
Miami Beach	78	69	cdy	
Milwaukee	54	45	.02	rn
Mpls-St Paul	24	23	cdy	
Mobile	71	49	cdy	
Montgomery	71	40	cdy	
Nashville	67	51	cdy	
New Orleans	74	56	cdy	
New York City	60	46	cdy	
Oklahoma City	72	61	rn	
Omaha	29	29	cdy	
Orlando	77	58	cdy	
Philadelphia	56	35	cdy	
Phoenix	67	57	cdy	
Pittsburgh	57	44	.01	rn
Pocatello	46	36	cdy	
Portland,Maine	54	34	cdy	
Portland,Ore	41	35	.11	rn
Providence	62	29	rn	
Pueblo	43	25	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	65	34	cdy	
Rapid City	11	8	cdy	
Reno	48	38	sn	
Richmond	64	33	clr	
Sacramento	57	49	.55	rn
St Louis	63	52	rn	
St Thomas	86	rn	cdy	
Salem,Ore	43	34	.18	rn
San Francisco	58	51	.17	rn
San Jose	60	49	.14	rn
Savannah	71	43	cdy	
Seattle	41	32	.10	rn
Shreveport	67	59	rn	
Sioux City	20	20	cdy	
Sioux Falls	13	13	cdy	
South Bend	55	47	.17	rn
Tallahassee	75	44	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	78	59	cdy	
Toledo	55	43	.16	rn
Tupelo	67	46	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	63	38	cdy	
W.Palm Beach	78	70	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	70	58	
Alice	79	59	
Amarillo	63	36	
Arlington	68	62	
Austin Mueller	73	63	0.01
Beaumont	73	60	
Brownsville	79	65	
Burnet	66	61	0.04
Childress	64	47	
College Station	73	58	0.01
Conroe	73	60	
Corpus Christi	78	64	
Corsicana	69	61	
Cotulla	76	65	
Dalhart	57	33	
Dallas	68	62	
Del Rio	68	53	0.01
Denton	66	61	
El Paso	66	34	
Fort Worth	66	61	
Galveston	68	60	
Harlingen	81	63	
Houston Intrctnl	74	60	
Huntsville	74	60	
Junction	66	58	
Kingsville	78	64	
Laredo	79	66	
Lubbock	63	43	
Lufkin	73	58	
Marfa	68	32	
McAllen	81	66	
Navy Corpus	75	67	0.03
New braunfels	75	64	0.01
Palacios	74	59	
Paris	70	59	
Rockport	75	61	0.15
San Angelo	67	48	
San Antonio	73	62	0.01
Terrell	68	60	
Victoria	76	55	0.07
Waco	68	61	0.02
Wichita Falls	74	57	

LAWS: Senate Bill 177 requires insurance coverage of immunizations

(From 1A)

Previous law stated that if the Board of Pardons and Paroles has not held a revocation hearing within 120 days from the arrest, the warrant must be withdrawn. During the original 120 days, continuance could have been requested for up to 60 days. An additional 30 days was also allowed after the hearing's findings. As a result, a parole violator could have been held in county jail up to 210 days.

The counties were required to hold these violators with no way of knowing how long the inmate will be held in their facility.

HB 1112 reduces counties' responsibility. Now, counties will have to hold a prisoner on an arrest warrant for only up 60 days — with a maximum liability of 90 days for extenuating circumstances.

John Miller, community information officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Midland, explained that parole violators will be sent to the nearest TDCJ facility as soon as possible. The facility must not be any further than 150 miles away.

"For Midland, it can be a facility in Abilene, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Lamesa, or Snyder," Miller said.

"This law was designed to have the process speeded up. If (new criminal) charges pressed against the person, the law says that a ruling must be made within 60 days" he said. "That 60-day clock does not start until the case has been adjudicated one way or the other. If they are picked up on a technical (parole) violation, the clock starts at day one."

If certain proceedings have not been completed in that time frame, the parole violator can transfer someone to a state jail, state prison or nearby facility, he added.

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Currently, there are two types of living wills in the state that are directed to physicians and a durable power of attorney for health care.

Previous law established different witness qualifications for each type of directive and provides unnecessary requirements that undermine the patient/physician confidentiality.

House Bill 880 removed the witness requirement from situations in which a physician/family decision is being made without an already existing patient directive.

Angela Peterson, social worker for Texas Oncology Physicians Association, explained that a living will is not needed for medical treatment, but for situations when the patient's body can't sustain itself.

A living will "says that if someone's heart stops beating or they stop breathing, they don't want to be put on machines or have any heroic measures to keep them alive," Ms. Peterson said. "That does not include the use of oxygen. Oxygen is considered as a comfort measure and (medical facilities can initiate) any comfort measures, but they won't do anything to bring a patient back to life or dispense medication to get thier heart beating again."

However, some hospital patients do not have a prepared will, and their spouse, children or other family members have to determine what action to take if their loved one needs supplemental medical action to keep them alive.

Before the new law, a witness would have to sign a document to assure that both the doctor and family members reached an agreement. Now, doctors and family members are only people needed for that procedure.

"If the physician and family are making a decision without the patient activity being involved, there is not really a need for a witness. You already have the family and the doctor involved," Ms. Peterson explained. "So when the family and doctor make the decision, what is the point of having a third party in the same room? So this bill cuts down on that."

She added, "I think the new law will definitely make things easier. When you are in a hospital things are moving fairly quickly, and they have to sit down and fill out all this paper work. It creates a lot of stress and anxiety for all those involved. This way, the doctor can ask the family what the patient would have wanted."

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Senate Bill 172, also known as the Childhood Immunization Bill, requires some health care plans issued by insurance companies and HMOs to provide immunizations without co-payment, deductible or coinsurance requirements for children under age 6.

"We want parents to know that the Texas Legislature has removed yet another barrier to children getting their shots on time," William R. Archer III, Texas Commissioner of Health, said. "I encourage parents to take advantage of this benefit now available to many families with health insurance and HMO coverage."

The Texas Department of Insurance estimates that more than 4.8 million Texans have HMO coverage or insurance policies affected by this new law.

The law applies to medical/surgical health plans, but exempts disease-specific plans and small employer health benefit plans, among others. The law does not address self-funded insurance plans.

The law mandates coverage for any childhood immunizations required by law in plans that cover family members. TDH estimates that families will save $330 on immunization costs for each child covered.

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House Bill 1755 changes the regulations regarding mortgage lenders and home loan borrowers.

Mortgage lenders generally require borrowers to buy private mortgage guaranty insurance when they aren't able to make a 20 percent down payment on their home loan.

The purpose of the insurance is to protect the lender against any deficiencies caused by foreclosure.

However, once the borrower's equity in the home reaches 20 percent or more, borrowers are able to cancel their insurance. Sometimes, the borrowers are not aware of this policy because lenders are not required to notify a homeowner when their insurance becomes unnecessary.

As a result, the borrower continues to pay insurance for the life of the mortgage. The insurance can cost up to $100 a month.

HB 1775 requires a lender to provide an annual written notice to the borrower regarding the mortgage guaranty insurance. The law also requires the lender — if they receive a refund from an unearned mortgage guaranty insurance premium paid by the borrower — to return the refund to the borrower within a certain time period.

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Other laws relate to:

- HB 137 — the qualifications of certain charitable organizations to be exempt from ad valorem taxes;
- HB 384 — the disclosure in a contract for the transfer of vacant land of certain information, including information concerning the imposition of additional taxes on the land;
- HB 670 — the appraisal of property ad valorem tax purposes;
- HB 846 — the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain public property;
- HB 1070 — drug relation and enforcement under the Texas Controlled Substances Act and to the authority of certain state agencies under the act;
- HB 1285 — the meetings of a condominium board or association;
- HB 1294 — continuing education requirements for county commissioners;
- HB 1773 — the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation;
- HB 2071 — the qualifications to serve as a constable and to the powers and duties of constables and deputy constables;
- HB 2606 — the appraisal and ad valorem taxation of a retail manufactured housing inventory;
- HB 3306 — penalties and interests, writs, suits, judgment amounts, right of redemption and distribution of proceeds in ad valorem tax matters;
- SB 93 — notice to property oweners of the right to protest a property tax matter;
- SB 95 — the immediate qualification for an ad valorem tax exemption for a church or other nonprofit organization;
- SB 149 — the performance evaluation of tenured faculty at certain institutions of higher education;
- SB 181 — the parent-child relationship, suits affecting the parent-child relationship and the protection of children;
- SB 203 — the provision of health care to an inmate confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the state Department of Criminal Justice;
- SB 485 — the joint listing on ad valorem tax appraisal roll of seperate interests in mineral place;
- SB 487 — payment under contracts with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for vocational rehabilitation services;
- SB 759 — the appraisal and ad valorem taxation of heavy equipment;
- SB 841 — ad valorem taxes;
- SB 861 — administration of franchise taxes;
- SB 1153 — the appraisal and ad valorem taxation of certain types of personal property;
- SB 1174 — the terms of court of the 90th Judicial District;
- SB 1269 — the duties of the tax assessor-collector regarding certain tax receipt records;
- SB 1354 — the Board for Lease of University Lands, the leasing, management, and administration of certain public lands, and
- SB 1739 — the listing on an ad valorem tax appraisal roll of possessory interests in certain properties used in the operation or development of a port or waterway or in aid of navigation-related commerce.

MAGIC: Some old, rare cards can be worth up to $400

(From 1A)

money for college by selling them off.

Collins has unique cards worth more than $200, but some very rare cards are worth $400. The Internet is alive with Magic players trading cards and strategies.

The average person can pick up an $8 deck of cards and play the game.

"Sacrifice a creature and then the Word of Command won't do anything," one gamer explained during a heated battle Friday.

"In multi-player games, your enchantment stays even after you die," another said.

Sure.

"It's like playing poker and chess at the same time," Collins said.

Fortunately, players at the Astral Castle are a fount of information for the novice player. A simpler version of the game, Portal, has detailed instructions on introducing two players to the Magic realm.

Several months ago, the husband and wife team of Dave Bridges and Linda Blanchard opened Astral Castle as a combination book store and unusual games store.

While the store still carries a dedicated line of science fiction/fantasy books, it is the games that have taken off in terms of sales, according to Ms. Blanchard.

Both Ms. Blanchard and Bridges keep order in the Astral Castle, but expect players to behave themselves. No cursing is allowed and no children under the age of 10 are allowed without an older family member present.



Curt Willcott/Reporter-Telegram

The game Magic: The Gathering uses different colored cards.

The couple allows games to be played inside the store. There are tables in front and back where role-playing enthusiasts gather.

After two decades, Dungeons and Dragons is still a favorite for both young and old, but new role-playing games have come along over the years.

Many of the older players prefer a card-based game called "Middle Earth," based on the famous J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy "Lord of the Rings." There is another card game based on Japanese mythology and Samurai culture and there is a complex game of combat called Warhammer that uses model representations of fighters and creatures.

On the shelves at Astral Castle, there are numerous other games, but all have common themes of strategy, conflict, luck and problem-solving, engaging the players' minds and allowing their individual personalities to flavor the game.

Like the older Dungeons and Dragons, however, Magic has its share of detractors. Some of the cards, especially the black and the red ones, are full of mystical imagery of spooks and goblins and scary things.

Some extreme fundamentalists, who interpret this as some kind of demon worship, occasionally harangue players, according to one of the younger players, Noah Rauscher, 11.

Because of these kinds of concerns harbored by some people, Collins carries his cards in a zippered stuffed Sylvester the Cat doll to emphasize the lack of seriousness in the game, he explained.

But Magic players are quick to point out that the white cards represent religious significance, with spells such as Holy Armor, Divine Intervention, Angelic Voice and Wrath of God.

Blue and green cards have a natural theme, with animals, plants and oceans producing fighters and spells.

One 35-year-old engineer said that the game could be detrimental if pursued to the exclusion of other endeavors, such as school and work.

He admitted, however, that playing is a good way for adults to socialize with the younger people in their lives.

Be prepared for humiliation, however. Not every 11 year old who thrashes an adult in Magic is as gracious a winner as Rauscher, he said.

PEACE CORPS: Bangladesh among those to receive help

(From 1A)

literacy, vaccinating children, helping provide clean water, improving crops and livestock and staffing other-self-help programs in poor countries.

"In so doing, (volunteers) help communities and countries become stronger and more stable, making them better partners for us as we work together to meet common goals," Clinton said.

The president noted that since the fall of communism, Peace Corps units have begun work in a large number of newly democratic nations from Eastern Europe to Central Asia, "helping to nurture and strengthen free markets by teaching new entrepreneurs how to get their businesses running."

South Africa and Jordan received their first volunteers in 1997. Plans for this year already include expansion to Bangladesh, Mozambique and the Republic of Georgia.

The radio broadcast was recorded Friday at a beachfront villa that Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter Chelsea are using for their four-day winter vacation. The president was on the golf course Saturday.

The Clintons are returning Sunday to Washington.

Report: Ferraro to enter New York Senate race

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Geraldine Ferraro, who in 1984 was the first woman on a major party's presidential ticket, has told friends she will seek the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato this year, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported in its Sunday editions that the former congresswoman from Queens, now a co-host of CNN's "Crossfire" program, would make the announcement within the next few days.

The Times report did not quote any of the friends by name.

Ferraro did not immediately return telephone messages left for her Saturday night. She was due back in New York City on Saturday night after a week's vacation with her family in the Virgin Islands during which she planned to make her decision.

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Lotto Texas

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

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U.N. presses forward with Iraq inspections despite rocket attack on offices

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A rocket-propelled grenade slammed into U.N. weapons inspectors' offices, shattering a small window but causing no injuries. The inspectors continued their work Saturday.

The Iraqi government condemned the Friday night attack, which came amid tense relations with the weapons inspectors. The grenade was not loaded with explosives and no one claimed responsibility.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction before the United Nations will agree to lift economic sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, leading to the Persian Gulf War.

The sanctions have devastated the Iraqi economy, resulting in widespread malnutrition and shortages of goods.

Iraq has accused the inspectors of espionage and said it would never permit them to enter about 60 presidential palaces proclaimed off-limits by President Saddam Hussein.

The inspectors fear that the palaces are being used to shelter banned material.

'What happened today will not slow our inspections down. Our inspectors have carried on their inspections today ... and everything went smooth.'

— U.N. spokesman Alan Dacey

The U.N. monitors carried out new inspections Saturday.

"What happened today will not slow our inspections down," said U.N. spokesman Alan Dacey. "Our inspectors have carried on their inspections today ... and everything went smooth."

Security was tight at the U.N. compound, which contains the arms inspectors' offices and those of the World Food Program.

Dozens of armed Iraqi soldiers patrolled the area, and guards stopped and searched all cars entering the compound. Before the attack, two soldiers guarded the building, which is in an open area.

"This is some sort of isolated incident," said Denis Halliday, the U.N. relief coordinator for Iraq.

Iraq's Information Ministry blamed the attack on "parties which do not want a stable relationship between Iraq and U.N. weapons inspectors."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Washington expects "a thorough and swift investigation."

The last attack against U.N. offices was on Oct. 5, when gunmen hurled grenades and fired guns at the WHO offices, destroying a vehicle and damaging two others. No one claimed responsibility.

More Japanese approve of childless marriages, divorce

Associated Press

TOKYO — Divorce and childless marriages are gaining greater acceptance among Japanese, but many still believe a woman's place is in the home, according to a government survey released Saturday.

Almost half, or 42.6 percent, of the respondents to a poll commissioned by the prime minister's office said having children is not important for married couples, while 54 percent approved of divorce, Japanese media reported.

Acceptance of divorce was up from 44 percent in 1992 and 20 percent in 1979.

The survey, conducted in September, was based on responses from 3,574 adults, ages 20 or older. No margin of error was given for the results.

Forty-five percent of the respondents believed a woman should focus on family matters, while 41 percent said women should place equal emphasis on their duties as homemaker and work outside the home.

Earlier this week, the Health and Welfare Ministry said the rate of divorce in Japan last year — 1.8 people for every 1,000 Japanese — was an all-time high.

Japan's fertility rate is among the lowest in the world. On average, Japanese women give birth to 1.42 children in their lifetime, down from five children in the 1940s.

Poll respondents cited the cost of education as the leading reason for not having more children, Kyodo News reported.

The survey found that tradition still dictated family roles for men and women.

Forty-five percent of the respondents believed a woman should focus on family matters, while 41 percent said women should place equal emphasis on their duties as homemaker and work outside the home.

In contrast, 62 percent said men's primary responsibility should be a career outside the home.

Also, 43 percent of those surveyed did not oppose prostitution, saying it was acceptable or inevitable.

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Pakistan faces conservative days with orthodox president

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — The election of Pakistan's most conservative president in a decade is the latest sign of the strengthening influence of religious fundamentalism in this Muslim country.

In a mosque in Lahore, a young boy says his big ambition in life is to kill non-believers. His friend says he wants to fight a "jihad," or holy war.

In the nearby village of Raiwind, hundreds of bearded men carrying bed rolls arrive at a religious school to learn more about their Islamic faith before heading off to preach in Pakistan and abroad.

Here, in Punjab province, where 60 percent of Pakistan's 140 million people live, segregation of the sexes is gaining momentum.

Television advertisements of pretty young women using facial soap have been pulled, not for what they show, but for what they don't. As one government censor put it: "People may imagine that she is not wearing anything."

Now, Rafiq Tarar, who was elected by legislators Wednesday, is taking office as the country's most religiously orthodox president since military dictator Mohammed Zia-ul Haq died in 1988.

Zia resurrected public hangings, death by stoning and public beatings, all in keeping with Islamic dictates.

Tarar, a retired judge of the Lahore High Court, is a member of Pakistan's orthodox Muslim Tableeqi movement, which is committed to spreading Islam worldwide.

Although Pakistan's presidency is largely a ceremonial post, it is seen as a powerful institution able to delay legislation. The president also is commander in chief of the armed forces, considered the strongest institution in Pakistan.

Religious leaders welcomed Tarar's election. Liberals and human-rights activists expressed worries.

"It's natural for anybody to be frightened," said Asma Jehangir, a lawyer who is Pakistan's leading human rights activist. "It will be more difficult to fight human rights. ... Already I am receiving threats and being told I am not a Muslim because I criticized Tarar's nomination as president."

In a mosque in Lahore, a young boy says his big ambition in life is to kill non-believers.

She fears the growing influence of conservatives will translate into greater intimidation of human rights activists, particularly by students of religious schools.

Interior Minister Shujaat Hussein said the government will not let that happen and is trying to curb militancy at the schools.

Tarar told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that Pakistan's liberals have nothing to fear from him and described himself as a "liberal Muslim."

His critics question that description.

Tarar opposes family law legislation that gives women the right to divorce and to fight for custody of their children. The three-judge court he led upheld amputation of limbs as punishment for theft, although Pakistani physicians have refused to carry out such sentences.

He also has condemned the promotion of members of Pakistan's minority Ahmedi community to senior government jobs and judicial posts. Mainstream Muslims revile Ahmedis because they believe another prophet followed Islam's prophet Mohammed.

In 1974, Pakistan declared Ahmedis to be non-Muslims and passed a law forbidding them to practice the Islamic religion or even call themselves Muslims. Since then, members of the sect have faced widespread persecution.

Many liberals also believe Tarar's election is a devastating setback for campaigns against laws they view as repressive or anti-women, such as the blasphemy law that allows the death penalty for anyone who insults Islam and a rule that requires four male witnesses for a rape conviction.

"His views on Islamic punishment and women's rights are opposed to fundamental human rights," said Mohiuddin Kutty, a prominent labor and political leader in southern Sindh province. "His election as president does not auger well for the future of democracy in this country."

In his interview with the AP, Tarar said he supports segregation of men and women, separate education for girls and boys and use of the veil by Muslim women.

He also has staunchly defended the blasphemy laws against criticism from international and Pakistani human-rights activists.

"In a country where the sanctity of the prophet's name and his personality is the basis for the existence of that country ... miscreants who commit blasphemy should be given the death sentence to prevent turmoil," Tarar wrote in an introduction to a book extolling the blasphemy laws.

Such stands won him support from Islamic leaders.



AP Photo

Lawyer and human rights activist Asma Jehangir sits in her office Tuesday in Lahore, Pakistan. Asma was worried about the nomination of Rafiq Tarar as president of Pakistan. Tarar, who was elected by legislators Wednesday, opposes family law legislation that gives women the right to divorce and to fight for custody of their children. He also has said he supports segregation of men and women, separate education for girls and boys, and use of the veil by Muslim women.

Cheap labor jolts economy, opposition in Saipan

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands (AP) — From tropical backwater to lush little loophole, this remote U.S. territory has made itself over in one short decade and emerged as a bit player in the global economy.

But to people like Bijoy Krisno Kundu, Saipan's loophole feels more like a noose.

"I am lost, completely lost," said the young man from Bangladesh, who came to this Pacific island seeking a livelihood but ended up penniless.

Probably 40,000 foreigners — double the number of locally born workers — staff the garment factories, hotels, nightclubs and construction sites that power the economy of the new Saipan.

These Chinese and Filipinos, Bangladeshis and Thais, brought in under a loose, locally run loophole in the U.S. immigration system, are low-paid and even then often shortchanged. Sometimes they are mistreated, and in some cases, like Kundu's, left without promised jobs.

"And the U.S. government cannot do anything for us," lamented one of Kundu's countrymen, Hafiz Ur Rahaman.

But it may be about to.

Saipan's labor scene prompted President Clinton to write Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio last May to complain that some local practices "are inconsistent with our country's values."

The Clinton administration's concerns extend beyond workers' rights to the dollars-and-cents politics of trade.

Low-priced garments made in Saipan with Chinese labor and materials, and exported to the United States through a duty-free loophole, are fast approaching $1 billion a year in value. Producers on the U.S. mainland are looking for political help to stop it.

The U.S. Congress this year will consider legislation to lift Saipan's autonomy on immigration and gradually boost the minimum hourly wage from the local $3.05 to the federal $5.15.

The combative Tenorio has won support for his labor approach from conservative Republicans in Congress. But his days as governor are numbered — he leaves office Jan. 12 — and he contends the man who defeated him in the November election, distant relative Pedro Tenorio, will "let Washington walk all over him."

The roots of confrontation go back to the 1970s. That's when the Northern Marianas, seized by America from Japan in World War II, negotiated a commonwealth relationship with Washington that left control of immigration and minimum wages in local hands. It also exempted Saipan's exports from the U.S. duties and quotas that limit imports, for example, from China.

The commonwealth covenant, which took effect in 1986, touched off a mini-revolution in the Northern Marianas, an arc of islands 1,500 miles southeast of Tokyo.

Saipan, home to 90 percent of the Northern Marianas' people, had long languished undeveloped under direct Washington rule. It was a sleepy, 13-mile-long sugar cane island fringed with poinsettia and modest hotels.

Today, Beach Road is thick with traffic and fumes, lined with sleek duty-free malls and high-rise resorts — and dotted with the corrugated-metal shells of garment factories.

Mostly owned by mainland Chinese and South Korean enterprises, the 30-plus apparel plants have combined with tourism to produce a remarkable statistic: Business gross receipts for the Northern Marianas grew from $224 million in 1985 to $2 billion in 1996.

The cheap labor that built this boom is flown in daily by jetliner to an "America" where their hopes often quickly die in muddy back lanes.

Paychecks bounce, jobs vanish, employers escape scrutiny by changing company names. It's a common story among dozens of Bangladeshis packed into tumbledown houses scattered across Saipan, often sleeping four or five to a dingy 12-by-12-foot room, a couple of dozen sharing a single toilet and bath. Foreign workers in Saipan are barred from moving elsewhere in the United States.

Officials suspect brokers and employers, especially fly-by-night security companies, import too much labor for too few jobs, and split the fees paid by jobseekers.

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Kennedys bury relative who was touched by promise and scandal

CENTERVILLE, Mass. (AP) — Although his final year was darkened by scandal, Michael Kennedy was mourned Saturday by his famous family as a loving father and a force for public good.

"A whole nation knows his name, but few know the best of what he did," U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II said. "Michael was one man, but he was 100 points of light."

Mourners arriving for the funeral of the sixth of 11 children born to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy were given cards with Michael's picture. It included the text of an Irish ballad that lamented "Oh! why did you leave us Michael, why did you die?"

Kennedy, 39, was killed New Year's Eve in a skiing accident in Aspen, Colo.

Allegations last year that he had an affair with an underage baby sitter added to the history of scandal that has tainted his family's image of public service.

Joseph Kennedy, who remained close to Michael after withdrawing from the Massachusetts governor's race this year, was among pallbearers who carried the casket, covered in white roses and lilies, up the church steps. Other family members, who had arrived in three chartered buses from the Kennedy family home in Hyannis Port, formed lines for the casket to pass through.

All of Michael Kennedy's surviving brothers and sisters, along with friends and relatives, packed the oak pews of Our Lady of Victory Church. His estranged wife, Victoria Gifford Kennedy, accompanied Ethel Kennedy into the church.

Among the other mourners were former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, father of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo, whose wife, Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, was Michael Kennedy's sister; shoe designer Kenneth Cole; Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts; Secretary of Commerce William Daley; Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, Kennedy's cousin. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, a friend of the Kennedys, represented President Clinton.

Michael's oldest sister, Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, read from the book of Isaiah. His brother Maxwell and his sister Rory, who tried to revive him on the mountain after he struck a tree, also read from the Bible.

During the eulogy, Joseph Kennedy addressed Michael's three children, telling them to remember their father through prayer.

"To little Michael, to Kyle and Rory, you can still talk to your father," he said.

Talk-show host Kathie Lee Gifford helped escort Kyle, 13, and Rory, 10, granddaughters of her husband, sportscaster Frank Gifford. Fourteen-year-old Michael Jr. was a pallbearer.

During the funeral, the casket was covered with a pall spread by Michael's cousins, including John F. Kennedy Jr. There also were several books, a photo of Michael and a crucifix on the coffin.

The Mass opened with family friend Andy Williams singing "Ave Maria."

Letters from Clinton, Nelson Mandela and Coretta Scott King were read aloud.

A choir from the 12th Baptist Church in Boston sang the gospel hymn "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore."

During the private service, Michael Kennedy was praised for accomplishments on behalf of others.

He was campaign manager in his uncle Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's tough 1994 re-election campaign for the Senate against Mitt Romney, son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney.

He also was active in charity efforts in Massachusetts and Africa. He worked to get American companies to invest in Angola and South Africa, and gave seed money to open a Catholic university in Angola, which has said it will name a new library after him.

A Harvard graduate, Kennedy had proven himself a businessman as chair of Citizens Energy Corp., a nonprofit company providing home heating fuel to the poor and shelter to the homeless.

He had planned to help his brother Joseph's run for governor. After his brother withdrew, Michael was treated for alcohol and sex addiction.

Kennedy had been shunning the limelight at the time of the skiing accident. Family members were playing a game of touch football on skis when Kennedy lost control on the slope and ran head-on into a tree.

At the end of the service, a long funeral cortege drove from Cape Cod to Brookline for Kennedy's burial at Holyhood Cemetery, where his brother, David, who died of a drug overdose, and his grandparents, Rose Fitzgerald and Joseph Kennedy, are buried.



AP Photo

U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy, top center, helps carry the casket of his brother Michael Kennedy after his funeral mass at Our Lady of Victory church in Centerville, Mass., Saturday. Michael's son Michael Jr., center front, leads the procession with the help of his uncles William Kennedy Smith, lower left, Robert Kennedy Jr., upper left, Stephen Kennedy Smith, upper right, and Douglas Kennedy, lower right.

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Risky printing of manifesto paid off for hunters of Unabomber

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At the height of the Unabomber's reign of terror, with the nation's air traffic and postal system disrupted, investigators hunting the bomber took a calculated but dangerous risk — and won.

Because of their gamble, math professor-turned-hermit Theodore Kaczynski, 55, goes on trial Monday charged in four Sacramento-linked bombings that killed two men and maimed two others.

Kaczynski's arrest sprang directly from publication of the Unabomber's 35,000-word, anti-technology manifesto by The Washington Post and The New York Times on Sept. 19, 1995.

Attorney General Janet Reno backed publication of the manifesto, at the urging of the San Francisco-based Unabom task force, made up of postal inspectors and agents of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"It was our best chance," says Jim Freeman, former head of the task force and the San Francisco FBI office. "It was potentially a self-portrait of the author that would be recognized by someone — and it was."

But in the summer of 1995, the decision was not easy: The manifesto was accompanied by a threat — later retracted by the Unabomber as "a joke" — to bomb a plane in Los Angeles.

Airlines and the U.S. mail had tightened security in ways that still affect the lives of Americans. Parcel service was disrupted and air travel snarled as airports banned curbside parking and subjected passengers to increased scrutiny.

The investigators knew that some would perceive their approval of the manifesto's publication as caving in to terrorism.

"It certainly wasn't taken lightly," Freeman says. "We didn't want to do anything that set a legal precedent on one hand, and we didn't want to do something that triggered a violent reaction from the Unabomber on the other."

But the Unabom task force, created in 1993 after the maiming of a geneticist and a computer professor, had run out of good leads. It was investigating the nation's longest running serial bombing case — 16 attacks that ultimately killed three and injured 29. (Kaczynski also stands indicted in the third killing, of a New Jersey advertising executive.)

Investigators had painstakingly cross-checked the times and places of the bombings with airline passengers' names. They had interviewed 10,000 "Nathan R's" after finding the impression of that name on a Unabomber letter written to the Times.

Because the serial bomber was believed to have grown up around Chicago and later moved to the San Francisco Bay area, agents pulled the names of anyone who had held drivers licenses in both California and Illinois.

"It was an amazing number of people," Freeman recalls.

All to no avail.

The FBI had two somewhat conflicting profiles of the Unabomber, based on his intricately crafted bombs and the few letters he had sent newspapers.

One profile suggested he was a technically skilled blue-collar worker, possibly an aviation mechanic, without much college education.

A minority view held that he was far more educated, possibly even a Ph.D., a view that gained credence when investigators read the manifesto.

But without more information, they were at a dead end. They decided the world should read the Unabomber's thoughts.

"It seemed to us that the author had strong feelings about this particular philosophy, that he must have articulated this before," Freeman says. "We thought there must be somebody out there who will recognize it — a college professor, a classmate, a politician who had received letters."

What they didn't expect, he says, was a family member.

When Kaczynski's brother, David, read the manifesto, some of its passages were chillingly familiar. David Kaczynski located two letters his brother had written, one about a year earlier, the other 10 years back. He took them to a private detective, who in turn contacted former FBI negotiator Clinton Van Zandt.

Van Zandt knew other experts were already poring over the manifesto.

One was international relations professor Mitch Hammer of American University in Washington. Through occasional consultations with the FBI on hostage negotiations and threat analysis, Hammer developed what he calls "forensic discourse analysis," which uses an author's words to draw his profile.

On their own, Hammer and a colleague had analyzed the manifesto. They concluded that the author had a strong academic background, quite possibly a doctorate. The manifesto, Hammer says, is organized like a doctoral thesis, and includes explanatory devices common to such papers.

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Hammer submitted his analysis to the FBI. When David Kaczynski turned his brother's letters over to Van Zandt, the former agent approached Hammer.

The professor found striking similarities and saw how ideas had evolved from the letters to the manifesto.

"He used the word 'pygmies' in a letter," Hammer says. "In the manifesto he used the same concept, but changed it to 'Australian aborigines.'"

A theme in the letters was society's destruction of man's true nature, an idea Theodore Kaczynski called being "trained in inhibitions." The Unabomber echoed the theme, but called it "oversocialization."

In the end, Hammer concluded there was an 80 percent chance the author of the letters had written the manifesto. A team doing a parallel analysis for Van Zandt came up with a 60 percent chance.

Based on their findings, David Kaczynski made the agonizing decision to approach the FBI.

"There was no question that the publishing of the manifesto ultimately led to the arrest of Theodore Kaczynski," Hammer says. "I could not have done the analysis that I did, and David Kaczynski would probably not have sent those letters out to be analyzed."

Freeman agrees, although he believes the task force would eventually have come across Kaczynski's name. They had been looking at people in certain age groups who matched the Unabomber's movements — and Kaczynski's age group was next.

While agents are satisfied the mystery of the Unabomber ended with Kaczynski's arrest, one puzzle remains: Who is Nathan R?

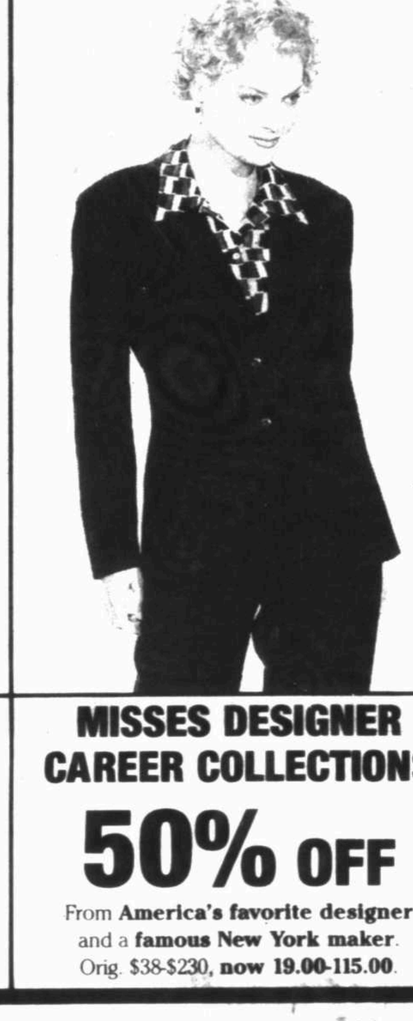
Investigators have a theory. The impression on the Unabomber's letter to The New York Times may have come from a note written on top of the envelope by someone in the newspaper's mailroom — and the Times' staff includes a man whose name and initial are Nathan R.



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The other six McCaughey babies are in fair condition, said hospital spokeswoman Lynne Yontz. Doctors have said they hope to send them home by the end of January.

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Almost powerless now, Washington's embattled mayor talks of another run

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year in which Congress took away virtually all of Marion Barry's power to govern the nation's capital, Washington's embattled mayor remains convinced that the people who elected him four times are still on his side.

But Barry admitted in a weekend interview that as long as he's in office, other Americans won't forget the videotaped spectacle of the mayor, smoking crack cocaine in a downtown hotel in 1990, being interrupted and arrested by invading FBI agents.

Asked about his national image problem — Does he think the country will ever get past his drug history? — Barry said:

"Of course they will. When I get out of office." But for now, he said, "It's not to their advantage to picture me in a positive way."

Not so in Washington, however, he said.

"Most of the residents still hold me in high regard," Barry told The Associated Press. "In spite of all the negative stories, citizens are still smart enough to hold me in high regard.

"If I was to run, I would beat the four people that have been mentioned (as possible challengers)."

It's that kind of talk that has many in this city of just under 529,000 thinking that Barry is gearing up to seek an unprecedented fifth term in this year's election.

The prospect of another run is surprising to many after a year that dealt such major blows to his authority.

In 1998, Congress passed a multimillion-dollar rescue package allowing the federal government to take over costly state-like functions the city had handled alone, including pensions and most Medicaid expenses.

The relief came with a heavy price. Congressional Republicans added provisions that stripped the Democratic mayor and the Democrat-dominated city council of essentially all control over top city agencies.

Barry was left to handle lesser functions: recreation, tourism, largely ceremonial functions such as Saturday's planned visit to a constituent to congratulate her on her 98th birthday.

The congressional measure also called for the 2-year-old financial control board to hire a chief management officer to oversee most city agencies.

At the time, Barry declared that the provisions constituted "a rape of democracy."

He became further incensed two weeks ago when the financial control board hired Camille Cates Barnett as the new management officer. Barnett will be paid $155,000. Barry draws an $87,000 annual salary.

Barnett is not the only appointee with hands on local government. In addition to the control board and an independent chief financial officer overseeing finances, an appointed trustee board runs city schools.

"In spite of all the negative stories, citizens are still smart enough to hold me in high regard."
— Washington Mayor Marion Barry

Then there are congressional leaders, many of whom make no secret of their disdain for Barry largely because of the 1990 hotel-room incident.

In the face such pressure, why would Barry want to run?

"Marion Barry is not the kind of person to step away from a fight. He has been continuously underestimated," said longtime district activist Lawrence Guyot.

Barry hints that his popularity soars as his power is taken away. Describing a recent visit to a citizens' meeting, Barry said, "They were all over me, shaking hands and hugging."

In recent days, Barry has sounded even more like a campaigner. Last week, he said on local television that declared mayoral candidate Jack Evans, a Democratic city councilman, is "too inexperienced" to be mayor.

Two anticipated Democratic challengers — councilmen Harold Brazil and Kevin Chavous — fared no better in the mayor's estimation. He characterized Brazil as "wishy-washy." And a chuckling Barry said Chavous simply "doesn't have enough guts" to run.

Councilwoman Carol Schwartz, a Republican defeated by Barry in 1994 mayoral race, "will never be mayor," he declared.

Despite his detractors, Barry insists he has done much to turn around the troubled capital. There is a balanced budget this year. City services are on the mend, and crime is down 24 percent.

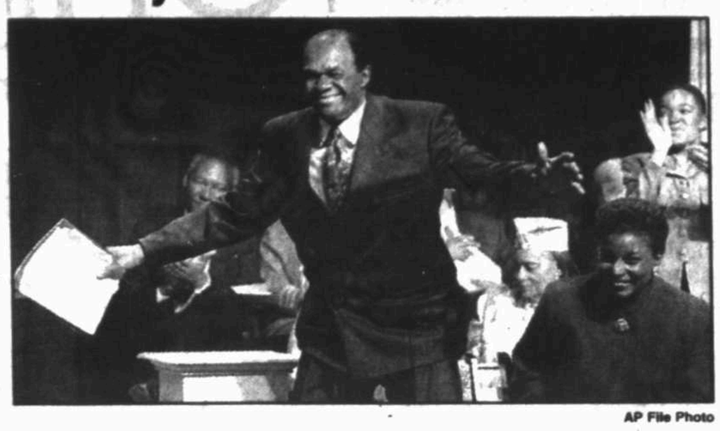
Barry said he has thought about life after the mayor's office and has weighed doing talk shows, possibly even returning to teaching. The mayor, a few credits shy of a doctorate in chemistry, taught briefly before entering politics.

"If I don't run, it will be because I feel I can do more on the outside," he told the AP.

But as soon as he uttered those words, Barry the campaigner returned, the man who has run for elective office in the city since 1971 — first on the school board, then for mayor, then for the city council, again for mayor.

He noted that a recall effort failed last year.

"If I decide to run," Barry said, "they're going to be surprised about the strength we have around here."



AP File Photo

Washington Mayor Marion Barry rises to give his acceptance speech during swearing in ceremonies in Washington Monday, Jan. 2, 1994. Looking on is his wife Cora Masters Barry. After a year in which Congress took away virtually all of Marion Barry's power to govern the nation's capital, Washington's embattled mayor remains convinced that the people who elected him four times are still on his side.

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Group backing Jones alleges tax intimidation

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The group bankrolling Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton is accusing his lawyers of conducting a "witch hunt" aimed at revoking its tax-exempt status.

The Rutherford Institute is challenging a subpoena from Clinton's lawyers for documents on the institute's tax-exempt status, its purpose, and its basis for eligibility as a tax-exempt organization.

The institute filed a motion Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Charlottesville, where it is based, asking that hearings on its challenge be conducted in open court. Mrs. Jones' lawsuit is under a gag order issued by U.S. District Judge Susan Wright in Little Rock, Ark., who is presiding over the case.

The motion called that confidentiality order "inapplicable and overbroad."

In early December, Wright ruled that institute documents involving fund raising, public relations strategy and tax returns must be turned over to the president's lawyers.

The group "will not voluntarily open itself up to any fishing expedition by a legal adversary when the purpose or effect of the examination is to intimidate, injure and harass it," said an affidavit filed with the motion on Wednesday and released Friday.

"This is a deliberate attempt to bring the (Internal Revenue Service) down on the Rutherford Institute," said Thomas S. Neuberger, the institute's lawyer, in a Saturday telephone interview.

"This purported discovery attempt should be identified for what it is — a witch hunt for having the audacity to challenge the president of the United States," said a statement filed with the motion by Rutherford board member A. Eric Johnston.

Clinton's lawyer, Robert S. Bennett, issued a statement calling the institute's allegations "false and preposterous." He said its court filing violated Wright's gag order and was "obviously a gimmick to raise funds for the Paula Jones lawsuit by making up a story that they are under attack."

"This extremist organization is financing this litigation for the purpose of trying to humiliate the president and to interfere with his very successful presidency," said Bennett.

Clinton's attorneys want the fund-raising records to back their claim that Mrs. Jones is suing only for personal financial gain.

Neuberger said the gag order does not apply to the institute because it was intended to silence only the lawyers, agents and spokesmen involved in the Jones case.

If Bennett "wants to play hardball, we can play hardball. I'm no wussy," Neuberger said.

Established in 1982, the Rutherford Institute generally handles cases involving religious freedom and has only taken one other sexual harassment suit, Neuberger said.

It helped with the Jones lawsuit "because the case involves the paramount principle that a sitting president is subject to the rule of law," Johnston said.

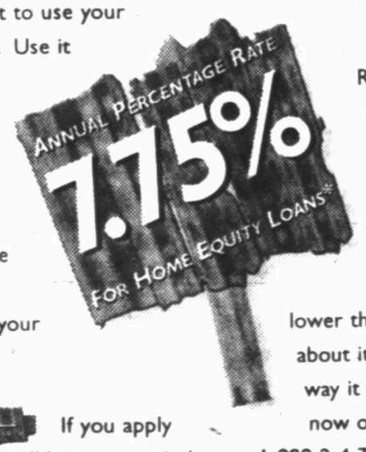
Mrs. Jones claims Clinton, while Arkansas governor, exposed himself to her in a Little Rock hotel room in May 1991. At the time, she worked for an Arkansas state economic office.

Clinton denies her allegations. Trial is set for May.



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Grim reaper still stalks Kennedys

Death silently stalks the Kennedy family, striking one after another of its number down in their prime.

The latest, Michael Kennedy, 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was tragically killed New Year's Eve when he skied into a tree while playing football on skies with relatives at a Rocky Mountain resort at Aspen, Colo.

Kennedy suffered serious head injuries in the accident and died about 90 minutes later at a hospital. His death was the latest in a line of tragedies that has haunted the Kennedy family since before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy Jr. on Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas. President Kennedy was Michael Kennedy's uncle.

Five years after that stunning event Michael's father, Sen. Kennedy, was shot to death in Los Angeles while campaigning for the Democratic nomination for president.

It all adds up to a long and sad history of grief for a family that has remained in the public eye for decades and to which the public seems drawn even more with each death.

Then Michael's older brother, David, died of a drug overdose in 1984.

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., another of Michael's uncles, was killed in a plane crash during World War II.

An aunt of Michael's, Kathleen Kennedy, also died in a plane crash.

It all adds up to a long and sad history of grief for a family that has remained in the public eye for decades and to which the public seems drawn even more with each death.

Is it that the Kennedy family's lifestyle makes such heart-wrenching tragedies more likely? Or is it that the wealth and political power enjoyed by the Kennedy family makes them more willing to take unnecessary risks than others? Or is it some combination of the two or, perhaps, a fateful political epic that simply must be played out?

The answer may never be known, but it still is a tragedy that will continue to have the undivided attention of millions of Americans for years to come.

Another View

Reading 'disgrace' really is avoidable

The war over how to teach children to read is producing a lot of little casualties. About 40 percent of the children in American schools can't read well.

That's a disgrace — an economic death sentence for those children. It's time for the nation's public school systems to accept responsibility for that fact and do what is necessary to correct it.

As the Baltimore Sun reported recently, the National Institutes of Health has been studying reading problems for two decades. And it has reached several important conclusions:

- Most children can learn to read. ...
- Most reading problems are preventable. ...

What's needed is the right mix of approaches. ...

A child who does not learn to read well is at a terrible disadvantage. The fact that 40 percent of American schoolchildren fit into that category should shame us all. ...

They should not be free, however, to assert that some children just can't learn.

The research says they can.

— Charleston Daily Mail
Charleston, W.Va.

Jack Anderson

Russia legislates against foreign missionaries

SARATOV, Russia — It was a relatively minor incident here, only noted by the Russian Orthodox priest and his four young American visitors. But it speaks volumes about the changes in Russian freedom expected to occur this year.



Anderson

The four Americans were Mormon missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All between the ages of 19 and 21, they hailed from Arizona, Washington, Utah and Virginia, having paid their own way to teach their religion in a foreign land.

They had entered an opulent, onion-domed edifice, curious about the architecture, culture and religion. One of them approached a fully garbed priest, resplendent in his vestments, and asked him a simple doctrinal question.

The priest fumed, ordered them to read a book and to stop bothering him. Gruffly, he asked them to take their hands out of their pockets, which he perceived as an insult. When they didn't respond quickly enough, the four young men were literally pushed out of the church.

In a nutshell, that's what the Russian Orthodox Church is trying to do with all competing religions, and it's armed with a law banning proselytizing activity that went into full force on Jan. 1.

The law, under the Orwellian title, "Law on Freedom of Conscience and Religious Associations," passed the State Duma last September by a vote of 358-6. The upper house of Russia's parliament then passed it unanimously.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who had vetoed an earlier version of the bill, felt forced to sign it the second time around. Since then, he has repeatedly — and secretly — assured worried American congressmen that the new law won't apply to their churches.

The law's provisions greatly restrict the activities of any church that wasn't recognized by the atheistic Soviet state 15 years ago. The not-so-hidden agenda is to keep the Russian Orthodox Church pre-eminent.

Never mind the fact that its Moscow Patriarch, Alexei II, routinely informed to the KGB on his own priests and congregants. And never mind that it means the only sanctioned churches, in effect, will be those that previously compromised in equally despicable ways with the former Communist government.

What is often missed is that the law has already been used — and will continue to be used — to stifle not only proselytizing "Western" religions, but long-established breakoffs of the Russian Orthodox Church itself. Within 24 hours of Yeltsin's signature, armed police broke in on a Ukrainian Orthodox congregation in a Moscow suburb and disrupted its meeting.

Does this matter to Russians in a provincial city like Saratov, about 500 miles southeast of Moscow on the Volga River?

The answer, our correspondent Dylan Van Atta has found, is both yes and no. Many Russians — who are predominantly atheists to begin with — are too preoccupied with the rigors of daily life to worry about the infringement of a freedom that doesn't relate to food in their mouths or money in their pockets.

Most of the ones who do care see the law as a necessary protection against the onslaught of a Western cultural influx that has brought little besides drugs, crime and unemployment into their lives. In many remote regions of central Russia, a new kind of Cold War is simmering. It's not between states and ideologies, but between Russian nationalism and anything that is new and from the West.

Officials in Saratov, who spoke with our correspondent, believe the enforcement of the new law will be uneven at first. Much of it will depend, they predict, on how much pressure the Russian Orthodox Church puts on local politicians to clamp down on "foreign" religions.

Back in Washington, Russian Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov says the law was specifically designed to combat the influence of Western missionaries — predominantly Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. "They are coming in. They are aggressive. They have people upset, especially in the orthodox religion," Vorontsov said several months ago.

But the ambassador sang a different, more peaceful tune a few weeks ago. In a gesture of goodwill, he accepted an invitation to turn on the 300,000 lights at the Washington, D.C., Mormon Temple's annual "Festival of Lights" celebration.

But Vorontsov is an ambassador, which means it's his job to handle delicate diplomatic skirmishes like this one. Far less delicate are the orthodox clergy in Russia's heartland, whose actions over the next few months will go a long way toward determining the fate of religious freedom in this former Communist state.

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Russell Baker

Al Gore is perfect target for torment

Al Gore is like the fat boy in the schoolyard. Tormenting him is so much fun that nobody can resist. Everybody knows it is unfair and cruel to push him around, but the pleasure of it is too delightful for even the most humane schoolboy to forgo.



Baker

Victims are necessary in schoolyards to satisfy the nastier angels of youthful nature. Victims in politics fulfill similarly shameful needs, but a politician, once draped in the trappings of victimhood, faces dangerous practical problems.

In Gore's case it might lead to loss of a crack at the presidency. A year ago he was thought to be a lead-pipe cinch to win the Democratic nomination. Now there is a dangerous amount of deadly joking at his expense.

A perennial butt of jokes is not the best of all possible presidential candidates and while Gore has not yet fallen into perennial butthood there is enough rude and contemptuous jeering to make a shrewd politician consider putting on a new image.

Fortunately for Gore, the cartoonists — apparently too young to remember the derring-do of Hairbreadth Harry — have not yet figured out how to caricature his heroically square-jawed good looks. Journalists of all types, persuasions and political prejudices, however, still enjoy bouts of rollicking mirth about his defense of his role in the Democratic fund-raising orgies.

The recent nonsense about an old popular novel titled "Love Story" typifies what can happen to a politician once he falls into victimhood. For whatever reason, he told somebody that he and his wife had been models for the chief characters in that forgotten potboiler of a generation ago.

This being an exceedingly droughty time for news, journalists naturally picked up and investigated this piece of trivia. Inevitably, such is Gore's gift for victimhood, it proved to be mostly bunk. More contemptuous laughter ensued.

Such stuff becomes ammunition for opponents to use against him now that political campaigns are little more than television muggings designed to convert candidates into hapless, hence unelectable, victims.

At this moment Gore is a prime target for political muggers. Republicans see him as a Democratic presidential candidate and, therefore, a man to be put to the rack and bastinado. For five years Republicans have been whooping for investigators, lawyers and reporters to nail President Clinton for something that will make him despicable to all humanity, if not put him behind bars.

The results have maddened them. Clinton's Teflon seems as impenetrable as the stuff that once coated Ronald Reagan. If they have succeeded in making Clinton's life hellish, they have failed to foment public demand for having him hauled off in a tumbril.

Ah, but then there is Gore. Clinton may be indestructible, but not Gore, from the look of him. Gore looks like a victim ripe for mugging.

What's more, Clinton cannot run again. Trying to bring him down begins to look like a waste of good zeal. It is Gore they may have to run against. What juicier prospect could Republicans hope for than a campaign against a natural-born victim?

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Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1998. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1896, Utah was admitted to the Union as the 45th state.

On this date:

In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union address.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track.

William Safire

Diplomats search for adjective to describe modern atmosphere

Openness was just not good enough. Scrutability didn't measure up, because that word is better known by its turnaround, inscrutability, and to use it seems laboriously couth, even ept and kempt.



Safire

Proponents of greater accessibility of information — ready to go to the very brink of revelation — needed a new term for organized, agreed-upon mutual veil-dropping. ("Salome tactics" was too sexily insiderish.)

In diplomacy and foreign correspondence, cookie pushers and pencil pushers alike vied for some term of universal acceptance that would counter the Cold War secrecy prevalent in the late '60s and the back-channeling of Henry Kissinger in the early '70s. What was another noun for openness, perhaps a little longer and less familiar, to convey a meaning opposite to the dangerous secrecy and possibly corrupt opacity?

Frankness had a problem: In diplolingo, the adjective frank does not mean "candid," as it does in dictionaries, but has a code meaning in talks of "these guys were really hollering at each other," the opposite of fruitful.

What other word means "letting in the sunshine," or "pervious to light"? Diaphaneity, the noun form of diaphanous, is unfamiliar, and pellucidity could be confused with Pell grants. Coinages to define a concept are not easy to come by.

Visibility might have had a chance, but the airline industry had a lock on it. Verifiability made a hard run for the money. Ronald Reagan's adoption of what may have been a Russian adage — "Trust but verify" — gave verifiability a specific place in arms-reduction talks, but it never made the crossover to general vogue usage.

The science of linguistics — especially its category of phonology, the study of sound changes — offered a clue. Loosey-goosey linguists, unlike hardline physicists, accept the notion that there are mysterious contexts in which a rule just does not work; they call this "the opacity of a rule."

Now here comes our answer to the other side of darkness and concealment: In a 1971 linguistic survey, Paul Kiparsky — then of MIT, now of Stanford, where he laps the field on Sanskrit grammar — wrote, "Let us refer to the converse of opacity as transparency." And the worlds of diplomacy (especially arms control) and trade (back when global was still international) said: Yeah, let us.

Transparency (rooted in the Latin parere, "to appear, to become visible") apparently swept through several fields: "The term was a convergence of, or developed concomitantly from, the two worlds of economics and arms control," says Vince Garnett at The Foreign Service Journal. The former Ambassador James E. Goodby, representing us at the 1983 Stockholm Conference for Disarmament in Europe, recalls the word getting hot then: "The Russians didn't like the word at all, so I stuck to openness."

Before that, in the spring of 1975, the columnist C.L. Sulzberger wrote in The New York Times about "spooks in an open society," and quoted the Swedish professor Stevan Dedijer as hailing "the transparency of social intelligence," where "the U.S.A. has an incomparable lead not only in relations to the Communist countries but in relation to the most open of the democracies."

Now the word is defined in Brewer's Politics as "the catch word for the openness of the operations of the European Community to the public gaze." In administrative law, transparency applies to rules with a well-defined and universally accepted meaning. In business, an NGO (for "nongovernmental organization") created to blow whistles at bribery calls itself "Transparency International."

And in the merged worlds of economics and diplomacy, Tom Friedman of The New York Times wrote in 1997 about "the regulatory agencies, banking controls, transparency, bureaucratic professionalism and civil society needed" to keep emerging nations stable.

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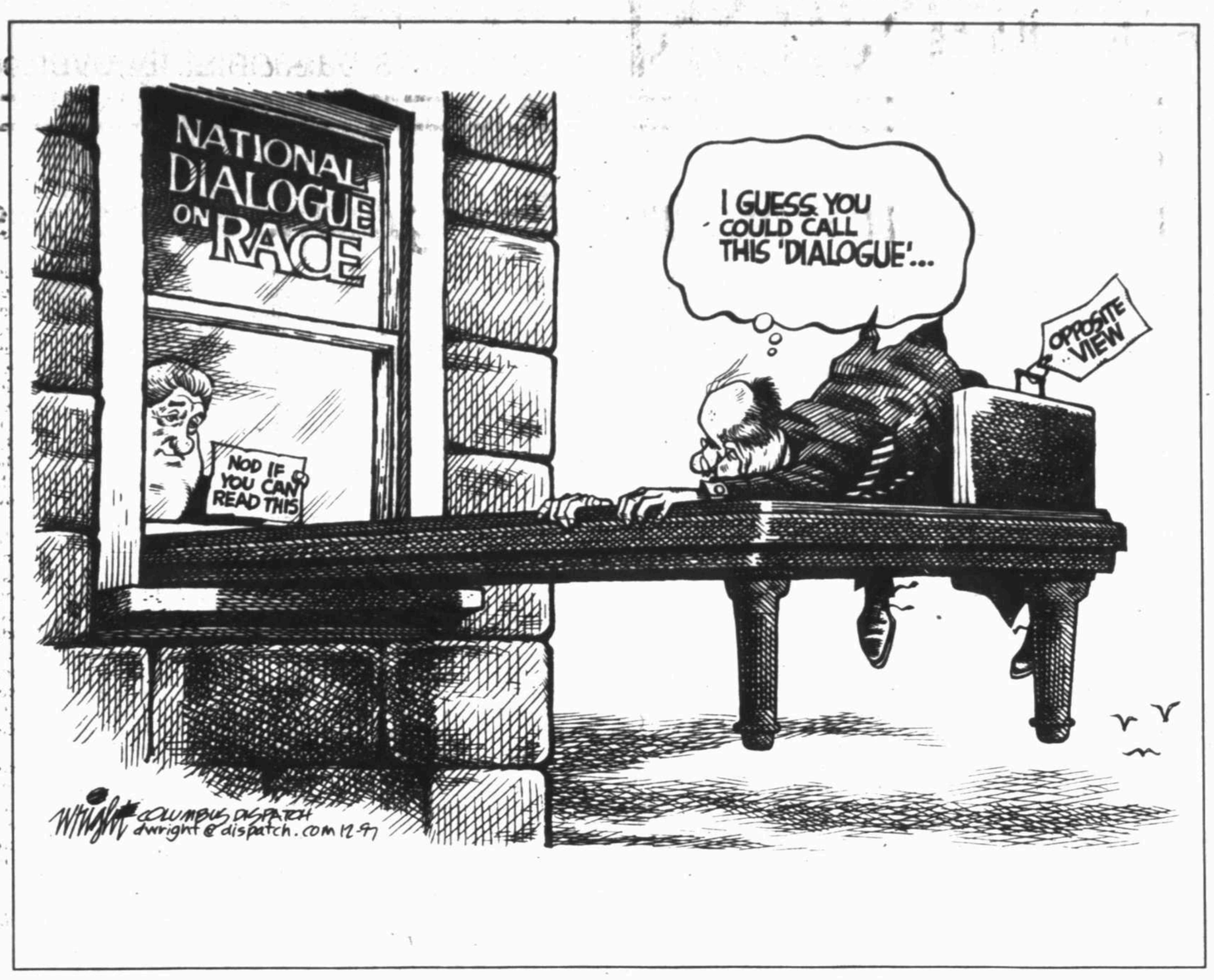


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ANTHONY LEWIS

Why do so many Americans demand the death penalty?

The cases of Terry Nichols and Theodore Kaczynski highlight a striking difference between the United States and many countries whose values we otherwise share, from Europe to Australia. They have abandoned capital punishment as a piece of savagery unjustified by any gain in public safety; we are executing more prisoners than we have for decades.

Kaczynski, charged with the Unabomber's campaign of terror, has lived a life that raises serious questions about his mental state. Yet the Justice Department is so determined to execute him that it turned down his offer to plead guilty in return for a life sentence. It is pressing for the execution of Nichols even though a jury convicted him of other charges, not murder, in the Oklahoma City bombing.

The Justice Department is in tune with popular sentiment. But why do so many Americans demand the death penalty?

There were clues the other day in letters to the editor published by The Wall Street Journal. They objected in strong terms to an article by Prof. John J. DiIulio of Princeton that suggested abolition of the death penalty.

DiIulio's piece was notable because he is generally a voice for toughness in the criminal law. On capital punishment, he argued that as it is actually administered in the United States, it "is arbitrary and capricious."

Only a tiny percentage of murderers is executed, DiIulio wrote. Many are not arrested, and many who are charged plea bargain to lower sentences.

"This who-shall-live state lottery is unjust both as a matter of Judeo-Christian ethics and as a matter of American citizenship," DiIulio wrote. "Since we can't apply it fairly, we ought to consider abolishing it."

In letters to the editor, Ernest van den Haag and Prof. Barry Latzer of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice dismissed the fairness argument. "At every sentencing level," Latzer said, "from life in prison to traffic tickets, some offenders are punished less harshly than others."

That argument overlooked what most of us would think was a determinative reality: Death is different. If two traffic violators get different treatment, it may be unjust. But it matters a lot more if one murderer is killed by the state and another lives out his life (or less) in prison.

Even more remarkable in the letters was the omission of the factor that overwhelmingly determines whether a murder defendant is convicted and executed: the competence of his lawyer. Almost all the prisoners executed in this country are poor people who had a marginal legal defense. The O.J. Simpsons of this world are not executed or, often, convicted.

The quality of legal representation in many death cases is abysmal. Three Texas murder defendants in recent years were sentenced to death after trials in which their lawyers were observed sleeping. Texas appellate courts upheld the convictions.

In the Gideon case in 1963 the Supreme Court held that the state must provide lawyers for poor criminal defendants. But our society does not care enough to assure that the representation is competent even in capital cases. Novices and old hacks are assigned to defendants, and the states put tight limits on the cost of defense.

It is not some brooding omnipresence in the sky that sends one defendant to death and spares another, as the letter-writers seem to think. Defendants are mostly executed because their lawyers were untrained, uninterested or denied the resources to make a real defense.

Not just inequity but grim injustice may result. In the last 20 years, 70 men on death row awaiting execution have been freed after DNA evidence or something else proved them innocent. How many innocent men were executed?

Van den Haag suggested that uncertainty in application of the death penalty was acceptable because the possibility of execution "inspires unreasoning fear" and hence is a deterrent. But statistics from states with and without it show that it has no deterrent effect.

People want the death penalty, I am convinced, for emotional rather than rational reasons. They want to get even with murderers, however arbitrarily those to die are selected. A Wall Street Journal editor got it right in the headline over the letters: "Vengeance Must Be Ours."

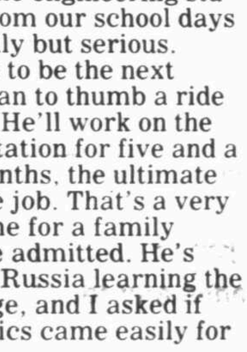
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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Gut harvesting a tradition at Alabama-Auburn games

AUBURN, Ala. — People are not keen on signing away livers and kidneys before a big football game.


Johnson

I was official organ-donor witness at the Auburn-Alabama game. That is, I witnessed the signatures of people willing to donate their organs after death, not any organ-harvesting per se.

I gave away T-shirts that said "It Takes Guts" and orange and blue pompoms. Business was slow.

Two of Auburn's astronauts, Jan Davis and Jim Voss, did brisker trade autographing their photographs at a nearby booth. I can see why. When you shake the hand of someone who has been weightless, who has flown on a real Space Mission, you get goosebumps.

I managed a short conversation with Jim Voss before the line of alums got too long. Once we started talking, he seemed like any of the engineering students from our school days -- friendly but serious.

Jim is to be the next American to thumb a ride on Mir. He'll work on the space station for five and a half months, the ultimate offshore job. That's a very long time for a family man, he admitted. He's been in Russia learning the language, and I asked if linguistics came easily for him.

"Not at all," he said.

At early meetings with Russian scientists he first understood about 30 percent of the technical gibberish; now he figures he's clawed his way up to 80 percent comprehension. How difficult it must be to conquer space in a second language.

I didn't ask Jim to sign a donor card; he's given humanity enough.

I saw friends I haven't seen in 25 years. Like Debbie Knight, Miss Robert E. Lee High 1971. She looked good, but, then, why should a Miss Lee High ever sag?

All those decades of homecoming queens, and I don't think they've ever had to do a recall.

And I saw Dan Doughtie, an ace photographer when we both worked at the Auburn student newspaper, The Plainsman. Dan snapped his way to campus fame by photographing the first SEC streaker, a male wearing only a stocking cap. That Auburn picture went around the world.

I sat at the booth for three hours. Long enough to get really nervous. It had been 25 years since I'd been to an Auburn-Alabama game. The last one was in Birmingham, the 17-16 classic that we Auburn fans still rhapsodize about.

This one seemed dramatically different. At night. At Auburn. I had never before seen those detestable crimson sweatshirts and banners on campus, and I tried to remember why Auburn had fought to have the heathens come here. (I think it had something to do with money.)

There was more open boozing than I'd ever seen at an Auburn game. I kept expecting to see campus police round up the offenders.

And litter was piled knee-high around the stadium, something I don't remember from past games. There was almost a rock-concert atmosphere.

I took a pom-pom and my seat just before kickoff.

That's when it all began to look familiar. Auburn was a 13-point favorite, but it was immediately clear the game was going to be a nail-biter as always. When it comes to the Auburn-Alabama game, bookmakers be damned.

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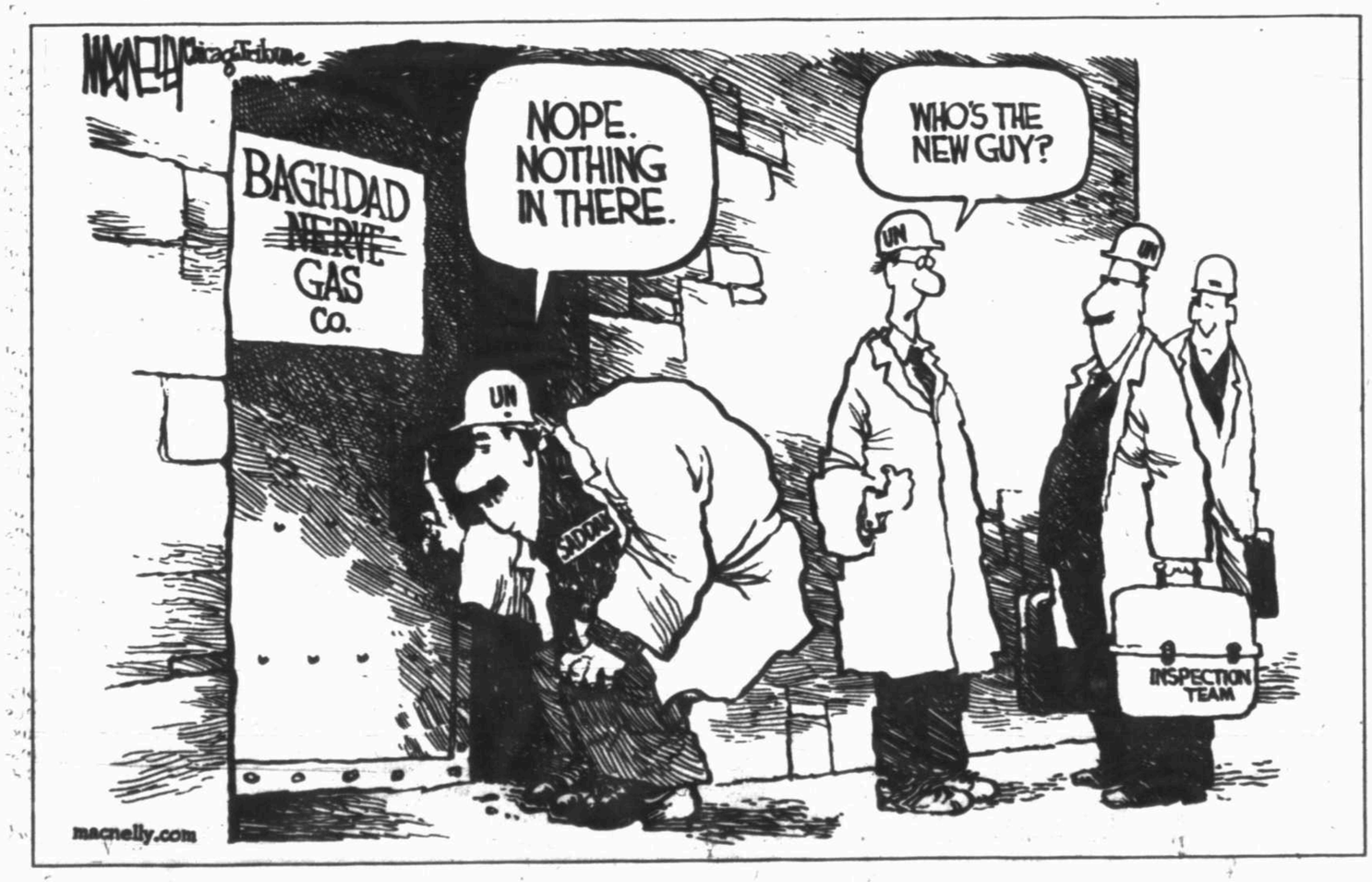
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Clinton to urge Medicare for early retirees

■ Clinton budget proposal calls for lowering eligibility age for benefits to 62.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is to propose this week lowering to 62 the age of Americans eligible for Medicare benefits, an administration official said Saturday.

The proposal, which if implemented would mark the first time Medicare is made available to those under 65, will be part of Clinton's proposed spending plan for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

It is one of several spending initiatives the president plans to propose in the new budget, said the official, speaking on condition he not to be identified. Other proposals would restore food stamp benefits to some legal immigrants and focus on biomedical research.

The official said Clinton would continue to limit federal spending and avoid expensive initiatives that would explode the budget. Since raising taxes on wealthy Americans and cutting federal spending in 1993, the president has seen the federal deficit steadily shrink each year.

"It is possible, in the context of moving towards that balanced budget, to begin to expand a little bit on some of the spending programs that are available for people who really have real needs," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Saturday on CNN's "Evans and Novak."

As more companies refuse to provide health coverage to retirees, many people find themselves unable to afford insurance until Medicare eligibility begins at age 65.

"This is a problem that needs to be addressed," said Andrea Hofelich, spokeswoman for Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-Conn., a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee.

While the administration official would not discuss details of Clinton's plan until the president presents it this week, both The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal reported it would allow people between 62 and 64 to pay up to $400 a month for health coverage.

Administration officials also are looking at ways for Medicare to cover Americans aged 55 to 61, but officials say that may prove unaffordable. The over-55 group is second only to children in the percentage of Americans lacking health insurance.

The food stamp proposal is the latest effort to restore some of the benefits taken from legal immigrants in the 1996 law overhauling welfare. Even when he signed the bill into law, Clinton said he disagreed with some of its provisions and would work to amend them.

Last year, the president and Congress agreed to restore disability and Medicaid benefits to legal immigrants and included that provision in the balanced budget agreement. During negotiations, the sides could not agree on including food stamps. Hence, the president plans to try again in his budget proposal, though details are not complete.

Another area of the budget drawing interest from Clinton is biomedical research. He has been a long-standing supporter of allocating federal funds for such research. In his new budget, he plans to push for a $1 billion increase in funding for biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health, The New York Times reported. In addition, the newspaper, said, some lawmakers may try to double the institutes' budget, now at $13.6 billion this year, over the next five years.

Mission Control: Libya OKs balloonist fly-over

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Just hours after he rerouted his flight Saturday to avoid Libya, Steve Fossett got permission to fly over the North African country on his quest to be the first to pilot a balloon around the world.

Team members were reevaluating their options to decide whether they should redirect Fossett to seek wind currents that would carry him across Libya, said Tim Cole, a member of the Washington University-based team.

Libya's hesitance to let Fossett fly over its territory last year led to the failure of an earlier globe-circling attempt.

Fossett, a 53-year-old commodities trader from Chicago, took off from St. Louis on Wednesday on his fourth try to circle the globe. His trip aboard his Solo Spirit, a combination of helium and hot air balloons, is expected to last 15 to 20 days.

Early Saturday, after trying unsuccessfully several times to get Libya's permission for a flyover, the team had changed Fossett's course, directing him into air currents that would carry him southeastward to the Mediterranean and then turn him northeastward toward the Black Sea, avoiding Libya altogether.

"We did divert the Solo Spirit's flight path to respect Libyan wishes, but we are really pleased with their response," Cole said. "We will be taking a hard look at weather conditions and deciding whether to take advantage of their gracious offer."

Libyan permission came at 2:30 p.m. EST, the flight team said. By 4:00 p.m., Fossett was approaching Budapest, Hungary, directly north of Libya, at 86 mph at an altitude of approximately 24,500 feet.

Lou Billones, the team's chief meteorologist, said if Fossett could maneuver the balloon into a tropical jet stream over the Mediterranean, he would stay close to schedule.

"I have no doubts that we can do it," Billones said.

If Fossett couldn't reach that rapid air current over the Mediterranean, he could fall behind schedule by a few days, Billones said.

Last year, Libya granted Fossett permission to fly over at the last minute, and by that time he had already burned valuable fuel heating his balloon to reach air currents that would allow him to avoid the country.

That created a fuel shortage that eventually forced him to land in a mustard field in India. Although it was only half way to his goal, the 10,377-mile trip was still the longest ever for a balloonist.

Flight team member Alan Blount could not say how much fuel Fossett had used as of Saturday. By Friday afternoon, Fossett had used 45 of the 800 gallons of propane he started with in St. Louis.

Fossett had run into problems Friday over Ireland when he ran into wind that could have blown him backwards over the Atlantic.

He climbed to 26,000 feet to grab a current that could carry him east over England, but that also put him into a weather pattern that would have carried him southeastward toward Libya.

Early Saturday, the flight team had Fossett descend to 15,000 feet, picking up wind that allowed him to "park" at a relatively slow 43 mph over Germany, Blount said.

At sunrise, he climbed again to 24,000 feet to head east along the Czech border toward Hungary.

Most states in the black as '98 sessions begin

Associated Press

Revenues are pouring into most state government coffers at an unexpectedly high rate, making surpluses likely — but not necessarily tax cuts, a survey found.

As legislative sessions open around the nation this month, 30 states say they've taken in more tax collections so far this budget year than they predicted. Nineteen others say revenues are coming in on target, according to an annual fiscal report of the states done by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Only Alaska expects a slight decline in revenues and Hawaii did not respond to the survey.

And while revenues are up — thanks to a strong stock market, experts say — only 13 states said unexpected costs had arisen. Each of those states said they could cover the cost with revenues.

Surpluses that states have seen over the past three to four years mean serious politicking, legislators said. In austere times, they said, it's easier to tell constituents "no" without losing political face.

"Now we'll find out exactly how committed to your philosophy you are," said Arizona Senate Finance Chairman Scott Bundgaard.

The Phoenix Republican wants Arizona to turn back an unexpected $300 million in collections and $200 million surplus from the end of the last budget year in the form of tax cuts. Arizona, which has been cutting taxes since 1991, "has found a wallet with $500 million in it. I'd like to return that wallet," he said.

The debate over what to do with potential surpluses has an added factor — 1998 is an election year.

"You can't underestimate the role that will play on people's thinking," said Arturo Perez, author of the report by the Denver-based National Conference.

While surpluses are likely, tax cuts may not be. Budget officials in only 16 states predicted tax relief would be on their agendas this session.

Among the proposals floating around are ones to cut Arizona's personal income tax and Oklahoma's sales tax on food, eliminate Virginia's motor vehicle property tax and give a property tax credit in Missouri.

But Perez noted that 24 states cut at least 1 percent of their tax collections between 1995 and 1997 and said "they can't keep coming back to that." Expenditures also have been up — 5.3 percent in fiscal 1998 from the previous year.

Legislators and state officials are also cagey this time of year, Perez said, not wanting to reveal proposals in the works for tax cuts or increases.

Education will be the big spending issue of this legislative session, according to most states. Others mentioned were juvenile justice programs, adult corrections and state employee compensation.

Judge orders man with 18 DUIs to live near bar

HILLSBORO, Ohio (AP) — A man with 18 drunken driving convictions has been sentenced to live within walking distance of a liquor store or bar to try to keep him from driving drunk again.

"It's my hope that he'll walk to get his beer and wine rather than drive," Judge James Hapner said on Saturday. "Whether it will work or not, I don't know."

Dennis Cayse, 50, has been charged with DUI at least 24 times since 1971. He's been sent to prison twice, and the state of Ohio has permanently revoked his driver's license.

The sentence — which also restricts where Cayse may sit as a passenger in a vehicle — was a product of Hapner's frustration. Hapner, who has handled several of Cayse's cases and prosecuted the man before becoming a judge, said he's run out of ideas to get Cayse to stop drinking and driving.



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Public views fat men as funny, fat women as tragic

By Liz Stevens
N.Y. Times News Service

Chris Farley was fat. We laughed at his fatness. He wanted us to. Like a long line of male comedians before him, Farley used his girth as an asset, stripping off his shirt and jiggling his gelatinous belly during a "Saturday Night Live" skit juxtaposed with the buff Patrick Swayze.

Lots of people found that hysterical. But why? And if fat is funny, why don't we see the female equivalent of John Candy, John Belushi, Louie Anderson and Drew Carey shaking their poundage for audiences, or winning romantic leads in films?

"You know the answer," says Beth Anne Shelton, a professor of sociology at the University of Texas at Arlington. "It is more acceptable for men to be large than it is for women. It's not just humor. It's society in general."

The history of funny fat men dates to before the 20th century. Shakespeare's Falstaff was a corpulent comic character. Mass entertainment introduced Oliver Hardy, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle and Jackie Gleason, all men whose weight added to their laugh quotient. What is it about their excess baggage that tickles the masses?

"Any way in which a person in their physical build is nowhere near the norm, is eccentric or peculiar, those things always tend to provoke laughter," says Harvey Mindess, a psychologist and professor emeritus at Antioch University in California. "One theory of humor holds that we laugh at things that make us feel superior, so some people would claim we laugh at fat or awkward people because we feel that, compared to them, we're pretty good."

FARLEY, WHO DIED Dec. 18 at age 33, discovered early in life he could use his body as a humorous tool. Split pants, pratfalls and busted chairs: the larger the stooge, the funnier the shtick.

"I know there's that theory that correlates being overweight and funny," Robert Smigel, who wrote Farley's popular Superfans sketch, told the Chicago Sun-Times. "Pop psychology goes: Fat equals sad equals funny."

But that only worked because Farley seemed OK with his weight, as did Candy, Belushi and Gleason — at least in their acts. "It makes the audience more comfortable" when comics make fun of their deficits, says Dr. Peter Desberg, a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles. And the vast majority of fat comics make fun of their weight. Louie Anderson talks about nothing but fat jokes."

Women simply can't get away with that. "We have a certain predisposition for women to be attractive," Desberg says. "When we see a woman who is overweight, we tend to think of it as being tragic, and it's hard to laugh at.

"You never pitied John Belushi," adds Desberg, author of "No More Butterflies," a guide to dealing with stage fright. "At least half the women I treat (for stage fright) end up dealing with weight issues," he adds. In other words, a negative body image adds to their fear.

Roseanne Barr broke the fat-woman taboo when she began talking about her weight in her 1980s stand-up routines. When Oprah Winfrey asked Barr whether she ever felt there was a thin woman inside her, dying to get out, Barr responded: "You know what, when I was thin, I thought there was a fat girl trying to get out of me."

But Barr was continually slammed about her weight and the way she flaunted it, as in a provocative December 1990 Vanity Fair cover. Like most female comics and actresses, she eventually caved to the pressure to be thin and underwent public dieting trials. Even though her sitcom never addressed the issue of her body shape, "Everything written about her is about her weight," bemoaned rotund actor Stephen Furst in 1989.

FEMALE ENTERTAINERS who are plus-sizes or have gained weight — including Elizabeth Taylor, Delta Burke, Nell Carter, Oprah Winfrey, Rosie O'Donnell and comedian Kathy Najimy (Olive on NBC's "Veronica's Closet") — have all confronted public speculation about the readings on their scale.

But it's a rare occasion when someone suggests a diet, or tells a fat joke, about their male counterparts — John Goodman, George Wendt and Wayne Knight ("Seinfeld's" Newman), for instance. "Farley wasn't interested in losing weight," Mindess says. "He was interested in using it as part of his act."

Gleason is said to have told his friends, "I can get away with more as a fat man." Although, when the comic did drop some weight, his laugh quotient decreased with it, recalls Desberg.

That's not to say that fat male actors have broken the weight barrier. Most are relegated to comedic sidekicks and bumblers. "There is a kind of typecasting," says Marilyn Wann, editor of the San Francisco 'zine FAT?SO! "Fat people do physical humor really well because of our shape. And it taps into the stereotype about fat people being jolly."

But heavy men tend to be far more common on television and in movies, and more sympathetic, than their female equivalents, notes Desberg.

Kathy Bates made a great psycho in "Misery," but she was dumped in the role she created off-Broadway — Frankie in "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune" — when filmmakers decided to cast Michelle Pfeiffer in the screen version.

Wasn't the whole point of the story that the good-looking guy falls for the not-picture-perfect woman?

Kathy Kinney, who portrays Drew Carey's nemesis, Mimi, on Carey's ABC sitcom, has become somewhat of a poster child in the fat-rights community. "Kathy Kinney is an incredibly strong, powerful character because she likes the way she looks," Wann says. "In the fat community, half of us went as Mimi for Halloween."

But Desberg sees a negative side to the Mimi phenomenon. Whereas Candy and Farley were often portrayed in their movies as likable characters (they even got the girl: Ally Sheedy in "Only the Lonely" and Nicolette Sheridan in "Beverly Hills Ninja"), "Mimi is grotesque, she's like a devil, she has no good traits," Desberg says. "But Drew Carey, who is also fat, is portrayed as likable and warm."

If there is a tendency to portray large women in a negative light, Shelton knows why. "The emphasis on women being small reflects our comfort with women who are not powerful," she says. "And women aren't supposed to be powerful; men are."

But what needs to change the most, say Wann and Shelton, are the stick-figure images women are expected to emulate. When we're comfortable with size 10 and up women in the culture, we'll be comfortable with them on the stage and screen.

"Women as performers have to have a sexual component to who they are, and in popular thinking fat women aren't sexy," notes Wann. "But there are men out there who are dying over the fat women they see; they can't get enough of them. They are just too scared to say it. Their buddies would laugh at them."

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What's cooking, cooling on culinary landscape for 1998?

By Alison Arnett
N.Y. Times News Service

Recently my children guffawed as I thumbed through a 1980 food magazine looking for an old favorite recipe. "That's ancient history," they chortled, laughing at the automobile ads and the models' clothes.

Actually, even last year can seem like ancient history in the rapidly changing world of cuisine. What we loved at the dawn of '97, we might disdain as the year runs out.

And with '98 here, there are all sorts of foods and trends just waiting to bloom into next year's rage.

Who would have guessed even a year ago that kimchi would burn its way into our hearts?

NO KOREAN WORTH his or her sugar and salt can do without the fiery and intensely vinegary fermented cabbage concoction.

Now, it seems, neither can many American chefs who blithely serve it up as a relish with meats and fish.

And by the way, start practicing your table barbecue skills and how to say bulgoki. Korean restaurants, especially ones with do-it-yourself barbecue grills, are opening everywhere, pushing fusion out the door and edging into the popularity of Malaysian cuisine, the rising star at the year's beginning.

Meanwhile, a starlet in the land of greens is waning. Mesclun, the French mixture of baby lettuces that swept through restaurants into supermarket produce bins, has lost its cachet.

ONCE MESCLUN GOT really popular, produce companies began throwing in chopped purple cabbage rather than dainty ferns of mizuna but kept charging high prices. Then mesclun hit every surburban fern bar restaurant, and the future seemed to promise a continuing glut.

Never fear. An understudy is stepping up to fill the void. Mache, round-leafed, sweet-flavored, and spindly-stemmed, is the new green darling. Also called lamb's-quarters or corn salad, the green, which resembles a paler version of watercress without the bite, is often in mesclun but now also flies solo. Mache resembles cress, too, in being difficult to spear with a fork, so limber up those fingers.

Food that escapes a diner's grasp is especially treacherous right now because so many people are eating at the bar. More and more restaurants have bar areas bigger than their dining rooms, and eating perched on a bar stool is sooo cool, even if you have to be an acrobat to do it neatly.

Supper at the bar may be in, but drinking seems to have faded out — at midday, anyway. Sunday brunch is back, with urbanites, sometimes in their jammies, scoffing down omelets and French toast.

But unlike the case in the '80s, when brunch first got big on waves of mimosas and Chablis, O.J. (the beverage) is the drink of choice. Sober Sundays, we could call them.

That's not to say drinking is verboten at other times of the week. Mixed drinks are very, very big right now, borne in on oceans of martinis.

Swizzle sticks are vibrating wildly in recherche '40s-style drinks like sidecars (brandy, Cointreau, and lemon juice, with a rim dipped in sugar) and Manhattans (whiskey, vermouth, and bitters). We may have to bring back picture hats and long cigarette holders.

In fact, we're loving supper-club elegance reminiscent of the '40s and '50s, superseding raucous, rock n' roll-fueled restaurants. Along with those picture hats, the men may need jackets and ties soon. (Surely not in khaki-clad Boston!!)

For a while, another vestige of an earlier time, smoking, seemed to be on the wane and the virtuous held it up as a sign that humankind was redeemable. Alas, it was not to be — at least not in the city. As the craze (inexplicable to me) for cigars grew, cigarette smoking in the dining room bloomed anew. The rationale seems to be that cigars are in, so to be hip, restaurants must sell them and then, of course, allow them to be smoked. After the diners are already bathed in clouds of noxious cigar smoke, how bad can cigarettes be? Hopefully, another year will blow all these clouds away. (But don't count on it.)

RISOTTO BESTED PASTA by being on every '97 bill of fare, Italian or not. Which is not to say that it's all good risotto, a notoriously tricky dish to make correctly. So if your fork gets hopelessly stuck in a gummy pile of faux risotto, remember, you were warned.

Faux is the name of the game in trendy food these days. An advertisement in a recent Saveur magazine touts "wild turkeys, penraised."

ARE THEY JUST about as "wild" as the "wild" shiitake mushrooms raised on farms? Tip: Nowadays chefs are specifying "foraged" mushrooms to signify nature, not nuture.

Of course, it doesn't matter if the fowl is faux if the dish is good — except if you're charged more. And with the economy booming, faux reasonable is out. The price of a good and stylish meal is creeping up and up and up.

Maybe it's best to stick with chicken. But make that chicken under a brick, the dish of the year. It's an old trick from Georgia (that's in the former Soviet Union, not the state next to Alabama); an Italian version uses a terra-cotta weight, or mattone. The food world is gripped by a frenzy of shoving chickens under weights to produce the crackling brown skin that wowed the Caucasus. Quite delicious, actually. Thankfully, the technique has driven out those pale, anemic-looking skinless chicken breast dishes of last year. Why bother eating something so pathetic?

That meshes with another trendlet: Restaurants have tossed out halfhearted efforts to cut calories. Skin, brown and crispy, is back on chicken; foie gras is selling like hot cakes; hot cakes in the form of blinis drenched in butter are selling like steak.

And steak is going through the roof. And not just in steakhouses — every place features two or three versions and sells them hard.

Another culinary darling as the year dwindles is coconut milk, sweetening every pot. It seeped in with lemongrass last year in the fascination with Asian flavors. Now that distinctive coconut tinge is cropping up all over, whether the dish is Asian or not.

And then there's cinammon and the entire spice cabinet of what used to be relegated to pie making — allspice and cardamom, nutmeg, and ginger — flavoring lamb and monkfish and beef and heavens knows what else.

MEANWHILE, TIRAMISU, once as ubiquitous as olive oil for dipping, has crept silently into the distance; one finds it only on the tables of outer suburbia. And usually it's not at all tasty, either. Possibly tiramisu dropped off the culinary map when it became available in little tubs in the supermarket down the aisle from the mesclun.

An Italian cousin of creme brulee, the creamy panna cotta, is beginning to show its stuff as the up-and-comer.

As much as culinary fads wax and wane, there is continuity. Mashed potatoes were big this year, just as this column predicted on the first day of '97. They were big last year, too, and they were big the year before, and the year before that. Frites — French fries to you and me — tried to make inroads this year, but to little avail. Diners just clamored for an order of mashed with garlic on the side.

So we'll make what's probably a real safe bet: Mashed potatoes will be hot, hot, hot in '98.

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Experts predict medical breakthroughs in 1998

By Carolyn Poirot
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Americans are living longer and better than ever.

Deaths from heart attacks, strokes and AIDS are down.

The infant mortality rate is at a record low 7.2 deaths per 1,000 live births, and life expectancy is heading toward 80.

Tissue engineering, DNA cloning, gene therapy and robots that perform delicate surgical procedures all broke through to scientific reality in 1997.

But will there ever be a magic bullet to slay cancer, a sure-fire way to stave off heart attacks, a time when all the world's children are immunized against preventable diseases — or even a cure for the common cold?

Medical experts aren't making any promises, but they are willing to look at progress and offer a few predictions for the future.

AN ALZHEIMER'S ARSENAL: Aricept, the second drug approved for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, became widely available in 1997, and an additional 17 Alzheimer's drugs are now being tested in human clinical trials, says Dr. Janice Knebl, chief of geriatrics at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

Pharmaceutical companies are currently developing 178 medicines for the debilitating diseases of aging.

"The whole pharmaceutical picture is very positive," Knebl says. "Alzheimer's was defined in the early 1900s, and it has taken almost 100 years to have some hope.

"I don't think we are looking at a cure in the near future, but if we can manage to delay progression of the disease so that people can maintain independence five or 10 years longer, that's very positive," she said.

A CANCER VACCINE: A vaccine against recurrent melanoma, the deadly form of skin cancer, is ready for final clinical trial in the new year. The vaccine uses a patient's specially sensitized immune cells to track down and destroy melanoma cells before they can multiply.

In early trials, two of the vaccines being tested dramatically reduce a recurrence of melanoma, which is usually fatal. Researchers say if results hold, they could be expanded to develop vaccines for people who have never had melanoma, as well as for other forms of cancer.

Also expect to see gene therapy joining the battle against cancer as well as other illnesses caused by abnormal genes, and to see further elucidation of the role of viruses in cancer, says Dr. Greg Marino, chief of oncology at the UNTHSC.

GENE THERAPY — replacing defective genes and promoting the growth of good ones — is expected to become a major weapon against breast, ovarian and lymph cancers.

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— Dr. Robert Eberhat, director of biomedical engineering, UT Southwestern Medical School, Dallas

"Research into the biology of cancer is laying the groundwork for novel therapies," Marino says. More women taking estrogen: The first in a new family of drugs known as selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) have most of the good qualities of estrogen and none of the bad, says Dr. Bernard Rubin, chief of rheumatology at UNT Health Science Center. Raloxifene was approved by the FDA in December and should be available for sale this month.

SERMS ARE FOR women who can't or won't take estrogen and other hormone replacement therapy, Rubin says. They increase bone density and decrease the risk of osteoporosis and heart attacks without posing an increased risk of breast cancer or uterine bleeding, although they do nothing for hot flashes.

If you can take estrogen, you should, but only about one in five who could benefit from it is on estrogen, and fewer than 10 percent of those who start taking it are still on it after five years, Rubin says.

The introduction of SERMs should change that.

REDEFINING "NORMAL" CHOLESTEROL: Treating people whose cholesterol is "almost normal" can significantly lower the risk of heart disease, a fact that will likely change the definition of "normal" in the near future, says Dr. Michael Clearfield, chief of internal medicine at UNTHSC.

"Normal is probably still too high," Clearfield says.

Preliminary results of his study of lovastatin in people with no history of coronary artery disease suggest that cholesterol-lowering drugs could prevent heart attacks in about 8 million Americans whose low-density lipoprotein (LDL or "bad cholesterol") is about 150 — or "average" by current standards.

"We likely will be reconsidering the National Cholesterol Education Program guidelines to get more people into treatment," Clearfield says.

Lowering cholesterol below what has been considered normal could prevent a lot of heart attacks and strokes, the biggest killers in this country.

REGROWING INJURED TISSUE: Tissue engineering — growing human cells in the lab — will be used in the near future in conjunction with gene therapy to improve healing in coronary arteries opened with angioplasty, says Dr. Robert Eberhart, director of the biomedical engineering program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

Eberhart is working with "bioresorbable" plastic stents that supply the traumatized blood vessel walls with concentrated cells and special nutrients as well as keep the vessels open while they heal. The stents degrade into carbon dioxide and water and are reabsorbed by the body in a couple of months, when they are no longer needed. Research is just beginning on using similar stents to repair spinal cord lesions. It is hoped that the stents will induce neurons to grow in the damaged area of the spinal cord and re-establish signals to the brain so that people with spinal-cord injuries can relearn to use their limbs.

"It's such a hopeful time in history to provide real improvement for medical care," Eberhart says. "I foresee real improvements for quality of life for people afflicted with a wide variety of diseases."

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Disney hotel has Aztec theme, tricky beds

By Paul Lomartire
N.Y. Times News Service

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — When the bleeding stopped, the fun began on our Disney weekend getaway at the new Coronado Springs Resort. But before the Murphy bed adventure, we had to make that traditional, tiring trek from the parking lot to the room.

When I die, I'm hoping whoever is in charge will allow me three questions. The first two will be about sex and third: Who got all the first-floor Disney rooms near the parking lots?

"This is like one giant Taco Bell," said my son, Nick, 10, as we toured the property going from the car to the room.

Coronado Springs Resort, which opened Aug. 1, is Disney-ized Aztec/Mayan. The buildings are beige and rose with burnt orange, yellow, red and blue highlights with reddish, barrel-tile roofs and domes for emphasis. There are Aztec dragon heads worked in the adobe-looking masonry. The courtyards are Disney-perfect. One features a shrub sculpture of Mickey Mouse in a sombrero, playing a guitar.

To complete the look, Coronado employees are dressed as freshly-scrubbed, theme-park peasants.

Disney's first convention hotel in the "moderate," $125-and-under price level offers a hot tub, several quiet pools and a giant pool with slide along with a volleyball court and gym.

Winding along the sidewalks that ring small Lake Dorado at the center of Coronado Springs, you get the feeling of a college campus with each passing group of conventioneers carrying notebooks, binders and wearing name tags. We were there during a meeting of Honda lawnmower dealers.

With the completion of the final phase near Blizzard Beach, the sprawling village totals 1,967 rooms, making it the third biggest Disney-owned hotel. With the largest ballroom in the U.S. (60,214-square-feet) and all the nearby hotels, Coronado can handle any size convention or trade show.

Once we got to the room, it didn't take long to realize something was missing. We stood at the door for a few long seconds until Nick said, "Dad, where's the bed?"

In the typically small Disney hotel room was a fax machine on a tiny desk-like table, two sitting chairs and the TV cabinet/dresser.

"Nick, it's a Murphy bed." I reminded him of the new McDonald's commercial with the business guy who gets crammed in the middle airplane seat, crammed into a too-small rental car and crammed into a too-small hotel room where he gets conked on the head by the bed that falls from the wall. "That's a Murphy bed."

"Oh," he said, as we slowly pulled down the bed.

I immediately sat on it and OUCH! . . . the frame shaved skin and flesh from my Achilles' heel as cleanly as a paring knife on a apple.

Nick saw the blood. "Wow, we gonna sue?!"

As I used a cold washcloth to stop the bleeding, I delivered a pointed lecture about personal responsibility and common sense, throwing in stupid people who sue McDonald's because the coffee is served hot.

"I should have checked to make sure the frame was all the way down," I told him. "This was my fault."

A Murphy bed in a Disney hotel isn't a bad idea until you match it against $143-bucks-a-night (we paid extra for a "water view," the only available room). Coronado Springs Murphy beds aren't new at Disney. The fold-away beds are at the more expensive Yacht and Beach Club's and Contemporary Hotel's hospitality suites. The 200 Fort Wilderness Homes (trailers) and the 200 Fort Wilderness Cabins, which are under construction, will all have Murphy beds.

Our Coronado "junior suite" could be combined with the next room to create a full suite, but the expansion required a Murphy bed. The majority of the Coronado's rooms have two double beds.

When the bleeding stopped and we were sure we had ESPN for that night's crucial U.S. men's soccer game, the relief dulled the pain.

We were saved from having to go to Boardwalks' ESPN Cafe to see the game while having to pay for mediocre meals. Now we could eat Coronado style!

You can eat dinner at the Maya Grill, a pricey, sit-down restaurant that offers food such as grilled chicken and black beans ($18.95), swordfish with Yucatan vegetables and pinto rice ($22.95) or grilled lobster tail, jumbo shrimp and lamb chop on a Mayan salad and yucca fries ($28.50).

A better, cheaper choice is the festive Pepper Market. Ten food stands are decorated with thatched-straw, Third-World "hand-painted" signs, overflowing baskets of tomatoes, onions and dried peppers.

This is good food made fresh. A Disney twist is that you are handed a card when you enter and as you wander and assemble your meal your card fills with rubber-stamps of your choices. At the register when you leave, a cashier reads your choices, adds tax and a 10 percent tip.

You can order stir-fry chicken or beef tacos with rice or noodles ($7.25), a monstrous burrito ($7.25), Southwest chicken salad with apples ($7.95). Making each meal individually doesn't even make for a long wait.

There's a handy kids menu (chicken fingers and fries, $3.50) plus the obligatory hot dogs, pizza, cheeseburgers and other sandwiches all less than $5.

Desserts include big brownies, giant chocolate chip cookies, raisin biscuits, apple cobbler, turnovers, muffins and ice cream, $1.75 to $2.65. A Pepper Market express window offers a small menu, margaritas ($4.50), Mexican beer ($3.65) and fancy coffees ($3).

Breakfast and lunch are equal bargains at the Pepper Market.

The next morning, after the Murphy bed proved fine for sleeping, Nick spent the entire morning at the big pool going down the slide disguised as a Mayan temple.

When we packed to go, Nick asked if we had to fold the Murphy bed back into the wall. No, I told him, we couldn't risk any more injuries and what faraway insurance clerk could ever be convinced we were attacked by a Murphy bed at Disney World?

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Souvenirs clever

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Many Branson stars are also business bosses with a keen eye on the bottom line. Marketing can be clever. Local star Doug Gabriel tells his audience that if they wear his free photo button while they're in Branson, a secret spotter may hand them $50.

The ways to make money are as creative. Buy a $3.25 rose at The Bobby Vinton Theatre snack bar, manned by the star's wife, Dolores, and when he sings "Roses Are Red" you can trade it to him for a kiss. Or, for $4.50 you can buy a jar of homemade jelly made by Bobby's mom, Dorothy, and she'll autograph it, too.

At other shows, including Mickey Gilley's, every group is greeted and audience members' birthdays and anniversaries are saluted from the stage — and available on video for $32.

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NFL — NFC Divisional Playoff, Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Green Bay Packers, 11:30 a.m., FOX.

AFC Divisional Playoff, Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs, 3 p.m., NBC.

GOLF — Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, final round, 1 p.m., ABC.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **Men,** Western Carolina at Chattanooga, 1 p.m., ESPN.

Women, Colorado at Illinois, 1 p.m., CBS.

Houston at Southern Mississippi, 1 p.m., FSS.

Wisconsin at Georgia, 3 p.m., CBS.

IHL HOCKEY — San Antonio Dragons at Houston Aeros, 6 p.m., FSS.

NHL — Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA — San Antonio Spurs 84, Miami Heat 77.

Portland TrailBlazers 97, Houston Rockets 95.

Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers, late.

NHL — Dallas Stars 6, Carolina Hurricanes 1.

WPHL — Lake Charles Ice Pirates 5, Odessa Jackalopes 4, shootout.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **Men,** Baylor 87, Texas 81.

Oklahoma State 100, Texas A&M 65.

Texas Tech 66, Iowa State 55.

Texas-El Paso 66, SMU 64.

No. 4 Utah 73, Rice 65.

Women, Oklahoma State 82, Texas 61.

Baylor 65, Kansas 59.

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Sports Today

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Shreveport Mudbugs, 6 p.m. RADIO: KQIP (96.9 FM).

JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College women at Scottsdale Classic, Scottsdale, Ariz.

4-5A Basketball

Boys

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Midland High	18	1	1	0
Odessa Permian	12	7	1	0
Abilene High	14	8	1	0
San Angelo	14	6	0	0
Midland Lee	10	9	0	1
Odessa High	7	8	0	1
Abilene Cooper	7	10	0	1

Saturday's Results

Midland High 55, Midland Lee 50; Abilene High 63, Abilene Cooper 56.

Tuesday's Games

Midland Lee vs. Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene High.

Girls

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Abilene Cooper	13	6	3	0
Midland High	11	8	2	0
Midland Lee	6	11	2	1
Odessa Permian	10	4	1	2
Odessa High	6	9	1	2
San Angelo	9	5	0	2
Abilene High	9	9	0	2

Saturday's Results

Midland High 58, Midland Lee 42; Abilene Cooper 47, Abilene High 46.

Tuesday's Games

Midland Lee vs. Odessa High, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Monterey (non-conference).

Green's future

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite speculation that he might begin next season in the same area where this one ended, Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green refused to discuss his future.

"I haven't thought about it," Green said of his status after the Vikings were ousted from the playoffs Saturday in a 38-22 loss to the San Francisco 49ers. "I really haven't. Right now I'm just trying to get out of town."

Green could be back across the San Francisco Bay with the Oakland Raiders next season following a rocky six-year tenure in Minnesota. Although he never has had a losing record and has made the playoffs five times, Green's career has been clouded by allegations of sexual harassment, a 1-5 playoff record and October's threat to sue some of the Vikings' 10 owners for control of the team.

Team president Roger Headrick said after the game that he would talk with Green as early as this week to discuss the coach's future and the team's.

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Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Points	Pv
1. Michigan (51 1/2)	12-0	1,731 1/2	1
2. Nebraska (18 1/2)	13-0	1,698 1/2	2
3. Florida St.	11-1	1,599	4
4. Florida	10-2	1,455	6
5. UCLA	10-2	1,413	5
6. North Carolina	11-1	1,397	7
7. Tennessee	11-2	1,320	3
8. Kansas St.	11-1	1,302	10
9. Washington St.	10-2	1,259	8
10. Georgia	10-2	1,121	12
11. Auburn	10-3	1,025	13
12. Ohio St.	10-3	975	9
13. LSU	9-3	856	15
14. Arizona St.	8-3	773	16
15. Purdue	9-3	715	17
16. Penn St.	9-3	706	11
17. Colorado St.	11-2	673	18
18. Washington	8-4	617	21
19. Southern Miss.	9-3	490	22
20. Texas A&M	9-4	421	20
21. Syracuse	9-4	331	14
22. Mississippi	8-4	255	—
23. Missouri	7-5	175	19
24. Oklahoma St.	8-4	72	24
25. Georgia Tech	7-5	64	—

Others receiving votes: Arizona 59, Oregon 50, Air Force 37, Marshall 33, Virginia 31, Clemson 27, Louisiana Tech 20, Mississippi St. 15, Michigan St. 9, Wisconsin 8, New Mexico 6, Cincinnati 5, Notre Dame 3, Iowa 2, Virginia Tech 1.

Split Decision

Michigan tops AP poll; coaches pick 'Huskers

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Sharing is good, isn't it?

College football fans have plenty to argue about after voters proclaimed Michigan No. 1 in The Associated Press poll and Nebraska No. 1 in the coaches' poll on Saturday.

If you like relentless defense, savvy offense and the ability to beat four Top 10 teams, no matter how close the score, your team is the Wolverines (12-0).

If you go for the guys with the overpowering running game, crunching defense and softer schedule — then add the sentimental factor — the Cornhuskers (13-0) are your champions.

But if you prefer to have the national title decided on the field, then sharing isn't so hot, since there are no plans for a college football playoff just yet.

The end of the 1997 season came down to this: The only two teams with perfect records ended their seasons perfectly.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Nebraska's Tom Osborne said Saturday, a few hours after the Huskers beat Tennessee 42-17 in the Orange Bowl, his farewell game as coach. "Who knows why people vote the way they do? You hope someone doesn't vote for someone because one team hasn't won the national championship for a while or because another team's coach is retiring.

"It certainly is very gratifying. From our standpoint, it couldn't have worked out any better. It's just sad we're still dealing with polls. You wish there was just one (poll) or a playoff.

He also said: "I'm really pleased for

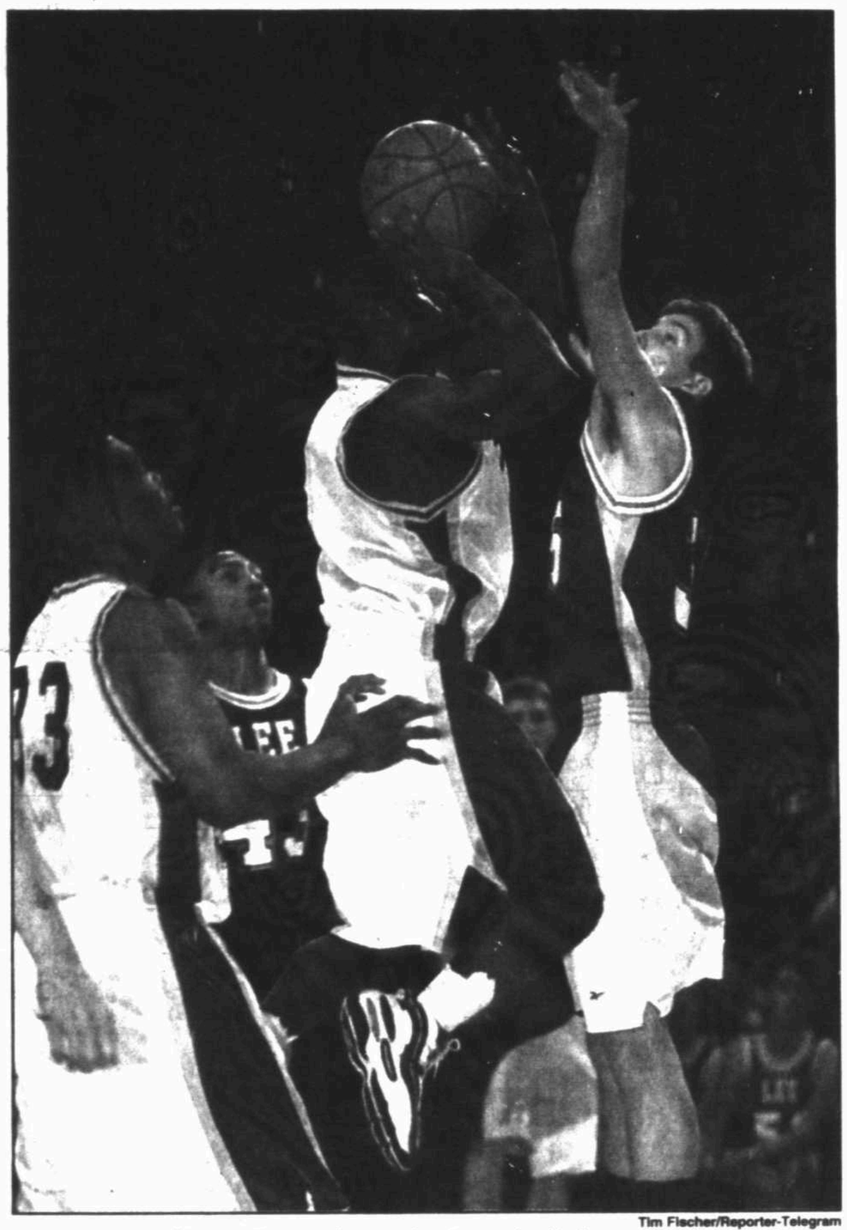
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USA Today/ESPN

The Top Twenty Five teams in the final USA Today/ESPN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Points	Pv
1. Nebraska (32)	13-0	1,520	2
2. Michigan (30)	12-0	1,516	1
3. Florida State	11-1	1,414	4
4. North Carolina	11-1	1,292	5
5. UCLA	10-2	1,239	6
6. Florida	10-2	1,209	8
7. Kansas State	11-1	1,192	9
8. Tennessee	11-2	1,122	3
9. Washington State	10-2	1,076	7
10. Georgia	10-2	1,007	11
11. Auburn	10-3	854	13
12. Ohio State	10-3	826	10
13. LSU	9-3	786	15
14. Arizona State	9-3	667	18
15. Purdue	9-3	666	16
16. Colorado State	11-2	646	17
17. Penn State	9-3	585	12
18. Washington	8-4	512	23
19. Southern Mississippi	9-3	462	22
20. Syracuse	9-4	380	14
21. Texas A&M	9-4	359	19
22. Mississippi	8-4	188	NR
23. Missouri	7-5	114	20
24. Oklahoma State	8-4	103	24
25. Air Force	10-3	74	21

Others receiving votes: Clemson 58, Georgia Tech 55, Iowa 32, Louisiana Tech 31, Oregon 25, Cincinnati 24, Arizona 23, Mississippi State 20, Michigan State 16, New Mexico 13, Wisconsin 13, Tulane 10, Virginia 9, West Virginia 7, Marshall 4, Notre Dame 1.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Charles Tatum tries to shoot over Lee's Aaron Erdwurm during the Bulldogs' district-opening 55-50 win Saturday at Chaparral Center.

Bulldogs hold off Rebs, keep streaks going

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Midland Lee Rebels keep chopping away at Midland High's margin of victory between the two teams, but the Bulldogs' streaky numbers keep rising.

The highly touted Purple Pack withstood a furious effort by the Rebels at Chaparral Center Saturday night for a 55-50 win to open District 4-5A play.

MHS has now won 13 games in a row, 16 consecutive District 4-5A games and six in a row over the Rebels. Impressive numbers by any margin of victory.

But the news in this one was that Lee actually made a run at the Bulldogs after losing to MHS by 31 points and 19 points in the last two December outings.

With 2:10 left in the game, Lee trailed only 52-50, but Midland High junior guard Charles Tatum hit a three-point shot to salt the game away.

"I knew that after we blew them out twice Lee was going to come after us," Tatum said. "They stepped up their game and I think we let the hype of those two blowouts go to our heads. We didn't execute as well as we could have, but we won the game."

Lee coach Jon House said of the Rebel effort, "If we keep improving like we did tonight, we are going to be a force in district play. I think we served notice in district that we aren't dead yet.

"But I have to hand it to Charles (Tatum). He hit a big three when they needed it at a point in the game where we felt we were in pretty good position. That was a big shot. He's a player."

Lee's Charncy Ephriam led all scorers with 28 points on the night. He also hauled down 15 rebounds and had 18 first-half points.

"I knew we had to come out and play hard," Ephriam said. "I just wanted to get the team involved early on. We've played them twice now and pretty much know what they do. The Midland High-Lee game is always a battle."

Lee broke away to a 9-2, seven-point lead in the first quarter to start the game on the right track. But the first half was an Ephriam-Kirby Lemons shootout. Ephriam had 18 first-half points while the MHS 6-6 senior post had 16 points. Lemons ended the night with 18 points as Tatum stepped up with 11 of his 18 points in the second half. Jay Christian had 12 points for MHS and 11 rebounds.

On the surprisingly close finish, MHS coach Jack Stephenson said, "That's just basketball. I said before the game that if we could win by 50, we would, and if we could win by one, we would.

"We're the hunted every time now, but those suckers (Lee) played really well. We seem to bring out the best in teams. I'm just happy to get out of there alive.

"But I've said all along that these kids will find a way to win and they did that tonight. Our hats are off to Lee and we

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MHS girls rip Lady Rebels

■ Injury-plagued Lee girls suffer first district loss as Lady Dawgs go to 2-0.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Five days earlier when the Midland High and Midland Lee girls basketball teams met, they were at even strength and MHS won by 13 points. Saturday night, with Lee at less than full strength, the final outcome was hardly surprising.

The MHS girls never trailed in their second meeting of the week with the Lady Rebels at Chaparral Center and rolled to a 56-42 victory in a game which this time counted in the District 4-5A standings. With the win, Midland High, at 11-6 overall and 2-0 in district, can make as legitimate a claim as anybody as a contender for the top spot in the district.

It was basically more of the same from when the two teams met Monday in the first round of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at the Chap Center when the Lady Dawgs beat Lee 65-52. The second time around, Midland High used an 11-0 run which began in the first quarter to build a lead of as many as 13 in the first half en route to a 35-24 halftime lead. The Lady Rebels, who couldn't find their range from the floor all night, never got within that 11-point barrier in the second half.

A major difference from the first meeting was the contributions the Lady Dawgs got off the bench. Freshman Edrea Rogers came off the bench to score a game-high 14 points while junior post Morgan Kelley scored nine points and led Midland High with six rebounds.

"I saw some improvement in some play by the people who came in off the bench," said Midland High coach Jim Raughton. "(Rogers) had some big baskets and handled the basketball well."

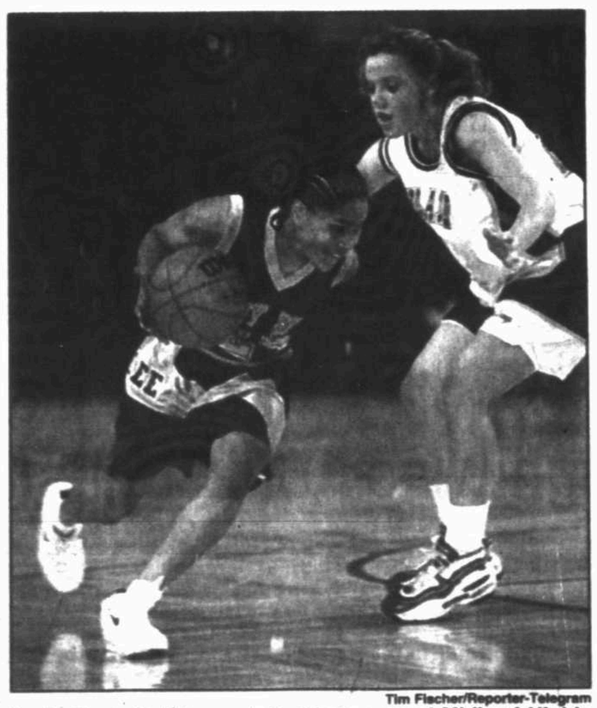
Generally, the best strategy for teams defending Midland High this season has been to try to take away the Lady Dawgs' two leading scorers, forward Heidi Lange and wing Rebecca Nobles. Lange scored 25 when MHS beat Lee earlier in the week, but she spent more of her time Saturday night setting up Rogers, who hit six of nine from the field, including a pair of three-pointers.

"It seemed like every time I passed (Rogers) the ball she scored," said Lange, who added 12 points.

Kelley was initially the one who provided the spark off the bench for the Lady Dawgs. She scored eight points in just over a quarter, and scored back-to-back baskets to conclude an 11-0 run which gave Midland High a 20-8 lead.

The Lady Rebels (6-11, 2-1) made their most spirited offensive run of the night soon after that, and Dee Frazier concluded an 8-0 run by hitting a three-pointer to cut the MHS lead to 23-18. But Rogers then scored her first points of the game by hitting a three-pointer and after Morgan made one of two free throws, Rogers scored after an offensive rebound to make it 29-18 and give Midland High the momentum for good.

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Lee's Rochelle Warren, left, drives around Midland High's Heidi Lange during the Lady Dawgs' 56-42 win Saturday at Chaparral Center.

Backups fuel 49ers' charge to NFC finals

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Not bad for a backup. Pretty good for a couple of understudies. With a new cast of offensive heroes, the San Francisco 49ers are back in the NFC championship game.

Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes again filled in admirably for Jerry Rice, and Terry Kirby had the best game of his career in place of Garrison Hearst as the 49ers rolled to a 38-22 victory Saturday in the divisional playoffs.

"That was kind of a nice display of who we are," 49ers quarterback Steve Young said. "We kept building an identity, played some great football and we were resilient. And here we are."

Minnesota coach Dennis Green said the 49ers had too much to overcome even without some of their primary offensive stars.

"It doesn't matter," Green said. "They've got a lot of big, capable receivers. They showed a lot of range and they made a lot of big catches They're very comparable to some of other 49er teams who have won Super Bowls in the past."

The victory, in first-year coach Steve Mariucci's first playoff game, advanced San Francisco to the NFC title game for the fifth time in the '90s, but for the first time since 1994.

"I was nervous all week, I'll be quite honest with you, but after (Friday) night's meeting, they were loose and I sensed a lot of confidence," Mariucci said.

The 49ers, the conference's top seed, will play host to either Tampa Bay or Green Bay, who play Sunday at Lambeau Field.

"We feel like we can beat anybody," San Francisco linebacker Gary Plummer said.

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Lady Chaps sputter vs. Central Arizona

SCOTTSDALE — Things didn't go very well for the Midland College women's basketball team Saturday at the Scottsdale Classic.

The Lady Chaps tied a school record for fewest points scored in a game (49) and just missed a record for the largest margin of defeat as the Lady Chaps fell to nationally-ranked Central Arizona 77-49.

The 49 points scored was the fewest any MC team has scored in the program's four-year history. The only other time a MC team scored below 50 came in the 1996 Region V Tournament final. Grayson County defeated MC 60-49 on that day.

The loss was the second worst in school history. Only last year's 87-58 loss to Trinity Valley had a larger margin than Saturday's 28-point loss to Central Arizona, the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

For Midland College, the game was that bad.

"We have long ways to go to be a good team," Midland College coach Ron Jones said. "We make 13-of-34 free throws and missed 10 gimme shots right next to basket. For most of the first half, we played well but shot terribly. They got down because we missed too many shots. We have to concentrate on the things to be successful."

MC did get 12 points from Erica Levy, who was playing in her first game with the Lady Chaps. However, she was the only MC player in double digits. For 13-1 Central Arizona, post player Tatum Brown scored a game-high 22.

MC plays Mesa today at 7 p.m. (MST), and Jones expects his 9-5 team to come back strong.

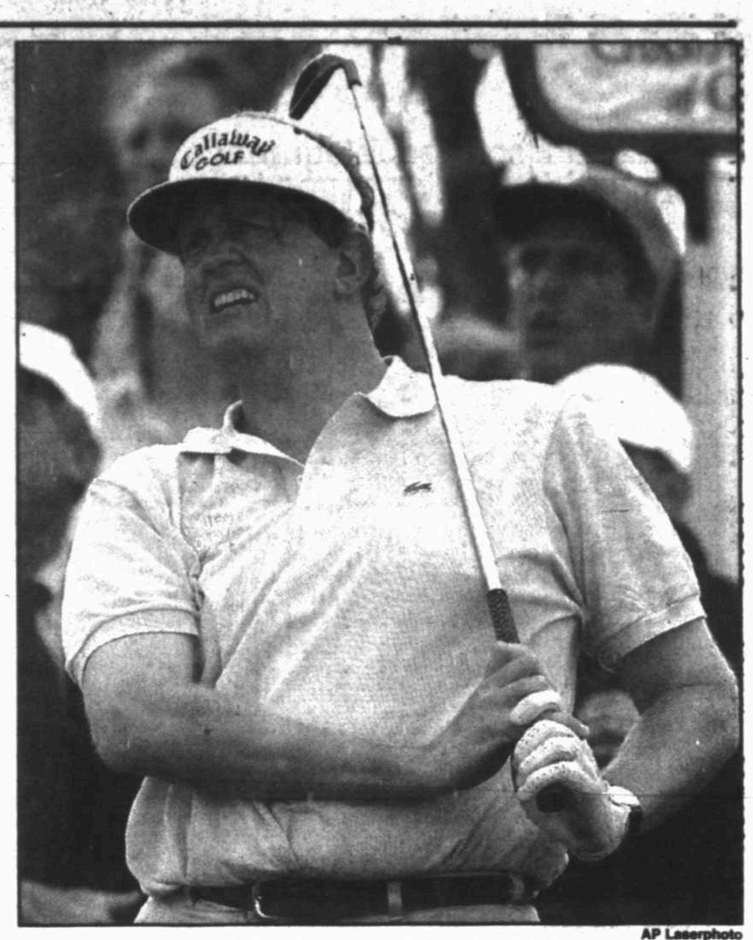
"We don't have a choice. We are playing a (Mesa) team tomorrow that just beat a team by 30," Jones said of playing Mesa. "We have to find a way to do the little things to be successful."

Central Arizona 77, Midland College 49.

Midland College (9-5): Jody Finley 2 0-0 4, Taqita Huinter 1 0-2 2, Mamie Ndoye 1 0-0 2, Jill Davis 0 1-3 1, Candy Mitchell 0 4-8 4, Brooke Bowman 3 0-0 9, Holly Turnbough 0 0-0 0, Janice Thomas 2 2-4 6, Autumn Johnson 0 0-2 0, Arnie Kane 1 0-0 2, Shelley Alderman 2 2-2 7 Erica Levy 4 4-10 12. **Totals: 16 13-34 49.**

Central Arizona (13-1): Spencer 4 3-4 11, Bryant 1 2-2 4, Morelock 1 2-2 5, Lafritos 3 0-1 6, Ossana 1 1-2 3, German 0 0-0 0, Sandal 1 2-4 4; Sykes 2 1-4 5, Whifield 0 3-6 3, Brown 10 2-5 22, Cardenas 5 3-3 15. **Totals: 28 19-33 77.**

Halftime: CA 38, MC 28. **3-Point Field Goals:** MC 4 (Bowman 1, Alderman 1). CA 3 (Cardenas, Morelock). **Fouls:** MC 23, CA 23. **Fouled Out:** Brown.



AP Laserphoto

European champion Colin Montgomerie watches his iron shot fly on the eighth hole of Grayhawk golf club Saturday during the semi-final round of the Andersen World Championship of Golf in Scottsdale, Ariz. Montgomerie won his round against international champion Ernie Els and will advance to the finals Sunday.

Jacks lose for first time in shootout contest

Staff Report

LAKE CHARLES, La. — In the one area the Odessa Jackalopes had been an unqualified success so far this season, they finally failed Saturday.

After winning six straight shootouts, the Jacks finally lost one, falling 5-4 to Lake Charles. Odessa forced the shootout by scoring two goals in the third period.

Trailing 4-2, Patrick Lampron scored his second goal of the game for the Jacks off an assist from Rick Girhiny. Then Pat Barton tied it 4-4 on an assist from Jay Hearn and Don Margettie.

In the shootout, though, Lake Charles finally got to Odessa goalie Billy Pye. John Hanson and Dave Shute scored the first two goals to put the Jacks in a hole. Dan Lavergne scored to keep Odessa alive, but Graeme Townshend sealed it for Lake Charles by beating Pye.

Odessa forced the overtime despite being outshot by Lake Charles 50-26. The Jacks were hampered by playing without Sami Laine for most of the game. Laine was only able to play the first period with a deep thigh bruise.

The Jacks will play at Shreveport today at 5 p.m.

Lake Charles 5, Odessa 4 (SO 3-1)

Odessa	2	0	2	0	—4
Lake Charles	2	1	1	1	—5

First Period — 1. LC Gibson (Wallwork, Barozzino) 17:50. 2. O Berrington (unassisted) 16:53. 3. O Lampron (Lavergne, Equale) 14:34. 4. LC Lund (Wallwork, Barozzino) 3:27.

Second Period — 5. LC Townshend (Barozzino, Gibson) 2:46.

Third Period — 6. LC Shute (Verot) 17:30. 7. O Lampron (Girhiny) 15:14. 8. O Barton (Hearn, Margettie) 11:02.

Shootout — 9. LC Hanson. 10. LC Shute. 11. O Lavergne. 12. LC Townshend.

Shots on Goal: O 10-5-7-4 — 26. LC 13-16-8-3 — 50. **Power Plays:** O 1-of-5. LC 3-of-7. **Penalties:** O 13 for 40 minutes. LC 10 for 26 minutes. **Attn.:** 4,750.

LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity boys ground Grady

The Midland Trinity boys basketball team defeated Grady, 39-33, Saturday in the consolation finals of the Klondike Tournament.

Both teams struggled to get shots to fall in the first half, and Grady led only 16-12 at the break. But Trinity got its shooting straightened out with a 17-point effort in the third quarter. Greg McCabe led the 17-6 Chargers with 10 points.

Trinity's next game will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday against Midland Christian.

Midland Trinity 39, Grady 33

Grady	6	10	10	7—33
Trinity	6	6	17	10—39

Grady: Peugh 9, Haggerton 8, Gibson 8, Hinojose 4. Others 4.

Trinity (17-6): Greg McCabe 10, Mark Stoltz 8, Ronnie Brewster 7, Mike Landry 2, Lane Rouse 4, Evan McLaughlin 4, Mark Villanueva 4.

Lee girls soccer stomp Monterey

The Midland Lee girls soccer team pounded Lubbock Monterey 9-1 Saturday to move to 2-0 in scrimmages this season.

Leading the Lady Rebs were Ritha Belizaire and Linsey Johnson. Belizaire, a senior, scored four goals and dished out two assists. Johnson, a freshman, pounded in three goals and had one assists. Freshmen Amy Rankin and Raffi Belizaire also scored goals while Suzy Prucka and Sara Buchanan added assists. Lee outshot Monterey 4-1.

Defensively, the line of Kristi Taylor, Maggie George, Tiffani Zachry and Holly Neely held Monterey scoreless for most of the game. Brandice Zachry was Lee's goalkeeper.

Rebels shut out Lubbock High

The Lee boys soccer team defeated Lubbock High 3-0 Saturday in scrimmage action from the Lee Soccer Field.

Troy Henry scored two goals and Aurelio Munoz added another for the Rebs, which start their regular season next week at the Arlington Martin Tournament. For the game, Lee outshot Lubbock High 25-9.

Kyle King, Cisco Bosquez and Danny George dished out assists on the Lee scores. In the net, Keith Butts and Shane Fisher recorded the shutout for Lee. On Friday, Lubbock High had taken Midland High to a shootout before falling 4-3.

MHS boys down Coronado

The Midland High boys soccer team defeated Lubbock Coronado 5-0 in scrimmage action Saturday at the MHS Soccer Field.

MHS, 2-0 in pre-season play this year, took the lead after Evan Prothro scored, assisted by Jeremy Piette. J.R. Ketter followed with two scores, and Zach Inman and Michael Lackey each scored unassisted goals.

Midland High, which plays next Friday in San Antonio, outshot Coronado 24-5.

Lee sophs defeat MHS

The Midland Lee sophomore boys basketball team defeated Midland High 55-52 Saturday night at Chapparral Center.

Sal Torres scored 21 and Kyle Kelley added 15 for Lee (12-1 overall and 1-0 in district).

Marlins' Hernandez wants brother to come to America

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Marlins pitcher Livan Hernandez says his half brother — Cuban defector Orlando Hernandez — should leave the Bahamas and accept a special visa offered to him by the United States.

"What he should do is come to the United States and map out his future from here," said Livan Hernandez, last year's World Series MVP.

The State Department offered a special visa for Orlando Hernandez, also a former star pitcher known in Cuba as "El Duque," his common-law wife and another defector because they were persecuted after Livan Hernandez left the Communist island in 1995.

"... (The visa was issued) because of who I am and because of my accomplishments in this country as a ballplayer," Livan Hernandez said. "I'm very grateful to the American authorities and think Duque should be, too."

Orlando Hernandez landed in the Bahamas on Dec. 28 aboard a leaky sail boat with seven other refugees. The player and two companions were granted humanitarian visas by the United States last week.

But he remained in the Bahamas on Saturday as a guest of a prominent Cuban-American, claiming solidarity for the five others who accompanied him on the trip from Cuba but remain in detention, facing deportation.

"At no time did I reject the visa granted to me by the American government," he told Miami television station WLTV on Friday. "I simply don't want to leave the Bahamas until my companions' situation is settled."

Meanwhile, agent Joe Cubas is encouraging the pitcher to seek asylum elsewhere so he can negotiate as a free agent with major league baseball teams and get a more lucrative contract.

If he comes to the United States, he would be subject to the amateur draft, which would significantly reduce his bargaining position in negotiating a contract.

Livan Hernandez, went through the Dominican Republic and netted a 4-year, $6 million bonus-ladened contract. However, Livan's agent, Juan Iglesias, has told the 28-year-old Orlando his case is different because he is not a young prospect.

"I let him know that he is in a different situation from other players who have defected," Iglesias said. "You are controlled by another government — the Bahamas. The U.S. government is the only one who has come forth to help you. Now you are turning them down."

Orlando Hernandez said he was under the impression on Friday he had only 72 hours to use the American visa. U.S. officials say there is no such deadline.

"It has to be utilized within a reasonable period of time, depending upon the circumstances of the individual involved," Russ Bergeron, a spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said.

Orlando Hernandez has also applied for visas in the Bahamas for the whole group of eight, but it seemed doubtful they would be granted after island government officials met on Friday.

"As far as the Bahamian government is concerned, this case is closed," said Joshua Sears, Foreign Ministry secretary for the Caribbean country that repatriated more than 150 Cubans in 1997.

Cubas says he has secured visas for the whole group from Costa Rica, but officials there have yet to confirm such an agreement.

Love, Montgomerie make Anderson final

By Walter Berry
Associated Press Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — It wasn't the classic battle fans were expecting from Ernie Els and Colin Montgomerie. But they got an unexpected nail-biter from defending PGA champion Davis Love III and unheralded Hajime Meshiai.

Love needed a birdie putt on No. 18 to avoid a collapse and beat Meshiai 1-up in Saturday's semifinals of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf.

Meanwhile, Montgomerie — 1-3-1 in previous match-play events against Els — beat the two-time U.S. Open champion 3 and 2 by sinking a 30-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole.

Montgomerie, the European champ from Scotland, will play Love, the United States section champ, in a 36-hole match Sunday for the $1 million prize.

Els, the International champ from South Africa, faces Meshiai, the Japanese champion, in an 18-hole match for third place and $350,000.

"I've played 36 holes of match play many times and I'm looking forward to playing in the finals," said Montgomerie, the PGA European Tour's leading money-winner a record five straight years. "To start the year off like this is absolutely satisfying."

"It's going to take a lot of patience and good golf to beat Colin," said Love, who has never faced Montgomerie in a singles match. "In any format, it comes down to who makes the most putts. I have confidence in my swing. It's just a matter of how I handle the nerves."

The third annual tournament's runner-up gets $500,000 with $300,000 going to the fourth-place finisher.

The $3.65 million event culminates a year-long, single-elimination tournament featuring 32 of the world's top players.

But it was the 115th-ranked Meshiai who nearly pulled off a huge upset despite not previously playing a competitive round on a desert course.

Meshiai, nearly 10 years older than anyone in the field at age 43 and the smallest player at 5-foot-9, was 2-up against Love after the first four holes before some erratic drives cost him on the back nine.

Love, the world's fifth-ranked player, notched birdies on Nos. 12, 13 and 15 to go 2-up only to bogey the 16th and 17th to fall back to even.

Love's second shot from 176 yards away of the par-5 18th bounced off the flag stick and rolled 20 feet back. He rolled his putt within inches and tapped in for birdie.

"It might have been better if that shot didn't hit the pin, but another eighth of an inch and it was in," said Love. "I was fortunate to get through today. I didn't take him (Meshiai) lightly and he got off to a great start. It could have gone either way."

Meshiai, whose second shot sailed 50 feet over the green, flubbed one chip shot and rolled another past the pin to lose the match.

"I tried to be aggressive, but the greens were faster than I expected," Meshiai said. "I hit a 5-iron from 210 yards (on No. 18) and I hit it too hard. I guess too much adrenaline."

This year's tournament was moved to the wider 7,135-yard Raptor Course at Grayhawk Golf Club, which is designed for long-and-straight hitters like Love and Els.

But Els, the world's third-ranked player and a three-time World Match Play champion, and Love were all over the place on the front nine. Both were 1-down at the turn.

Els also had a jumping cholla plant get stuck to the middle finger of his left hand while walking to the 14th tee. A medical crew had to remove three needles from his finger before he could continue.

From 80 feet, Els three-putted for bogey on the par-4 14th as Montgomerie went 3-up.

Montgomerie parred No. 15 while Els scrambled for a birdie, chipping to within 5 feet from the bunker.

After Montgomerie rolled in his long putt on the 16th, Els pushed his 10-foot birdie attempt wide left to lose the match.

"I never had a cactus get me before. It was a little ball of pins and it hurt me for sure," said Els. "But I was rusty from the holidays and Monty played well. Hats off to him."

Els had previously beaten Montgomerie in the 1994 and 1997 U.S Opens plus the finals of the 1994 World Match Play Championships.

Montgomerie, ranked sixth in the world, beat Els in the 1996 Nedbank Million Dollar Challenge in South Africa and tied him at the Alfred Dunhill Cup's semifinals last October.

GIRLS: Midland High improves to 2-0 in district play

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Lee, meanwhile, struggled to find its range from the field, making only 28 percent of its shots. Without senior forward Tamika Thurman, out with a broken foot, the Lady Rebels struggled from beyond 10 feet, especially top outside shooter Maurion Strambler, who hit only four of 19 shots.

"It definitely showed that Tamika wasn't out there," said Lee coach Elise Kail. "People didn't step it up from outside."

It also didn't help that Lee committed 12 turnovers in the first half. Nobles, who had only eight points for Midland High, compensated with some outstanding defensive play, anticipating several passes out in front of the key and making steals to set up fast break opportunities for the Lady Dawgs.

"Rebecca played big on the defensive end," Raughton said. "If we get people to play defense like that, the offense will take care of itself."

Naturally, it was Rogers who drove the final stake through the Lady Rebels in the fourth quarter. She hit a jumper and a three-pointer which gave the Lady Dawgs their biggest lead of the game at 53-31.

Kail didn't see the game as a total loss, particularly in light of the fact that she had to use four sophomores extensively. Without Thurman and Heather Wells, who is out with a medial collateral ligament tear in her knee, there is little choice but to go with youth.

"They either grow up quickly or they won't grow up at all," said Kail of her young players. "We had a little bit better game defensively this time. Our inexperience just showed."

A bright spot for the Lady Rebels was the play of junior post Valerie Morgan, who led Lee with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Strambler added 10 points.

Not only can Midland High claim city bragging rights at least until the teams meet again on Jan. 27, but it can also claim a key district win in the pressure cooker of the Chap Center against a crosstown rival.

"I wasn't worried about how we'd respond to a district ball game," Raughton said. "The concern is any time you play Lee dealing with all the emotion and intensity which come with the game."

COOPER WINS: The Abilene Cooper girls basketball team improved to 3-0 in District 4-5A with a 47-46 overtime win over Abilene High Saturday.

Cooper's Catherine Weir, who had a game-high 26, hit two free throws with 24 seconds left to give the Lady Coogs the 47-46 lead, and then Cooper's Toni Choate sealed the win with a steal with six seconds to play.

Weir was the only Lady Coog in double figures. For Abilene High, Dee Harris scored 11 and Candace Oliver threw in 10.

IN JV ACTION: The Midland Lee JV defeated Midland High 44-34. Niki Green scored 12 points for 11-7 and 0-2 MHS.

Midland High 56, Midland Lee 42

Lee (6-11, 2-1): Dee Frazier 2 0-0 5, Maunon Strambler 4 2-2 10, Valerie Morgan 4 4-9 12, Katie McLane 0 0-0 0, Christina Brown 0 0-0 0, Julie Jay 2 0-0 4, Andrea Long 0 0-0 0, Rochelle Warren 0 3-4 3, Danielle Dickey 0 0-0 0, Clanssa Valenzuela 2 0-0 4, Allison Newton 1 2-2 4. **Totals: 15 11-17 42.**

Midland High (11-6, 2-0): Michelle Acosta 2 5-6 9, Rebecca Nobles 2 4-6 8, Heidi Lange 4 4-8 12, Bianca Lane 0 0-0 0, Sonia Castillo 1 0-0 2, Morgan Kelley 4 1-2 9, Edrea Rogers 6 0-0 14, Tawney Foy 1 0-2 2, Elizabeth Green 0 0-0 0, Misty Calhoun 0 0-1 0, Erin Rogers 0 0-0 0, Clanssa Leonard 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 20 14-25 56.**

Lee	8	16	4	14	—42
Midland High	18	17	8	13	—56

3-Point goals: Lee 1 (Frazier 1), MHS 2 (Edrea Rogers 2). **Rebounds:** Lee 29 (Morgan 11), MHS 29 (Kelley 6). **Turnovers:** Lee 18, MHS 16. **Total Fouls:** Lee 20, MHS 17. **Fouled Out:** Frazier.

SANDHILL RODEO

Results from the first performance of the Sandhills Hereford & Quarterhorse Show & Rodeo held at the Ector County Coliseum Friday night.

Bareback Riding: 1. Scott Drennan, Kansas City, Mo, 76 points; 2. Shawn C. Dudley, Salem, Utah, 74; Rick Bradley, Lance Creek, Wyom., 72; Warren Curtin, Ridgecrest, Calif., 64; Cody Cox, Fluvanna, 62; RC Patterson, Kim, Colo., 58.

Saddle Bronc: Steve Dollarhide, Wilkieup, Ariz., 80; Lane Barber, Kilgore, 79; Will Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., 75; Kenny Taton, Greeley Colo., 72; Justen Washburn, Corona, N.M., 71; Brett Crowser, Tuscon, Ariz., 71; Charles McMahon, Colony, 69.

Bull Riding: Marty Staneart, Fresno, Calif., 72; Casey Gates, Miller, S.D., 70; Dustin Webb, Dodge, 71; Sam Medlock, Iola, 69; Shad Bruhn, Roy, Wash., 66.

Calf Roping: James Barton, Scottsdale, Ariz., 10.8 seconds; Coy Kummer, Briggsdale, Colo., 12.5; Loren Chambers, Carr, Colo., 20.2; Chris Downey, Cheyenne, Wyom., 22.7; Jay Pool, Big Lake, 23.9.

Steer Wrestling: Billy Holland, Bakersfield, Calif., 4.5; Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., 5.9; Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla., 6.6; Sean Lanciano, Ponder, 14.3.

Barrel Racing: Lisa Ogden, Gail, 15.04; Denise Hubbell, Hyattville, 15.48; Jaime Stewart, Lubbock, 15.55; Tina Wilson, Sterling City, 15.60; Janet Staton, Bastrop, 15.61

Saturday's Results

Bareback Riding: Jody Wiggins, Stephenville 78; Don Miller, Raleigh, ND, 74; Dan Miller, Raleigh, ND, 72; Jason A. Swain, Hickory Flat, MS, 72. Event Leader — Wiggins.

Saddle Bronc: Otey McCloy, Licking, MO, 73; Craig Morgan, Buffalo, 73; Dan Erickson, Oakdale, CA, 72. Event Leader — Steve Dollarhide, Wilkieup, AZ, 80.

Bull Riding: Cory McFadden, Crane, 79; Reuben Geleynse, Winchester, ON, 74; Garrett Frey, Weatherford, 72. Event Leader — McFadden.

Calf Roping: Jim T. Locke, Miami, 11.9 seconds; Shane Hatch, Fruitland, NM, 11.7; Jade Conner, Roanoke, LA, 13.4. Also: Arlis Baze, Midland, 13.6. Event Leader — James Barton, Scottsdale, AZ, 10.8.

Steer Wrestling: Martin Poindexter, Red Springs, 5.1; Mark J. Scales, Pittsburg, KS, 9.2; David T. Dodson, Haughton, LA, 13.2. Event Leader — Billy Holland, Bakersfield, CA, 4.5.

Barrel Racing: Kimbra Adair, Gatesville, 15.44; Pamela Pilkenton, Dekalb, 15.63; Tracy Hoffman, Collinsville, OK, 15.70. Event Leader — Lisa Ogden, Gail, 15.04.

BOYS: Midland High wins 16th straight 4-5A game

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go and get ready for (Odessa) Permian Tuesday over there."

There were 10 lead changes and three ties before Tatum's unbelievable drive down the lane netted MHS a 24-23 lead with 2:58 left in the second quarter. The Bulldogs never trailed again, once owning a 46-37, nine-point lead with 1:26 left in the third quarter.

Lee kept chipping away at that lead as Aaron Erdwurm hit a couple of baskets and Ephriam hit a layup to close the gap to 52-50 with 2:10 left to play. That Tatum guy rose to the challenge again with his key trey as the deciding factor. Erdwurm fouled out with eight points and seven rebounds. MHS' Lemons also had seven rebounds.

Lee was hot from the free throw line, hitting 12 of 13, to keep it close all night. Ephriam hit 10 of his 11 free throw attempts.

House said of Ephriam, "He may be the best player in the district. Everyone talks about Charles (Tatum), and he's a good one, but Charncy got a tough 28 tonight."

"We didn't play a bad game," Stephenson noted. "We just didn't control the tempo of the game like we did in the first two games, but Lee had a lot to do with that. We didn't shoot the ball very well early in the game and Lee grabbed that seven-point lead (9-2)."

MHS is now 18-1 on the season after reeling off its 13th consecutive victory since losing to San Antonio Taft on the road in a tournament. Lee fell to 10-9.

"We've been playing good teams, and Midland High is among them," House said. "We should have showed the rest of the district that Midland High can be played with, but they have a lot of talent."

Lee will host Odessa High, a loser to Odessa Permian on Friday, at Chaparral Center Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. while Midland High hits the road to face 1-0 Permian, a team that is favored to make a strong playoff push this season.

There is one thing about the Lee-MHS basketball series. They know how to put fans in the stands. Over 2,400 showed up for the Saturday night game even after the 31 and 19-point wins by Midland High in the other two meetings this season. They have played before more than 9,000 fans in three meetings.

In junior varsity action Saturday, 9-7 Lee defeated 11-4 Midland High, 57-50, as J.R. Norman and Derrick Walker each hit for 15 points. Tony Ephriam added 13 points. Midland High, which had beaten the Lee JV on Wednesday, got a game high 19 points from Robert O'Neal.

DISTRICT 4-5A NOTES: Abilene High served notice to Abilene Cooper that there could be a Big 3 realignment at the end of this season. MHS, Lee and Cooper have owned the district's three playoff berths for the past five seasons, but the Eagles beat Cooper 63-56 in Abilene Saturday night. Cooper had four players (Kyle Scott 14, Robbie Eales 11, Shawn Hudson 14 and Felton Freeman 11) in double figures, but Odis Dolton had 18 points for the Eagles. Abilene High trailed 35-27 at the half. AHS is now 14-8 on the season while Cooper is 7-10...

Midland High 55, Midland Lee 50

Midland Lee (10-9, 0-1): Charncy Ephriam, 9-23 10-11 28; Robert House, 2-3 0-0 5; Aaron Erdwurm, 4-11 0-0 8; Jake Lacy, 0-0 0-0 0; Blake Hinsley, 2-6 0-0 5; Matt Winston, 0-2 2-2 2; Orlando Castillo, 1-6 0-0 2. **Totals: 18-51 12-13 50.**

Midland High (18-1, 1-0): Charles Tatum, 7-16 2-3 18; Jay Christian, 6-13 0-0 12; Kirby Lemons, 8-15 2-2 18; Ross Nobles, 1-4 0-1 3; Blake Johnston, 0-5 0-0 0; Patrick Anderson, 0-0 0-0 0; Camar Jackson, 2-4 0-0 4. **Totals: 24-57 4-6 55.**

Midland Lee	14	16	10	10	—50
Midland High	13	19	14	9	—55

3-Point Goals: Lee 2-9 (Ephriam 0-1, House 1-2, Hinsley 1-4, Castillo 0-2); MHS 3-15 (Tatum 2-8, Christian 0-1, Nobles 1-4, Johnston 0-2). **Total Fouls:** Lee 12, MHS 15. **Fouled Out:** Erdwrum, Lee. **Rebounds:** Lee 30 (Ephriam 15), MHS 29 (Christian 11). **Turnovers:** Lee 17, MHS 10.



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	24	10	7	55	125	88
New Jersey	26	12	2	54	121	82
Washington	18	16	8	44	114	113
N.Y. Rangers	13	18	12	38	107	116
Florida	15	20	7	37	107	120
N.Y. Islanders	15	22	5	35	107	118
Tampa Bay	9	24	8	26	73	121

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	22	15	6	50	123	103
Pittsburgh	21	13	8	50	116	98
Boston	18	16	8	44	104	103
Ottawa	18	19	5	41	101	100
Carolina	15	22	5	35	105	120
Buffalo	14	19	7	35	94	105

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	27	9	7	61	136	87
Detroit	25	10	8	58	145	104
St. Louis	23	15	6	52	128	111
Phoenix	19	16	7	45	118	110
Chicago	14	18	8	36	92	93
Toronto	13	20	7	33	92	118

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	22	8	13	57	131	103
Los Angeles	16	17	7	39	112	114
San Jose	15	21	5	35	98	112
Anaheim	14	21	7	35	99	126
Edmonton	11	21	9	31	95	124
Calgary	11	24	8	30	109	132
Vancouver	11	23	6	28	109	141

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Boston 3, San Jose 0
Dallas 6, Carolina 1
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 1
Philadelphia 7, Ottawa 2
New Jersey 4, Toronto 2
St. Louis 4, Calgary 3
Phoenix 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal at Vancouver (n)

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles at Edmonton, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Florida, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games

Ottawa at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Bruins 3, Sharks 0

San Jose	0	0	0	— 0
Boston	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Boston, Carter 4 (Samsonov, Khristich), 2:50.

Third Period—2, Boston, Dimaio 6 (Axelsson, Taylor), 8:45. 3, Boston, Axelsson 4 (Sweeney), 19:34.

Shots on goal—San Jose 6-8-9—23. Boston 10-14-12—36.

Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 0 of 2; Boston 0 of 4.

Goalies—San Jose, Hrudey 3-9-1 (36 shots-33 saves). Boston, Dafoe 13-14-5 (23-23).

Rangers 3, Capitals 2

N.Y. Rangers	0	1	2	— 3
Washington	2	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Washington, Brunette 3 (Kryger, Tinordi), :31. 2, Washington, Tinordi 7 (Oates), 6:20 (sh).

Second Period—3, New York, Gretzky 11 (Driver, Langdon), 4:53.

Third Period—4, New York, Graves 11 (LaFontaine, Sweeney), 1:34. 5, New York, Gretzky 12 (Sundstrom), 19:38.

Shots on goal—New York 9-9-9—27. Washington 12-2-6—20.

Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 5; Washington 0 of 4.

Goalies—New York, Richter (4 shots-2 saves), Clouter 1-0-0 (6:20 first, 16-16). Washington, Kolzig 16-9-6 (27-24).

Stars 6, Hurricanes 1

Dallas	4	0	2	— 6
Carolina	1	0	0	— 1

First Period—1, Dallas, Harvey 7 (Carbonneau, Malvichuk), 1:04. 2, Dallas, Sydor 6, 5:44 (sh). 3, Carolina, Primeau 11, 14:28 (sh). 4, Dallas, Hatcher 5 (Chambers), 15:45 (pp). 5, Dallas, Sydor 7 (Langenbrunner, Hatcher), 18:03 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—6, Dallas, Sydor 8 (Hatcher, Langenbrunner), 14:40 (pp). 7, Dallas, Lehtinen 12 (Hatcher, Langenbrunner), 16:48.

Shots on goal—Dallas 9-6-5—20. Carolina 7-6-2—15.

Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 3 of 5; Carolina 0 of 4.

Goalies—Dallas, Belfour 21-6-7 (15 shots-14 saves). Carolina, Jablonski 1-3-0 (20-14).

Avalanche 5, Penguins 4

Colorado	2	2	0	1 — 5
Pittsburgh	0	1	3	0 — 4

First Period—1, Colorado, Kamensky 13 (Donovan, Forsberg), 13:21. 2, Colorado, Kamensky 14 (Forsberg, Sakic), 17:38 (pp).

Second Period—3, Colorado, Sakic 19 (Deadmarsh, Ozolinsh), 8:33. 4, Pittsburgh, Lang 6 (Moran, Dome), 8:49. 5, Colorado, Yelle 6 (Donovan, Klemm), 17:30.

Third Period—6, Pittsburgh, Jagr 20 (Francis), 1:03. 7, Pittsburgh, Dome 2 (Brown, Lang), 7:07. 8, Pittsburgh, Kasparaitis 2 (Werenka, Skudra), 10:54.

Overtime—9, Colorado, Kamensky 15 (Lemieux, Gusarov), 3:04. Penalties—None.

Shots on goal—Colorado 6-5-1-2—14. Pittsburgh 10-6-15-1—32.

Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 1 of 3; Pittsburgh 0 of 5.

Goalies—Colorado, Roy 17-5-10 (32 shots-28 saves). Pittsburgh, Skudra 3-2-1 (14-9).

Mighty Ducks 4, Lightning 1

Anaheim	2	0	2	— 4
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—1, Anaheim, Janssens 3 (Pronger), 15:48. 2, Anaheim, Kariya 6 (Selanne), 16:05.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Ysebaert 5, 12:32.

Third Period—4, Anaheim, Sacco 5 (Kariya, Trnka), 10:49. 5, Anaheim, Rucchin 5 (Sandstrom, Young), 17:35.

Shots on goal—Anaheim 12-15-10—37. Tampa Bay 8-9-8—25.

Power-play Opportunities—Anaheim 0 of 4; Tampa Bay 0 of 4.

Goalies—Anaheim, Hebert 9-16-4 (25 shots-24 saves). Tampa Bay, Wilkinson 2-1-1 (12-10), Bierk (0:00 second, 25-23).

Devils 4, Maple Leafs 2

Toronto	0	1	1	— 2
New Jersey	2	0	2	— 4

First Period—1, New Jersey, Gilmour 9 (Guerin, Niedermayer), 3:30. 2, New Jersey, Elias 13 (McKay, Niedermayer), 5:15.

Second Period—3, Toronto, D.King 7 (Sullivan, Prochazka), 12:24.

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Carpenter 6 (Thomas, Rolston), 2:34. 5, New Jersey, Andreychuk 7 (Gilmour, Odelein), 3:01. 6, Toronto, Prochazka 1 (D.King, Sullivan), 17:08.

Shots on goal—Toronto 6-15-10—31. New Jersey 11-8-9—28.

Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 1; New Jersey 0 of 1.

Goalies—Toronto, Potvin 12-15-5 (28 shots-24 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 24-7-1 (31-29).

Flyers 7, Senators 2

Philadelphia	2	1	4	— 7
Ottawa	0	1	1	— 2

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Lindros 18 (Klatt, Brind'Amour), 9:59. 2, Philadelphia, Lindros 19 (Brind'Amour, Klatt), 12:30.

Second Period—3, Ottawa, Dackell 7 (Laukkanen, McEachern), 1:40 (sh). 4, Philadelphia, LeClair 32 (Gratton, Samuelsson), 17:33.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 15 (Lindros, Klatt), 4:58. 6, Philadelphia, Gratton 10, 5:37. 7, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 17 (Lindros, Coffey), 11:00. 8, Ottawa, Murray 1 (Arvedsson, Zholtok), 12:05. 9, Philadelphia, Falloon 5 (LeClair, Gratton), 16:23.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 7-10-11—28. Ottawa 5-6-7—18.

Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 2.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Snow 12-6-3 (18 shots-16 saves). Ottawa, Rhodes 8-12-2 (21-15), Tugnutt (11:01 3rd period, 7-6).

Coyotes 2, Islanders 1

N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1	— 1
Phoenix	0	1	1	— 2

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Phoenix, Corkum 7 (Ylonen), 12:49 (sh).

Third Period—2, New York, Houda 1 (Reichel, Nemchinov), 3:15. 3, Phoenix, Tkachuk 26 (Corkum, Ylonen), 19:46.

Shots on goal—New York 5-9-11—25. Phoenix 9-6-8—23.

Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 3; Phoenix 0 of 4.

Goalies—New York, Salo 12-15-2 (23 shots-21 saves). Phoenix, Khabibulin 17-14-6 (25-24).

Blues 4, Flames 3

Calgary	1	1	1	— 3
St. Louis	2	1	1	— 4

First Period—1, Calgary, Titov 11 (Fleury), 1:07. 2, St. Louis, Pronger 5 (Poeschek, Turgeon), :8:12. 3, St. Louis, Campbell 12 (Turgeon, Demitra), 18:36.

Second Period—4, St. Louis, Atcheynum 8, 16:44 (sh). 5, Calgary, Fleury 16 (Titov, Stillman), 17:12.

Third Period—6, St. Louis, Demitra 11 (Pronger, York), 6:24. 7, Calgary, Iginla 12 (Albelin, Cassells), 15:54.

Shots on goal—Calgary 15-10-11—36. St. Louis 6-12-13—31.

Power-play Opportunities—Calgary 0 of 6; St. Louis 0 of 6.

Goalies—Calgary, Tabaracci 8-17-4 (31 shots-27 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 18-12-5 (36-33).

WPHL Standings

Eastern Division	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	27	10	7	61	190	143
Shreveport	25	11	2	52	172	120
Central Texas	24	13	3	51	149	143
Austin	21	9	8	50	144	142
Lake Charles	18	17	4	40	148	162
Monroe	19	17	1	39	113	115
Waco	7	30	3	17	116	206

Western Division	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	26	10	3	55	207	120
El Paso	25	8	5	55	195	136
Amarillo	15	17	9	39	134	170
San Angelo	16	20	5	37	163	192
Odessa	12	26	3	27	156	244

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss.

Saturday's Games

Waco 2, Amarillo 1
Russia 2, Fort Worth 1, SO
Lake Charles 5, Odessa 4, SO
Central Texas 3, New Mexico 2, SO
San Angelo 6, Monroe 2
Shreveport 10, Austin 1

Sunday's Games

Fort Worth at Austin
Monroe at El Paso
Odessa at Shreveport

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo at Amarillo
Central Texas at Fort Worth
Odessa at Monroe
Waco at New Mexico

National Champs

Schools that have been named national champion by The Associated Press:

Notre Dame 8
Alabama 6
Oklahoma 6
Miami 4
Minnesota 4
Nebraska 4
Ohio State 3
Southern Cal 3
Army 2
Michigan 2
Penn State 2
Pittsburgh 2
Texas 2
Auburn 1
Brigham Young 1
Clemson 1
Colorado 1
Florida 1
Florida St. 1
Georgia 1
Louisiana State 1
Maryland 1
Michigan State 1
Syracuse 1
Tennessee 1
Texas A&M 1
Texas Christian 1

No. 1 Comparison

MICHIGAN (12-0)

27 Colorado 3
38 Baylor 3
21 Notre Dame 14
37 at Indiana 0
23 Northwestern 6
28 Iowa 24
23 at Michigan St. 7
24 Minnesota 3
34 at Penn St. 8
26 at Wisconsin 16
20 Ohio St. 14
21 Washington St. 16

NEBRASKA (13-0)

59 Akron 14
38 Cent. Florida 24
27 at Washington 14
56 Kansas St. 26
49 at Baylor 21
29 Texas Tech 0
35 at Kansas 0
69 Oklahoma 7
45 at Missouri, OT 38
77 Iowa St. 14
27 at Colorado 24
54 Texas A&M 15
42 Tennessee 17

Coaches' Titles

Coaches whose teams have been named national champions:

Five

Bear Bryant, Alabama, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1979

Four

Frank Leahy, Notre Dame, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1949

Three

Bernie Bierman, Minnesota, 1936, 1940, 1941
John McKay, USC, 1962, 1967, 1972
Barry Switzer, Oklahoma, 1974, 1975, 1985
Bud Wilkinson, OU, 1950, 1955, 1956

Two

Red Blaik, Army, 1944, 1945
Bob Devaney, Nebraska, 1970, 1971
Dennis Erickson, Miami, 1989, 1991
Woody Hayes, Ohio State, 1954, 1968
Tom Osborne, Nebraska, 1994, 1995
Ara Parseghian, ND, 1966, 1973
Joe Paterno, Penn St., 1982, 1986
Darrell Royal, Tx, 1963, 1969

National Basketball Association

Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	11	.645	—
New York	18	13	.581	2
New Jersey	17	14	.548	3
Boston	16	14	.533	3 1/2
Orlando	17	15	.531	3 1/2
Washington	16	17	.485	5
Philadelphia	8	22	.267	11 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Indiana	21	10	.677	1/2
Charlotte	19	11	.633	2
Cleveland	19	11	.633	2
Atlanta	19	12	.613	2 1/2
Detroit	15	18	.455	7 1/2
Milwaukee	14	17	.452	7 1/2
Toronto	4	28	.125	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	20	11	.645	—
Utah	20	11	.645	—
Houston	16	12	.571	2 1/2
Minnesota	16	15	.516	4
Vancouver	10	22	.313	10 1/2
Dallas	5	26	.161	15
Denver	2	28	.067	17 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	25	6	.806	—
L.A. Lakers	24	7	.774	1
Phoenix	19	9	.679	4 1/2
Portland	19	11	.633	5 1/2
Sacramento	12	20	.375	13 1/2
Golden State	7	22	.241	17
L.A. Clippers	7	24	.226	18

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Indiana 89, Toronto 77
San Antonio 84, Miami 77
Cleveland 95, New Jersey 81
New York 88, Orlando 84
Chicago 105, Detroit 96
Minnesota 109, Denver 87
Portland 97, Houston 95
Utah 97, Atlanta 82
Boston 106, Milwaukee 99
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Washington, noon
Seattle at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Pacers 89, Raptors 77

TORONTO (77):				
Slater	3-4	3-5	9	
Tabak	2-9	0-0	4	
O.Miller	2-9	1-2	5	
Christie	3-7	2-2	10	
Stoudamire	6-14	4-6	17	
Wallace	6-13	6-7	18	
Garner	1-2	0-2	2	
Respert	4-8	1-2	10	
McGrady	1-1	0-0	2	

Totals 28-67 17-26 77

INDIANA (89):				
Mullin	3-7	2-2	9	
McKey	0-2	0-0	0	
Smits	11-19	2-4	24	
R.Miller	5-7	2-4	13	
Jackson	0-3	0-0	0	
A.Davis	3-7	3-8	9	
Rose	4-7	1-2	9	
Best	5-8	1-1	11	
Hoiberg	4-4	1-1	10	
Crushere	2-6	0-2	4	
Bohanon	0-1	0-0	0	

Totals 37-71 12-24 89

Toronto	18	19	22	18 — 77
Indiana	21	29	19	20 — 89

3-Point goals—Toronto 4-7, (Christie 2-3, Respert 1-1, Stoudamire 1-3), Indiana 3-3, (Mullin 1-1, R.Miller 1-1, Hoiberg 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (O.Miller 12), Indiana 52 (Smits 13). Assists—Toronto 14 (Stoudamire 6), Indiana 24 (Jackson, Best 5).

Cavaliers 95, Nets 81

NEW JERSEY (81):				
Gill	8-13	4-4	21	
Van Horn	5-16	5-6	15	
Williams	2-6	0-0	4	
Douglas	7-16	6-6	20	
Kittles	6-16	3-4	15	
Benoit	2-8	0-0	5	
Cage	0-0	0-0	0	
Haley	0-0	1-2	1	
McDaniel	0-0	0-0	0	

Totals 30-75 19-22 81

CLEVELAND (95):				
Henderson	8-14	1-2	17	
Kemp	10-14	1-3	21	
Ilgauskas	4-11	0-0	8	
Knight	3-6	1-2	7	
Person	5-19	0-0	13	
Anderson	6-9	6-7	18	
Potapenko	2-3	0-0	4	
Ferry	2-4	0-0	4	
Brooks	0-0	0-0	0	
Dumas	1-2	0-0	3	

Totals 41-82 9-14 95

New Jersey	23	24	15	19 — 81
Cleveland	28	18	23	26 — 95

3-Point goals—New Jersey 2-14 (Gill 1-2, Benoit 1-5, Douglas 0-1, Kittles 0-2, Van Horn 0-4), Cleveland 4-10 (Person 3-7, Dumas 1-1, Anderson 0-1, Ferry 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 42 (Williams 7), Cleveland 52 (Ilgauskas 13). Assists—New Jersey 18 (Douglas 9), Cleveland 30 (Knight 10).

Knicks 88, Magic 84

ORLANDO (84):				
Outlaw	1-2	1-2	3	
Grant	4-12	4-6	12	
Seikaly	9-13	10-16	28	
Armstrong	3-8	4-4	12	
Harper	5-13	0-0	12	
Evans	3-8	3-4	10	
Wilkins	0-5	4-4	4	
Schayes	0-4	3-4	3	

Totals 25-65 29-40 84

NEW YORK (88):				
Johnson	4-10	2-4	10	
Oakley	4-10	3-4	11	
B.Williams	4-7	1-1	9	
Houston	6-12	3-3	15	
Ward	1-8	2-2	5	
Starks	3-6	2-4	10	
Mills	8-13	2-2	20	
Dudley	0-1	0-0	0	
Childs	1-1	6-6	8	

Totals 31-68 21-26 88

Orlando	21	18	19	26 — 84
New York	21	22	25	20 — 88

3-Point goals—Orlando 5-14, (Armstrong 2-3, Harper 2-4, Evans 1-4, Wilkins 0-3), New York 5-8, (Mills 2-2, Starks 2-4, Ward 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 47 (Grant, Seikaly 7), New York 46 (Oakley 10). Assists—Orlando 14 (Armstrong 6), New York 20 (Childs 5). Total fouls—Orlando 20, New York 28. Technicals—B.Williams; New York illegal defense. A—19,763 (19,763).

Timberwolves 109, Nuggets 87

DENVER (87):				
H.Ellis	8-10	0-0	16	
Battie	1-2	0-0	2	
Garrett	3-12	2-2	8	
Newman	5-13	4-5	15	
Jackson	5-11	1-2	11	
Fortson	2-7	5-7	9	
L.Ellis	5-12	2-2	14	
Washington	3-9	2-2	9	
Goldwire	1-3	0-0	2	
Lauderdale	0-1	1-2	1	

Totals 33-80 17-22 87

MINNESOTA (109):				
Garnett	6-10	6-6	18	
Gugliotta	4-9	2-2	10	
Parks	2-2	4-6	8	
Carr	7-11	1-4	15	
Marbury	5-11	4-5	14	
Mitchell	6-9	6-6	18	
Porter	2-5	3-4	9	
Williams	1-2	2-2	4	
Hammonds	3-3	0-0	6	
Jordan	1-2	0-0	2	
Roberts	2-5	1-2	5	

Totals 39-69 29-37 109

Denver	16	26	22	23 — 87
Minnesota	38	21	18	32 — 109

3-Point goals—Denver 4-13, (L.Ellis 2-4, Newman 1-2, Washington 1-4, Goldwire 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Minnesota 2-8, .250 (Porter 2-2, Mitchell 0-1, Carr 0-2, Marbury 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Denver 44 (L.Ellis 8), Minnesota 46 (Garnett 13). Assists—Denver 18 (Jackson 5), Minnesota 30 (Garnett 10). Total fouls—Denver 29, Minnesota 23. Technical—Minnesota illegal defense. A—19,006 (19,006).

Bulls 105, Pistons 96

CHICAGO (105):				
Kukoc	6-11	0-1	13	
Rodman	4-5	0-1	8	
Longley	4-11	2-4	10	
Jordan	12-25	10-11	34	
Harper	8-13	1-1	21	
Burrell	2-5	1-2	6	
Kerr	5-8	0-0	11	
Buechler	1-3	0-0	2	
Wennington	0-0	0-0	0	

Totals 42-81 14-20 105

DETROIT (96):				
Hill	11-21	9-11	31	
B.Williams	4-14	2-3	10	
Montross	0-0	0-0	0	
Stackhouse	10-22	2-3	22	
Dumars	6-12	0-0	17	
Mahorn	0-1	0-0	0	
Long	2-6	0-0	4	
Sealy	5-10	0-0	10	
O'Bannon	1-1	0-0	2	
J.Williams	0-0	0-0	0	

Totals 39-87 13-17 96

Chicago	29	24	28	24 — 105
Detroit	28	25	25	18 — 96

3-Point goals—Chicago 7-17 (Harper 4-7, Kerr 1-2, Burrell 1-3, Kukoc 1-3, Jordan 0-1, Buechler 0-1), Detroit 5-14 (Dumars 5-9, Sealy 0-2, Stackhouse 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 56 (Rodman 18), Detroit 41 (Hill 7). Assists—Chicago 28 (Jordan 9), Detroit 19 (Hill 6).

Spurs 84, Heat 77

SAN ANTONIO (84):				
Elliott	0-0	0-0	0	
Duncan	10-19	2-5	22	
Robinson	11-18	5-7	27	
Jackson	4-11	2-2	10	
Johnson	2-5	0-0	4	
Person	6-11	2-2	17	
Williams	1-2	1-2	3	
Perdue	0-4	1-2	1	
Alexander	0-1	0-0	0	

Totals 34-71 13-20 84

MIAMI (77):				
Mashburn	5-13	6-9	17	
Brown	3-6	0-0	6	
Mourning	7-17	4-6	18	
Lenard	6-13	3-3	16	
Hardaway	6-13	0-0	13	
Austin	1-7	2-2	4	
Majerle	0-2	2-2	4	
Murdock	1-5	0-0	2	
Mills	0-0	1-2	1	

Totals 29-76 16-22 77

San Antonio	25	20	17	22 — 84
Miami	24	15	25	13 — 77

3-Point goals—San Antonio 3-13 (Person 3-7, Alexander 0-1, Jackson 0-5), Miami 3-14 (Lenard 1-2, Mashburn 1-4, Hardaway 1-5, Majerle 0-1, Murdock 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 52 (Robinson 12), Miami 45 (Lenard 9). Assists—San Antonio 22 (Johnson 9), Miami 12 (Hardaway 5). Total fouls—San Antonio 16, Miami 20. A—15,200 (15,200).

Celtics 106, Bucks 99

BOSTON (106):				
McCarty	8-13	1-1	19	
Walker	15-29	1-2	32	
DeClercq	2-4	1-3	5	
Billups	2-4	9-10	13	
Bowen	0-3	0-0	0	
Barros	3-6	6-6	13	
Ellison	1-2	0-0	2	
Mercer	6-10	4-4	16	
Brown	2-6	0-0	4	
Knight	1-2	0-0	2	

Totals 40-79 22-26 106

MILWAUKEE (99):				
Hill	4-7	1-5	9	
Robinson	11-20	11-16	35	
Johnson	1-1	0-0	2	
Allen	5-9	7-8	17	
Brandon	8-14	1-2	17	
Gilliam	3-10	9-10	15	
Curry	0-0	4-4	4	
Perry	0-4	0-0	0	
Pierce	0-0	0-0	0	
Lang	0-2	0-0	0	

Totals 32-67 33-45 99

Boston	21	25	37	23 — 106
Milwaukee	25	24	31	19 — 99

3-Point goals—Boston 4-17, (McCarty 2-3, Barros 1-3, Walker 1-7, Billups 0-1, Knight 0-1, Brown 0-2), Milwaukee 2-7, (Robinson 2-3, Brandon 0-1, Perry 0-1, Allen 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 46 (Walker 10), Milwaukee 44 (Hill, Gilliam 8). Assists—Boston 21 (Walker, Barros 5), Milwaukee 11 (Allen 3). Total fouls—Boston 30, Milwaukee 23. Technicals—Walker, Boston illegal defense. A—16,211 (18,717).

Jazz 97, Hawks 82

ATLANTA (82):				
Corbin	5-13	0-0	10	
Laettner	5-12	3-3	13	
Mutombo	3-11	4-5	10	
Smith	7-15	6-7	20	
Recasner	4-10	1-1	10	
Henderson	1-4	0-0	2	
Brown	0-3	0-0	0	
Gray	4-11	1-1	11	
Crawford	2-2	2-2	6	
Miller	0-0	0-0	0	
G.Anderson	0-0	0-0	0	

Totals 31-81 17-19 82

UTAH (97):				
Keefe	2-6	0-0	4	
Malone	7-13	6-8	20	
Ostertag	7-8	1-1	15	
Hornacek	5-9	4-5	14	
Stockton	6-9	4-5	17	
Eisley	0-3	0-0	0	
Foster	1-8	0-0	2	
S.Anderson	5-6	2-2	12	
Russell	4-6	0-0	9	
Vaughn	1-2	0-0	2	
Morris	1-3	0-0	2	

Totals 39-73 17-21 97

Atlanta	21	20	19	22 — 82
Utah	15	25	29	28 — 97

3-Point goals—Atlanta 3-10 (Gray 2-3, Recasner 1-4, Laettner 0-1, Smith 0-2), Utah 2-6 (Stockton 1-1, Russell 1-2, Hornacek 0-1, Eisley 0-1, Morris 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 35 (Mutombo 14), Utah 55 (Ostertag 10). Assists—Atlanta 15 (Mutombo 4), Utah 29 (Stockton 12). Total fouls—Atlanta 19, Utah 17. Technicals—Gray, Atlanta illegal defense, Utah coach Sloan. A—19,911 (19,911).

Trail Blazers 97, Rockets 95

PORTLAND (97):				
Grant	6-12	4-6	16	
Wallace	9-12	1-1	20	
Sabonis	8-11	0-0	16	
Rider	11-22	1-1	27	
Anderson	3-14	1-2	7	
Trent	1-3	1-2	3	
Williams	2-2	2-2	6	
Augmon	1-6	0-2	2	
Cato	0-0	0-0	0	

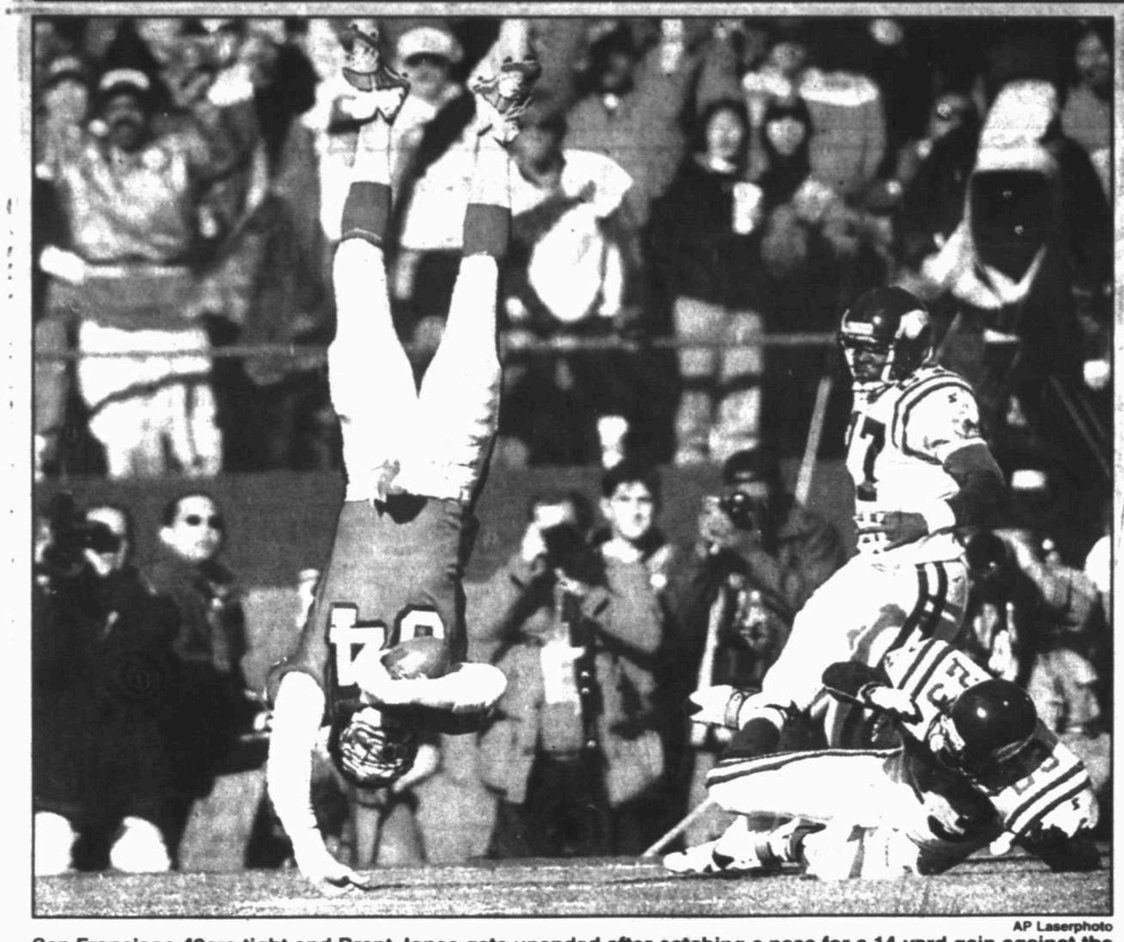
Totals 41-82 10-16 97

HOUSTON (95):				
Elie	5-9	2-2	12	
Barkley	5-13	2-2	12	
Willis	2-10	3-4	7	
Drexler	12-22	9-10	34	
Maloney	4-7	0-0	8	
Jones	0-0	0-0	0	
Bullard	5-7	0-0	12	
Rhodes	1-5	2-8	4	
Johnson	1-1	0-0	3	
Price	1-3	0-0	3	

Totals 36-77 18-24 95

Portland	24	22	27	24 — 97
Houston	22	30	20	23 — 95

3-Point goals—Portland 5-11 (Rider 4-7, Wallace 1-1, Sabonis 0-1, Anderson 0-2), Houston 5-16 (Bullard 2-3, Johnson 1-1, Price 1-3, Drexler 1-4, Barkley 0-1, Elie 0-2, Maloney 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Portland 49 (Grant 11), Houston 45 (Barkley 12). Assists



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San Francisco 49ers tight end Brent Jones gets upended after catching a pass for a 14-yard gain against the Minnesota Vikings Saturday at 3COM Stadium in San Francisco. The play set up the 49ers' first touchdown in their 38-22 win, which put them in the NFC Championship game nex weekend.

49ERS: Subsitutes shine in San Fran

(From 1B)

Despite missing Rice, their best receiver who's out for the year with a knee injury, and Hearst, their top runner whose fractured collarbone needs more time to heal, San Francisco is still in the running for an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl title.

Green Bay eliminated the 49ers from the playoffs in each of the last two seasons.

Kirby, starting for the injured Hearst, ran for a career-high 120 yards and two touchdowns. Owens and Stokes, the young receivers who have been productive in Rice's absence all year, had another good day.

Owens caught a career-high nine passes for 101 yards, and Owens had four receptions for 49 yards and a touchdown.

"The offensive line went out and made some holes for Terry and I think that opened things up for me and J.J," Owens said.

Besides three 1-yard scoring runs, one by William Floyd and two by Kirby, Ken Norton Jr. had a 23-yard interception return for a touchdown and Owens a 15-yard TD catch from Young. Gary Anderson added a 34-yard field goal.

"I just felt like the Vikings couldn't contain our offense," 49ers tight end Brent Jones said.

Randall Cunningham had touchdown passes of 66 and 3 yards to Cris Carter and a 13-yarder to Matthew Hatchette. But the Vikings, hurt by their own mistakes and penalties, couldn't pull off another upset as they did last week by rallying past the New York Giants.

"They made more plays that we did. They mixed it up really well," Carter said.

Added Vikings offensive coordinator Brian Billick: "Plain and simple, a good team beat us."

Cunningham was 18-for-40 for 331 yards and Young 21-for-30 for 224 yards.

Left unanswered in the loss was the future of Green, who has strained relations with Vikings ownership and hasn't said whether he'll be back.

"I haven't thought about it," Green said.

Cunningham closed the Vikings to 24-14 with his second scoring pass to Carter, but the 49ers pulled away again with two more scores on Young's scoring throw to Owens and Kirby's second touchdown run.

Breaking away from a 7-7 tie, the 49ers scored two touchdowns in 47 seconds, both set up by Minnesota mistakes, and led 21-7 at halftime.

Mitch Berger, whose shanked punt preceded San Francisco's first TD, had another short kick, allowing the 49ers to start their second scoring drive at their 39. Young drove the 49ers to the Vikings 32 before lofting a pass inside the 5, where Torrian Gray was called for interference on Stokes.

Rookie linebacker Dwayne Rudd kicked the penalty flag and was called for unsportsmanlike conduct, giving San Francisco a net 30-yard gain to the 2. After linebacker Dixon Edwards was penalized for holding on the next play, Kirby ran in for the 1-yard score.

Just seconds later, Cunningham dodged pressure from Roy Barker and got a pass off to the sideline. But Norton stepped in front of Hunter Goodwin, making the interception in full stride and went 23 yards for a touchdown.

The son of former heavyweight champion Ken Norton punctuated the score by punching out the goal post, one of his traditional celebrations, as teammates cheered him on.

A blown coverage left Carter wide open, and Cunningham hit him for a 66-yard touchdown, pulling the Vikings to 7-all with 7:26 left in the first period. No defender was within 10 yards of Carter when he made the catch at the San Francisco 27.

49ers 38, Vikings 22

Minnesota	7	0	7	8	— 22
San Francisco	7	14	10	7	— 38

First Quarter

SF—Floyd 1 run (Anderson kick), 8:03.
Min—Carter 66 pass from Cunningham (Murray kick), 7:26.

Second Quarter

SF—Kirby 1 run (Anderson kick), 6:28.
SF—Norton 23 interception return (Anderson kick), 5:41.

Third Quarter

SF—FG Anderson 34, 8:17.
Min—Carter 3 pass from Cunningham (Murray kick), 5:13.
SF—Owens 15 pass from Young (Anderson kick), 2:00.

Fourth Quarter

SF—Kirby 1 run (Anderson kick), 7:32.
Min—Hatchette 13 pass from Cunningham (Walsh from Cunningham), 3:47.
A—65,018.

	Min	SF
First downs	16	31
Rushes-yards	16-57	41-175
Passing	321	219
Punt Returns	4-22	0-00
Kickoff Returns	5-109	2-28
Interceptions Ret	0-00	1-23
Comp-Att-Int	18-40-1	21-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-10	1-5
Punts	7-29.9	6-38.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	12-91	7-69
Time of Possession	21:56	38:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, R.Smith 8-33, Cunningham 2-14, Hoard 5-11, Evans 1-(minus 1). San Francisco, Kirby 25-120, Young 4-37, Floyd 3-13, Levy 9-5.

PASSING—Minnesota, Cunningham 18-40-1-331. San Francisco, Young 21-30-0-224.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Carter 6-93, Reed 5-114, Glover 3-84, R.Smith 3-27, Hatchette 1-13. San Francisco, Stokes 9-101, Owens 4-49, Jones 3-39, Kirby 3-24, Levy 1-6, Floyd 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Staunch 'D,' quick quarterback lift Steelers over New England

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers didn't need a miracle to beat the New England Patriots this time, just a Steel Curtain-like defense and a dash of Slash.

In a game of field position, the Steelers had the biggest edge of all — the home field, which they gained with an improbable win at New England three weeks ago after a miraculous interception.

The Steelers rode the momentum generated by their towel-twirling fans, the AFC's best defense and sprinter-quick quarterback Kordell Stewart to eliminate the Patriots 7-6 Saturday in a defensive struggle more suited for the leather-helmet days of the 1930s than the high-tech 1990s.

"Maybe it was ugly, maybe it was boring to watch. It wasn't our best game, but I don't think we've played that yet," linebacker Levon Kirkland said after the Steelers forced Drew Bledsoe into throwing two interceptions and fumbling twice. "And what better week to play it than next week?"

The Steelers will meet Denver or Kansas City in their third AFC championship game appearance in four years on Jan. 11. They will play in Pittsburgh if Denver wins Sunday, or in Kansas City if the Chiefs win.

Pittsburgh beat Denver 35-24 Dec. 7 in Pittsburgh, but squandered a 10-0 lead in losing at Kansas City 13-10 on Nov. 3.

New England, the defending AFC champions, played the Steelers tougher in Pittsburgh than any AFC opponent all season, shutting them out after Stewart's 40-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The Patriots kept it a one-point game with a fourth-quarter goal-line stand.

They also limited Bettis to 67 yards on 25 carries, his lowest output since a 63-yard effort in a season-opening 37-7 loss to Dallas, and outgained Pittsburgh 280-279.

"I'm in shock. I can't believe we lost that game," cornerback Jimmy Hitchcock said. "It was an unbelievable performance on the defensive side of the ball."

But with star runner Curtis Martin out with a groin injury, tight end Ben Coates (thumb) limited to a few plays and receiver Terry Glenn (shoulder) out by the fourth quarter, Bledsoe almost had to win it by himself.

That might be asking too much of John Elway, much less a quarterback with only five postseason touchdown passes and 12 interceptions.

"We knew coming in we had to throw it to win, and unfortunately we didn't throw it well enough," said Bledsoe, who was 23-of-44 for 264 yards. "When you only score six points, it's hard to win. We put our defense in a terrible position. 'We didn't hold up our end of the bargain."

Last month, it was a Bledsoe-thrown interception on a seemingly safe screen pass that allowed the Steelers to rally from eight points down with two minutes to go and win 24-21 in overtime. Had the Patriots won, they would have been at home, where they beat Pittsburgh 28-3 last January.

"I have to question his (Bledsoe's) toughness," said defensive end Kevin Henry, who made that interception on Dec. 13. "We hit him a couple of times in the first quarter and took him out of his game. No quarterback likes to have pressure in his face, and he's a quarterback you can really get to."

The Patriots were so desperate for offense that rookie Sedrick Shaw, who hadn't carried all season, ran 10 times for 22 yards.

Still, they had their chances to win — lots of them.

With reserves manning key positions everywhere he looked, Bledsoe got the ball back at his own 1 after Ted Johnson and Tedy Bruschi stacked up Stewart for no gain on a fourth-and-goal at the 1 with 3:24 remaining.

The Patriots needed about 75 yards for a legitimate field goal try.

Afterward, coach Bill Cowher so regretted not going for the field goal, he apologized to his team and to Steelers fans, saying, "You can call me a dummy."

"He didn't have to do that," said defensive end Jason Gildon, who recovered both Bledsoe fumbles. "We stand behind him. He thought our defense was playing well at the time and they would still have to drive pretty far down the field."

Bledsoe went 6-for-7 in marching the Patriots to the 42, but, under a heavy rush from rookie Mike Vrabel, fumbled as he tried to pass, and Gildon made his second recovery.

"Mike made a great rush off the end and it bounced right to me," Gildon said.

New England got the ball back once more inside the 5 in the closing seconds, but Bledsoe's desperation pass was intercepted by Kirkland on the final play.

Steelers 7, Patriots 6

New England	0	3	0	3	— 6
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	0	— 7

First Quarter

Pit—Stewart 40 run (N.Johnson kick), 9:49.

Second Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri 31, 7:40.

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri 46, 12:16.
A—61,228.

	NE	Pit
First downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	19-36	37-145
Passing	244	134
Punt Returns	3-24	4-78
Kickoff Returns	2-36	3-44
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-48
Comp-Att-Int	23-44-2	14-31-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-20	2-0
Punts	7-42.0	9-32.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-68	5-41
Time of Possession	24:23	35:37

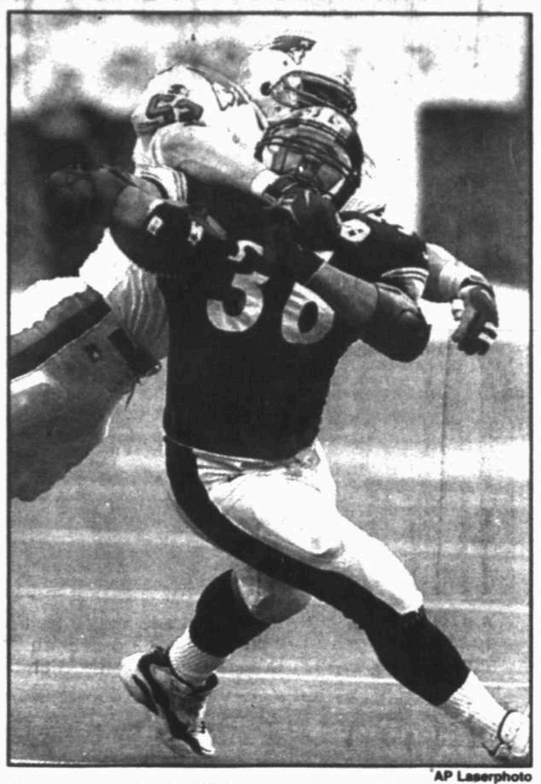
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Shaw 10-22, Cullors 7-18, Bledsoe 2-(minus 4), Pittsburgh, Stewart 11-68, Bettis 25-67, McAfee 1-10.

PASSING—New England, Bledsoe 23-44-2-264. Pittsburgh, Stewart 14-31-1-134.

RECEIVING—New England, Jefferson 9-104, Glenn 5-96, Brisby 3-37, Byars 2-1, Shaw 1-13, Brown 1-6, Gash 1-6, Cullors 1-1, Purnell 0-0. Pittsburgh, Hawkins 4-28, Thigpen 3-54, C.Johnson 3-28, Lester 2-3, Blackwell 1-14, Bettis 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



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New England's Ted Johnson takes a ride on the back of Pittsburgh running back Jerome Bettis, during the Steelers' 7-6 playoff win Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Chiefs' coach Schottenheimer hopes to break jinx vs. Elway

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It's Marty Schottenheimer's most quoted line.

"Sometimes I think John has a Marty Schottenheimer doll he sticks pins into," the Kansas City coach once said after John Elway stole another game from him for the Denver Broncos.

"He just seems to love to torment me."

Schottenheimer gets another chance to break the Elway jinx that has marred his career when Denver meets Kansas City on Sunday in an AFC divisional playoff game.

It's a chance at redemption for the Broncos, too.

After being eliminated in their first playoff game by Jacksonville last season despite being the top seed in the AFC, they lost three of their last six this season and settled for a wild card. They avenged last season's loss by beating the Jaguars 42-17 last week.

Schottenheimer doesn't want revenge as much as vindication for a career that's partially unfulfilled.

While he's never had a losing season and missed the playoffs only twice in 13 full years as a head coach, he's never made it to the Super Bowl. And his postseason record is 5-10 compared with his regular-season mark of 138-76-1.

He has been criticized for not only being unable to win the Big One, but not even getting to it.

Sunday's game is at Arrowhead Stadium because the Chiefs won here 24-22 Nov. 16 when Pete Stoyanovich's 54-yard field goal on the final play of the game barely got over the crossbar. It kept Denver from extending its lead in the AFC West to three games and eventually allowed the Chiefs to surge past the Broncos and win not only the division but gain home field for the playoffs.

If the Chiefs win, they would play host to Pittsburgh next weekend, while a Broncos victory would sent them to Three Rivers Stadium to play the Steelers, who defeated New England 7-6 Saturday.

Schottenheimer gets a lot of credit for the pivotal victory over the Broncos — in which the Chiefs overcame another late Elway drive that so often has done him in. This time, he used his timeouts perfectly as Elway moved the Broncos to their go-ahead field goal. That gave the Chiefs a minute to get into position for Stoyanovich's kick.

But this being the playoffs, Schottenheimer has a problem before his team has even played a game.

Does he go at quarterback with Elvis Grbac, who carried the team over the first half of a 13-3 season, or is it Rich Gannon, who was 5-1 in relief after Grbac broke a collarbone? Grbac was 5-for-14 for 51 yards in the first half of the meaningless New Orleans finale, his first game back.

"It's not an issue," said Schottenheimer, who will open with Grbac, 8-2 as a starter after being signed as a free agent from San Francisco.

If the Chiefs lose and Grbac does something wrong, it will be an issue — Schottenheimer's issue. And even if the Chiefs win, Schottenheimer will still have an obstacle to overcome — the AFC championship game.

The Broncos' mission is just as urgent.

They began 6-0 this season, including a 19-3 win at home over Kansas City in the season opener, and were 9-1, two games ahead of the Chiefs, when they arrived at Arrowhead for that November game.

But the loss to the Chiefs began a slide that left them a game behind Kansas City and as the No. 4 seed in the conference. That means they have to win two more road games to make it to the Super Bowl, a difficult but not impossible task.

They also have injury problems.

Terrell Davis, who rushed for 1,750 yards, separated his shoulder in a game at San Francisco, sat out the final game against San Diego, then left against Jacksonville late in the third quarter with bruised ribs after gaining 184 yards.

Davis practiced this week and is expected to play Sunday.

"I had no problems, just like I anticipated," he said. "I was out there running full speed."

Still, those signs of wear — two injuries in three weeks — can be a concern for a team that depends so much on its running game to supplement Elway's passing.

That's especially important because the Chiefs are so strong down the stretch. They went an NFL record 10 straight games without giving up a touchdown in the second half. When they finally did, it was in the meaningless regular-season finale against New Orleans.

But that means little to Schottenheimer or Elway.

The closest Schottenheimer ever came to a Super Bowl was in 1986 when he was with the Cleveland Browns.

Cleveland led 20-13 when Elway led Denver on a 98-yard drive, capping it with a 5-yard TD pass to Mark Jackson with 37 seconds left. The Broncos then won 23-20 in overtime.

"There's not a person in this league I have greater respect for than John Elway," Schottenheimer said.

Give him the ball in the last few minutes and the respect turns to fear.

Pack feels comfortable against Bucs at home at Lambeau Field

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers don't lose during the season at Lambeau Field. They don't lose playoff games at home, either.

So what hopes do the Tampa Bay Buccaneers carry with them for Sunday's NFC playoff game? Perhaps only the optimism that can stem from unfamiliarity with their situation.

This is Tampa's first trip to the playoffs in 15 years. It began in superb fashion last weekend with a 20-10 wild-card victory over Detroit.

That, however, wasn't anything close to the challenge the Bucs (11-6) face on — sound the trumpets, prepare for the cliches — "the frozen tundra of historic Lambeau Field."

The Packers, you see, have won 26 consecutive home games, and they've never failed in 11 tries when they were the home team for a postseason game. Last week's win against the Lions in the warmth of Houlihan's Stadium was the Bucs' second playoff win. Ever.

"You're right. It will be tough for them to play in Green Bay," Packers safety Eugene Robinson said. "The weather and the history and our success against them ...

"It comes down to we have got to play well and with emotion and be physical. All that other stuff goes out the window once you line up and get fired up."

Perhaps. But it's hard to ignore such factors as Green Bay's dominance at home, or its hunger to repeat as champion, or its edge in experience or, well, the fact the Packers (13-3) have been the better team this season.

Which they clearly have. Green Bay beat Tampa 21-16 in Week 6, handing the surprising Bucs their first defeat. The message there was simple: this still is our division and you don't come into our home and mess with us.

In the 14th week, when the Bucs still had designs on stealing the NFC Central title from the Packers, Green Bay dominated in a 17-6 win in Florida in a game that wasn't that close.

"Our confidence level has to be very high against them," Packers linebacker Seth Joyner. "We played them and beat them twice before and the first game was a lot closer than the second.

"We're not concerned about where they are and what they do. If we take care of business, we're not worrying about anyone else."

The winner Sunday has to worry about going to San Francisco for the NFC title game next weekend after San Francisco's 38-22 victory over Minnesota on Saturday.

The Packers certainly recognize the threat at hand. Coach Mike Holmgren emphasizes that familiarity means both sides must "do special things" to get an edge.

But Holmgren also prefers to look at the trip his team has taken to get here, rather than where the Bucs have come from.

"Last year, we wanted them to enjoy the experience," Holmgren said of his players, 40 of whom were at the Super Bowl last January. "Each win was something great in and of itself to get to the Super Bowl.

"I approached the team the same way this year, but the journey was harder emotionally and the expectations that were held were higher. It was harder to enjoy each win this year, because we all were pointing toward this time now."

The Bucs had no trouble enjoying their season; the franchise's last winning year was strike-shortened 1982 and the Bucs lost at least 10 games in all but one season since.

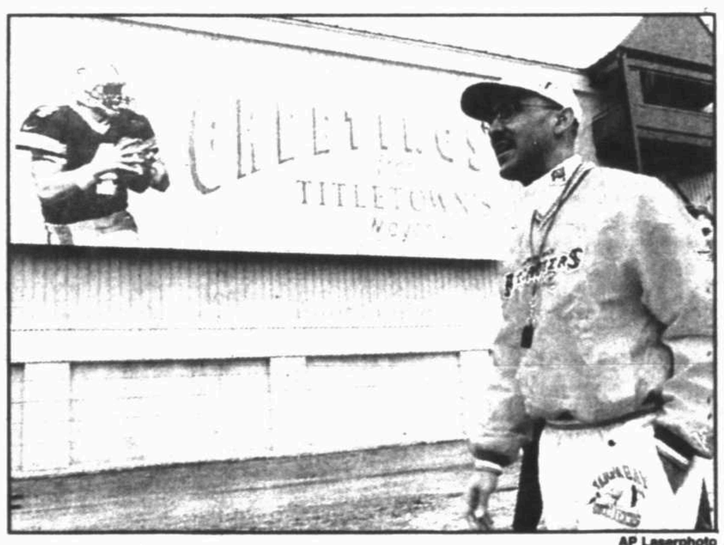
Tony Dungy, in his second season as Bucs coach, changed all that. He eliminated the losing atmosphere, built up the self-assurance of a young team and turned it into a winner.

But are they good enough to make a complete break with history by shattering Green Bay's perfect home record and establishing themselves as a championship force? Or are they merely a minor obstacle on the way to another title for the Packers?

"The only way you can earn respect is to beat them," Bucs safety John Lynch said. "It's a similar situation to what they had with the Cowboys. For us to climb one more notch, that's what we are going to have to do."

They'll have to do it despite never having won a game that began with the temperature below 42. It will be about half that — not counting the wind-chill factor — on Sunday.

"It's going to be tough for us to win up there," Dungy said, "but it would be tough for us to beat Green Bay if we played them in California or anywhere."



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Tampa Bay head coach Tony Dungy is greeted by a sign in Green Bay depicting Packers' quarterback Brett Favre "Titletown's mayor." Dungy's Buccaneers take on the Pack today in an NFC playoff game.



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Michigan assistant coaches, from left, Vance Bedford and Erik Campbell and wide receiver Darren Petterson help Michigan offensive lineman and co-captain Jon Jansen, right, hold up The Associated Press national championship trophy during halftime of the Michigan basketball game Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Michigan fans seem gracious about sharing national title with 'Huskers

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After waiting 49 years, Michigan fans were in a gracious mood Saturday about sharing the national college football title with Nebraska.

Ed and Carol Hammerle, both 60, said they were not disappointed with the outcome of the competing polls.

But even so, "It would have been great to get it outright," Ed Hammerle said.

Michigan easily topped The Associated Press poll of 70 sports writers and broadcasters, but in the third split national title this decade, Nebraska (13-0) edged Michigan (12-0) in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll.

It was a bittersweet outcome for some of the Wolverines' fans, who wanted sole possession of the title.

Carol Hammerle said she believes Nebraska won the balloting in the coaches' poll as a concession to the retirement of their coach, Tom Osborne.

"I wasn't sure if sympathy's the right word. Maybe it's just out of honor," she said.

Another fan, Michael Samuelson, 50, of Ann Arbor, called the split title "pure sentimental cronyism."

"It's like they said, 'Here's one for your 25 years. Good work, Tom.' It's a coaches' gift that's easy to give," he said as he walked toward the campus' Crisler Arena for the presentation of the AP title trophy at halftime of the Penn State-Michigan basketball game.

At the halftime of the Michigan-Penn State basketball game, AP Michigan Chief of Bureau Charles Hill handed the trophy to Jon Jansen, team co-captain.

"We've had a lot of people stick with us through the rough years," Jansen said after circling the court while hoisting the trophy in the air and making the No. 1 sign as fans sang "Hail to the Victors."

"To be on top is just a great feeling," he said.

University president Lee Bollinger said he's not disappointed that Michigan is sharing the title with Nebraska, saying both schools are top-notch in terms of academics and athletics.

"I think it's always special to be the best at what you do," he said. "It sets an example for every part of the university."

Most football players and students were not yet back from semester break Saturday, so Wolverines fans will hail the team as conquering heroes during a rally set for Jan. 11.

"The only empty feeling you have is that the team and coaches can't all be here today or stay together to celebrate this moment," said offensive coordinator Mike DeBord.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said he was disappointed with the split vote, but it did not take away from the meaning of the AP poll.

"I think every guy who has played at Michigan takes great pride in this," Lloyd Carr said from his Pasadena hotel room early Saturday.

The Wolverines, coming off four straight four-loss seasons, were ranked No. 14 in the preseason poll and steadily climbed, reaching No. 8 after a season-opening win over Colorado, then No. 4 after its Oct. 25 victory over rival Michigan State.

Until the final poll, the biggest day of the season occurred Nov. 9, when the Wolverines leapfrogged Nebraska and into the top spot.

Any title system has weaknesses

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Here is where college football is at the start of 1998: Michigan No. 1; Nebraska, No. 1.

Where will college football be at the start of 1999?

The new super alliance is supposed to eliminate a shared national title by matching the No. 1 team and the No. 2 team in a four-bowl rotation that will include the Rose Bowl for the first time.

But without a true playoff system, like the ones that exist in every other college sport and all other levels of college football, a national championship via the bowl-poll route has inherent weaknesses that cannot be avoided.

The reason? While its stated purpose is to match No. 1 vs. No. 2, the alliance also wants to preserve the bowl system as we know it. It's a self-defeating concept no matter which was you look at it.

"In an effort to focus on a championship game, we're putting all the other bowls in a negative position," Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said. "It's like being half pregnant. Either have a playoff or stop worrying about a 1-2 game."

This season marked the third time in the 1990s the national title was split — Michigan was No. 1 in The Associated Press poll, Nebraska No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

Both teams finished with perfect records and both had legitimate claims to the title. The Wolverines (12-0) beat Washington State 21-16 in the Rose Bowl; the Cornhuskers (13-0) routed Tennessee 42-17 in the Orange Bowl in Tom Osborne's final game as coach.

Had the super alliance been in place this season, college football would have hit the jackpot — matching the only teams with perfect records, ranked 1-2, in the Orange Bowl, in a true title game.

But that's wishful thinking, and Big 12 commissioner Steve Hatchell knows the new system isn't perfect, either.

"It's clear it doesn't answer all the questions," Hatchell said. "The super alliance is the third in a progression. What it does is get raised payouts, gives us a better chance at 1 vs. 2 and keeps the bowls alive."

Some of the pitfalls of the super alliance include:

—What if only one team, say, Florida State, is unbeaten and ranked No. 1 and there are five teams with one loss? How do you determine who's No. 2? It's back to the square one — the voters then decide who's No. 2 among several once-beaten teams. What if the AP poll goes with Nebraska, and the coaches' poll picks Michigan?

—Having more than two unbeaten teams — how do you have a true national title game if there are three teams with perfect regular-season records?

—What if there are no undefeated teams? Try to figure that one out.

The super alliance and its TV partner ABC already have brushed aside some of college football's great traditions, so they're not overly concerned with such theoretical situations.

The designated title game, the Fiesta Bowl, is set for Jan. 4, 1999.

"Hopefully next year will work out," Tranghese said, "but we're still at risk."

POLLS: Voters divide national title

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the University of Michigan, strangely enough."

For the third time in the 1990s, the national title was split.

In the AP poll, Michigan won its first national title since 1948 after beating Washington State 21-16 in the Rose Bowl on Thursday.

Michigan received 51 1/2 first-place votes and 1,731 1/2 points from a national panel of 70 sports writers and broadcasters to win by a convincing margin over Nebraska, which totaled 18 1/2 first-place votes and 1,698 1/2 points.

The margin of victory was 33 first-place votes and 33 points. Seven voters split their ballot. Before the bowl games, Michigan led Nebraska by 68 first-place votes and 68 points.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, Nebraska jumped ahead of Michigan by the narrowest of margins, getting 32 first-place votes and 1,520 points to Michigan's 30 first-place votes and 1,516 points.

Before the bowl games, Michigan led the Huskers by 45 first-place votes and 47 points.

The New York Times' final computer ranking stayed with Nebraska as its top team. Michigan dropped a spot to third, behind Florida State, which advanced one position.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said that while was disappointed with the split, "we're still thrilled to be honored by The Associated Press."

"When you consider all the great teams that we've had at Michigan, and the fact it's been 50 years in a rich football tradition since we've won it, ... I think every guy who has played at Michigan takes great pride in this."

The other split polls occurred in 1990 and 1991; Miami was the AP champion and Washington No. 1 in the coaches' poll in '91; Colorado was No. 1 in the AP poll while the coaches had Georgia Tech in '90.

The rest of the AP poll had Florida State (11-1), a 31-14 winner over Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, No. 3, followed by No. 4 Florida and No. 5 UCLA. The Gators (10-2) beat Penn State 21-6 in the Citrus Bowl and the Bruins (10-2) beat Texas A&M 26-23 in the Cotton Bowl. The Seminoles finished in the top four for an 11th consecutive season.

North Carolina (11-1), a 42-3 winner over Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl, was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Tennessee (11-2), No. 8 Kansas State (11-1), No. 9 Washington State (10-2) and No. 10 Georgia (10-2). Kansas State beat Syracuse 35-18 in the Fiesta Bowl, and Georgia topped Wisconsin 33-6 in the Outback Bowl.

Auburn was No. 11, followed by Ohio State, LSU, Arizona State, Purdue, Penn State, Colorado State, Washington, Southern Mississippi, Texas A&M, Syracuse, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Georgia Tech.

The Wolverines, coming off four straight four-loss seasons, were ranked No. 14 in the preseason poll and steadily moved up, reaching No. 8 after opening the season with a 27-3 win over Colorado and climbing to No. 4 after a 23-7 victory over Michigan State on Oct. 25.

Until the final poll, the biggest day of the season occurred Nov. 9, when the Wolverines jumped over Nebraska into the top spot. On Nov. 8, Michigan beat No. 2 Penn State 34-8, and No. 1 Nebraska beat an unranked Missouri 45-38 in overtime after tying the game on a miracle TD catch by Matt Davison at the end of regulation.

Unlike 1994, when Penn State lost out on a national title to an undefeated Nebraska team despite a perfect season of its own, the Huskers of '97 captured a share of the title by routing a No. 3 team, while the Wolverines barely beat a No. 8 team.

Michigan listed lower than second on some ballot(s) in coaches' poll

By Jim Litke
AP Sports Writer

■ Commentary

Here's hoping whoever voted Michigan lower than first or second in the final USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll identifies himself soon, confirming what some of us have suspected all along: Somewhere out there is a coach, or two, with a lot more guts than brains.

What a way to ruin a terrific season. And we don't mean the split decision that ended it. That was fine.

Michigan and Nebraska went into the bowl games ranked Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in both polls. Both came out still undefeated. The writers and broadcasters in The Associated Press poll stayed with the Wolverines after a narrow Rose Bowl win over No. 8 Washington State. The coaches beat a hasty retreat from their position of a week earlier, and settled on Nebraska, which throttled third-ranked Tennessee in the Orange Bowl and sent coach Tom Osborne into retirement in style. No problem there.

The same thing has already happened twice just this decade. Miami (AP) and Washington (coaches) divvied up the polls in 1991. Colorado and Georgia Tech split them the same way the previous year. An argument could be made on behalf of any or all of them and reasonable men, after all, are supposed to be able to disagree reasonably.

Except ...

Except that this time around, some coach (or two) disagreed very unreasonably. Apparently, he didn't trust the rest of his lodge brothers to arrive at the right conclusion and set out to influence the outcome himself. The coach in question did it by refusing to list Michigan on either the first or second line of his final ballot, throwing into question the credibility of every ballot cast alongside it.

How do we know? Because it's not hard to do the math. In the poll, 62 coaches rank the teams from No. 1 to No. 25. A first-place vote is worth 25 points, a second-place vote is worth 24 points, and so on.

Nebraska received 1,520 points, with 32 first-place votes accounting for 800 of the total. The only way the Huskers could have received their remaining 720 points is if every one of the 30 coaches who voted Michigan No. 1 also voted Nebraska No. 2.

Michigan received a total of 1,516 points. Multiply 30 first-place votes by 25 and you get 750 points. Now, if all 32 coaches who voted Nebraska No. 1 turned around and voted Michigan No. 2, that would have given the Wolverines another 768 points, or a total of 1,518. So the two points less they actually received tells us one coach either dropped them to No. 4, or two coaches put them third.

There is no reasonable excuse. Shading a first-place vote for Nebraska, based on sentiment for Osborne, is one thing. But sabotaging Michigan's chances in the bargain is something else. Something worse. Something that defeats the purpose of casting such a wrong-headed ballot in the first place.

For one thing, it casts a shadow over Osborne's half of the championship. He refused to lobby for it, both before and after the Huskers wrung Tennessee out like a hand towel. And for good reason. Still fresh in his mind was the memory of three years earlier, when both Nebraska and Penn State finished unbeaten seasons, but the Huskers finished atop both polls.

To his everlasting credit, Osborne responded the same way then as now. He said any team that played a credible schedule and went unbeaten deserved at least a piece of the championship. And he added back then, as now, that it was a shame the two couldn't play to decide which one was the more deserving.

That might be the only good thing about this entire mess.

Whatever the explanation turns out to be, the second after the coach who jobbed Michigan steps out of the closet (or gets pushed), he becomes the latest poster child in the campaign for a playoff in college football.

After the split-championship seasons in 1990-91, the people who run the bowls have staved off a playoff by promising a No. 1 vs. No. 2 bowl matchup every season. They've tried to do it by tying up every team and bowl in the country, a claim they can make with some veracity beginning next season. But they forgot that the integrity of the process relies on the polls used to select the teams.

It was almost funny earlier this season when Penn State coach Joe Paterno revealed a few days after losing to Michigan that a staff member mistakenly cast his ballot without putting the Wolverines at No. 1. This time we can only assume somebody did it on purpose. Somebody who ought to have the guts, if not quite the sense, to come clean about it.

'Huskers receive huge reception

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — About 10,000 Cornhusker football fans cheered, waved flags and even shed a few tears Saturday afternoon as they welcomed home their triumphant coach for the final time.

The Bob Devaney Sports Center erupted with chants of "T-O"as retiring coach Tom Osborne walked into the gymnasium followed by his team shortly after their plane landed from Miami.

While it was Osborne's final appearance as Nebraska's head coach of 25 years, the crowd had something more to celebrate — a third national title in four years.

Police cars with flashing lights escorted the Nebraska team buses from the airport to the rally. As the entourage wound its way to the Devaney center, fans lined the streets, clapping, waving and honking their car horns.

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UNC continues its domination over ACC rival

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — The longer North Carolina's domination of Clemson continues, the more worried Antawn Jamison becomes.

"It can be good and it can be scary because sooner or later, it's going to come to an end," said Jamison, who scored 19 points to help the top-ranked Tar Heels beat No. 21 Clemson 73-70 Saturday.

Shammond Williams scored 15 of his 24 points in the second half and Vince Carter scored 17 as North Carolina defeated one of its favorite foes and made sure Jamison's fears didn't become realized.

No one has pounded on the Tigers like the Tar Heels (15-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who hold a career mark of 103-15 against Clemson since the teams first met in 1926.

"That's something that really doesn't sit in our minds," Jamison said. "But we've been doing a tremendous job year by year and I guess we just have their number."

And things haven't changed much recently, despite a basketball revival at Clemson (10-4, 1-1) that threatens to steal the focus from football at the pigskin crazy school.

The Tigers and coach Rick Barnes may own wins over Kentucky, South Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke in the previous four years, but they are just 1-8 against the Tar Heels, who measure Clemson defeats by decades instead of years.

"We have confidence in everybody's ability and we know how everybody will play in situations," Carter said. "In this situation, Shammond was stepping up, so why not go to him? When they shut him down, why not go to Antawn?"

For Clemson, it was, 'Why not go to Greg Buckner?' The senior star tied his career high with 30 points and almost bailed Clemson out by himself as the Tigers made only two field goals over the final five minutes.

"We came out ready and prepared for this one," Buckner said. "We just missed some free throws at the end that really hurt us."

Clemson cut the lead to 64-62 on Iker Iturbe's driving layup with 4:18 to go. But Ademola Okulaja followed with his third 3-pointer to put the Tar Heels back in control and end Clemson's five-game winning streak.

Terrell McIntyre's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left drew the Tigers within 69-67. But Williams made four free throws down the stretch to ice North Carolina's eighth victory in its last nine games with Clemson.

Williams scored North Carolina's first two baskets, including a NBA-range 3-pointer, of the second half for a 44-35 lead. His running jumper and Carter's 3-pointer made it 60-50 with 8:10 left.

■ Top 25 Roundup

No. 6 Kentucky 71, Vanderbilt 62

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Nazr Mohammed had 19 points and 12 rebounds Kentucky improved its record to 22-0 against Vanderbilt in Rupp Arena.

Scott Padgett contributed 13 points and a career-high 14 rebounds and Jeff Sheppard had 16 points and seven rebounds for Kentucky (12-2), which controlled the boards by a 57-18 margin in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Wildcats had 31 offensive rebounds which led to 27 points while Vanderbilt (11-3) had only five second-chance points from five offensive rebounds.

No. 7 Stanford 68, Oregon St. 48

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Arthur Lee scored 16 points and Stanford's defense harassed and intimidated Oregon State into a miserable shooting night in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

Stanford (12-0) is off to its second-best start ever and just two short of its best, 14-0 61 years ago.

The Beavers (9-3) shot 9 percent from the field (3-for-31) in the first half, falling behind 30-14 at halftime.

The Beavers, who shot 18 percent for the game, missed their first 11 shots and were 1-for-24 at one point.

No. 10 Connecticut 84, Notre Dame 58

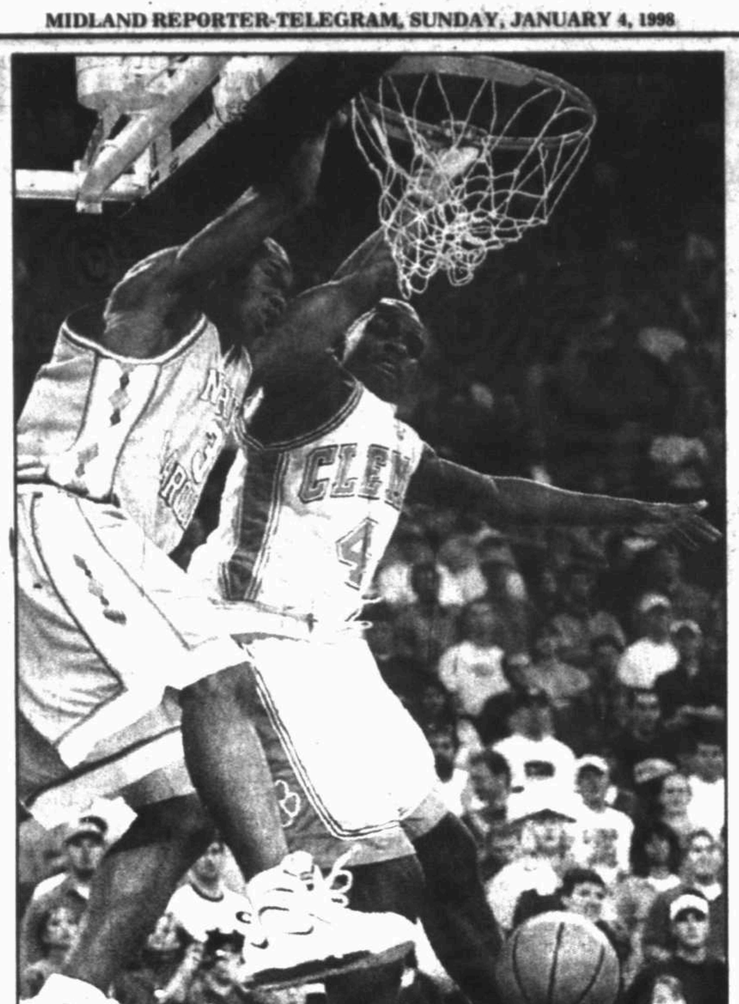
HARTFORD, Conn. — Richard Hamilton scored 23 points and No. 10 Connecticut kept Notre Dame scoreless from the field for more than eight minutes in the first half in a victory.

The Huskies (13-1, 3-0 Big East) began a 19-3 run less than five minutes after tipoff, using their pressure defense to limit the Irish (7-4, 1-2) to three throws over the next 8:04 and take a 29-11 lead.

No. 16 Mississippi 73, No. 11 South Carolina 54

OXFORD, Miss. — Keith Carter scored 26 points, including four 3-pointers and several putbacks, in the Southeastern Conference opener for both defending division champions.

Michael White hit two 3-pointers in the opening minute as Ole Miss (10-1) took an 8-0 lead. The Rebels never trailed and took complete control at the start of the second half when Carter scored eight straight points, and 14 of the first 18. After a short bank shot and two 3-pointers by Carter, the Rebels led 48-31 with 16 minutes left.



AP Laserphoto

North Carolina's Shammond Williams (3) dunks the ball and draws the foul from Clemson's Tony Christie (44) during first half action Saturday at Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson, S.C.

St. Bonaventure 80, No. 13 Xavier 77

OLEAN, N.Y. — James Singleton scored a season-high 22 points and St. Bonaventure held off a late rally in the Atlantic 10 opener for both teams.

The Bonnies (10-3) trailed only once in the game before completing one of its biggest upsets in years and winning its first conference opener since 1989.

No. 14 Iowa 91, Northwestern 57

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Freshman Ricky Davis scored 17 points and Guy Rucker had nine of his 14 during a decisive first-half run as Iowa (13-1, 2-0 Big Ten) shot 76 percent in the second half, 65 percent for the game and was 15-for-20 from 3-point range.

The 15 3-pointers and 75 percent from beyond the arc tied school records.

No. 15 Florida St. St. 68, N.C. State 55

RALEIGH, N.C. — Terrell Baker rebounded from a poor outing to score 22 points as the Seminoles overcame a 12-point first-half deficit.

The Seminoles (12-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won for the eighth time in nine games and beat the Wolfpack for the first time in five years in Reynolds Coliseum.

No. 17 Princeton 77, Manhattan 48

PRINCETON, N.J. — Mitch Henderson had 13 points and five assists and Manhattan scored just four points over the game's first 11 minutes.

In beating Manhattan (3-6) for the 14th time in 15 meetings, Princeton (11-1) continued its best start since the 1966-67 team began 20-1.

The Tigers opened a 15-0 lead with all five starters scoring at least one basket. Steve McDowell broke the Jaspers' drought with a driving layup with 12:27 left in the half.

No. 18 Michigan 92, Penn St. 75

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Robert Traylor scored a career-high 27 points as the Wolverines won their sixth straight.

Maceo Baston added 17 points while guards Robbie Reid and Louis Bullock had 14 points each for Michigan (12-3, 2-0 Big Ten), which rolled to a big early lead and then survived a Penn State comeback.

No. 22 West Virginia 79, Boston College 57

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Damian Owens scored 21 points and Adrian Pledger added 17 for West Virginia (12-2, 2-2 Big East).

Boston College (8-6, 1-3) was playing without injured senior center Mickey Curley and the Eagles lost another starter, Kostas Maglos, who sprained an ankle with 9:45 remaining in the game.

No. 25 Marquette 71, Louisville 70

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brian Wardle's 3-pointer with less than one second remaining kept the Golden Eagles unbeaten in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Wardle's 25-foot jumper from the left side with 0.9 seconds left capped a 14-point comeback by Marquette (10-0), which trailed 62-48 with 8:46 left.

No. 3 Blue Devils display shooting show at Maryland

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Duke put on a dazzling shooting display, one that coach Mike Krzyzewski admitted was quite a bit out of the ordinary.

Maryland played an extraordinary game, too. In fact, the fans at Cole Field House hadn't seen one like it in 29 seasons.

Roshown McLeod scored 15 points in the first half Saturday night as No. 3 Duke built a 22-point lead and went on to hand No. 20 Maryland a 104-72 loss, the Terrapins' worst at home since the 1969-70 season.

The Blue Devils (12-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 61-39 at halftime after going 11-for-19 from 3-point range and making 16 of 17 foul shots. Duke made a season-high 14 3-pointers overall, including four by Steve Wojciechowski, who scored 13 points.

"For us to get 61 points in the first half, we're just not going to do that on a consistent basis," Krzyzewski said. "It takes an exceptional effort like that to beat Maryland."

"I have to be extremely pleased with my team. We just played an exceptional basketball game," he added. "Everybody we put in did something positive."

Freshman Shane Battier led Duke with a season-best 18 points and McLeod had 17.

Obinna Ekezie had a career-high 23 points, including 13 free throws, and Rodney Elliott scored 22 for Maryland (7-5, 0-2). But the Terrapins got little production from anyone else; leading scorer Laron Profit scored just seven points and did not make a field goal in seven attempts.

"This is probably the worst we were in the nine years that I've been here," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "Our competition level was not what it needed to be against a team as good as Duke."

It all added up to Maryland's worst home defeat since a 33-point loss to South Carolina in Lefty Driesell's fifth game as coach of the Terrapins.

It was Duke's first ACC game without leading scorer and rebounder Elton Brand, who is out for the season after breaking his foot Dec. 27. His replacement at center, fellow freshman Chris Burgess, had four points and one rebound.

Not that it mattered. The Blue Devils were perfectly content to fire away from the outside, and their success rate was nothing short of sensational — they made four straight 3-pointers to open the game and were 9-for-12 in the opening 13 minutes while building a 45-22 lead.

Trajan Langdon grabbed the opening tip and immediately hit a 3-pointer to put Duke ahead for good. It was 14-9 before Battier had five points in a 9-0 run, and the Blue Devils gradually upped the lead to 26 points late in the half.

"We got a lot of open looks early in the game and were able to make them. I think that gave us a lot of confidence and knocked them back a little bit," Wojciechowski said. "We do have good shooters, and when we get open we're confident we can make the shots."

Maryland scored the first five points of the second half to close to 61-44, but Duke responded with a 13-1 run that featured a 3-pointer by Langdon.

"We knew they'd come out real strong, but we held our poise and, in fact, increased our lead. That's something we didn't do against Michigan," Krzyzewski said, referring to the Blue Devils' lone loss of the season.

The margin reached 30 points with 9:25 remaining.

"I'm surprised at the way we played tonight," Williams said. "We have to play better. That's the bottom line."

Second-ranked Kansas rolls over Cornhuskers

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Billy Thomas continued his scoring binge with 19 points and freshman Eric Chenowith matched him with a career-high 19 as No. 2 Kansas defeated Nebraska 96-76 Saturday in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Thomas had averaged 21 points in his last three games as he picked up the scoring for Kansas (17-2 overall, 1-0 Big 12) in the absence of center Raef LaFrentz, who is out at least five more weeks with a broken right hand.

Thomas had five 3-pointers and has made 18 in his last four games for the Jayhawks, who may fall in the poll after being upset by Hawaii Tuesday.

Kansas is also playing without forward P.J. Pugh, out for another week with a stress fracture in his right foot.

Tyronn Lue scored 18 points to lead Nebraska (9-5, 0-1). The Huskers, who were in Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic with the Jayhawks, did not stop off at home before the Kansas game and played their sixth straight road game.

Cookie Belcher had 17 points and Troy Piatkowski added 16 points.

Kansas went on a 15-4 run late in the first half to open a 47-32 lead with 1:25 to play before Nebraska closed to 49-37 at the half.

Paul Pierce, who had 17 points, started the run with a three-point play with 5:51 remaining, and finished it with a pair of free throws.

Thomas leads New Mexico over Air Force

By Pete Herrera
AP Sports Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Air Force has no interest in taking a look at a fully healthy New Mexico team. The limping Lobos were tough enough.

With three starters nursing a variety of bumps and sprains, No. 12 New Mexico dominated the Falcons in the second half Saturday for a 92-59 win in a Western Athletic Conference opener.

The injury-free twosome of Kenny Thomas and Clayton Shields did the most damage. Thomas had 24 points and 10 rebounds and Shields finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

The running wounded, however, also contributed to New Mexico's 35th straight homecourt victory.

Royce Olney, who needed 10 stitches to close a head wound he suffered in practice, scored 14 points and had six assists. Lamont Long, playing with a sprained right wrist, scored 11 points, all in the first half. And David Gibson, who suffered a bruised right foot when a taping table fell on it this week, had three assists and 3 points.

"For a while there in the second half, I thought they had more guys out there than we did," said Air Force coach Reggie Minton.

Minton was referring to a 21-7 New Mexico run sparked by Shields' seven straight points to open the second half. That stretched a 41-34 halftime lead to 48-34 and by the 11:00 mark, the lead had grown to 62-41.

"It (the lead) went fast," Minton said. "They'd make a shot and I'd call a timeout. They'd make another run and I'd call another one. I was running out of timeouts."

The Falcons quickly ran out of momentum against a New Mexico team that had season highs in shooting percentage (61.7 percent) and steals (14).

Thomas' muscle inside and the Lobos' athleticism everywhere else broke the game open in the second half.

New Mexico (10-1 1-0) scored the final seven points of the first half for a 41-34 lead, and Shields' hot hand to open the second half made the deficit too much for the cold-shooting Falcons to overcome.

The Lobos' defensive work also held Air Force 25 points below their season average. Falcon guard Jarmica Reese, averaging 24 points a game, was in foul trouble much of the second half and finished with 11 points.

Air Force (6-3, 0-1) has never beaten New Mexico in The Pit and is now 0-18. The 35 straight wins by New Mexico is the second longest homecourt streak in the nation behind Kansas' 53 wins at Allen Field House.

Pace coach collapses at halftime, dies in hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — Pace University coach Darrell Halloran collapsed during halftime of his team's game with American International College on Saturday, and then died of apparent heart failure after being taken to a hospital.

Halloran, 47, left the floor with his team at halftime and was with his assistants in a room adjoining the locker room when he collapsed.

"The players were in the locker room and didn't see it. Our trainer was right there and went to work immediately and continued to work on him until the paramedics arrived," athletic director Joe O'Donnell said. "We just thought he passed out. Nobody had any idea it was this serious. I talked with the coaches and decided to continue the game."

Halloran was taken to New York Downtown Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 3:10 p.m., according to Bruce Lyall of the New York City Fire Department.

Defense paves way for No. 1 Tennessee's win

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Despite a great offensive showing by her team, coach Pat Summitt credited top-ranked Tennessee's defense for the Lady Vols' victory Saturday over No. 3 Connecticut.

Chamique Holdsclaw scored 25 points, and freshman Semeka Randall added 23 in an 84-69 victory before the largest crowd ever to see a women's college game.

"I really felt that defensive pressure and rebounding made the difference for us," Summitt said after her Vols (15-0) handed UConn (12-1) its first loss of the season before a national TV audience.

The 24,597 cheering fans watched the Lady Vols hold off a bid by the Huskies to rebound from a 42-28 halftime deficit.

"Connecticut came out in the second half and closed the gap with their defensive intensity, but we were able to sustain pressure on the ball and elevate our half-court defense," Summitt said.

The most telling result was Nykesha Sales' 12 points for UConn, half of which came in the closing minute with the game out of reach. The Huskies' top scorer has been averaging 20 points, and scored 46 against Stanford last month.

"I challenged Chamique on defense to stop her," Summitt said. "We wanted to do three things: Limit her touches, contain her defensively and trap her."

It worked.

"She applied good pressure," Sales said. "When I caught the ball, a lot of Tennessee players were swarming near me."

Tennessee also outrebounded the taller Huskies — 41-28 for the game and 25-11 in the first half. Randall had 10.

"Tennessee is everything they are advertised to be," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma. "There is very little you can do."

The Tennessee-Connecticut series is only seven games old, with Connecticut holding a 4-3 lead. But it has grown into a major rivalry with top rankings or even the NCAA title on the line.

The last time the teams met was in the NCAA Midwest regional finals in March. The Lady Vols upset the then-No. 1 Huskies and went on to win their second consecutive NCAA crown.

The only other time Connecticut has come to Knoxville was in 1996, when the Huskies snapped the Lady Vols' NCAA record 69-game home winning streak.

■ Top 10 Women

Tennessee took off from the opening tip, which the 6-foot-2 Holdsclaw won over the Huskies' 6-5 Paige Sauer. The Lady Vols scored the first nine points, getting three quick baskets from freshman Tamika Catchings, who finished with 17.

Connecticut closed to 14-13 with less than 3 minutes left in the first quarter before Tennessee regained control. The Lady Vols built the lead to 17 points shortly before intermission.

The Huskies fought back in the second half, keyed by 14 points by freshman reserve Svetlana Abrosimova. A basket by the Russian with 2:34 left in the third quarter brought Connecticut to within one point, 49-48.

But a 3-pointer by Kellie Jolly and two driving baskets by Holdsclaw put the Lady Vols up 56-48 at the end of the third period. Connecticut got no closer.

The attendance record surpassed the old mark of 24,563, set in 1987, when Tennessee hosted Texas.

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 72, South Alabama 53

MOBILE, Ala. — Alisa Burras scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds to lead No. 4 Louisiana Tech to a win over South Alabama in both teams Sun Belt Conference opener.

It was the Lady Techsters (10-2, 1-0) sixth straight win.

Yashica Williams scored a career-high 20 points for South Alabama (2-8, 0-1), which lost its fifth straight game.

Louisiana Tech held the Jaguars to only 22 percent first-half shooting to take a 38-18 lead at the break.

No. 7 Vanderbilt 66, Mississippi 56

OXFORD, Miss. — Nettie Respondek scored five straight points to start an 18-0 run that broke a tie game and sent No. 7 Vanderbilt to a victory.

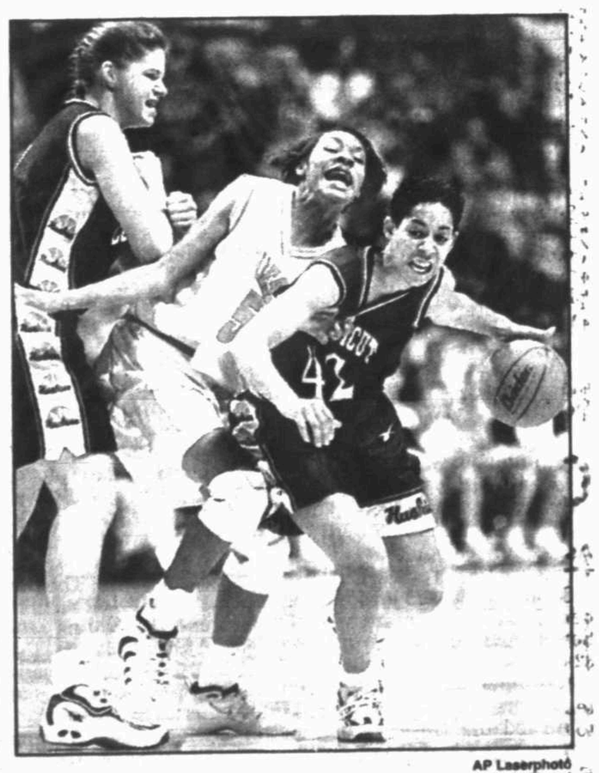
A 3-pointer by Respondek with 14:52 left broke a 33-33 tie. About 30 seconds later, she added a layup and the Lady Commodores (11-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) quickly built a double-digit lead.

No. 8 Washington 73, Washington St. 58

PULLMAN, Wash. — Jamie Redd scored 17 points as No. 8 Washington remained unbeaten with a victory over Washington State in the Pac-10 Conference opener for both teams.

The Huskies (10-0, 1-0) are off to their best start since 1976-77, when they opened the year with 11 straight wins.

Washington scored the first nine points of the second half as Redd scored twice and assisted on a layin by Amber Hall. The Huskies led 40-29 and never trailed after that.



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Connecticut's Nykesha Sales (42) drives around Tennessee's Kyra Elzy (5) as teammate Paige Sauer, left, sets the screen in the first half Saturday.

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Bulls stars overwhelm Pistons' Hill

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Grant Hill had a great game, but it wasn't enough to beat the combination of Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman.

Jordan scored 34 points and Rodman grabbed 18 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls beat the Detroit Pistons 105-96 Saturday night.

The Bulls overcame a terrific all-around performance by Hill, who led the Pistons with 31 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Hill scored 20 points in the first half.

"He dictated the tempo," Jordan said. "But we were able to focus on him a little bit in the fourth quarter and make him give up the ball ... and move the ball around. And we clamped down on their other shooters."

Ron Harper scored 21 points for the Bulls.

"Our game plan was to make Ron Harper shoot jump shots and he made four 3-pointers," Pistons coach Doug Collins said. "He was 3-for-29 for the season coming in. That's why that team has won five championships."

Rodman scored only eight points but he increased his career rebounding total to 10,822, moving him past Jack Sikma into 20th place on the NBA's all-time list.

Trail Blazers 97, Rockets 95

HOUSTON — Brian Grant rebounded his own miss and sank a five-foot jumper with eight seconds left, giving the Portland Trail Blazers a victory over the Houston Rockets.

The Rockets beat Denver in overtime on Friday night, but they couldn't pull this one out despite 34 points by Clyde Drexler and a clutch shot by Mario Elie in the final minute.

Elie's 14-foot jumper with 51.3 seconds left gave Houston a 95-92 lead, but Rasheed Wallace got free for a 3-point basket with 38.7 seconds remaining to tie it.

Drexler missed a shot with 30 seconds to play and Portland called time to set up the game-winning play.

Isaiah Rider, who led the Blazers with 27 points, missed a side jumper but Grant got the rebound and missed a short shot. However, Grant got the rebound again and put it in to give Portland a two-point lead.

Spurs 84, Heat 77

MIAMI — David Robinson had 27 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs won for the 10th time in 11 games, beating the Miami Heat in a battle of division leaders.

Miami center Alonzo Mourning missed the final quarter after suffering a cut in his left palm that required seven stitches. He was back on the bench with four minutes remaining but didn't return to the game.

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which began the night tied with Utah for first place in the Midwest Division.

Atlantic Division leader Miami lost for the second time in two games. The Heat were beaten in overtime Friday at Charlotte.

Mourning scored 18 points in 32 minutes, but he had no rebounds in the first half and finished with just five. Backup Ike Austin continued a recent shooting slump, hitting just one of seven shots.

Spurs forward Sean Elliott strained his right groin three minutes into the game and sat out the rest of the night. Elliott has started all 31 games this season.

Pacers 89, Raptors 77

INDIANAPOLIS — Rik Smits, the only Indiana starter who played in the fourth quarter, had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Pacers beat the Toronto Raptors.

It was Indiana's 11th straight victory over Toronto, which has never beaten the Pacers in its three-year NBA existence.

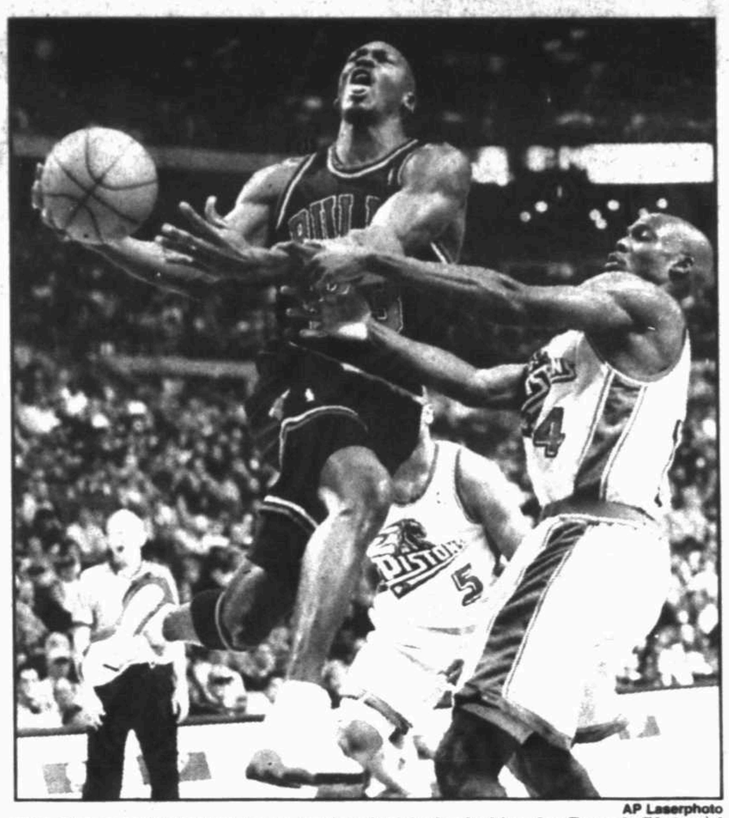
The Indiana bench, led by Travis Best with 11 points and Fred Hoiberg with 10, combined for 43 points and accounted for all but three of the Pacers' points in the fourth quarter.

Cavaliers 95, Nets 81

CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp had 21 points and 10 rebounds, dominating rookie Keith Van Horn and leading the Cleveland Cavaliers over the New Jersey Nets.

Kemp took control of a turnover-plagued game in the closing minutes of the third period and held Van Horn to 15 points on 5-for-16 shooting.

Derek Anderson had 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds for Cleveland, while Cedric Henderson scored 17 points for the Cavs.



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The Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan (23) is fouled by the Detroit Pistons' Malik Sealy (14) as he goes to the basket during the Bulls' 105-96 win Saturday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

NBA Roundup

Knicks 88, Magic 84

NEW YORK — Allan Houston drove around Gerald Wilkins and made a running bank shot over Rony Seikaly's outstretched arm with 31.8 seconds left, deflating Orlando's comeback and leading the New York Knicks past the Magic.

It was the Knicks' third win in five games since losing Patrick Ewing to a season-ending wrist injury. Ewing sat on the home bench for the first time since the injury with his right arm in a heavy cast.

Chris Mills scored a season-high 20 points, including 16 in the first half, and Houston added 15 for the Knicks, who opened a six-game homestand.

Timberwolves 109, Nuggets 87

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett got his first NBA triple-double as Minnesota handed Denver its 13th straight loss.

Garnett had 18 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists for the first triple-double by a Minnesota player since Micheal Williams did it on Dec. 19, 1992.

Sam Mitchell scored 18 points off the bench for the Wolves, who played a nearly flawless first quarter en route to their fifth victory in six games.

Jazz 97, Hawks 82

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 20 points, and John Stockton had 19 points and 12 assists as Utah handed Atlanta its seventh straight loss.

Steve Smith led the Hawks with 20 points, although his final seven came late in the fourth period with the game decided.

Celtics 106, Bucks 99

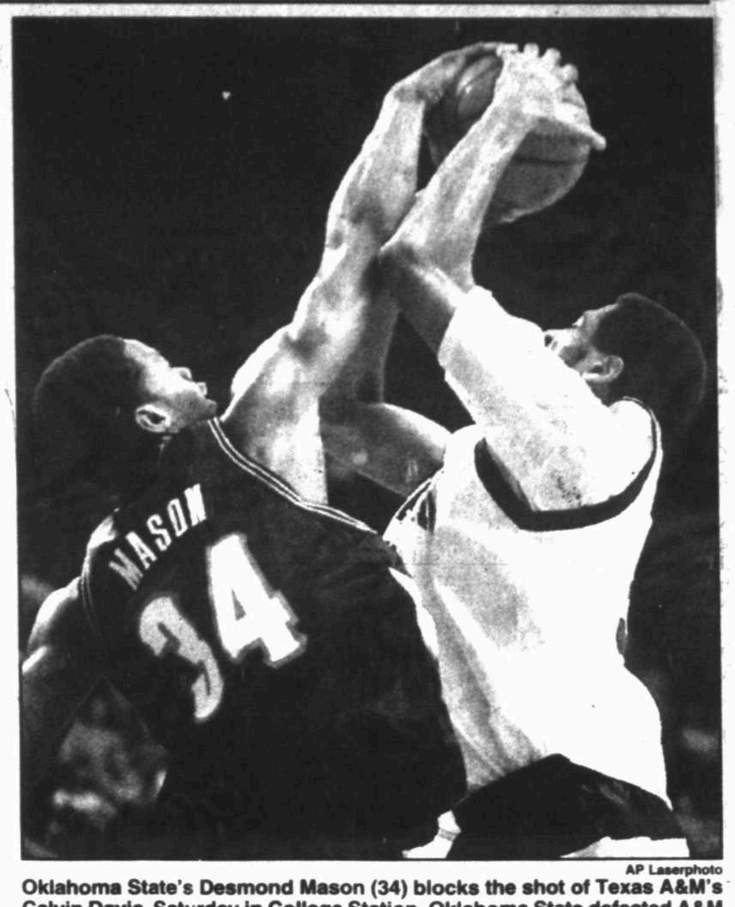
MILWAUKEE — Antoine Walker scored a season-high 32 points and had 10 rebounds as Boston rallied to beat Milwaukee.

Walter McCarty had 19 points and Ron Mercer 16 as Boston got its 16th victory, surpassing last season's win total.

Clippers 97, Mavericks 88

LOS ANGELES — Lamond Murray and Brent Barry each scored 21 points as the Los Angeles Clippers handed the Dallas Mavericks their 15th straight loss.

Rookie Maurice Taylor scored 12 of his 15 points in the third quarter and grabbed nine rebounds for the Clippers, who have won three consecutive games for the first time since last April.



AP Laserphoto

Oklahoma State's Desmond Mason (34) blocks the shot of Texas A&M's Calvin Davis Saturday in College Station. Oklahoma State defeated A&M 100-65 in the Big 12 game.

Miners get past SMU, give Haskins 700th win

Associated Press

EL PASO — Texas-El Paso gave coach Don Haskins his 700th career victory, a 66-64 victory Saturday night over previously undefeated Southern Methodist on Jonathan Bomba's tip-in at the buzzer.

Rico Nelson missed on a three-point attempt, but Bomba grabbed the rebound with his right hand and threw it off the glass and into the net as the final horn sounded.

It was the 6-foot-11 junior's only points of the game, the first Western Athletic Conference contest for both teams.

"Scoring the winning points of coach's 700th win is quite an honor," said Bomba. "It's just great that we got a big win in Western Athletic Conference play."

Sharif Fajardo led UTEP (9-2, 1-0) with 23 points. Jay Poerner led SMU (10-1, 0-1) with 18.

"I'm extremely proud to be a part of coach's 700th win. It's like being a part of history," said Fajardo, who leads UTEP in scoring with 18 points a game.

SMU stayed in the game with a barrage of three-point baskets. Twelve of their 21 field goals came from beyond the three-point arc, including Poerner's that tied the game at 64-64 at 0:14.

Nelson added 17 points for UTEP. Anthony Anderson scored 11 points and Stephen Woods 10 for SMU.

Haskins becomes only the 10th coach in NCAA Division-I history to win 700 games.

"Winning 700 games means a lot to me but I'm glad it's over," Haskins said. "All the talk about the 700 wins puts a lot of pressure on the players, and we can do without that."

No. 4 Utah 73, Rice 65

SALT LAKE CITY — Michael Doleac scored 20 points, including six in the final 5:28, as fourth-ranked Utah stayed unbeaten with a win over Rice.

Utah (12-0) led 61-59 with 5:01 remaining before Doleac and Andre Miller each scored four points in a 12-3 run to hold off the Owls (3-10).

Doleac's two free throws with 49 seconds to play gave the Utes a 73-62 edge, allowing Utah to continue its best start since 1943-44, when the Utes went 13-0 en route to an NCAA championship.

The Utes shot 63 percent from the field to turn back Rice. Miller had 17 points, seven rebounds and four assists for Utah, and Hanno Mottola added 15 points.

Baylor 87, Texas 81

AUSTIN — An inside-outside combo of Brian Skinner and Patrick Hunter led Baylor to a victory over Texas in a Big 12 Conference opener.

Skinner scored 29 points and Hunter 24 for the Bears (6-5, 1-0). skinner scored 15 points in a 20-7 run over the first 7 1/2 minutes of the second that opened up a 56-40 Baylor lead. Skinner scored at well in the stretch, getting easy layups.

Ira Clark scored 19, Gabe Muoneke 18 and Brandy Perryman 17 for Texas (6-6, 0-1).

Texas Tech 66, Iowa State 55

LUBBOCK — Cory Carr scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds, leading Texas Tech to a 66-55 victory Saturday night over Iowa State in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

Texas Tech (7-4, 1-0) snapped a 48-48 tie with an 11-2 run in a four-minute period of the second half to key the triumph, the seventh for the Red Raiders in eight games.

Freshman forward Marcus Fizer led Iowa State (7-7, 0-1) with 26 points on 11-of-14 shooting. Sophomore forward Paul Shirley added 9 points and a team-high 10 rebounds for the Cyclones, a Sweet 16 team a year ago that now has dropped six of its last nine games.

Oklahoma State 100, Texas A&M 65

COLLEGE STATION — Oklahoma State made an incredible 17 of 20 field goals in the second half, using a 28-10 run after halftime to take the undefeated Cowboys to a 100-65 rout Saturday of Texas A&M in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

The run turned a 44-38 halftime lead for Oklahoma State (11-0, 1-0) to a 72-48 advantage. After that, it was just a matter of how much the Cowboys would win by.

Texas Men

Lakers expect boost from O'Neal's return

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers have been one of the NBA's better teams this season without Shaquille O'Neal. With the big center back in the lineup, they appear very imposing.

"There is a physical element in having him back," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "It's almost like when you're walking down the street.

"When you're by yourself, that's one thing, but when you're walking down the street with the biggest, toughest guy on the block, you feel a little different."

O'Neal played Friday night for the first time since aggravating an abdominal strain in November. Despite playing only half the game, he was the "biggest, toughest guy on the block," with 22 points and nine rebounds in Los Angeles' 116-106 victory over Atlanta.

The Lakers, who are 15-7 in the 22 games O'Neal has missed this season, are 9-0 with him in the lineup. Their 24-7 record at this stage of the season also is the best since the 1987-88 team went 25-6.

O'Neal, who still takes a kid-like joy in the game, was back in his element as he came off the bench against the Hawks.

He slammed home dunks, he battled for rebounds, he missed free throws and he went sailing headlong into the crowd.

"I've been out for a while and it was great to get back in front of the crowd and just have fun," he said.

The 7-foot-1, 320-pounder didn't seem concerned about the possibility of hurting himself again. Late in the game, he dove over the Lakers bench and into the crowd while making a save.

"That's the way I play, the way I was taught," he said. "That's why they gave me a contract to play here."

Harris, who said O'Neal "moved with a lot of ease" in his first game back, also was relieved when Shaq climbed gingerly out of the stands and back onto the floor.

"That was a scary thing," Harris said. "but that's Shaq's way of playing, diving into the crowd, going onto the floor after the ball."

O'Neal showed mock disappointment when he found out he didn't reach one of his goals for the game.

"I told someone that I needed to get 20-10," he said, referring to points and rebounds. "How many did I get?"

Told "22-9," he smiled, shook his head and said, "Darn it."

O'Neal dominated the middle when he was on the floor. And, initially at least, he was going against Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo, one of the league's premier defensive centers.

O'Neal made his first appearance midway through the first quarter and quickly pulled down his first rebound in almost two months. He was fouled on the play and — showing his free throw accuracy also hasn't changed — missed both of them.

When he came onto the court, Los Angeles was trailing 13-10. When he returned to the bench five minutes later, the Lakers were up 23-19. They led the rest of the way.

Ironically, Mutombo was the one who got hurt, spraining his right knee when he and O'Neal banged bodies early in the third quarter.

"I got hurt when I went for the dunk on Shaq, and he fouled me hard," Mutombo said. "I didn't feel it right away, but as the game was going on, I started to feel more pain. But the doctor said there is no damage and the swelling went down."

Sonics face test in next 14 games

SEATTLE (AP) — It's show and tell time for the Seattle SuperSonics, owners of the NBA's best record.

The SuperSonics (25-6), who lead the Pacific Division by one game over the Los Angeles Lakers, face a series of tough challenges this month.

Of Seattle's 14 remaining games this month, 10 are against teams with winning records. That includes two games against former teammate Shawn Kemp and the Cleveland Cavaliers, a rematch with the defending champion Chicago Bulls and their first meeting of the season against Shaquille O'Neal and the Lakers.

The Sonics are 9-0 in the Pacific Division. They have two wins each against the lowly Sacramento Kings, Los Angeles Clippers and Golden State Warriors. They also have beaten the Portland Trail Blazers twice and own a win over the Phoenix Suns.

The Sonics are confident.

"We're a better executing team than we have been in the past," Detlef Schrempf said. "We share the ball and the guy who is open gets it. That wasn't always the case in the past."

Ball movement has been a key to the Sonics' offense, third-best in the league ast 101.5 points per game behind the Lakers (105.3) and the Houston Rockets (102.0).

"When we're doubled in the post, we get the ball to the perimeter and we have some great shooters from the perimeter," Vin Baker, obtained during the offseason from Milwaukee, said. "That's been the difference so far."

Dale Ellis, acquired in an offseason trade with Denver, has connected on 22 of 25 3-point shots over the past six games. He is the NBA's all-time 3-point leader.

Coach George Karl was encouraged after the Sonics held the Philadelphia 76ers to a season-low 73 points in a 90-73 victory Friday night. The win ended a stretch of 10 straight games in which the Sonics scored 100 or more points.

"I'd like to see us become more of an intense defensive team," Karl said. "We're one of the three or four best teams in the league. We're playing excellent offensively, but we have room to get better."

Baker, the team leader in scoring and rebounding, says the Sonics are doing what they are supposed to do.

"We're ... beating teams we should beat," Baker said. "Things should get interesting soon."

The Sonics travel to Vancouver to meet the Grizzlies Sunday and return home to entertain the Charlotte Hornets Tuesday before embarking on a four-game road trip.

They open Thursday at Cleveland against Kemp and the Cavaliers. They play the Boston Celtics, New York Knicks and Chicago Bulls before returning home for games against the Miami Heat and Cavs.

Baker, a three-time All-Star, is energized by his first experience on a winning NBA team.

"We're playing great basketball as a team and that is what's important to me," he said. "I'd rather be home and have this record than go to the All-Star Game."

Oklahoma women sweep Texas teams

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Megan Gregg came off the bench to score 19 points Saturday in helping the Oklahoma State women's team open Big 12 play with an 82-61 victory over Texas.

Gregg went 8-of-9 from the floor and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds as the Cowgirls improved to 8-3 overall, 1-0 in the Big 12.

Texas (4-6, 0-1) got 19 points and 10 rebounds from Edwina Brown, but the Lady Longhorns made only 11 of 34 shots in the second half.

Renee Roberts had 18 points for Oklahoma State, which forced 16 turnovers and outrebounded Texas 47-35. Cheri Edwards added 11 points and eight rebounds for the Cowgirls.

Oklahoma 84, Texas A&M 76

NORMAN, Okla. — Phylesha Whaley scored 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, helping the Oklahoma women defeat Texas A&M in the first Big 12 Conference game for both teams.

Whaley hit 10 of 16 free throws and 10 of 17 field-goal attempts.

Michele Workman, who sank three 3-pointers, added 14 points and disiree Taylor 11 for Oklahoma.

Kera Alexander led Texas A&M with 19 points while Brandy Jones and Prissy Sharpe each added 15.

Oklahoma led 45-39 at the half.

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Aquatics...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

Volleyball...

Registration for **YMCA youth volleyball** for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

The **Midland Volleyball Program** is looking for players for a girls 12-under team. Must be born on or after Sept. 1, 1985. Deadline for registration is Jan. 9. For information, call 570-6700...

Basketball...

Tickets are on sale for Midland's only appearance of the **1998 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour.** Known as the most recognized, most popular and most revered basketball team in the world, the Harlem Globetrotters are suiting up for an all-star performance at the Chaparral Center on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12.75, VIP tickets are $17, and are available at Endless Horizons, CD Warehouse and Sound Decision. To charge by phone call 1-800-462-7979. A $2 discount is available to seniors and youth 12 and under, $3 discounts are also available to groups of 25 or more. All tickets are subject to service charge...

The **Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association** is seeking persons interested in officiating basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700...

The **Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout** is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOP...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start in January 1998. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A $15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Halff Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit. 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

The Central YMCA is taking registration for boys junior high basketball. Registration deadline is Jan. 18 for the league, which will begin Feb. 5. The cost is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. Divisions will be divided into seventh and eighth graders and high school freshmen and sophomores. For more information, call 682-2551...

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Fee is $40 for recreational players and $44 for club players. There will be a $10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425...

The **Midland Mirage** 1984 and 1985 girls soccer teams are seeking players for the spring 1998 season. For more information, call Steve Byrd at 689-3628 no later than Jan. 15...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

Miscellaneous...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** is planning the following trips: Steamboat Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

The **Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club** is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761...

The **Odessa Jackalopes** are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons ($50), public skating ($4 per session and $2.50 for skate rental), hockey lessons for ages 7-17 ($75 includes skae rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is $64 and for more info on league contact Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which ice is open for pick-up hockey games. ($7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

Alief Elsik's 6-foot-10 center could become NBA's next teen sensation

By Dave Ivey
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

HOUSTON — In the first quarter of a recent game, Rashard Lewis played some decent "high school" basketball. He threw down a mighty two-handed jam, swatted an attempted layup into the seats and made two steals. But he also missed six of his first seven shots — including a dunk — and had a short baseline jumper stuffed back into his face by a smaller opponent.

This was the player being heralded by recruiting experts as the next Kevin Garnett? The next Kobe Bryant? The next to go from preps to the pros?

An answer to the question of whether this 18-year-old phenom was ready for the NBA had been penciled in after only eight minutes of action: No way.

But then the 6-foot-10, 215-pound senior at Alief Elsik — the most coveted Texas recruit since Shaquille O'Neal — went out and showed why games are four quarters long, why pencils come with erasers, and why many consider him to be the best player in the nation without a shoe contract.

During the next 15 minutes, before being taken out with his team comfortably ahead, Lewis was almost unstoppable. He made 15 of his next 17 shots, including a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer, and finished with 35 points, 11 rebounds, six assists, eight steals and seven blocks.

"It was kind of like he was toying with us," marveled Lamar Consolidated coach Sonny Benefield, whose Mustangs lost that game, 69-54. "That kid is from another planet."

No, he's not. In many ways, he's just an ordinary teen-ager. A quiet, nice and wildly popular teen-ager. He likes hanging out with friends, listening to CDs and playing Super Nintendo. And until recently, he stocked shelves at the local Eckerd Drugs for $5 an hour.

It's his game that is out of this world.

Lewis is averaging 29.2 points, 12.5 rebounds, 4.6 blocked shots, 2.9 assists and 5.0 blocks for the Rams (14-1). He has made 73.8 percent of his field-goal attempts (45.5 percent of his 3-pointers) and 81.6 percent of his free throws.

Those gaudy numbers, combined with his stellar performance during an elite summer basketball camp, vaulted him to the top of most college wish lists. He has visited Alabama and plans trips to Arizona, Kentucky, Houston and Florida State after the season.

"Until then, I'm going to be keeping a wide-open mind," he said. "About everything."

Which includes the pros.

If he decides to follow Garnett, Bryant, Jermaine O'Neal and Tracy McGrady — four players who have made that leap in the 1990s — he would be doing it for the challenge, he says. Not for the millions. Not for the fame. Not because of his grades. Not for any other conclusion outside observers might jump to.

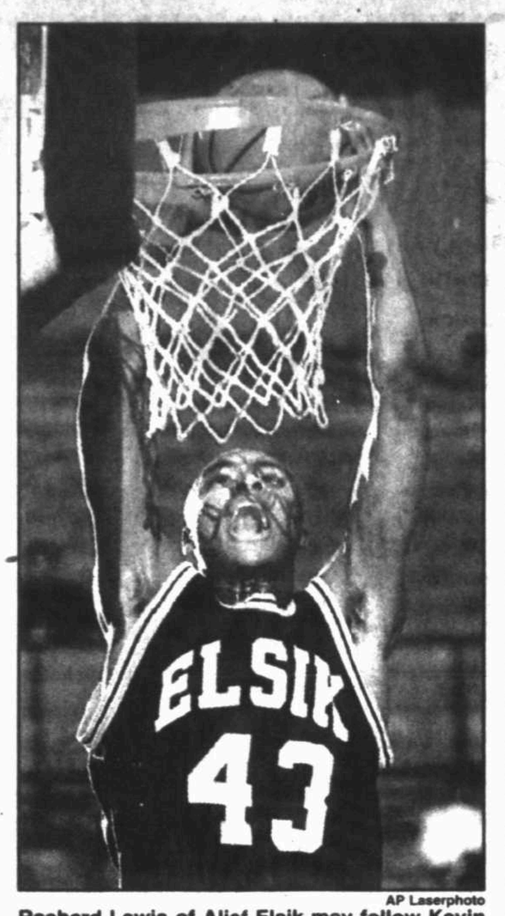
"If I declare myself eligible for the draft, and I'm not prepared to make that decision right now, I will be doing it for one reason," said Lewis, who has a 2.8-grade point average and is planning to take the ACT on Feb. 4. "I am anxious to play against that top level. I'm anxious to see if I belong there."

No scouting report on Lewis has been prepared yet by the NBA, said Ryan Wood of Marty Blake & Associates, the league's scouting arm.

"The last we heard, he said he was 95 percent sure that he was coming out early," Wood said. "We're going to be looking at him over the next month or two to see if he's ready." Modest beginnings

When he was in grade school, Lewis moved with his mother, twin sister and two older brothers from Beaumont to the Alief area in west Houston.

The summer before he started high school, he sprouted six inches to 6-foot-6. He was called up to the varsity team as a ninth-grader, averaging 6.3 points and 4.8 rebounds. As a sophomore, he increased his numbers to 13.6 points and 10.7 rebounds and was selected to the all-district team.



AP Laserphoto
Rashard Lewis of Alief Elsik may follow Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant — players who went straight from high school to the NBA.

"I was just an average player," Lewis said. "I wanted to be a whole lot more than average so I started working harder."

The results were startling. He was the most valuable player of District 20-5A, one of the toughest districts in the state, and a second-team all-state selection last season. His high games as a junior last season included 33 points, 25 rebounds, 10 assists, nine steals and eight blocks.

Lewis is already the school's career leader in rebounds and steals. Sometime this season, he will likely become the Rams' leading scorer — no small accomplishment in a program that has won at least 20 games in 16 of its 18 seasons.

"He's the best I've ever seen," said Elsik coach Jerrel Hartfiel, who is 405-150 with the Rams since 1981.

Hartfiel said that his center has the uncanny ability to recognize his own weaknesses, then take steps to correct them. Two years ago, he couldn't hit a 3-pointer. Now he's an outside threat. Last year, he was a poor free-throw shooter and often got into foul trouble. Now, he stays in games, and can seal them down the stretch from the line.

Darryl Sheppard, who coached Lewis this summer in AAU basketball, said the only areas he still has to improve are ball handling and perimeter defense.

"That's why I'd like to see him to go to college for at least a couple of years, to work on those two things," said Sheppard, whose Houston Hoops team posted a 79-5 record this summer against top national talent.

"He's a special player. His low-post defense is outstanding, and he breaks all convention by draining the 3-pointer," Sheppard added. "Rashard doesn't shoot well for a big man; he just shoots well."

Interest among recruiters skyrocketed in July at the adidas-ABCD Camp in New Jersey, where he was selected MVP, as was Bryant in 1995. His quickness in the post makes him an above-average shot blocker and enables him to make a lot of interior steals. But it was his 3-pointers from the top of the circle, not his assortment of low-post moves, that had the scouts buzzing.

Prep recruiting experts Bob Gibbons, Van Coleman and "Athlon Sports" all have Lewis ranked No. 1 in the Class of '98.

"He's one of the two best big men, maybe the best," said recruiting guru Tom Konchalski. "He plays under control and absolutely dominates beneath the basket." Modest approach

With five seconds remaining in the second quarter against Lamar Consolidated, Lewis caught an inbounds pass at half court. He calmly dribbled out to the top of the arc, checked his feet, then launched the shot with one tick left.

"Most players his age would've put it up as soon as they got the pass. It was business as usual for Rashard," Hartfiel said. "He's real cool."

For a player with such a flashy game, Lewis is pretty low-key. When all of his teammates are dunking during pregame warmups, Lewis only teases the crowd with finger rolls and reverses.

"I know people are watching every single thing I do," he said. "I don't want to do anything to make people think I have a swelled head."

Despite playing in front of NBA scouts, receiving van loads of letters from college recruiters and being mobbed for his autograph, Lewis retains simple goals for his senior season.

"I want to win a district title. That's something we haven't been able to do since I've been here," he said. "Other than that, getting into college is the big thing. That's the thing for every senior at this time. I'm no different."

But, of course, he is different.

"I understand that I have a chance to do something that I have fun doing, and that I'm good at, and make money doing it," he said. "Everyone who ever played ball has dreamed of the NBA. It's my dream, too. Whether I go pro now, or a few years from now, I can't say right now."

Adam Hall, a close friend and a Virginia signee from Katy, said the choice is clear.

"If he could go out now and make the money, personally, I think he should do it," Hall said. "What if he got hurt? College isn't going anywhere."

Fortunately for Lewis, he still has a little time to sort through what has often been conflicting advice.

Because the November early signing period has ended, Lewis must wait until April to commit to a school. He has until mid-May to declare himself eligible for the June NBA draft. According to NCAA rules, he has 30 days to decide whether to sign if he's drafted. If he does not — and if he does not sign with an agent — he loses no eligibility.

With the NBA's rookie salary cap, a mid-to-late first-round draft pick can expect to earn $3 million to $4 million over three years.

Lewis said his mother, Juanita Johnson, wants him to get an education.

"She really wants me to go to college, but she says that this decision is up to me," he said. "Her opinion is very important to me."

Johnson, a nurse, said she just wants what is best for her "baby."

"I have tried to make sure he knows all the facts. Sure, he can always go back to college. But it won't be the same later," she said. "If he does it, it can't be for me, or for his family. He has to be a man. He has to make the decision for himself. And he has to live with it."

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Unknown Alaskan skiier grabs $5,000 purse

Associated Press

■ Skiing Roundup

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Everyone has heard of Picabo Street, but who is Scott Montalbo?

For the record, he's a 20-year-old development skier from Girdwood, Alaska, who is $5,000 richer after grabbing a share of first place in a Dash for Cash Alpine race that wrapped up the U.S. Ski Team Olympic trials.

Olympic berths were at stake in earlier events, but Saturday's competition was reduced to an exhibition run down a Whiteface Mountain trail that was too wet and soft for the downhill and super-G races.

Street, the two-time World Cup downhill champion and the 1994 Olympic downhill silver medalist, won the women's race as expected. Her time of 40.96 seconds for the 1,200-meter track was 1.11 seconds better than Tatum Skogland of Bellevue, Wash. Julie Parisien of Auburn, Maine, trying to regain membership on the team after three years racing on the pro circuit, was third in 42.31.

Montalbo and Chris Puckett of Boulder, Colo., tied in the men's race in 39.87 seconds. Jason Rosener of Breckenridge, Colo., and Clic Bloomfield of Ketchum, Idaho, tied for third in 39.96. Olympic champion Tommy Moe of Jackson, Wyo., tied for 11th in 40.40.

"I wasn't surprised, really," Montalbo said. "I think everybody else was. I've been skiing well all season long. I had some races up in Lake Louise and I did real well up there.

"I didn't think I was having that good of a run until at the bottom I saw the number one."

Montalbo has limited World Cup experience and has yet to score a point in the world's top ski series. His experience so far has been in NorAm and Europa Cup events, the training ground for future World Cup athletes.

"I work in construction and commercial fishing to make money so I can ski in the wintertime," he said. "Then we just travel around, getting experience for that breakthrough race that gets you on the ski team."

His brother, Todd, was a junior cross-country champion, and Montalbo originally skied in both disciplines.

Also Saturday, the 10-member U.S. Olympic cross-country team was announced. The women's five included Olympic trials race winners Suzanne King and Kerrin Petty as well as Laura Wilson, Nina Kemppel and Laura McCabe. The men's team includes trials race winners Justin Wadsworth, Marcus Nash and Mark Gilbertson along with John Bauer and Pat Weaver.

Lodwick wins second World Cup

SCHONACH, Germany — Todd Lodwick won his second career World Cup Nordic combined event Saturday and teammate Tim Tetreault finished seventh to clinch a spot in next month's Winter Olympics.

Lodwick, whose previous World Cup victory came in 1995 in his hometown of Steamboat Springs, Colo., improved from seventh after the jumping portion of the competition to beat Sylvain Guillaume of France by 1.7 seconds and Milan Kucera of the Czech Republic by 3.5.

Under the Gundersen scoring system, which translates jumping points into times, Lodwick started the 30-kilometer cross-country wrapup of the event 99 seconds behind jump leader Sepp Buchner of Germany. Buchner wound up 16th, one of many who struggled with the hilly course and rainy weather.

"My jumping is starting to get more consistent," said Lodwick, who was seventh on the 90-meter jump hill. "I'm not going to complain after being here only one day. If I jump in the top 10, I'm happy.

"I'm relying more on my cross-country skiing. A person who wins can be 30th the next week. The best on the circuit is consistent and I'm getting that way this season. It builds your confidencce heading into a big competition."

The team was late arriving for the competition after participating in the U.S. Ski Team Olympic trials at Lake Placid, N.Y. Lodwick won that event by a half-second over Tetreault, also of Steamboat Springs.

"We missed a World Cup because of it (the trials) and it's always going to hurt if you don't have sleep," Lodwick said, "although winning today kind of contradicts that."

The Americans missed out on training, and coach Tom Steitz said his racers had their heads on the table during breakfast because of jet lag.

"And then Tim Tetreault jumps 92 meters on his first jump," Steitz said with surprise. "I've never seen Tim jump better."

Austrian Mayer wins giant slalom

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia — Christian Mayer of Austria battled through slushy snow to post his second consecutive World Cup giant slalom victory Saturday by 0.52 seconds down the Podkoren track.

Mayer, 25, who led after the first heat, came out aggressively in the last heat to relegate fellow Austrian Hermann Maier to second and Michael von Gruenigen to third place.

"It was a very hard race for me," said Mayer, who grew up a little more than 10 miles away in neighboring Austria.

Mayer sped down the 48-gate course, dropping about 1,300 feet, in a combined time of two minutes, 12.70 seconds. It was his second victory of the season after taking the last giant slalom in Alta Badia before Christmas and his third career title.

American speedskaters rebuild after glory years

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — No Bonnie Blair. No Dan Jansen.

Does that mean there's no hope for the U.S. long-track speedskating team at the Nagano Olympics?

"We don't have any Dan Jansens or Bonnie Blairs — yet," said Marc Pelchat, one of the skaters competing Saturday during the second weekend of the Olympic trials at the Pettit National Ice Center on the outskirts of Milwaukee. "But we'll see what happens come February."

A younger and less-experienced team, with no Olympic medals to its credit, will head to Japan next month hoping to carry on America's speedskating tradition. Instead of Jansen and Blair, the top contenders this time are names like Chris Witty, KC Boutiette and Casey FitzRandolph.

They might not return with any gold medals, but David Cruikshank, who has competed in the last two Olympics and now is married to Blair, feels the team that will be finalized by Monday has much greater depth than those in the past.

"I thought going into the trials this would be one of my hardest teams to make," said Cruikshank, who has qualified at 500 meters. "Before, it was more of Bonnie and Dan at the top and then maybe it fell off from there. Now, there's a bunch of medal contenders in a bunch of different events, for men and women. I think that's great for U.S. speedskating, and I see it only continuing to get better as we progress into the 2002 Salt Lake City Games."

Most of the American team was picked in the first round of trials last weekend. Two more skaters qualified Saturday — FitzRandolph and Moira D'Andrea made the 1,500-member team after their times from the first weekend were unsurpassed in the second round of qualifying.

On an unseasonably warm and humid winter day in Wisconsin, the ice at the country's only indoor speedskating rink was much slower than a week earlier.

Gerard Kemkers, the American all-around coach, realizes that his young team will be hard-pressed to match the accomplishments of Blair and Jansen.

Blair won five gold medals and a bronze over three Olympiads, while Jansen captured the attention of the American public during a career tinged with tragedy and disappointment before he won gold at Lillehammer in his final Olympic race.

"Bonnie and D.J. were probably the best thing that could have happened to U.S. speedskating," Kemkers said. "They were America's sweethearts and did so much good for the sport. But they quit. Their time is over. It's time to move on with our organization."

Kemkers isn't expecting a bunch of gold medals at Nagano. Instead, he hopes to establish a base from which the next Jansen or Blair can emerge for the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City.

Biathlon team picked after three days of trials

JERICHO, Vt. (AP) — Seven athletes — three of them from Vermont — earned spots on the U.S. Olympic biathlon team Saturday.

Dan Westover of Colchester, Vt., was the top finisher among the four men who will compete in Nagano, Japan. He won the 10 km sprint with a time of 29 minutes, 31.5 seconds, his second victory in the four-race qualifying series.

"I had a great race today, and my first two races were solid," said Westover, who hit nine of 10 targets Saturday. "I did all I could do."

Joining Westover will be Jay Hakkinen of Kasilof, Alaska, Robert Rosser of Applegate, Ore., and Andy Erickson of Minnetonka, Minn.

Three women also earned spots on the team, although one did not race Saturday. Kara Hermanson Salmela, of Elks River, Minn., was so dominant in her first three races that she secured her berth Friday.

Kristina Sabasteanski of Richmond, Vt., earned her spot by winning Saturday's 7.5 km race in 26 minutes, 10.8 seconds. She joins Deborah Nordyke of Jericho, Vt., as the final two team members.

"I've been trying for so long to make this team," said Sabasteanski. "Making it finally makes up for all the hours of training. It really makes it worth it."

Two other American women, Stacey Wooley of Newbury, N.H., and Ntala Skinner of Sun Valley, Idaho, pre-qualified for the Olympics based on their performances in international competitions last year.

BASIN BRIEFING

Gems & minerals

FREDERICKSBURG — The Fredericksburg Rockhounds' 29th annual gem and mineral show is set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 18 at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Pioneer Pavilion. The pavilion is three miles south of Fredericksburg on Texas Highway 16. Admission is free. For more information, call 830-997-6187.

DAR program

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is to meet at noon Tuesday at the Midland Woman's Club. Analon Gilreath is to present a program on "Women of the American Revolution."

Accidental shooting

ARLINGTON (AP) — A woman said she mistook her husband for a burglar and fatally shot him as he returned home early Saturday morning, police said. Lilly Childers, 67, told police she heard someone trying to get in the front door at about 1:30 a.m. and took her .38-caliber pistol to see who it was. Police believe Mrs. Childers fired a single shot as the door opened. Kenneth Childers, 51, was pronounced dead at the scene. Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson said investigators are trying to determine the exact sequence of events but believe it was an accident.

Judge disciplined

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal judge alternately loathed as a tyrant and lauded for his no-nonsense manner has been disciplined by a panel of fellow jurists, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. U.S. District Judge John McBryde's punishment is on hold pending his appeal to the Judicial Conference in Washington, D.C., unidentified sources told the newspaper for Saturday's editions. Appointed to the bench by President Reagan in 1990, McBryde has been the subject of an unusual — and secret — investigation into his mental and temperamental fitness. The probe was conducted by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Council.

Gonzalez bankrupt

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas schools superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez, who is awaiting sentencing on a felony charge of misapplying more than $9,000 in school district funds, has filed for bankruptcy. Ms. Gonzalez and her husband, Chris H. Lyle, filed a joint bankruptcy petition last month to alleviate $229,592 in unpaid loans and credit card debts, records show. The bankruptcy petition was filed in Houston on Dec. 5. Neither could be reached for comment, the newspaper reported Saturday.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Permian Basin Road Runners Club, business meeting, 697-1066.

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

Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-9669, 687-5313.

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

SAA—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m. 1406 E. Taylor St., (lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

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

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Police end year with 1 unsolved death

Detectives continue efforts to close case of woman's fatal stabbing

■ September slaying was last reported to department in 1997.

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Sept. 28 seemed like any other Sunday in southwest Midland. Children on bikes and skates zoomed to and from Dennis the Menace Park. Families lined up for Mass at nearby churches.

But inside the cottage-like house at 2209 Brunson Ave., rubber-gloved investigators scrutinized the home of widowed Lula Belle Klingler for any clues that would help them solve her mysterious slaying.

Since her stabbing death on Sept. 27, police have interviewed at least 30 people, recovered a possible murder weapon and assigned a handful of officers to the case. An anonymous donation has enhanced the Crime Stoppers award from $1,000 to $5,000 for information leading to an arrest.

However, Ms. Klingler's death remains one of the few unsolved deaths the police have encountered in years.

According to police, Ms. Klingler's daughter found her mother inside her small, yellow brick house that Sunday. The woman was stabbed twice in the torso in an incident police said occurred the day before she was found. Friends and relatives described Ms. Klingler as a generous woman who was active in many nonprofit organizations and art clubs and swam at the Alamo YMCA at least twice a week.

There were no signs of forced entry and no indication of a major struggle between the woman and her assailant, police said. Ms. Klingler's handbag and several other belongings were found a day later in a trash bin.

But detectives are not going to give up anytime soon, said Sgt. B.J. Land, supervisor of the Midland Police Department's crime against persons bureau.

"It's been such a fresh case and investigation," she said. The detective who initially led the investigation recently was promoted to the rank of sergeant. However, another detective familiar with the case has been assigned to it, Ms. Land said.

"When a murder report comes in, we send all four of our crimes-against-persons detectives to the scene," Ms. Land said. She explained that though all detectives help secure the scene and conduct the initial investigation, usually only one investigator takes over the whole case.

Ms. Klingler's death was the latest one reported to police in 1997.

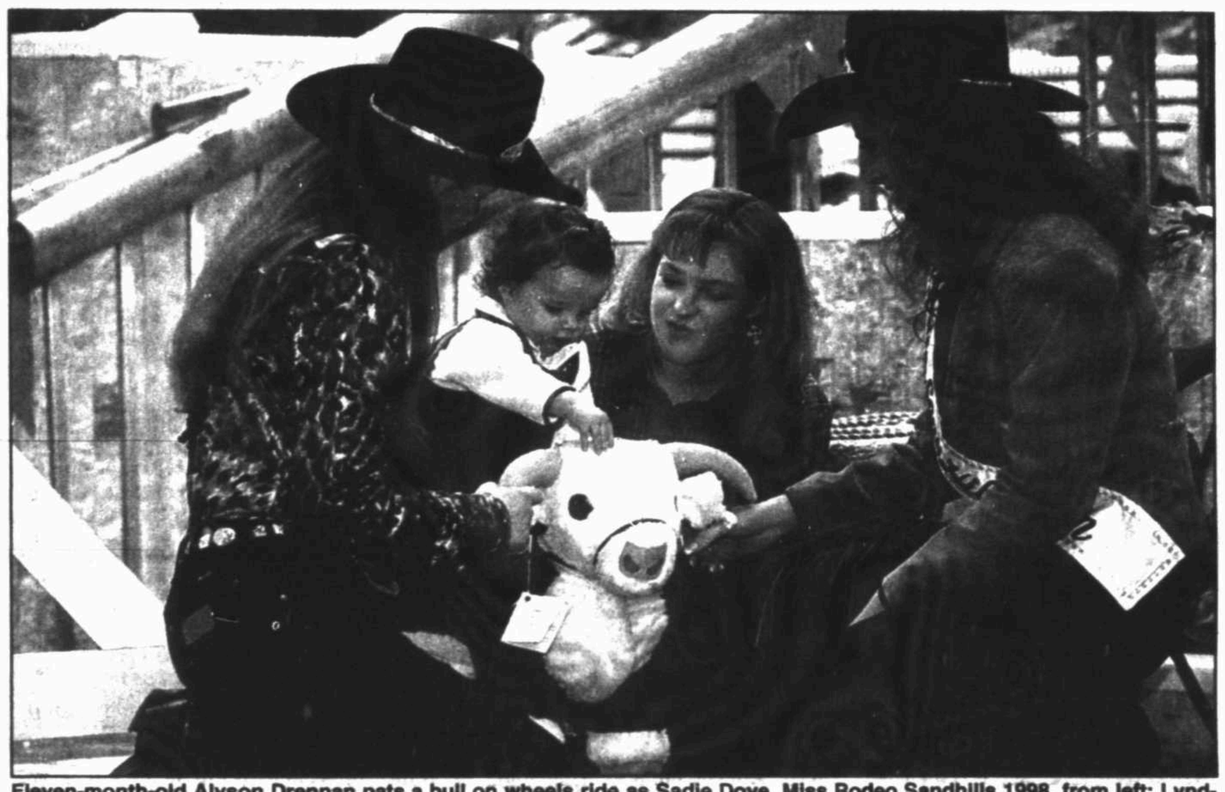
The first killing last year came over police radios at around 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30.

Two-month-old Deanjunic Butts was accidentally shot in her chest from a bullet that came into her parents' apartment. The bullet, police said, was fired from outside the apartment, where two other tenants were in a fight. Two suspects, Alton Ray Simpson, 20, and Terrence Belcher, 19, were arrested and charged with murder.

On April 16, police found the body of former Milam Elementary School teacher Helen R. Johnson buried in

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TYKES TACKLE RODEO RING



Eleven-month-old Alyson Drennan pats a bull on wheels ride as Sadie Dove, Miss Rodeo Sandhills 1998, from left; Lyndsey Childs, Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen 1997; and Lana Evans, Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen 1998, watch. Top, Ryan Dale, 5, of Midkiff, shows off his roping talents during the calf roping competition at Midland Park Mall during the third annual Kids Rodeo, which is part of the Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo.



Ryan Dale, 5, of Midkiff, shows off his roping talents during the calf roping competition at Midland Park Mall during the third annual Kids Rodeo, which is part of the Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo.

Even without the 10-gallon hat, chaps and saddle, 4-year-old Mason Walker experienced the thrills of barrel racing.

After a welcoming applause, the youngster grabbed his broomstick horse by the reins and raced to the first barrel, dashed around another, and then made his last sprint to the finish line, completing a perfect triangle.

"Twelve and a half seconds," the speaker announced. He noted Mason came in third place for that competition.

His mother, Kay Walker, explained that her son has always shown a desire to participate in the event, but was too young for previous competitions. However, his December birthday made him eligible for this year's game.

"I've been practicing for this at my house," the young cowboy said after dusting himself off. He was ready to face the challenge he's been waiting for all day — the stick bull contest.

Mason and more than 70 other children between the ages of 4 and 10 participated in the Third Annual Kids Rodeo Saturday at Midland Park Mall. It was organized by the Sidewinders Organization, a group of youths 15 to 24.

The event is part of the Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo celebrations, which kicked off Thursday in Odessa. Another Kids Rodeo is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at Music City Mall. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. The competition is free.

"Three years ago, the board of directors with the Sandhills Rodeo decided

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STORY BY RICK LOPEZ
PHOTOS BY TIM FISCHER

Businessman enters race for county commissioner

From Staff Reports

Businessman Charles A. Davis III has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for Midland County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

"The county has excellent leadership," Davis said. "With no new taxes and a balanced budget, the county is a proven leader and a tremendous example for the area. We should try to give back to the community in whatever large or small way that we can. With a harmonious effort we have the opportunity of having the most efficiently run and best-organized county offices in Texas."

Davis, owner of United Snack Group, has been in business for five years. He was a corporate pilot and general manager of a general aviation facility at Midland International Airport for several years.



Davis

Davis has lived in Midland for 22 years. His wife, Patsy, is a native of the Midland-Odessa area. She is employed with the Boy Scouts of America. Their son, Cad Davis, is a seventh-grader at Midland Christian School.

As a small business owner in south Midland County, Davis said he has "a vested interest in the future of Midland."



Rucker

Rucker seeks re-election as District Court judge

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

Dean Rucker, judge of 318th District Court, has announced his bid for re-election. Rucker, a Republican, is seeking his fourth term in office.

"It has been my privilege to serve this community as a district judge," Rucker said. "I am proud of the accomplishments of the past almost 10 years, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve in this capacity. I find this work extremely challenging and fulfilling."

Rucker presides over family law matters such as divorce and child custody cases. His court also hears felony criminal matters.

While under Rucker's leadership, the court has adopted rules requiring the mediation of all custody and visitation disputes before trial. Rules also were adopted requiring parents to attend a seminar designed to direct the parents' focus on the way children are affected by divorce and how to diminish the negative effects of divorce.

Recently, Rucker assisted Centers for Children and Families in establishing a

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GARY OTT

Let's get real here ... my 3-year-old nephew is a sissy

I think my 3-year-old nephew is gay.

OK, maybe it is a little too early to know for sure. But at the very least, he is one big sissy.

He likes to wear dresses. His favorite color is pink. And he'd rather comb his mother's hair than roll around on the floor wrestling with his dad.



Ott

Now, I know what you're going to ask.

Does he have older sisters?

Yes, two of them.

So there, you're thinking, it's perfectly normal.

No it's not.

I had an older sister, and, yes, she made me play "dress up," too. There is even a picture of me wearing a dress in our family photo album.

But there is one huge difference.

I detested being forced to wear a dress and would often hide under the bed in an attempt to avoid putting it on. My nephew, on the other hand, loves playing "dress up." He even initiates the action, begging anyone who will listen to allow him to prance around the house in his favorite silk ensemble. Then, when you are about to gag, he will spread out his arms and say, "I look beautiful."

"No you don't," I want to say. "You look like Dennis Rodman without the tattoos."

But I don't. Instead, I just shake my head and think, "Lord, please just let this be a phase he's going through."

The entire family, including his parents, is becoming increasingly concerned with this behavior. We don't want to overreact, of course, but still, this isn't normal.

So at Christmas time we sprang into action. We bought him a big yellow truck, a Tinker Toy set, a cap pistol, plastic tools, a football and every other macho thing we could get our hands on. Money was no object. If it even implied "BOY," then, by golly, we bought it.

But it did no good.

He spent a few minutes pushing the new truck around the living room, but soon his interest waned. Out of the corner of his eye, he was obviously checking out his sister's new doll house.

Finally, the urge became too much for him to bear. Slowly but surely, he eased his way over to his sister's side. He soon was rearranging the furniture in the master bedroom. He was back in his element.

And he was happy as a lark.

It was obvious by the giant grin on his face.

The rest of us, meanwhile, just laughed, though admittedly it was a nervous laugh.

"I'm sure he'll grow out of it," one my sisters suggested.

"Of course he will," another added.

And we all hoped it was true.

But in all honesty, we weren't quite sure.

Sensitive though it can be, this is not a subject that is completely foreign to my family.

I have a cousin, for example, who as a child possessed many of the same personal tastes as my 3-year-old nephew. While his younger brother and I would spend many a summer afternoon playing baseball, this particular cousin would hang out with the women, happily sharing in whatever activity they happened to be involved in that day.

He was fussy about his clothes and picky about how his hair looked.

In short, he was a sissy.

And like we did this past Christmas, the adults would sit around and nervously laugh at his antics.

"I'm sure it's just a phase he's going through," one of them would invariably remark.

"Of course it is," another would reply. "I'm sure he'll grow out of it."

But he didn't.

Uh oh.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Friday

Criminal mischief: Car vandalism was reported from 3514 Humble St. It was reported at 5:19 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A car was scratched at 2319 W. Loop 250. It was reported at 11:12 p.m.

Saturday

Criminal mischief: A vandalism report was made from 3600 N. Garfield St. at 1:20 a.m.

Assault: An assault was reported from 1212 E. Wadley Ave. It was reported at 4:30 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Friday

Theft: A skateboard was taken from a stalled car on Texas Highway 191. Gail Berry made a report at 6:14 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Dorothy Mantuano said her house at 2800 S. County Road 1220 was egged. It was reported at 9:33 p.m.

Saturday

Theft: An employee of Town and Country Store, 2622 S. Highway 349, reported that a customer left without paying for $5 in gas. It was reported at 12:02 a.m.

Theft: Two 24-packs of beer were taken from Southwest Convenience Store, 13920 W. U.S. Highway 80. It was reported at 1:08 a.m.

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

POLICE: Department keeps 1997 case open

(From 1C)

a shallow grave off County Road 1140. Police said Ms. Johnson, 53, was stabbed several times and was the victim of a burglary that occurred at her house inside city limits. Three men, James Garibay, Frederick Ernest Keck and Fernando Lujan all were charged with capital murder. A male teenager also was detained in connection with the incident.

On July 13, police arrested 49-year-old Barbara McMullen in connection with the shooting death of her husband, 36-year-old Joseph McMullen. According to police, McMullen's body was found in a pool of blood in his kitchen. Not much is known about the couple, who reportedly had moved from the Bryan/College Station area less than a month before the shooting.

Meanwhile, according to police reports, two other deaths have continued to puzzle police since 1995.

One case is the May 27, 1995, slaying of 42-year-old Carolyn Kolas, whose neck was slashed on an early morning exercise walk, and the other is the killing of Courtney Moats, who was found dead on Oct., 30, 1995. The year both women were killed, nine slayings were reported to police — the largest number of reported slayings in the last six years.

Both cases, Ms. Land said, remain open with the Police Department, although not a lot of new evidence trickles in.

She explained that when all avenues of solving a killing have been exhausted, the case is considered suspended or unsolved. This, however, may change if new evidence is recovered.

Murder cases are considered cleared — or solved — if police determine the victim was not slain, if an arrest is made or an arrest warrant has been issued for the assailant. For example, the death of 29-year-old Yvonne Madrid is on a cleared status, though her husband, 38-year-old Juan "Johnny" Baustista Madrid, remains at large.

He is wanted on one warrant charging him with murder and another for unlawful flight to escape prosecution, Ms. Land said.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office also has reported one unsolved killing for 1997. No one has been arrested in connection with the death of James William "Bubba" Stewart, a 68-year-old nightclub operator.

Stewart was found dead inside his residence at 4717 W. Industrial Ave. in February. Authorities said he sustained one single gunshot wound to his head.

RODEO: Children get day to shine

(From 1C)

that we needed to get the kids involved," said Gary Mariott, co-chairman of the event. "We hope to get them involved in rodeo and initiate their interest in the sport. A lot of high school juniors get scholarships for this sport and even make it to the national finals."

The winners of Saturday's preliminaries are to perform at the actual rodeo and compete against runners-up in their own age division, Mariott said.

"They'll go right before the bull riding at the big rodeo. It's a big crowd- pleaser. They get as big a kick out of it as anybody," he said.

Each child participated in two of seven events, which included stick bull riding, mock calf roping, mock wild cow milking, barrel racing, ribbon pulling, gum spitting and the clown contest.

"I like riding on the stick bull. I won third place and haven't even done the rodeo before," said 5-year-old Amber Kay Murket, one of two girls to win the competition.

"I think the rodeo teaches them competition, how to win or lose and accept that and cheer for the other person," her mother, Sherri Murket, said. "It's good entertainment for them and the family. It's wholesome and a good opportunity for the teen-agers to work with the younger kids."

JUDGE: Rucker seeks re-election

(From 1C)

program that oversees supervised parental visitation of children of divorced couples. Rucker said the supervised visitation might be required in instances of substance abuse, or a longtime alienation from one parent.

The program, called Kids First, is the first of its kind in West Texas, Rucker said.

"I feel very fortunate to have this resource available to the court. Prior to the inception of the program, we did not have a neutral party or a neutral location for supervised visits." Rucker is pleased that this program came into being during his tenure. "I have been wanting this tool for a long time."

The new program also establishes a neutral location for the pickup and surrender of a child for court-ordered visitation. Rucker said the program is particularly helpful in cases where family violence is a problem.

Among Rucker's honors, he received in October the Clayton E. Evans Judge of the Year award from the Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

"I felt extremely honored to have been so recognized," Rucker said. "It is a significant thing to be selected from among my peers who deal with these matters. It was quite rewarding to be recognized for my efforts."

He is currently serving as judicial advisor to the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. He is a frequent author and speaker at continuing education programs conducted by the State Bar of Texas and other organizations.

Rucker, 42, is a Midland native. He received his law degree from St. Mary's School of Law in 1980 and a bachelor of science in business administration from Trinity University in San Antonio in 1977.

He was in private practice with the firm of Rucker and Rucker in Midland until his appointment as district judge.

Rucker has served several terms as local administrative district judge and recently was elected to serve again in that capacity in 1998.

He is a past chairman of the Midland County Republican Party and a member of the State Republican Executive Committee. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and is admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Rucker is also a member of the Midland County Bar Association and the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. He was certified in 1988 as a family law specialist by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

He has served on the boards of Community and Senior Services, the Cerebral Palsy Center, the Alamo YMCA and Midland Jaycees. He is a graduate of Leadership Midland and was honored as an outstanding alumnus of Trinity School of Midland in 1988.

Rucker has served Midland as 318th District Court judge since he was appointed to the bench in February 1988. He was elected to the office later in 1988, as well as in 1990 and 1994.

OBITUARIES



Campbell

David Campbell

He was born May 4, 1945, in Ballinger, Texas, to Erma Williams and Marshall B. Campbell. He moved with his family to Midland in 1958, and attended Midland schools. He entered the National Guard in 1965. Afterward, he worked in the oil field as a truck driver for Mustang Mud, Buckeye Mud Company, C.H. Brockett Oil Field Supply and Lock Construction Company. He became disabled in 1968.

Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by his father, Marshall B. Campbell in September 1986; a nephew, Jason Plunk in July, 1991; and a grandnephew, Randy Strack in 1992.

Survivors include his son, Joe Campbell of Cedar Hills, Texas; his mother, Erma Campbell of Midland; three brothers, Bob Cude and his wife, Kay, of Ballinger, Texas, Gary Doyle Campbell and his wife, Linda, also of Ballinger and Steve Campbell of Modesto, California; four sisters, Nancy Plunk and her husband, Gene, of Midland, Marsha Cook and her husband, Joe, of Odessa, Gail Warren and her husband, Mike, of Ballinger and Betty Jean Gardner and her husband, Dick, of Modesto, California; 14 nieces and nephews and 22 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Mr. Campbell died Friday, January 2, 1998, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, January 5, 1998, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Fields, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Mr. Campbell's nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas 79703.

Charlotte Burney

Charlotte Clift Burney, who lived in Midland for almost 30 years, died Wednesday, December 31, after a long illness. She was 73.

Mrs. Burney was born November 9, 1924, in Newkirk, Oklahoma, and grew up in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Kansas, Oklahoma A&M, (now Oklahoma State) University, and the University of Arizona. While at Oklahoma A&M, she met Hiram Burney, and the two were married April 12, 1947, in Stillwater. The couple, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April, had two daughters, Ruth and Ellen.

Since her marriage, Mrs. Burney lived in several Oklahoma towns and in Wichita Falls, Abilene and Midland. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1982, from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and worked in sales and in mental health. More than anything, she loved to play the piano and sing, sew, cook and do volunteer work.

She was a good and kind friend and devout Christian who possessed an offbeat sense of humor.

"Mother was even worse at getting the giggles than Ellen and I were," her daughter, Ruth, said.

"One time, we had a bright-red rental car, and Mother almost plowed into a funeral procession. Every time we talked about it, she laughed so hard she almost had a coronary. I think we learned to laugh from Mother," she said.

Mrs. Burney is survived by her husband, Hiram; her daughters, Ruth Burney Pennebaker of Austin and Ellen Plott of Deersheva, Israel; two grandchildren, Catherine Teal Pennebaker and Nicholas Clift Pennebaker, of Austin; her sister, Barbara Nell Grantham of Stillwater; her brother, Robert Teal Clift of Oklahoma City; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Mabee Center for its warm, loving care of Mrs. Burney during her final illness.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland. Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's Methodist Church and building fund.

Lee Ballantyne

J. Lee Ballantyne of Brackettville, Texas, died January 2, 1998, in Midland, Texas.

She was born March 29, 1901, in Falcon, Colorado, and was the daughter of Dr. FMD Hill and Susanne Elizabeth Burt Hill. Her father established the First Baptist Church in Brackettville, Texas. She was the church organist for 40 years. She married Campbell Burn Ballantyne August 31, 1923, in San Antonio, Texas. She was voted Kinney County Outstanding Citizen in 1991. Mrs. Ballantyne was a Brackettville school teacher for more than 30 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Susanne Brice and husband, Hollis, of Midland, Texas; granddaughter, Jana Levens and husband, F.T. Levens, of Midland, Texas; grandson, Tom and wife, Pamela, Brice of Midland, Texas; granddaughter, Carrie Ann Brice of Amarillo, Texas; great-grandchildren, Leah Coats of Midland, Texas, Brian Coats of Ogden, Utah, John Brice of Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be held January 4, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel.

Services will be Monday, January 5, 1998, at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville. Burial will follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville. Arrangements are under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home and Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St.

Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church, Brackettville, Texas 78832 or Hospice of Midland, Texas, Inc. 911 W. Texas 79201.

Pallbearers will be Zack Davis, Lloyd D. Davis, Allen Kreiger Jr., Tim Ward, Dick Coats and H.C. Hunt. Honorary pallbearers will be P.H. Coates IV, Bud Connally, Tully Shahan, Charlie Ward, Joe York Jr., and Tommy Seargeant.

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 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Ragon Gilbert

Ragon Vernon Gilbert died Friday, Jan. 2, at a local retirement home.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born March 6, 1918, in Blanco County, Okla.

He moved to the Midland-Odessa area in the early 1940s. He was a motorcycle policeman in Odessa in the late 1940s and worked as a shop foreman in 1950s for J.H. Marks trucking. Later he worked as an independent diesel mechanic.

Survivors include three sons, Ragon V. Gilbert Jr., David N. Gilbert and Clifford D. Gilbert, all of Odessa; four daughters, Lela M. Spencer of Lubbock, Jackie G. Scott of Atlanta, Texas, Patsy Hively of Chanohon, Ill., and Ethel F. Tucker of Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Louise Standefer

STANTON —Louise Harper Standefer, 94, of Stanton died Friday, Jan. 2, at a Stanton care center.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at First United Methodist Church in Stanton. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 18, 1903, in Houston.

She moved to Stanton in 1951. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Stanton, the Gospel Singers Association and Senior Citizens and Home Demonstration Club, where she was a past president.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Standefer, on Nov. 7, 1987; a son, Elmer T. Standefer, on Dec. 13, 1991; five sisters, Hattie Cooper, Lizzie Vaughn, Annie Thompson, Susie Buckalew and Katherine Shurtliff; and three brothers, Frank Harper, Sam Harper and Johnny Harper.

Survivors include a son, Clement R. Standefer of Stanton; three daughters, Evelyn M. Minter and Lois V. Hill of Amarillo and Jannie L. Linney of Stanton; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Donald Fulton

STANTON —Former Midlander Donald Gene Fulton II, 38, of Stanton, died Thursday, Jan. 1, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring with the Rev. Roger Huff officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 16, 1959, in Pampa.

He worked for GMP Gas Services, a subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Co., as a field coordinator for 17 years. He lived in Midland between 1984 and 1991, when he moved to Stanton. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene and was an assistant cub master of the Chaparral District of Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Spears Fulton of Stanton; two sons, Garrett Fulton and Tyler Fulton, both of Stanton; his parents, Don and Treva Fulton of Clarendon; three sisters, Linda Rowland of Clarendon, Lesa Greer of McLean and Lana Jackson of Amarillo; his grandparents, Lois and Euil Fulton of McLean and Lois Still of Clarendon; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring 79720.

Bruce Vann

Bruce Anthony Vann died Thursday, Jan. 1, in Midland.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Christian Church of Midland with the Rev. Bobby Duncan officiating.

He was born Feb. 18, 1957, in San Diego, Calif.

He moved to Midland in 1980. He was a surveyor for the city of Midland and for the last few years was a painter.

Survivors include his wife, Lolita Beckmann Vann of Midland; a son, Cody Vann of Midland; two brothers, Artie Vann of San Diego, Calif., and Rick Vann of Seattle, Wash.; and a sister, Julie Vann of San Diego, Calif.

Memorials may be sent to the Look Good Feel Good Shop, c/o Allison Cancer Center.

Lois Nash

Lois Ann Clark Nash, 67, died Friday, Jan., 2, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 5, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Kenneth Northcut officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 18, 1930, in Cisco.

She moved to Midland from Eastland in 1957. She worked for Texas Electric and Commercial State Bank. She was a member of Dorn Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph M. Nash of Midland; a son, Rodney W. Nash of Midland; two daughters, Lisa Ann Nash of Midland and Susan E. Phipps of Tempe, Ariz.; a sister, Allyne Voss of Odessa; two brothers, L.O. Clark of Amarillo and Ray Clark of Houston; three grandsons; one granddaughter; four nephews; and two nieces.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin, P.O. Box 3389, Midland 79702.

Raymond Bowers

Former Midlander Raymond Victor Bowers, 90, of Austin died Saturday, Jan. 3.

Services are pending at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

Ruth Greener

Ruth Lucille Greener died Saturday, Jan. 3, in Odessa.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Harold Whiles, Jr.

Harold Whiles Jr. 56, died Saturday, Jan. 3., in Brewster County.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Gerald Johnson

Gerald Johnson, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 3, in Midland.

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Audit shows farm loan agency $5 million in debt

DALLAS (AP) — Bad loans have loaded a $5.7 million debt on a state agency that lends money to private agriculture ventures, a state audit shows.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday editions that some state officials are growing concerned over the situation at the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, a taxpayer-backed program that is posting a second straight year of losses.

Agriculture officials say the program remains strong and will rebound within seven to 12 years on the strength of more recent loans.

However, state auditor Lawrence F. Alwin said in an audit review that the state should consider dismantling the 8-year-old program if the downward spiral continues.

"The feasibility of the programs should be reassessed if the authority's fund equity position continues to deteriorate," Alwin stated.

The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority is appointed by the governor. It approves loans after a review by the staff of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. The Republican has promoted the program statewide and lobbied successfully for a constitutional amendment to raise the lending limits.

'It's something we obviously ought to look at. If the loans default, it's obviously something we, the taxpayers, have to pay.'

— Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee

Perry's staff said Friday he could not be reached for comment. Perry is expected to be the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in November.

However, Deputy Commissioner Larry Soward said the audit's conclusions reflect a number of bad loans made early in the program. He said a private consultant's financial analysis of the program last year showed it would break even by the year 2005 or 2010.

"This is a 40-year program," he said. "The fact that there's a negative balance does not mean the program's in trouble."

However, state Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the figures were enough to prompt questions.

"It's something we obviously ought to look at," Junell said.

"If the loans default, it's obviously something we, the taxpayers, have to pay," he said.

The program was created in 1979 by the Legislature, but was not implemented by then-Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a Democrat. Perry, when he took office in 1991, made the program a priority.

Under the program, agribusinesses are encouraged with special, low-rate loans that are guaranteed by the state through general obligation bonds.

The loans have gone to such ventures as cotton mills and vegetable processing plants. They are by law aimed at ventures that will change raw materials into processed products, which are higher-valued.

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Appeals court to review ruling that could strip homesteads' protection in divorce cases

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court plans to reconsider a decision that could strip Texans of bankruptcy protection for their homesteads during divorce proceedings.

An attorney for former Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis persuaded the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last week to revisit his client's divorce case that sparked the decision, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

A hearing is scheduled for the week of May 18.

Last February, a three-judge 5th Circuit panel issued a split decision that supported Sandra Davis, Davis' first wife, in her attempt to collect more than $300,000 she's owed from their 30-year-old divorce. Davis stopped making installment payments on the debt after filing for bankruptcy in 1987.

The judges concluded that a state law that allows debtors to designate one homestead and shield it from most creditors does not extend to former spouses who obtain a judgment before the debtor files for bankruptcy.

Thus, their decision would entitle Ms. Davis to money from the sale of a $500,000 home Cullen Davis once owned in Tarrant County, even though Davis protected the home from creditors by calling it his homestead when he filed for bankruptcy in 1987. Ms. Davis never lived in the house.

The home in dispute is not the 20-room Fort Worth mansion where a friend and 12-year-old daughter of Davis' second wife, Priscilla, were shot to death in 1976. Davis was acquitted of the girl's death. Davis no longer owns that house, which is now the Stonegate Hacienda restaurant.

Last February's split decision by a three-judge 5th Circuit panel on the issue of bankruptcy protection was sparked by the divorce case of former Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis.

Under Texas law, a homestead can be seized and sold at auction only to pay taxes, a mortgage lender or an individual or company seeking payment for improvements made to the home, said Ronald R. Payne, Davis' lawyer.

Payne said an ex-spouse never has been able to strip bankruptcy protections from a homestead she never owned. He predicted the full 5th Circuit will reverse the panel's split decision.

A Southern Methodist University law school professor agreed.

Buzz Rochelle, adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at SMU's law school, said the appellate panel essentially said: "We don't care what the state law says in Texas."

"The problem, if you do that, is that there is absolutely no guidance on where you stop," said Rochelle, who also is a practicing bankruptcy attorney.

Land commissioner hopeful says mate in race offered him money to withdraw

HOUSTON (AP) — A Republican running for Texas land commissioner says a primary opponent has offered him "continued financial support" if he would withdraw from the race for the statewide office.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson of Pasadena said Friday the offer came from Houston millionaire David Dewhurst.

"I was offered continued financial support if I was not running for land commissioner," Patterson told the Houston Chronicle for Saturday's editions. "Continued financial support in a statewide race. There was no dollars discussed."

Dewhurst's campaign manager denied the incident had occurred.

"That would be bordering on the unethical," Dewhurst manager Mona Palmer Taylor said. "David said that in no way happened."

Dewhurst has been a friend and campaign contributor to the Houston senator in the past, Ms. Taylor said. Throughout the fall, they had urged each other to seek another office rather than compete for land commissioner, she said.

"I don't know what could be misinterpreted about people who know each other and more than one time they've said, 'Why don't you get out of this race,'" Ms. Taylor said.

Patterson said Dewhurst has given his past campaigns between $10,000 and $20,000, but he said he cannot expect contributions from Dewhurst if they are running in the same contest.

Patterson said he did not believe there was anything illegal in what Dewhurst did.

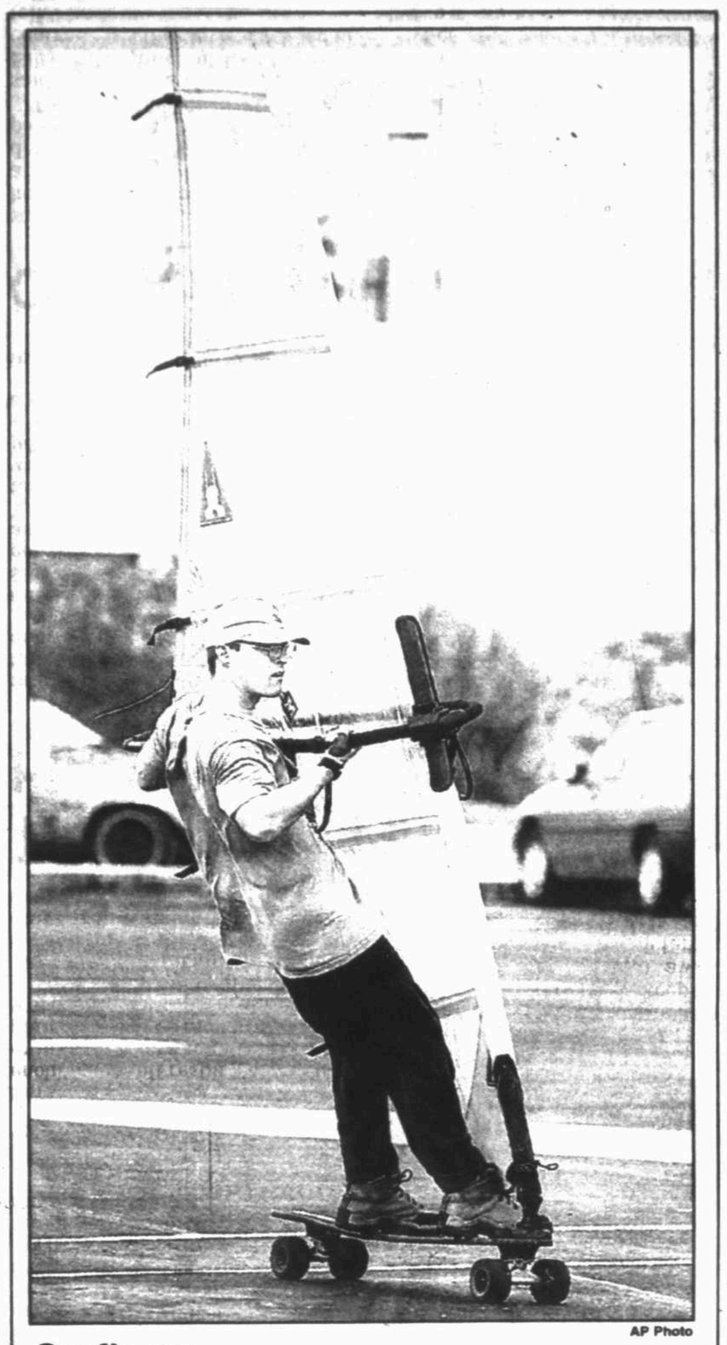
"It's not illegal to say I can't support you if we're running for the same office, but I could if we weren't," Patterson said.

But another Republican, former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman of Webster, said the offer sounded improper to him when Patterson described it to him. Stockman, who is running for railroad commissioner, said Patterson told him that Dewhurst had offered a "huge sum" to drop out of the land commission race.

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Surf's up

Kevin Jones from Palm Beach, Fla., windsurfs in a parking lot at the Navel Air Station in Corpus Christi Friday, Jan. 2, on his day off from working in the mine warfare division on the U.S. Navy base. Jones, who has been windsurfing for eight years, said he likes to windsurf "dry" when it is cold.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Edward Hinojosa has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as $40,000 toward a college education.

Hinojosa, a 1996 graduate of Midland High School, will report to Fort Sill at Lawton, Okla., for basic training on Jan. 14.

He is the son of Eddie and Elsa Hinojosa of Midland.

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Army Reserve **Spec. Brady T. Kolb** is a member of the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade located in San Antonio.

The 96-member reservist contingency of citizen-soldiers and civil affairs professionals will depart from San Antonio enroute to Fort Bragg, N.C.

The reservists are part of a rotation/replacement force which includes soldiers from subordinate units in Abilene and Belton, Miss.

The civil affairs reserve soldiers blend their civilian acquired skills with their military training to assist international peacekeeping efforts.

Kolb is a personnel administration specialist assigned to the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion in Abilene.

He is the son of William T. and Kay Kolb of Midland.

The specialist received a bachelor's degree in 1997 from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

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Army Pvt. **Israel Ramirez** has graduated from basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, and first aid.

Ramirez is the son of Regino and Rosa E. Ramirez of Midland.

High schoolers' animals killed

AUSTIN (AP) — For the second time in six months, animals being raised by Austin high school students have been attacked and killed.

"They pretty much butchered them," said Lanier High Principal Ruth Kane. "It just doesn't make any sense to me."

Authorities said an attacker broke into Lanier's farm late Wednesday or early Thursday and slashed and stabbed seven animals being raised by students for livestock competition.

The attack killed four goats and three sheep belonging to four students.

"These animals mean a lot to the students," Ms. Kane said. "It's quite a financial investment as well as a time commitment."

The animals are purchased when young for between $100 and $450. The students raise them from May until March, when they are auctioned off — sometimes for as much as $25,000 — at the Travis County Livestock Show.

This week's attack was similar to one that occurred in July, when someone butchered two goats and two sheep at the farm where the animals are kept. Another lamb was injured but lived.

Ms. Kane said school officials "kept a lid on it, hoping we could flush out the person who did it."

They added more fence, including barbed wire at the top of some pens, and asked neighboring businesses to keep an eye out for suspicious activity.



AP Photo

Amy Hartgrove, 16, closes her eyes as she leans her head onto a rake handle following the discovery and cleanup from an animal slaughter at the Lanier High School Future Farmers Of America Farm off North Lamar Blvd. Thursday in Austin.

The farm, home to students' animals since 1968, looks a lot like other Future Farmers of America facilities around the state. It is somewhat isolated, set back from a small, two-lane road.

The attack is thought to have occurred between 10 p.m. Wednesday, when a student left after feeding her animal, and 8 a.m. Thursday, when Ryan Sandefur, 17, arrived to clean his steer's pen.

Austin police and school district police are investigating.

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El Paso hospitals full of upper respiratory patients

EL PASO (AP) — Wards were so full of patients complaining of snuffling, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy heads or fever that hospitals asked Emergency Medical Services to bypass them, officials said.

EMS told the hospitals they all had to take more patients since everybody was facing the same problem.

"Every year, a respiratory illness season occurs between December and February, but it's been very bad this year," said Dr. Brian Nelson, associate professor of emergency medicine with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

There was a run last week on intensive care space in the border city, Nelson said.

"At one point, every ICU bed was full, although the situation is better now," he said.

The challenge for doctors and nurses was getting patients well enough to be off respirators, or other intensive care requirements, so patients could be moved to regular wards.

The majority of people can handle upper respiratory diseases, Nelson said, but a minority get quite ill, especially smokers, drinkers and the elderly.

Bronchitis, bronchial pneumonia, streptococcal pneumonia, flu and severe colds have been reported in both cities.

"We've had about two cases of Influenza type A so far," said Dr. Jorge Magana, director of the El Paso Health and Environmental District.

"But unless you do a culture you don't know what is making the person ill," Magana said.

Children and seniors can easily develop pneumonia, too, he said.

Another problem is that young adults specially have become susceptible to whooping cough, or pertussis. Magana said anybody with a cough for two or more weeks should ask their doctor to take a culture for whooping cough.

"You may be carrying the disease and passing it to others," he said. "Babies and young children, especially if they're not properly vaccinated, stand to get whooping cough."

The best advice people can take for avoiding such illnesses include washing hands frequently, keeping hands (with their germs) away from nose and eyes, taking vitamin C, drinking enough fluids and avoiding crowds, Magana said.

Tardy juror sentenced for holding up proceedings

HOUSTON (AP) — A capital murder trial led to jail time and a fine, but for a juror, not the defendant.

Nicolas Chavarria, 19, was sentenced to six days in jail and fined $300 Friday for holding up proceedings because he was home asleep. State District Judge W.R. Voigt will let him serve the contempt of court sentence over three weekends so he won't lose his new job.

Voigt had never before sentenced a juror.

"It's the first time one has put me in the position to do that," Voigt said. "Most people aren't so inconsiderate as to keep their colleagues on the jury waiting. ... It is most annoying."

Chavarria was serving in the trial of James LeDale Godbolt, 16, accused of taking part in the robbery and killing of Levy V. Perry Jr. Godbolt and three others were accused of attacking Perry, who was jogging in a Houston park to train for the Houston marathon.

When Chavarria failed to show up the morning of Nov. 18 to begin hearing testimony, court staff was unable to reach him by phone or pager.

Clerk arrested in fatal shooting

FORT WORTH (AP) — A gas station clerk who fatally shot a man he told police was a robber was arrested Friday after investigators determined he planted evidence, police said.

The clerk told one tale too many, said Fort Worth Police Lt. David Ellis. "Too much of the evidence contradicted the stories he tried to tell," he said.

When police responded to reports of a shooting at a gas station, clerk Awgad Mohammad, 31, said he fatally shot a robber armed with a knife. The knife was lying beside the man's body.

But when witnesses and evidence at the scene contradicted his account, police say the clerk changed his story.

Ellis said it appears Mohammad planted the knife and told witnesses in the store to go along with whatever he told police.

Police said they plan to seek a charge of murder against Mohammad.

Police were still trying to determine the identity of the victim and whether he could have been involved in any prior robberies.



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Museum of the Horse



A coat of arms graces the entrance to the Race Horse Hall of Fame in Ruidoso, New Mexico. A sculpture of galloping horses, center photo, appears to be real.



At first glance you wouldn't know they're not real. Wind flowing through their manes, dirt beneath their hooves and you can almost feel the thundering vibrations as they gallop past.

Look closer and you see that even small details capture the essence of wild horses running across the Southwest plains with great speed and grace.

Artist Dave McGary's graceful free running "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" monument is a fitting entrance to the Museum of the Horse at Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Museum of the Horse was founded in 1992 by R.D. and Joan Hubbard, and supported by membership and donations, the Museum of the Horse has based its displays on the large and detailed collection of Anne C. Stradling.

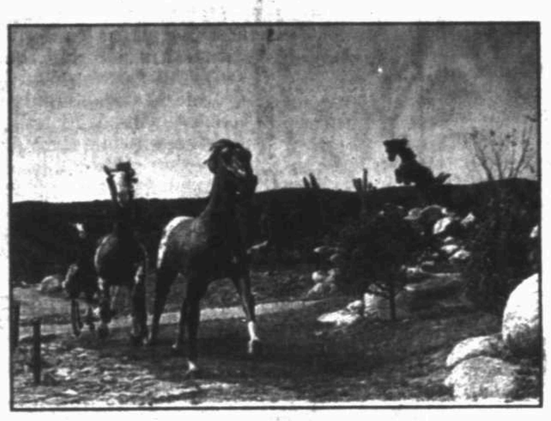
The Museum of the Horse is right next to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, home of the All-American Futurity, the world's richest Quarter Horse race. The Museum is now the permanent home of the Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame, a growing historic collection of facts and artifacts from the colorful world of horse racing. The collection includes legendary horses, famous jockeys, trophies and videos.

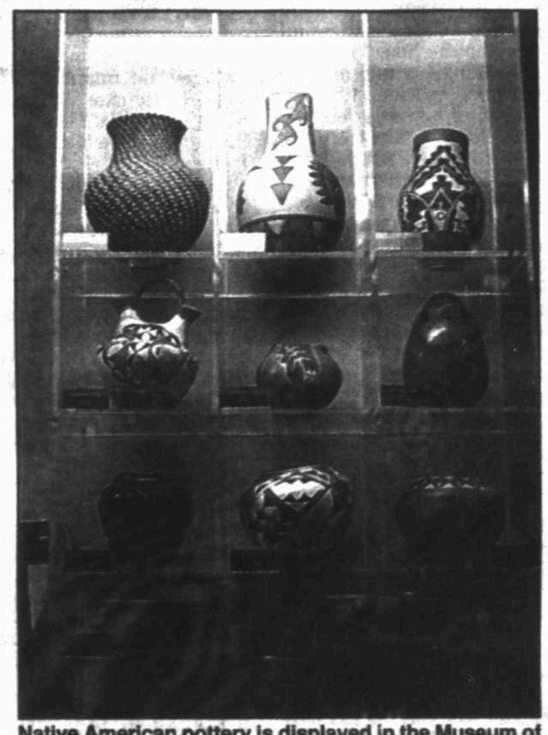
This permanent exhibit includes material and artifacts relating to Ruidoso Downs.

The Museum of the Horse is located one mile east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, on Highway 70 East.

Hours of operation are May through Labor Day: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Daily. September through April: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Museum is closed some holidays.

For more information call Museum of the Horse (800) 263-5929.





Native American pottery is displayed in the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso, N.M.

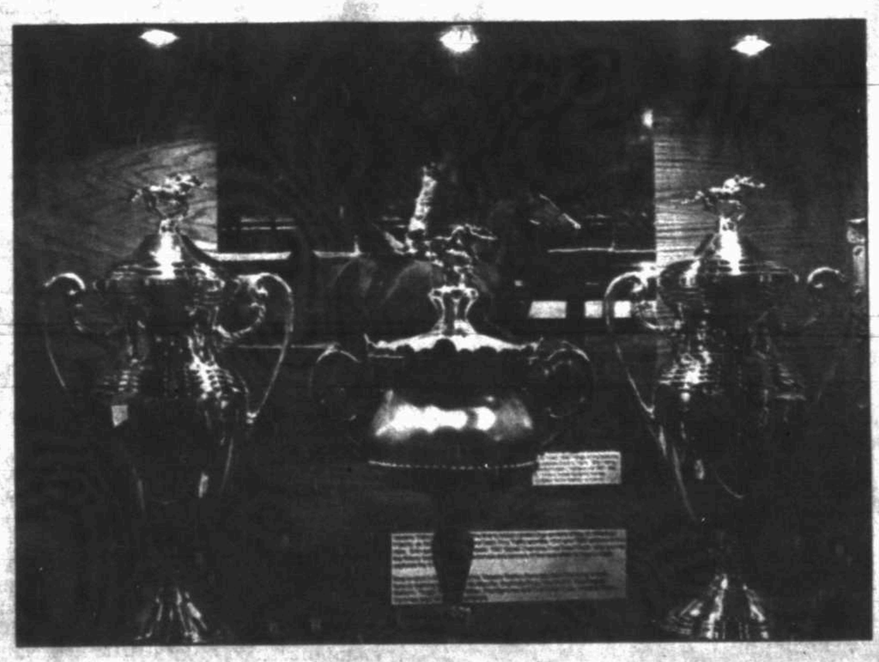


Vintage rifles are displayed in the Museum of the Horse.



A photograph of an American Indian woman is part of the collection featuring New Mexico at the Ruidoso museum.





Left: Native American pottery is displayed in the Museum of the Horse. At right, various trophies from horse races are on view in the museum that spotlights the world of racing.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Symphony guild enjoys New York City tours

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

From all we've heard, the Midland Symphony Guild's annual pre-Christmas trip to New York City was a smashing success.

Staying at The Luxury Collection Hotel (formerly the Ritz-Carlton) on Central Park West, the travel group enjoyed theatre going, dining in some of the city's most popular eateries, Christmas shopping, and taking in the sights and sounds of the Big Apple, which was all decked out in its holiday finery.



McKnight-Harrison

The five-day trip got off to a fun start with lunch at the Plaza Hotel's Palm Court upon the West Texans' arrival in New York.

The group had their choice of plays, some choosing to see "The Lion King," which has been hailed as the Broadway event of the year; Neil Simon's latest, "Proposals;" the musical revue, "Smokey Joe's Cafe;" and the off-Broadway production, "Tony and Tina's Wedding," which includes audience participation.

Among other activities enjoyed by various members of the group were a performance of the Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular with dinner afterwards at Zito's in the Village, brunch at Windows on the World atop the World Trade Center, a stop for the Serendipity Restaurant's famous frozen hot chocolate, ice skating at Rockefeller Center, and a visit to the Brooklyn Museum to see the Monet Collection.

In addition, there was lunch at the new Le Cirque Restaurant at the Palace Hotel, dinner at The Water Club, which is located in a barge on the East River, and for three grandmother/granddaughter pairs, teatime at MacKenzie Childs Boutique. Enjoying the latter were **Sharon (Mrs. Gene) Floyd** and **Michelle Floyd, Nancy (Mrs. Barry) Beal** and **Cynthia Beal**, and **Amy (Mrs. Mark) McLaughlin** of San Angelo and **Claire McLaughlin** of Midland.

Among others going from here were **Dana (Mrs. Clarence) Chandler, Katie Hibler, Almeda (Mrs. Bill) Tinslar, Carlene Ware, Mary Steedman, Virginia Berry, Rose Ann Hughston, Helen Fletcher, Dolores McCall, Mimi Beggs, Ann (Mrs. Jess) Lindsey, Sally (Mrs. Steve) Melzer, Teresa (Mrs. Ron) Ingram, Louise and Dr. Garland Lang, Betty and Jack Walcher, Dorothy and Loyd Sanders, Mary and Dr. Thurston Dean, Randee and Jack Rathbone,** and the trip's organizer, **Ruth McFarland.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO Michele and John Matney of El Paso upon the arrival of their daughter and first child, **Megan Michele**. Weighing in at seven pounds, she made her appearance on Nov. 15 in El Paso.

While here for a Christmas visit with her grandparents, **Patti and David DeFrance**, and uncle, **John DeFrance**, Megan took center stage at a shower held in her honor at the home of **Billie (Mrs. Jim) Ross**.

Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch as they made Megan's acquaintance and viewed the many beautiful baby gifts.

Hosting the party with Billie were **Nita (Mrs. Pete) Henderson, Cathe (Mrs. Bob) Leggott, Pat (Mrs. Joe) Henderson, Anita (Mrs. Buddy) Lintzen, Evelyn (Mrs. Don) Byerly** and **Ellen (Mrs. Robert) Orr of Coppell.**

Former Midlander, **Leigh Ann Runyan**, who was maid of honor in the Matneys' wedding, came in from Dallas especially for the occasion. Among the other guests were **Marilyn (Mrs. Mike) Pollard, Sarah (Mrs. Russell) Neisig, Natalie (Mrs. Tom) Eustace, Jane (Mrs. Paul) Scherzer, Marilee (Mrs. Ed) Runyan** and **Michelle (Mrs. Bob) Robinson** with her daughter, **Michelle**.

TO CELEBRATE the season, local college sorority alumnae groups hosted teas honoring collegiate members and their mothers.

The Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club held its annual "Gathering of Angels" at the home of **Ginny (Mrs. Randy) Bailey**. Co-hostesses were **Courtney (Mrs. Chris) Renaud** and **Debbie Rasmussen**.

Collegiate members attending were **Katherine Johnson, Amy Bishop, Angela Foster, Rebecca Harper, Marcie Watson** and **Tara Toliver.**

The home of **Susan (Mrs. Bill) Gau** was the setting for the Midland Delta Gamma Alumnae Association's tea. Co-hostess was **Vicki (Mrs. Jim) Chase**.

Collegiates attending were Susan's daughters, **Benning** and **Jordan**, members of the sorority's founding chapter at Ole Miss.

The Midland Kappa Delta Alumnae Association gathered at the home of **Gayle (Mrs. Doc) Dodson**. Along with active members **Erin Blinka and Karen Cole**, special guests included the hostess's daughters, **Kelly (Mrs. Todd) Hullender** and **Jamie Dodson**, and her granddaughters, **Blair** and **Mills Hullender**.

Chi Omega Alumnae met at the home of **Annie (Mr. John) Houghton** for their tea. Co-hostess was Annie's mother, **Emily (Mrs. David) Goodfellow**.

Honored guests included active **Alyssa Sutton** and her mother **Lisa (Mrs. Gary Don) Sutton,** and the daughters of alumnae.

Assisting with the party were **Jill (Mrs. Mark) Spannaus** and **Gretchen (Mrs. James) Bakke.**

Emily (Mrs. Kevin) Blonkvist hosted the tea for the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta.

Collegiate members attending with their mothers were **Angela Jones, Emily Godbold, Melissa McGavran, Kelli Martin, Kristen Kirby, CaWeen Wright, Emily Conine, Emily Armour** and **Sarah Innerarity**.

Also attending were a number of alums with their daughters.

Each girl was presented a Battenberg lace angel with a pearl halo.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Snowbirds enjoying sunnier climes

By Linda Sharp
N.Y. Times News Service



AP Photo

Art Post leads winter Texans into the largest RV park in South Texas. The park is located in San Benito. Snowbirds are enjoying sunnier climates in South Texas, Florida and Arizona. Some snowbirds are arriving earlier and staying longer in West and South coast areas.

ATLANTA — It's that time of year again — the snowbirds have migrated south.

In recent weeks, I found myself in the midst of a whole flock of them on I-75. I suspect there is a similar migration heading south on I-95.

They are easily recognizable: mostly traveling in Cadillac Fleetwoods, Lincoln Town Cars, Cadillac Devilles, Oldsmobile Ninety-Eights, Mercury Grand Marquises, Ford Crown Victorias and Buick Roadmasters or Park Avenues. Occasionally, just to confuse the observers, one will opt for a Lexus LS 400. And don't forget the subset that travels in pick-up trucks pulling travel trailers the size of Rhode Island, or the equally large motor homes.

If you can't pick them out by the vehicles they drive, their license plates are a hint: Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and a few Canadians just for spice.

They have other distinguishing characteristics. Frequently, their cars will be decked out in those bizarre carriage tops, those fake convertible tops that South Florida dealers love to install on big luxury cars. I have yet to understand their appeal. To me, a convertible looks best with its top down. Why does anyone want to break up the car's lines with canvas, bows and associated hardware?

Another characteristic is the clothes bar hung across the back seat, loaded down with six months' worth of resort and golf clothing.

The drivers themselves are the final clue. Usually there is a tint of silver in their hair. On their face is either a look of total oblivion or pure terror. They typically suffer from a terminal case of left-lane-itis, complicated by the fact that they are normally traveling 10 to 20 mph slower than the flow of traffic.

If you normally drove in towns like Turtle Lake, Wis., Mackinaw City, Mich., or Sleepy Eye, Minn. — where the closest thing to a traffic jam is the local church social — you too would probably freak out at the thought of the automotive mess we call Atlanta traffic. Snowbirds would be well-advised to call it quits or stop for a leisurely meal during rush hours.

But the snowbirds have survived Elvis, Vietnam, the Beatles, the energy crisis and Reaganomics. They not only deserve our respect, they have earned it.

More than that, they deserve a brake. With patience and human kindness rare commodities on today's roadways, let that lady in the Lincoln who's trying to make a right-hand exit from the left lane squeeze in. Try to remember that the gentleman in the Caddy is doing the best he can to figure the best route around or through Atlanta. Sure, he probably should have figured it out before he reached the Windy Hill exit, but he didn't, and last time I checked that wasn't a federal offense.

Snowbirds are now staying longer, I'm told, especially in Florida.

Until recently, South Florida had a "season," between Thanksgiving and Easter. Snowbirds and vacationers flocked to the surf and sand to escape the cold up north. When April came, hotels and restaurants placed signs in their windows reading "See you next season."

Not so anymore. Fort Lauderdale had 507,000 visitors in January of this year and almost as many — 496,000 — in July, Ms. Grossman said.

The growth in the number of South American visitors, whose winter falls during Florida's summer, and of Europeans, who tend to take long vacations in August, has kept the tourists coming in the summer. Now, in the winter, it's Easterners. With snow, sleet and ice already showing its frigid head in the Midwest and North, the migration of the snowbirds is bound to escalate. You can find comfort in the fact that it o ccurs for only a few months twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

DEAR ABBY

Father wants to be only 'Dad' to his daughters

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced man with two terrific kids, ages 6 and 8. During the past year, my ex-wife married a man whose previous wife passed away from cancer. "Roger" has two young girls from his first marriage. I am pleased that my ex-wife has found someone with whom I feel comfortable, and who seems to care for my children as well as his own.



Van Buren

Because their mother is deceased, Roger's children refer to my ex-wife as their mother, not their stepmother.

I understand that, but now my children have begun calling Roger "Dad." Before the marriage, they called him by his first name. They call me "Daddy," but I am never sure whether it is me or their stepfather they are referring to when they say "Dad."

I love my children with all my heart and am very involved in their lives.

I never miss their plays, recitals, games, etc.

I respect and acknowledge their stepfather's position, but I feel it is confusing and improper for my children to refer to him as "Dad." Please tell me what you think. I value your opinion. — REAL DAD IN JEW JERSEY

DEAR REAL DAD: Your children have found a way to accommodate you and their new family. While the terms may seem uncomfortably similar to you, if you asked them, I'm sure they could reassure you that they have distinct definitions of "Dad" and "Daddy." As long as you remain actively involved in their lives, you will always be their No. 1 Daddy. Treasure that, and allow Roger to have his place.

DEAR ABBY: I object to your advice to the mother who regrets how she treated her 18-year-old daughter in the past, and said she was feeling suicidal. You advised her to "pick up the telephone and tell your doctor exactly how you are feeling."

I am a family physician who gets far too many of these phone calls now. If someone wants substantial attention from a physician, an appointment should be made. Most of us have no time to give to callers, and it's not fair to promote us as a mental health hot line, particularly for chronic problems. (This woman's main problem seems to be taking responsibility for her actions; she needs to do more than emote to someone on the phone about her misery.)

It's also interesting that you suggest "medical help" can quickly fix her problem. No antidepressant relieves one of stepping up to the plate and accepting the fallout for failures in the essential challenges of life. I know we're living in an age of medicalization of behavioral issues, but beware of deceiving your readers by suggesting an easy fix!

I cannot sign this because some of my patients might think I lack compassion for them in similar circumstances, which is wrong. — A DOCTOR IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DOCTOR: I advised the suicidal woman to talk to her doctor because I assumed her doctor would be caring enough to take the call if she said the matter was urgent and personal, and because thoughts of suicide might be something she'd rather not discuss with a medical receptionist. Also, many people don't know which psychology professional to see, and they depend on their physicians to refer them. If that was a mistake, you are the only doctor who has written to tell me so.

I'm sorry you didn't sign your name. Had you done so, your schedule would probably open up sufficiently to allow you to accept phone calls from patients in emotional pain.

DEAR ABBY: We have a problem and need a tactful solution, and are hoping you can help us.

We recently installed an expensive parquet floor in our home, and we would like to keep spike heels off it. How can we tell our guests in a nice way? — MRS. B. FROM N.C.

DEAR MRS. B.: Keep a collection of bedroom slippers in all sizes near the front door. It's subtle, non-offensive, and should solve your problem.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed through Universal Press Syndicate.

El Nino steps up snow season

N.Y. Times News Service

This is the year of El Nino. But fortunately for skiers, no matter what the weather, snow season brings good news. And for those who are just thinking about the sport, the news about getting into skiing — downhill, cross-country, snowboarding — just gets better all the time.

No matter what your level of expertise — from just being able to stand on skis to extreme skiing — there is a place for you on the slopes around the world. Try skiing Boston, themajor ski areas of New England, the West, Canada, and Europe. You can also have fun watching ski and snowboard demonstrations at indoor slopes. Meteorologists see a higher than average chance of snowfalls in some parts of the West but also the possibility of drier than normal conditions in the East, this month through March.

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MONDAY
1. Betty Reeves, Ann Servatius
2. Marian Sims, Linda Warden
3. and 4. tie: Tom Vick, Helen Wise, B.J. Filley, Herb Wales

WEDNESDAY
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
CHRISTMAS
OVERALL WINNERS:
1. Jimmie Penn, Mark Stark
2. Donnita and Wilbur Cunningham
3. Aggie Anguish, Ricki Perry
4. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
5. Buf Slay, Bob Myers
6. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
NORTH-SOUTH:
FLIGHT A:
1. Mark Stark, Jimmie Penn
2. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
3. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
FLIGHT B:
1. Jo Price, Dale Beck
2. Reta and Stan Smith
3., 4. and 5. Tie: Billie Ruppe, Sue Conner, Sarah White, Verna Chambers, Babe Griffin, Tip Branch
FLIGHT C:
1. Jo Price, Dale Beck
2. Billie Ruppe, Sue Conner
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
EAST-WEST:
FLIGHT A:
1. Donnita and Wilbur Cunningham
2. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish
3. Buf Slay, Bob Myers
FLIGHT B:
1. Donnita and Wilbur Cunningham
2. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish
3. Flo Curry, Betty Reeves
FLIGHT C:
1. Donnita and Wilbur Cunningham
2. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
3. Sally Whitely, Kathryn Gesell

THURSDAY
1. Guida Dunn, Jean Banks
2. Helen Owen, Dixie Gifford
3. Eleanor Kimberlin, Dorothy Lloyd
4. Betty Yates, Betty George

FRIDAY
CHARISTMAS CLUB
CHAMPTIONSHIP
FLIGHT A:
1. Billie Ruppe, B.J. Filley
2. Betty Sheeler, Sandra Rhodes
3. Marianne and Buf Slay
4. Wyoma Whitlow, Marsha Swanson
5. Sandra Rea, Clarence Marley
6. Jimmie Branch, Jimmie Penn
FLIGHT B:
1. Billie Ruppe, B.J. Filley
2. Wyoma Whitlow, Marsha Swanson
3. Sandra Rea, Clarence Marley
4. Tommie Strack, Jan Hover
5. Frances Mills, Sadie Hudson
6. Debbie Kemp, Helen Owen
FLIGHT C:
1. Wyoma Whitlow, Marsha Swanson
2. Tommie Strack, Jan Hover
3. Frances Mills, Sadie Hudson
4. Corrinne Recer, Carolyn Hancock

SATURDAY
1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Dixie Gifford, Joe Brittain
3. Jimmie Branch, Betty Reeves
4. Babe Griffin, Joe Salman

SUNDAY
1. Becky Kinsey, Linda Jerman
2. Gloria Crites, Mary Hammond

"IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN THIS WAY"
Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people
Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

Death is not supposed to happen to the young or to the middle-aged. Parents are not supposed to outlive their children. Non-smokers are not supposed to die of lung cancer. When people retire they are supposed to have the chance to enjoy their golden years.

I have heard many people express such assumptions. Some of them I believed myself until my sister, Mary, died of breast cancer at age 36. But the facts don't support our assumptions. Young people do die. This is the only century in the history of the world where the death of a child, or several children, has not been a common family tragedy. Prior to the 20th century, those who lived past 50 were considered fortunate. And even in this century, the early months of retirement are notorious for being a time of high risk. People can die no matter how young, beautiful, responsible, or moral they are; no matter how much they are loved and needed. They can die at any time and for reasons that make no sense. I know personally how harsh these truths can be. But grief recovery means letting go of the illusions we believed, the things we counted on to be true that never were.

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For more information, or for an application call (941) 687-1864, or write to Miss Texas Teen Pageant, 6239 Edgewater Dr., Suite V-2, Orlando, Fla., 32810.

All applications must be received by Feb. 28, 1998...

...**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL** Club will meet noon Jan. 8 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. District Nine (Texas) Governor-elect Peggy Sturrock of Abilene will make her official visit to the club. All members are encouraged to attend. For reservations call 682-5918...

...**CLER MINISTRIES**, a nonprofit sexuality education ministry, is presenting its 12th annual 12-session Biblically-based human sexuality course for high school seniors. The course will begin Jan. 21 and will conclude March 29. Classes, which are sponsored by the Midland Association of Churches, are limited to 20 students each.

Two classes will be conducted from 3-5 p.m. Sunday afternoons. A third class will be offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. Cost is $75 per student.

Linda Goddard, founder and president of CLER Ministries, will conduct a parent orientation on the sessions 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana.

For scholarship information, or to register, call 697-5078...

...**AVIATION EXPLORERS** Post 1941 will host a recruitment briefing for youth and young adults 1:30-2:30 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Confederate Air Force Museum classroom (at Midland International Airport).

The program — which focuses on aviation, World War II aircraft and aviation history — is for men and women age 14 (who have completed the eighth grade) through age 21.

Activities will include community service, leadership and social events.

Aviation Explorers are the co-ed division of Boy Scouts of America with an emphasis on leadership and career training. For more information call 686-0271...

...**VAN**, serving the visually impaired, will host an arts and crafts day 10:30 a.m. Jan. 7 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Doris Kinser will conduct the arts and crafts session which will be followed by a brown bag luncheon and social time.

Van is announcing its 25th year in Midland. The organization has changed its title from VAN - Needs and Services to "VAN-Serving the Visually Impaired."

The organization helps clients with daily living skills and is developing a large print calendar to assist the visually impaired to find the date and mark appointments...

...**MIDLAND RETIRED TEACHERS** Association will meet 11:30 Jan. 16 in the banquet room of Michael's Charcoal Grill at Wadley and "A" Street. Goals and activities for the spring will be discussed informally. Attendees are responsible for paying for their own lunches.

Recent retirees are invited to attend. Any person receiving annuity benefits from the Teacher Retirement System is eligible for active membership. Associate membership is open to anyone interested in the organization's activities. For more information call 694-4728...

...**PERMIAN BASIN** Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas will meet 2 p.m. Jan. 10 in the upstairs meeting room of Midland County Library. Midland College writing instructor Karen Pape and author Eileen Wilks will lead a critiquing workshop. Members are asked to bring 15 copies of one of their poems which they would like to have the group critique. For more information call 520-4679...

Allowing underage to drink alcohol in home problematic

By Alma E. Hill
N.Y. Times News Service

Chances are, when you were growing up, your parents spread the Christmas cheer by letting you have a drink or two.

Maybe it was a generous sip of Grandma's homemade wine or a shot of Dad's whiskey, perhaps some spiked eggnog or a swig of beer.

Even if you weren't invited to join in a toast, you could always sneak a drink when the family started partying and Mom or Dad were too tipsy to notice.

Despite those warm fuzzy memories of Christmases (and other parties) past, medical experts say allowing children to drink in the home is a tradition that should not be passed down.

"Children need consistency when it comes to alcohol.," said Jennifer Bumbera, addiction counselor and director of evening outpatient services at Brawner Hospital in Smyrna, Ga.

The consistent message to children should be: No drinking until you're 21. Period.

Some well-meaning parents might think a drink at home during family celebrations is harmless. Others believe it will eliminate the child's curiosity about alcohol, and prevent kids from sneaking it outside the home.

Experts say that's not the case.

These days, children as young as 10 are starting to dabble with alcohol and drugs. The average age of the first drink is around 13, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Given society's losing war with substance abuse problems, and the dangers of drunken driving — particularly with teens — doctors encourage parents to be vigilant about enforcing a "no drinking" policy at home.

The policy should also extend to college-age kids younger than 21 — even if they are responsible and making good grades.

To condone even one drink sends kids a mixed message.

"The biggest thing kids look for is the examples adults set for them," said Dr. Carla Neal-Haley, clinical instructor of pediatrics at Emory University (GA)'s division of primary care.

"If you teach them that it's OK to drink alcohol when they're not the appropriate drinking age, they'll think, 'If I can do it at home during the holidays, why can't I do it the rest of the year?'"

Although an adult might not think one drink is a big deal, it can be to a teenager.

Because their young systems haven't built up a tolerance to the drug, they are affected by lower amounts of alcohol, which can make them less inhibited about taking dangerous risks. Drinking can also lead to other problems that parents didn't have to deal with when they were growing up.

"It's a different ball game out there," Bumbera said. "Kids are using pretty heavily at a young age. They're like 11, 12 and 13. They're sexually active and drinking on top of it. It's just astounding."

Perhaps the best way parents can give their children a healthy exposure to alcohol is to set a good example about when and how it should be consumed.

For starters, that means parents shouldn't overindulge, not to mention get rip-roaring drunk.

If you stock up the bar for company, be mindful of how much is in the bottles. It doesn't take a precocious kid long to figure out how to replace what they have consumed with water.

In fact, doctors say if you have the slightest suspicion that your child will get into the liquor, lock it up. If your child already has a drinking problem, it's better not to even have liquor in the home.

When you have a party, don't allow minor children to pour or serve drinks.

"A lot of people think it's cute to let little kids be the bartender. It's not cute," Bumbera said.

If a guest is intoxicated, cut them off and arrange for a designated driver to take them home.

This will show children that not only is it unacceptable to get drunk, but that they shouldn't drive in that condition.

Holiday favorites such as rum cake and bourbon balls don't have to be off-limits to children, unless they are so heavily laden with alcohol that eating the treat would be the equivalent of one drink.

"They probably won't pass out from it. But if a teen has a drinking problem, stay away from food cooked with alcohol," Bumbera said.

Effects of imbibing hits young people hardest

By Kevin Lamb
N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — When doctors say alcohol is a depressant, they don't mean it makes people sad. More often, it makes people happy or giddy for no good reason.

That's because one of the main things alcohol depresses is the reasoning ability that tells us falling down and forgetting words in mid-sentence really isn't all that funny under most circumstances. Alcohol has its main effect on the central nervous system, says Dr. Roberta DiLego, a Children's Medical Center pediatrician, and that's why people drink it. The central nervous system has a lot to do with whether we're feeling good or bad. Alcohol numbs both the physical sensations that can be painful and the judgment process that can be self-critical. So when people say a drunk is "feeling no pain," they've got the right idea.

"It's a medication — a drug," DiLego says.

As doses rise, alcohol specifically depresses the part of the brain "that controls inhibitions," she says. It also lowers the nervous system's control of muscles and movement. In short, it makes people reckless and clumsy. It affects teen-agers more dramatically than most older people for two reasons. First, they haven't built up as much tolerance to the drug, "so they're affected by lower doses," DiLego says. Second, they're more inclined to take risks in the first place.

So alcohol and teen-agers are the combination of a drug that impedes good judgment with people who are still learning the difference between good judgment and bad.

"What tends to get them in trouble, even more than the actual consumption itself, is all the risk-taking behavior around it," DiLego says. "It's the driving, the increased sexual activity, the pregnancy, the rape, the violence, the suicide, the homicide, the chronic depression."

One drink is worth up to 0.02 millionths of a gram per deciliter in a person's blood level of alcohol, says Dr. Doug Teller, an addiction medicine consultant at Kettering Medical Center. "You start out with a warmth and relaxation, maybe feeling talkative and happy," DiLego says. As the blood level approaches 0.1, she says a person "becomes light-headed or giddy," with lowered inhibitions leading to less control over both thoughts and actions. "Impairment of muscle coordination and slower reaction times start to occur around .08," or after four drinks, she says, as do slurred speech, limb numbness and poor judgment.

The impact evolves to "impairment of even balance and movement" at 0.15, DiLego says, and lost balance, double vision and wide emotional swings at 0.2. "You are making judgments and decisions that you might not normally make." It can get worse, says Teller. Alcohol can depress the central nervous system to the point where it stops a person's breathing and causes death.

Few people die from drinking too much at once, but a lot of people die from the cumulative effects of long-term and heavy drinking. The same effect that leaves someone's throat and tongue feeling dry after a few drinks eventually dries out and damages all body tissues, especially in the liver.

Teen 'social drinker' fighting alcoholism

N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — The Dayton Daily News interviewed a 16-year-old junior from an area high school. To protect her privacy, she is quoted under a fictitious name. A guidance counselor confirmed the girl's story and said her experiences are typical.

It was during Christmas break in 1996 that Marie got sloppy drunk for the first time.

"It never took too much for me to get drunk, though," Marie said. "One or two drinks and I was wasted. I was such a lightweight."

It's easy for Marie to joke about her drinking now that it's been several months since her last drink. But she said it took less than a year for her to go from one drunken party to the realization that she's one of the people who will never be able to handle drinking.

"I can't believe I let it go so far," she said. "I thought I had to drink to have fun, and all I thought about was going somewhere to drink. I'd spend my time Monday planning where I was going to go out the next weekend.

"I never thought I'd be able to just stop drinking. I'm glad now I got in trouble. I would have just kept on doing it."

Marie said finding alcohol was never a problem, though she was only 15 when she started drinking regularly.

"There was so much alcohol around," she said. "You go to a party, and everybody is drinking and they look like they're having so much fun.

"I was always taught never to drink, but when a person's at a party they want to fit in. They don't want to be questioned about why they're not doing what everybody else is."

Marie said she drank enough at a Christmas break party in 1996 to get really drunk. "And I got really sick. After that I liked it."

Not every teen who has a first drink has the same reaction Marie did. Some try alcohol, and it makes little or no impression. Others start craving more immediately.

Marie's family heritage may help explain why her desire for alcohol spun out of control so quickly. "My father didn't drink, but my mother is a recovering alcoholic," she said. "All my mother's brothers were alcoholics and my father's father."

Marie's pattern of weekend drunkenness continued until her high school football team's homecoming game this fall.

"I don't really remember that much about it, but I know I came to the game really, really intoxicated," she said. "A teacher saw me stumbling around.

"They took me out of the stands. I was freaking out, crying and everything. It was pretty bad."

The incident led to a five-day suspension that wrecked Marie's grades for the first grading period. And she was referred to her school's substance abuse counseling program.

"At first I was really defensive about it. I just felt everybody was coming down on me all hard and everything just for making that one mistake. I hated everyone who thought I had a problem."

Through counseling, though, Marie started to understand the role alcohol had been playing in her life and the price she was paying for what she considered harmless partying.

"Part of it was about my mother and father being divorced. They were always competing for my love and that stressed me out so bad," she said. "I would drink and feel better, but then the next day the problems were still there."

Marie said she hasn't taken a drink in months and is motivated in part by trying to set a good example for her 11-year-old brother and supporting her boyfriend, who she recently persuaded to stop drinking.

"I never thought I could just stop drinking, but after a while you don't even want it anymore," she said. "My friends know I don't drink now, and they don't bother me about it. My friends don't pressure me to start again."

Now that Marie has her alcohol dependency under control it has given her a new perspective on others she sees drinking.

"There's this girl who's doing all the things I used to do, and I'm so scared for her it makes me want to cry," she said. "She's so pretty and everything, and I know how guys try to get you to drink so they can take advantage of you.

"I know the path she's on because I used to be on it."

Disco fever stayin' alive

Associated Press

They're stayin' alive. Stayin' alive. Stayin' ali-i-ve.

More than 20 years after John Travolta danced his way to stardom wearing a white polyester suit in "Saturday Night Fever," Generation X is discovering disco duds.

All signs point to a return to the '70s, if only momentarily, from films like "Boogie Nights" and "Ice Storm," to Paco Rabanne's fall ad campaign, which features Soul Train dancers and the velvet ropes of Studio 54, where anybody who was anybody (think Halston, Andy Warhol, Truman Capote) gathered to dance and party all night.

The '70s leisure suits, bell-bottom trousers and sequined halters could electrify a disco ball. Now they're back — and ready to party like it's 1979. Just like those status-label jeans, so popular during the heyday of Gloria Vanderbilt, Sergio Valente and Jordache.

So are Fiorucci jeans. (Company founder, Elio Fiorucci, a club-crawling fixture two decades ago, posed for a cameo in the upcoming film, "54.") Pair 'em with Candie's stiltlike sandals (yup, they're back, too).

Skinny and sequined is the name of the fashion game, says designer Betsey Johnson. "I like the sleazy, trashy extreme of it. And the pumping energy. So I've put the 'look' out there."

The "look"? Skintight pants gleaming in stretch metallics and hologram patterns. Johnson has also revived "the original satin spandex that I used when it was disco time. For the past year, I've popped into my collection those crazy, shiny sexy pants, and we've been doing great with them."

What's fueling the fad — thanks to improved technology — is "public acceptance of synthetic fabrics," says designer Todd Oldham. "In the '70s, synthetics were mimicking finer fabrics, but now they've taken on their own life."

"Qiana and Ultrasuede from that time were totally revolutionary fabrics," Oldham says. Now they've evolved into "really delicious synthetics."

One thing no one will miss: those hold-your-breath, suck-in-your-stomach, don't-you-dare-sit-down skintight jeans.

'Just what exactly are designers saying about disco?

Unless you're starring in the new film "Jackie Brown," when you party down, wear disco with a '90s twist.

In other words, go on and play that funky music. Just not too loud.

School conferences nerve-wracking for parent, teacher

By Mary J. Loftus
N.Y. Times News Service

Parent-teacher conferences are the fastest 15 minutes in most parents' lives.

How can you cram everything you want to know about your child's school experience into the time of one "Rugrats" episode? Especially while seated in those Lilliputian chairs, where your knees are almost holding your chin up. Parents want to make a good impression, to let the teacher know that we care deeply about both our child and their educations, but not so deeply that we will be pests. Parents want to be friendly and engaging, enough that the teacher will like us, and, in turn, maybe give our child a little extra encouragement or attention.

I want my son's teacher to know that when Adam wrote, "My granma told me abot wen my dad stibbed his lig with a nife," it doesn't mean our family is really a gang of raving lunatics who go around stabbing ourselves with kitchen utensils; but rather, was inspired by a humorous recounting of an unfortunate Boy Scouting incident involving a pocket knife, whittling, and bad aim.

And, lastly, I want her to know that we live with my 6-year-old, and we know how exasperating he can be at times, but he's also a brilliant, sensitive, creative child. Wouldn't she agree?

Now, what we actually get to do in the conference is shake hands, look over some of Adam's papers, spelling tests and math worksheets, ask about his drawing on the bulletin board, smile, shake hands, and struggle up from the tiny chairs to make way for the next smiling couple heading her way. Authors, of a parenting book, suggest that every parent should ask their child's teacher questions such as these:

- How do you help children develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline?
- How do you help children work on conflict-resolution skills?
- Do you involve children in group discussions about social issues and what they are learning?

No matter how many homemade brownies I brought to class, how many field trips I chaperoned, how many hours I volunteered at the library or copy center, I would never garner the gall it must take to ask these questions of a public school teacher.

They sound like an oral exam by an educational consultant. e questions as a parent. It's not that I don't think teachers could answer these questions — It's just that, if they have to answer them 26 times in one night, I might risk being "stibbed in the lig with a No. 2 pensil."

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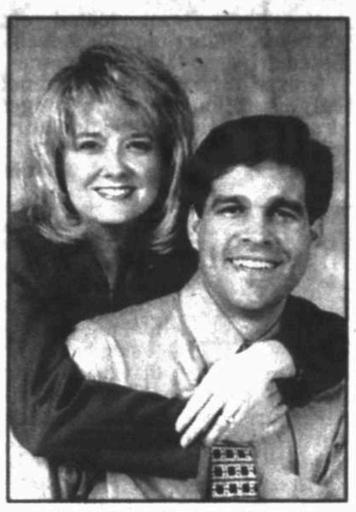
ENGAGEMENTS

HISEY-WYLES

Genevieve Susan Hisey of Midland and Michael Trey Wyles of Lewisville, are planning a 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 wedding in the First Baptist Church parlor in Midland.

Parents of the future bride are Janet S. Haney and Richard A. Garner, both of Midland. Parents of the future-groom are Michael and Judy Wyles of Pecos.

Miss Hisey was a 1985 graduate of Plano High School. She attended the University of North Texas and graduated from UTPB with her bachelor's degree. Her fiance graduated from Permian High School in 1985. He received his BBA in finance from the University of North Texas in 1989. He is employed with Cognos Corporation in Las Colinas.

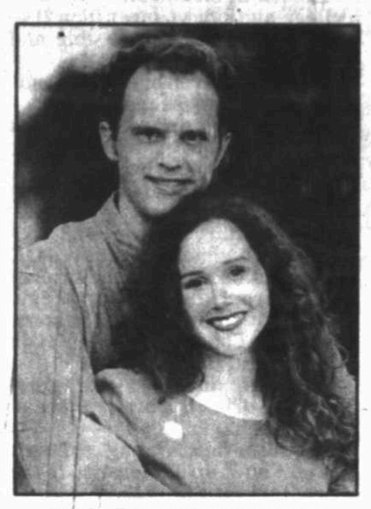


Genevieve Susan Hisey & Michael Trey Wyles

DUTTON-COOKSTON

Robin Elizabeth Dutton and Jeffrey Travis Cookston, both of Austin, are planning to be married the evening of July 4 at the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin. Parents of the bride-elect are Bob and Lettie Dutton of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Delryn Fleming and Skip Kilmer of Dallas, and Ron Cookston and Mary Koch of Houston.

Miss Dutton is a 1991 graduate of Lee High School and a 1995 graduate of Southwestern University, where she is currently employed. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. Her fiance graduated from Southwestern University in 1992 and earned a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997, where he currently is a doctoral candidate. He is employed with UT-Austin and Austin Community College. He is a member of Kappa Sigma and American Psychological Association.



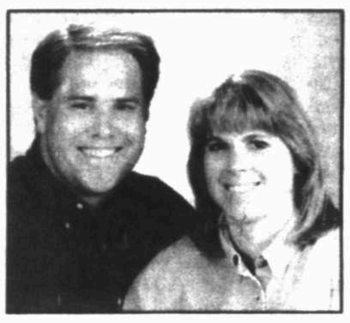
Robin Elizabeth Dutton and Jeffrey Travis Cookston

LARREMORE-NELSON

Former Midlander Melissa Ann Larremore of Burleson and William Rodgers Nelson of Fort Worth are planning a 7 p.m. March 7 wedding at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. The bride-elect is the daughter of Demetra Larremore of Fort Worth and Jack D. Larremore of Salaido.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Nelson of Amarillo.

Miss Larremore graduated from Midland High School in 1982 and from Texas Tech University in 1986 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology. She is employed with Federal Aviation Administration, and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Alumni, Texas Tech Exes Board and Forum Fort Worth, and is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Her fiance is a 1983 graduate of Amarillo High School. In 1989 he earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Texas Tech. A member of Texas Tech Exes, he is employed with Plastic Suppliers.



Melissa Ann Larremore and William Rodgers Nelson

DOSSEY-WOODS

Elizabeth Dossey and James Keith Woods, both of Midland, are planning a June 14 wedding.

Parents of the future bride are Shirly Anderson of Gardendale and Terry Dossey of Odessa. Parents of the future groom are Mr. and Mrs. James Woods of Midland.

Miss Dossey is employed with Darrell Dillard, CPA. Her fiance is employed with B.C. Operating, Inc.



Elizabeth Dossey & James Keith Woods

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple celebrates 70 years

Luther and Mallie Eggleston of Midland celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26 with a reception held at their home. They were honored by their children. They were given a gift shower on Dec. 21 by the members of Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church.

Luther Richard Eggleston and the former Mallie May Rich were married on Dec. 26, 1927, in Colorado City. They are the parents of Edith Meeks and Elda Allen. They have several grandchildren and several great-granchildren.

The couple has lived in Midland County since 1927.

Eggleston was a life-long farmer until his retirement in 1974. He was involved in the founding of the Greenwood Independent School District and is a lifetime school board member. Mrs. Eggleston worked as a cafeteria supervisor at Greenwood, was a sponsor of girls 4-H programs and is involved in many church activities.



Luther and Mallie Eggleston

Gifts of silver require maintenance

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Your new silver gifts come with the challenge of keeping them gleaming. Some tips from the Silver Information Center:

■ Before storing silver, wash and thoroughly dry each piece. Store it in an airtight drawer, a chest lined with a tarnish-preventive cloth, or in protective bags. Remember to rotate flatware, not using the same pieces for each meal. This will ensure the patina develops evenly.

■ Keep larger pieces such as trays, candlesticks and serving dishes in flannel cases or wrap them in acid-free tissue before putting them into a reclosable plastic bag. Never wrap silver in plastic food wrap, aluminum foil, or newspapers, and don't bind it with rubber bands.

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WEDDINGS

STEWART-GORE

ODESSA—Jacquilyn Diane Stewart of Midland and Mark Damon Gore of Odessa, were married 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at Temple Baptist Church in Odessa. The Rev. Stewart McWilliams officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart of Odessa. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. John Gore of Lubbock.

The maid of honor was Monica Calicchio of Friendswood. Bridesmaids were Karen Theus and Laura Griffin, both of Midland and Lynett Rios and Katie Kidd, both of Odessa. Brides matrons were Michelle Townsend of Austin and Tiffany Allen of Lubbock. Flower girls were Sawyer Buccy and Nicole Davidson, both of Odessa.

The best man was Mike Moore of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Robert Dukeshire of Indianapolis, Ind., Paul Porter of Brownfield, Matt Brunworth of Euless and J. Robinson, Ty Stewart and Tony Morgan, all of Odessa. Ushers were Rusty Edwards of Midland, Sammy Rice, Tony Morgan and Eli Kidd, all of Odessa and Kalynn Robinson of Conroe.

After a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple lives in Odessa.



Mrs. Mark Damon Gore

WYATT-BENSON

PLANO— Kari MeLyn Wyatt and Christopher Clark Benson, both of Allen were married 11 a.m. Jan. 3 in FUMC in Plano. The Revs. Elton Wyatt and Ralph Burke officiated.

Parents of bride are Jerry and Melody Wyatt of Allen. Parents of the groom are Lyle and Jody Benson of Allen.

Becky North of Plano served as the maid of honor. Bride attendants were sister of the bride, Karen Wyatt of Allen, sister of the groom, Lisa Lewis of Houston, Jennifer McCreary of Dallas, Holly Gaskill of Plano, Amanda Charlton of Starkville, Miss., Lauren Park of Rotan.

The best man was the groom's brother, Eric Benson of Allen. Groomsmen were Chris Wyatt, bride's brother, of Denver, Colo., Peter Streckewald of Germany, Ben Krieger of Houston, Rich Newman of College Station, Keith Gerhart of Abilene and Tanner Park of Rotan. Ushers were Richard Holt of Bryan, Terry Chapman, Billy Shell and Brad North, all of Plano and Scott Lengefeld of Houston. Ring bearer was Trey Groves of Rotan.

After a wedding trip to San Fransisco and Lake Tahoe, the couple will live in Columbia, S.C.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University. The groom is a student at the University of South Carolina.



Mrs. Christopher Clark Benson

ROBERTS-BELL

Rochelle Yvonne Roberts and Joe Ellis Bell, both of Midland, were married 6 p.m. Nov. 29 in St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Midland. The Rev. I.C. Cooper officiated.

Parents of the bride are the Rev. Ora L. Roberts and Charles E. Roberts, both of Midland.

Parents of the groom are Mrs. Pollye Bell and Mr. Landers Bell, both of Midland.

Sister of the bride, Michelle Roberts of Houston, served as the matron of honor. Teressa Roberts, of Midland, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor.

Bride attendants were Lachaora Roberts, Beverly Pardue, Kelly Petterson, Candice Roberts and Stephanie Hunter, all of Midland.

Flower girls were Destinee' Bolts of Houston, Shintaqua Bell and Blaze' Brockington, both of Midland.

Rodney Mackey of Midland, served as the best man. Groomsmen were brother of the bride, Marcus Roberts, Derrick Niblett, Darwin Cavil, Kevin Nelson and Larry Smith, all of Midland.

Ushers were Aaron King, Roland Dennis Dallas, brother of the groom and Randall Darek Dallas, brother of the groom, all of Austin. Ring bearer was Ryan King of Austin.

The couple lives in Midland.



Mrs. Joe Ellis Bell

CURTIS-McMILLEN

First Christian Church in Midland was the setting for the 7 p.m. Jan. 3 wedding of Elizabeth Claire Curtis of Midland and Matthew Ernest McMillen of Kingwood. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Lamb, pastor of Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Carolyn Curtis of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Dennis and Era McMillen of Kingwood.

Rachel Lynne Curtis of Midland was honor attendant for her sister.

Her other attendants were Jamie Zucal of Dundee, Mich.; Molly Ratliff of Dallas and Rachel McMillen of Kingwood. Lisa Dalgliesh of Midland was flower girl.

Jim Ivory of Kingwood served as best man.

The bridegroom's other attendants were John Feldman and Steve Treckman. Leslie LeGrande and Mike Macakanja were ushers. Dylan Drenk of Chicago was ring bearer.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will live in College Station.



Mrs. Matthew Ernest McMillen

Tying knot no cheap endeavor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wedding costs have risen since 1990 by nearly $4,000, to an average expenditure of $19,104, according to a national study commissioned by Bride's magazine.

Increases have risen across the board in nearly all of the 17 categories considered in the magazine survey. An exception is the outlay for music, with an average cost of $830, down from the $882 noted in 1990. The magazine attributes the drop to a trend toward hiring a disk jockey instead of live music.

The biggest single cost in a wedding remains the reception; average expenditure is $7,635 for about 200 guests, $1,735 more than in 1990. Other significant increases are for flowers ($756, up from $478) and photography-videography ($1,311, up from $908).

Other average expenditures, with lesser changes, are the engagement ring ($3,044), wedding rings for both bride and groom ($1,016), the wedding dress ($823), the bride's headpiece-veil ($166), five bridal attendants' apparel ($790), mother of the bride's apparel ($231), groom's rented formalwear ($95), formal wear for ushers and best man ($449).

Also, rehearsal dinner ($698), fees for clergy, church, chapel or synagogue ($232), limousine ($393), attendants' gifts ($308), and invitations, announcements and thank-you notes ($327).

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1997 Minuet Club Debutantes



Photo by Sam Hollis

The 1997 Minuet Club debutantes, presented Dec. 23 at the Petroleum Club, are, seated from left, Laura Childress, Kara Kidwell, Katherine Johnson, Amber Hightower and Samantha Bakke; and standing from left, Emily Conine, Angela Jones, Olivia Munzer, Caitlin Durham, Kathleen Kerr and Jennifer Johnson.

Lifestyle Policies

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary annoucements free of charge.

Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office.

All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10.

Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

Parents dream for their children's happiness

By Vicki Marsh Kabat
N.Y. Times News Service

Parents have dreams for their children. Serious ones and silly ones. We might dream our child will be president or get a solid hit while at the plate. These dreams are the mindless meanderings at 2 a.m. feedings as well as the fervent prayers at dusk.

When our first son was born, I had a good friend who gave birth a few months later to her first child, a daughter. In the first two years of their lives, the four of us spent a part of almost every day together. We compared diaper prices and nursing bras. We baked Christmas cookies and shared Labor Day picnics. We taught preschoolers in Vacation Bible School and took an exercise class three days a week.

Our babies rolled over on their blankets on the floor toward each other, pulled on each other's ears, threw the Cheerios at each other acros their high chair trays, and crawled after one another through our homes.

My friend and I, watching our children grow, dreamed that one day they might marry one another. It was a happy little dream, based 90 percent on fantasy and 10 percent on hope.

My friend and her family moved away after about two years and we've visited a few times since and written Christmas cards faithfully each year. Our children hadn't seen each other, though, for 11 years — since they were 6.

A few weeks ago, my friend called. Her daughter was coming to town for a school competition and wanted to stay with us, to get to know us again. I was surprised, but delighted. She rode into town with her school group on a bus and I was to pick her up at the mall. When the adult sponsor walked toward me with a statuesque brunette with lovely green eyes and a shy smile on her face, I felt my jaw drop.

"Is it you?" I gasped in surprise, reaching up to hug her. She laughed that it was and, just as I had when I first picked her up as a baby, I fell in love with her all over again.

We went out to dinner and our two children got to know each other all over again. They talked about honor classes in high school and books they'd read in English, about colleges and majors they were considering, about church activities and mission trips. They shared hopes and dreams of their futures as easily as they once had shared Fisher Price toys and Big Bird dolls.

At home, we pulled out pictures from the kids' infancy and laughed and exclaimed over them. I told story after story until the kids' eyes began to glaze over, at which point my husband dragged me away to bed and our son went to a friend's house.

As soon as our door was closed, I twirled around the room excitedly. "It's just like a dream," I whispered to my husband, so as not to be overheard. "They were babies together, here they are again getting along so well and they might go to the same college. It's just perfect!" I enthused. "Look," I said, holding up a picture of the two of them together as infants. "We can put this on the table at their wedding reception!"

"Honey," my husband yawned sleepily. "This isn't a romance novel."

What do practical husbands know? It's the dreams of mothers that propel the universe. I smiled confidently to myself and thought, "It could be."

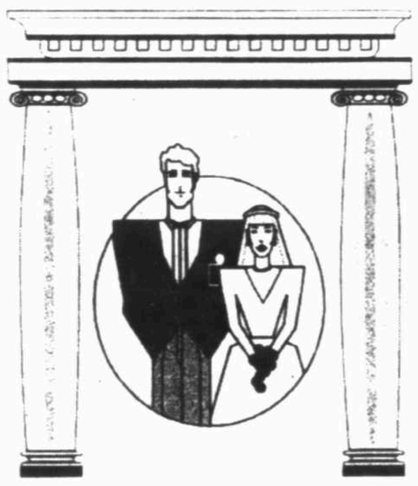
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— Vicki Marsh Kabat, daydreaming mother.

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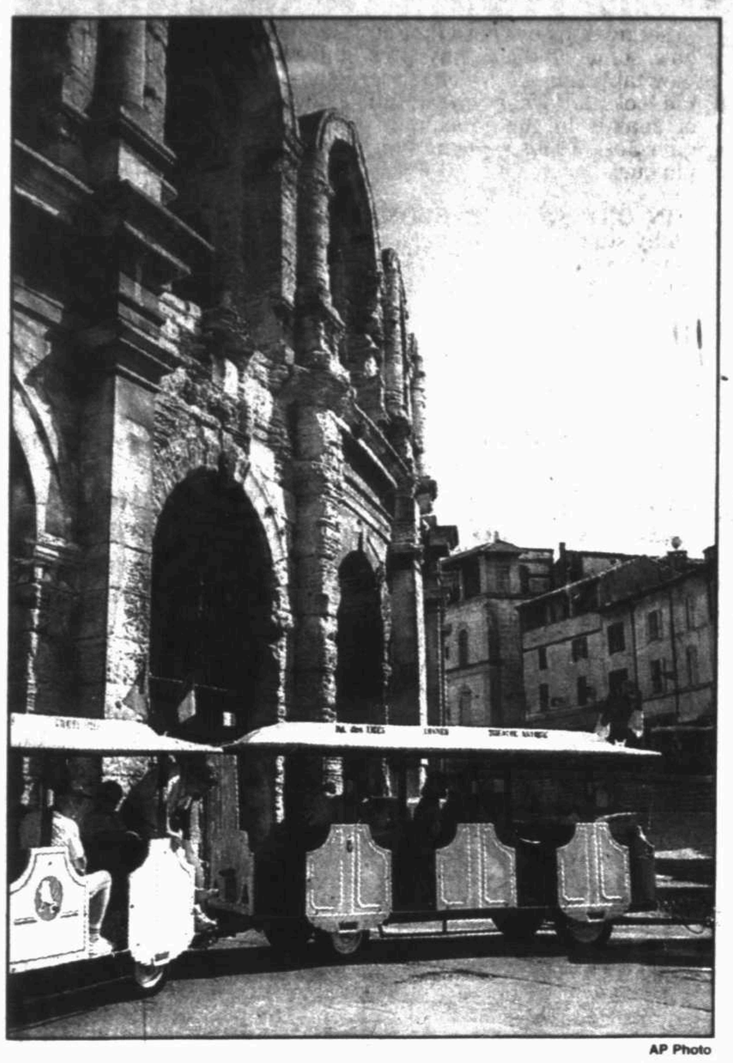
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Open-air tourist cars, far left, take tourists to the ancient Roman amphitheater in Arles, France. Attendees watch a bullfight, left, in the amphitheater where gladiators once fought to the death and Christians were thrown to the lions.

South of France site of bullfights, cowboys, city of Roman ruins

By David L. Langford
Associated Press

ARLES, France — In this Provencal city of Roman ruins, the schizoid artist Vincent van Gogh, probably whacked out on absinthe, went bonkers and sliced off his ear. He presented it to a local prostitute, the story goes.

In a majestic amphitheater the Romans built here, Les Arenes Romaines, gladiators whacked each other to eternity and the minority Christians were fed to lions and other beasts just for the hell of it.

Blood still flows in that same arena, but these days it's the animals that are the losers. Arles is one of the few cities in southern France that allow bullfighting the Spanish way. That is, when a bull leaves this ring the next stop is the butcher's shop.

Like van Gogh, the bull loses an ear. It goes as a trophy to the matador.

Much to the chagrin of animal rights activists, attendance at bullfights in the South of France has increased impressively over the past 10 years or so and nobody is sure why. The Arles arena, which seats 20,000, is usually almost full. Annual attendance nationwide is upward of 600,000.

Festivities such as the running of the bulls that put Pamplona, Spain, on the map are also spreading in the small towns and villages across the Provence and Languedoc regions of southern France.

Bullfighting in Provence usually begins in February and runs through October. In Arles, festivities during La Feria Pascale over the three-day Easter weekend focus on bullfights. During the month of October bullfights are held every Saturday and Sunday. Most of the bulls are raised locally.

It was in the Arles arena in 1989 that France's greatest bullfighter, Nimeno II, was hooked and thrown to the ground by a 1,210-pound bull. The matador landed on his neck, broke two vertebrae and was left paralyzed. He later committed suicide.

Up the road in the neighboring, rival city of Nimes, a 21-year-old matador was placed under investigation for cruelty to animals in June for killing five bulls just to entertain some friends at a party.

It was also in Nimes two years ago that Cristina Sanchez was promoted to matador after killing the required 60 smaller-size bulls as a novice. The 24-year-old Spaniard was the first woman to achieve that status in Europe.

There's no evidence that van Gogh was a fan of bullfighting, which was introduced to France in 1853 at the urging of Empress Eugenie, the Spanish-born wife of Napoleon III.

Van Gogh left Paris in 1888 and spent a frenzied 15 months in Arles, excited about the colors of the region, the cobalt blue sky. He felt the people of Arles were "more artistic than in the north in their own persons and manner of life."

HE PAINTED the few friends he made, the flowers and roads of Provence, a bridge over the Rhone River, the river at night, his chair and pipe, cafes and streets, the yellow house where he lived.

His paintings of the original Cafe de Nuit, the Pont de Trinquetaille and the Jardin d'Hiver are among his best.

A self-portrait he painted here in 1888 sold for $26.4 million at an auction at Christie's in New York in 1990.

VAN GOGH NEVER sold a painting and committed suicide at age 37.

Perhaps it was fitting that this city of ancient edifices was home to the world's oldest human being (according to the Guinness Book of World Records) until she died in August at age 122.

Jeanne Calment, who claimed she knew van Gogh as a young girl, was riding a bicycle around town and released a "rap" record around the time of her 120th birthday. She told reporters at the time there was no real secret to her longevity.

"I took pleasure when I could," she said. "I acted clearly and morally and without regret. I'm very lucky."

The first inhabitants of Arles probably were the Greeks, who arrived from Marseille in the sixth century B.C., but it was the Romans who left the deepest footprints.

Arles stands on the left bank of the Rhone where the river divides. Once a major port, it was a commercial crossroads for merchants on their way from Rome to Spain or northern Europe.

The city used to sit on the edge of the Mediterranean, but over the centuries silt from the river pushed back the water so that today it is in the middle of the Camargue region, a unique ecosystem of pastures, dunes and marshes.

The Camargue is France's cowboy country, known for its black bulls (raised for the bullfight arena), white horses and pink flamingoes. Arles, a former capital of Gaul, was an important city at the time of the invasion of Julius Caesar, who favored developing the city economically and culturally over the Mediterranean port city of Marseille to the south. Arles was pillaged in A.D. 270, but restored and embellished by Constantine, who made it his principal home and founded Trinquetaille.

After the fall of the Roman Empire the city passed into the hands of the Visigoths and rapidly declined. It was plundered by the Saracens in 730, but in the 10th century became the capital of the kingdom of Arles.

Arles, with its twisting narrow streets, is built around the Arenes. The Romans also built a theater nearby, where the famous Venus of Arles was discovered in 1651.

DURING THE SUMMER the ruins of the Theatre Antique host classical concerts as well as dance and theater performances.

On the central Place de la Republique stand the hotel-de-ville, a museum and the Cathedral of St. Trophime. Founded in the 7th century, the cathedral has been rebuilt several times. Its chief portal, 12th-century Romanesque, is a masterpiece.

The museum, occupying an old Gothic church, is rich in Roman remains and early Christian sarcophagi.

There is also a museum of Provencal arts and crafts founded by the poet F. Mistral, an ancient obelisk, the ruins of the Baths of Constantine, the forum and the remains of Roman ramparts and aqueducts. A Roman cemetery known as the Alis-camps consists of an avenue bordered by tombs.

The best way for visitors to become oriented in Arles is on the open-air tour train that snakes through the city's narrow, winding streets where cars are not allowed. It leaves from the tourist information center in the heart of the town. Special events during the year include Les Premices du Riz, the Rice Festival, Sept. 5-6. The celebration begins with the election of an "ambassadrice" (woman ambassador) who comes up the Rhone to Arles where she is welcomed by gardiens (Camarguais horsemen. Several processions through town are capped with a parade of gardiens and folkloric dances performed by women decked out in their Arlesian costumes and lace headdresses.

Art lovers perhaps gravitate to Cafe van Gogh, located on the site of the original Cafe de la Nuit. It's an evocative place to sit and absorb the sights and sounds of Place du Forum and contemplate why the artist mutilated his ear.

Olympic winter game packages still offered

By Joseph Siano
N.Y. Times News Service

Americans who are suddenly struck with the Olympic spirit (and who have the gold and silver to indulge it) can still find tickets and even tour packages for the Winter Games, to be held in Nagano, Japan, Feb. 7-22.

The official U.S. ticket seller for the XVIII Winter Games is Cartan Tours, 1334 Parkview Ave., Suite 210, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; (800) 818-1998, fax (310) 546-8433.

Don Williams, Cartan's vice president, said that as of Wednesday, there were five double rooms left on a tour leaving Los Angeles Feb. 4 and returning Feb. 12; 15 rooms on a tour Feb. 10 to 17, and seven rooms on a tour Feb. 15 to 23.

The packages include flights between Los Angeles and Tokyo on All Nippon Airways, transfers, accommodations in the Cypress Hotel in Karuizawa (about an hour from Nagano city), guaranteed Olympics tickets to a selected menu of events, transportation to events on Cartan's own bus system (or the Olympic transportation system if more convenient) and full breakfast daily.

The Feb. 10 departure costs from $4,625 to $5,425 a person, double occupancy, with five days at the Games and tickets to eight events. The Feb. 4 and 15 departures, also with five days at the Games, have tickets to nine or 10 events, including the opening or closing ceremony, at $5,165 to $5,900 a person.

Each package includes at least one session of figure skating and men's hockey, the latter especially attractive because these Winter Games will be the first in which National Hockey League stars will compete.

Cartan also sells its packages without the Games tickets, in order to allow customers to pick their own menu of Olympic events. And for those who have made their own transportation and room reservations, Cartan will sell tickets to individual events.

They cost from $25 for standing room at such events as skiing, luge and bobsledding, to $403 for a seat at the opening ceremony.

The final in men's hockey and most figure skating sessions were sold out Wednesday.

The final in women's hockey — a first-time Olympic sport that is creating a big buzz — is a scarce ticket.

The United States and Canada, the absolute powerhouses in the women's ice hockey game, are expected to play for the gold.

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Young girls display doll clothes that children can learn to make. Members from the local Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will teach classes on making the doll clothes at a mother/daughter tea and fashion show Feb. 8. The needlework classes will be age appropriate.

Guild to host mother/daughter tea doll fashion show, sewing sessions

Staff Reports

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will host "An Afternoon of Fashion and Stitching with the American Girls," a mother/daughter tea and doll clothes making classes 1:30-5 p.m. Feb. 8.

The event will be conducted in the Family Center of Golf Course Road Church of Christ. The children's needle arts and crafts classes will be age appropriate.

Participants may register for one or two needlework sessions and then attend a "fancy" tea and fashion show presenting handmade, heirloom garments and doll costumes from guild members' personal collections. A mini-marketplace of local doll vendors will offer doll furniture, clothing, books and accessories for sale. Door prizes will be given away.

Children must be of kindergarten age or older. Classes offered (based on the American Girl Dolls and books) are "Felicity's Finery," "Weaving With Josefina," "Kirsten's Crafts," "Addy's Handiwork," "Samatha's Surprise," "Molly's Knitted Cap," and the "Doll of Today."

Cost is $25 per mother/daughter pair, with all kits included.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. Class size is limited and deadline to register is Jan. 31. Enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information and registration forms, call 687-0320.

Grandmother uses American Girl doll to bring history of WWII to life

By Linda Weltner
N.Y. Times News Service

My granddaughter is longing for an American Girl doll so I have been browsing through the catalog. Each of the six American Girl dolls represents a historical era in American life and comes with a series of books that describes her life. There's Felicity, who grew up in Williamsburg, Va., in 1774; Josefina, a Hispanic girl raised in New Mexico in 1824; Kirsten, a pioneer on the plains of Minnesota; Addy, an African-American girl who lived through the Civil War in 1864; Samantha, a Victorian child of 1904; and Molly, experiencing the impact of World War II in 1944.

Wait a minute! Did they say 1944? Are they talking about a child who's close to my age, suggesting that she represents ancient history? What kind of stories can they tell about her and what can those stories possibly say to a child of the '90s? I found all five of the Molly books, written by Valerie Tripp, at the library. When I started reading them to Jessie, my past came rushing back in a flood.

Molly's father is away at war. I told Jessie how breathlessly we awaited my dad's notice from the draft board, how it came just days after he broke his leg skating, and how he was too old to join the Army by the time his leg healed. Molly's mother works for the Red Cross, and suddenly I recalled my mother studying a chart of airplane silhouettes so that she could become an enemy airplane spotter. I even remembered hiding in our darkened living room during an air-raid drill.

MOLLY, WHO HAS straight hair, wants curly hair. So did I. Desperately. Molly considers trying one of the newfangled home permanents while I dreaded having my hair scorched by electric curling machines and was delighted when home permanents were finally invented. Molly's sister sleeps in pin curls. I complained to Jessie about having to set my hair every night and how some of the bobby pins inevitably fell out, which made me look as if I had a head full of snakes in the morning. I gave Jessie a lesson in making pin curls.

IN ONE OF THE BOOKS Molly studies tap dancing and gets to perform in a recital. So did I. No pictures of my debut have survived, but I can recall every detail of the white satin dress with four-leaf clovers on it that I wore for the class number. I can still see the blue taffeta with gold trim in which I did my solo dance.

I got so carried away remembering that performance that I got up and showed Jessie a few tap steps I didn't even know were still in my repertoire.

Molly goes to camp and gets involved in color war.

I DESCRIBED TO Jessie how I was a counselor at a camp in New York when one of the blue team accused me, a white captain, of playing favorites when I refereed a rowboat race.

I told Jessie how upset I was to be called up on charges before the judges holding court in the camp cafeteria, and how I was ultimately found innocent. Then I explained that I made a decision to quit a week before camp ended because competition had made everyone so mean spirited and angry.

When Molly gets a Tootsie Roll Pop at Halloween, I told Jessie how one of my campers once found a Tootsie pop without a chewy center. With my encouragement, she sent her complaint to the company and our bunk got a whole box of Tootsie Pops free. (Do kids still do that?) I described Victory gardens (Neither Molly's tomatoes nor ours ever got big enough to eat.) and rationing, and saving tinfoil in balls, and how much fun it was in fifth grade to cut up towels and hem them into washcloths before packing them up with toothbrushes and soap and sending them to our boys overseas. I got to tell her about V-E Day and V-J Day.

I hadn't thought about those in years.

All these wonderful details were so deeply buried in my memory banks that I doubt I would ever have shared any of them without Molly's stories creating the perfect context. It's one thing to drop a "When I was your age..." into the conversation when so much is happening that there's no time to go into detail. It's another to have all the time in the world to sit down together over a book.

Jessie bought herself Molly paper dolls at her school book fair, so when she comes to visit these days, she carefully cuts out clothes from the '40s while I read and reminisce. A fine time is had by all. Jessie, however, decided that she didn't really want Molly for Christmas.

Why should she? She's got me.

'Molly's mother works for the Red Cross, and I suddenly I recalled my mother studying a chart of airplane silhouettes so that she could become an enemy airplane spotter. I even remembered hiding in our darkened living room during an air raid drill ... I got to tell her about V-E Day and V-J Day. I hadn't thought about those in years.'

— Linda Weltner, a grandmother discussing her memories of WWII

Club News

LT. WILLIAM BREWER CHAPTER, NSDAR

Lt. William Brewer Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met for Christmas tea at the home of Mrs. Harvey Herd.

PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER, POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Permian Basin Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas met for a Christmas party in the Anne Hathaway cottage in Odessa with 19 members and three guests attending. Hostesses were Colleen Beeson and Madie Prather. Alice Greenwood played the piano accompaniment to the singing of Christmas songs. Ms. Prather provided the entertainment performing a monologue while costumed as Mrs. Santa Claus.

Members read Christmas poems and exchanged Christmas ornaments.

The club presented a gift to retiring president Doris Duncan.

Ms. Duncan gave members a book of poems written by the club participants.

New officers for 1998 were recognized. Refreshments were served.

MIDLAND RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Midland Retired Teachers Association held a holiday open house in the home of Fran and Gene Schutte with 75 members and guests attending. Members collected canned food items for Our Savior's Lutheran Church pantry for the needy.

Greg Pysh played seasonal piano selections. The hospitality committee served refreshments.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Virginia Earhart, who presented a program on "The Oddest Things on Life."

Neva Garvin introduced her guest, Mayra Wiggins.

Six other members also attended.

Grandmother bridges generation gap

By Irene Gunther
N.Y. Times News Service

I was going to spend Thanksgiving at my son's house, as I did nearly every year. Only this year was different. This year I was looking forward to my visit with something like apprehension.

The reason was Sarah.

Sarah was my first grandchild, and there has always been a special bond between us when she was small. She came last summer, when she was 12 and on the verge of adolescence, and I'd worried a bit that she was getting too old to enjoy spending time alone with her grandmother.

I needn't have. As it turned out, we found so many things to do, and had so much to learn from each other. Sarah taught me how to dance the macarena, patiently going through the movements, giggling at my mistakes.

We exchanged confidences and swapped clothes; I wore her denim hat; she borrowed the polka dot shirt she'd seen in my closet. And both of us were sorry to see the visit come to an end.

But that was last summer. In the meantime, Sarah had become a teen-ager. I'd been hearing for months how she'd changed, how she would spend hours on the phone or on the Internet talking to her friends, how she now preferred rock music to reading, how she'd papered her walls with cutouts of movie stars and rock groups. Her favorite activity was going to the mall, her least favorite spending time with her parents.

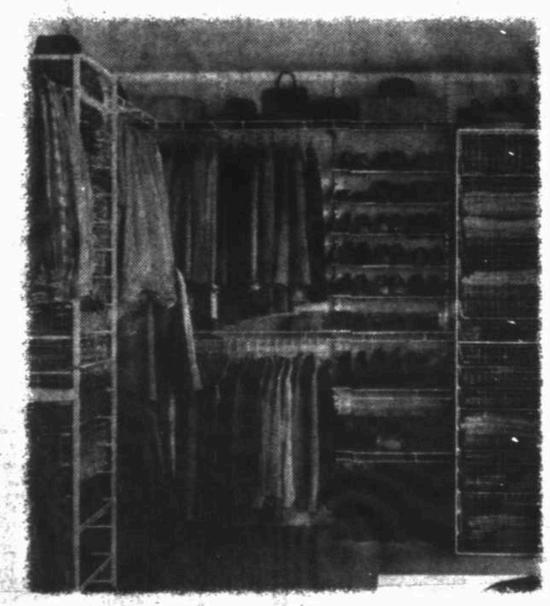
On Thanksgiving Day she sat politely through dinner, then rushed off to the phone at the first possible moment. The following day was taken up with a morning trip to the mall, lunch with a friend, a party in the evening. I'd hoped to spend a few minutes with her after she got home, but she was in a hurry to get back to the phone and the computer, eager, I guessed, to rehash in minute detail the events of the day. I woke up a little sad the next morning. I would be leaving around noon and Sarah, being a night owl, wasn't likely to get up much before then.

But around 11, she appeared in the kitchen, bleary-eyed, and flopped into a chair beside me. "I told Mom to wake me up," she mumbled and gave me a wan smile.

After she'd drunk some orange juice and come to a little, we curled up on the couch to watch a video, Sarah snuggling close as she had when she was little.

Well, that's more like it, I thought. Then the phone rang and it was for her, and I resigned myself to her disappearing once again. But instead, I heard her say, "I'm with my grandma. I'll call you back later," and that's when I felt myself melt inside.

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Spring registration

Students who missed early registration for spring can register this week—8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center.

Late registration is 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12-16 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Center.

Since holiday expenses can take a bite out of the family budget, Midland College offers a tuition payment plan that requires 50 percent down and two payments during the semester of 25 percent each. There is a $20 fee for all payment plans. For payment instructions, please contact the cashier at 685-4531.

The Student Services staff strongly encourages all students to seek out an academic advisor from their major area concerning courses needed and scheduling before registering.

Counselors are generally available 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Call 685-4501 for an appointment.

Counselors can help advise students on the TASP test, a state-required test for students in Texas public colleges and universities. For information about the TASP test, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

Postal cancellation stamp

A pictorial cancellation stamp of the Midland College 25th anniversary seal will be available at two Midland postal stations through Jan. 18.

Persons wishing to have their personal mail stamped with the special cancellation can take mail to the downtown post office or to Claydesta Station. The stamp is available by request only. Persons interested in the cancellation as a collector's item can send a stamped envelop to Midland College Station, P.O. Box 60000, Midland, TX 79711 with a request for the special stamp.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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Saturday classes put weekends to work

Career and family responsibilities can make it hard to attend college during weekdays or at night.

Weekend College at Midland College continues to be an option that gives students a greater variety of choices for taking classes.

Weekend College at MC gives students the benefits of regular weekday college by offering classes that will help them earn a degree or certificate.

And, Weekend College gives students access to all college services including counseling, financial aid, computer labs, bookstore, testing and the library.

This spring, 26 classes will be offered in business, computers, English, government, history, health sciences, management, office systems technology, psychology and math.

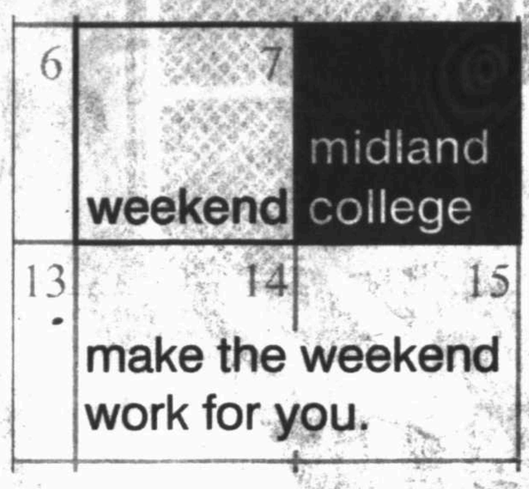
Weekend College courses meet Saturdays, and courses are offered in six-week and 12-week sessions. The first six-week session and the 12-week session begin Jan. 24, and registration is through Jan. 29. The second six-week session begins March 21, and registration is through March 26.

Regular college fees apply for Weekend College.

Students may register during the regular registration period in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center, or they may begin the registration process the day classes begin in room 145 of the Technology Center.

The Weekend College clerk will make arrangements for a counselor to follow up with the student to complete the registration process and pay fees.

Anyone who has been admitted to MC can attend Weekend College courses. Regular Texas Academic Skills Program exam requirements apply to Weekend College students. And, some classes may require placement testing or have certain prerequisites.



Management: taking care of business

■ The MC management program is helping students keep pace with changes in the business world because "doing business the old way is no longer good enough."

By Elise Coombes

Companies are changing the way they do business. Emphasis is being placed on a customer orientation, improving quality, and adding value, according to MC management instructor Ron Sweatt.

"Nothing is simple anymore, and change is a fact of life," Sweatt said about today's business environment.

"To remain competitive in today's global economy, companies are adopting new technologies, restructuring work and adopting other high performance work practices," he said.

"Doing business, the same old way is no longer good enough."

To meet these challenges, the management program at MC is providing instruction consistent with workplace needs, Sweatt said.

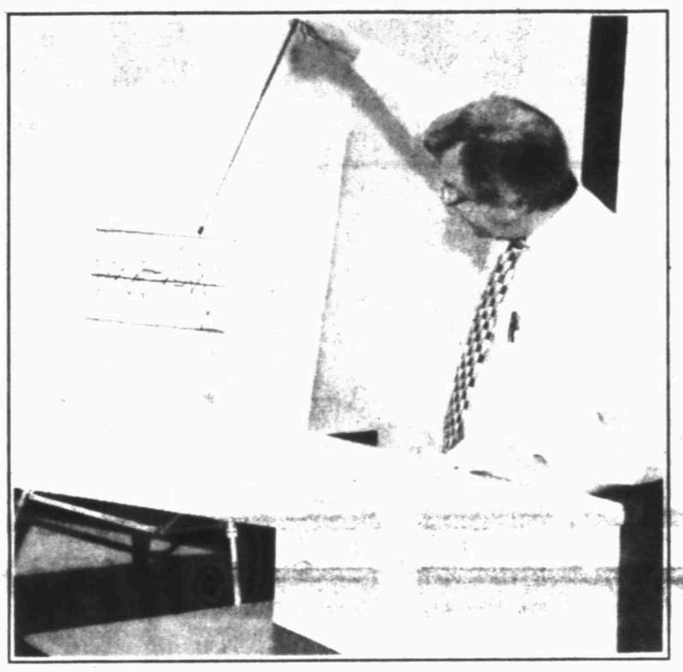
Courses are designed to give students the knowledge and skills needed to successfully manage in today's organizations.

Student Bill Lentner, who will graduate in December with an associate degree in computer science, said his management courses have helped teach him the value of communication skills.

"Communication is an important factor in the way we do business. The world is shrinking, and the importance of good communication is growing," he said.

"Decisions are often made on the basis of how facts are presented through communication skills."

Sweatt said courses can help students meet several different goals. Courses can:



Improving communication skills: Management student Bill Lentner gives a speech on how to hold effective meetings.

—Give additional training to students already in first-line supervision or higher management positions and those wanting to qualify for such positions.

—Help students prepare for entry-level positions by giving them college credit for on-the-job training in the field of management through cooperative work experience.

—Assist entrepreneurs with developing managerial skills for success in a changing environment.

"All courses have a basic premise of continuous quality improvement and provide specific knowledge and skills related to business operations such as marketing or human resources," Sweatt said.

Management courses have become more valuable because "changes in the way a firm does business will not be effective unless, or until, it also changes the way in which it is managed," Sweatt said.

Downsizing, reducing cost, getting leaner and more efficient has lead to large reductions in the number of managers and redefined who a manager is and what a manager does, Sweatt said.

So, MC management courses help students understand how their jobs may qualify them as managers.

Course offerings for the spring semester include: human relations/motivation in management, merchandising mathematics, personnel/human resource management, cooperative work experience, communications in management, introduction to supervision, principles of retailing, principles of public relations, and management decision making.

For information about the Management program, contact Ron Sweatt, 685-4665, or be e-mail: rlobo@midland.cc.tx.us.

REBECCA BUCHANAN

Student reaps rewards by volunteering

■ The following is an excerpt from one of the winning entries in the Abell-Hanger Essay contest about the value of volunteer work for MC students.

As a recipient of the Abell-Hanger scholarship, I have been given the opportunity to continue my education, to make new friends and accumulate memories that will last a lifetime. One requirement of the Abell-Hanger scholarship is to volunteer your time. I volunteered more than 40 hours at Trinity Towers Retirement Center.

> **"I am so thankful that I could help make their days better by just being there."**

Volunteering at Trinity Towers taught me valuable lessons: that each moment of life is very precious and how wonderful it feels to brighten someone's day. Before I began volunteering, I dreaded having to sit with the elderly. However, the first afternoon I spent with them, I soon realized how much fun it was.

The senior citizens were so lively, happy and friendly. I cannot express how special I felt when they would tell me how much they enjoyed seeing me each time I came back, It was no longer a chore for me to go volunteer, but instead it was a reward.

Volunteering opened my eyes to the older generation. Most of them were lonely and needed someone to talk to. I will never forget how grateful a particular resident was when I sat next to her during a birthday party and listened as she told me all about her children. After she left, I felt so grateful that I could be there for her. I takes so little to brighten up their day, and I am so thankful that I could help make their days better by just being there.

From these experiences, I have learned how to be more respectful toward the elderly and really listen to what they have to say. Their wisdom, strength and attitudes toward life have enriched my life greatly, and they have given me an insight to the philosophies of life that I might never have attained.

I will always cherish the time I gave to the residents of Trinity Towers and the strength they gave to me. My new friends have made me a better person, and I am the one who has reaped the greatest reward.

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Above, cast members look up to Jerrod Moore, as Jesus Christ on the cross. Bottom, Brett Tate and Ashley McWilliams, foreground, listen as Justin Evans reads from a book as Laurel Rhodes and Cassie Coker surround him.

"Godspell"

Midland Community Theatre's Pickwick Players stage rock musical

The Yucca Theatre will radiate with energy this month when Midland Community Theatre's Pickwick Players present "Godspell."

"This is a fabulous opportunity for the kids," Director Tracy Goodwin said. "It has all the elements in it that they do so well.

"All those elements are related to their youthful energy. The wonderful characters that they get to play are very fun and energized. You add on top of that dancing and singing, and it becomes a wonderful show for them. And the message is something that we work for all the time down here in Pickwickland — really treat each other with love and kindness."

Rated as a family musical and sponsored by Conoco, tickets are $10 for members, $12 for the public and $8 with a bonus coupon.

Groups of 15 or more who are attending the same performance may receive half-price tickets with advance reservations. Curtain at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., is at 8 p.m. Jan. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 and 18. For reservations, call Cole Theatre's box office, 682-4111.

Based upon the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the rock musical is being staged in the 20th century.

"The set is Grandma's attic, and we expand the decades of the 1920s through the 1990s with our costumes, with our choreography, with our props," Ms. Goodwin said. By working on "Godspell," the Pickwicks, MCT's youth performing troupe, "have learned so much about how things evolved in America over the last 70 years."

The time transitions represent part of the challenge in presenting Ms. Goodwin's concept for "Godspell."

"The hardest part is switching from time period to time period," said Cassie Coker, a student at Midland High School. "It's a totally different style for each period."

For the musical, the Pickwicks have learned numerous period dances including the Charleston and '70s disco line dancing. The dancing has a special appeal for Miss Coker.

"I love the musical, especially (those) with the dancing in them because that's what I love," Miss Coker said. "And the dances in 'Godspell' are so much fun."

In telling in parables the story of Jesus's life on earth and his work with the apostles through the time of his crucifixion, the musical also requires the thespians to stretch their emotional base.

"The Pickwicks are doing a level of drama that we have never done before," said Kelly Rathbone, who attends Trinity High School.

"It's very intense. That's the hardest thing to do."

Laurel Rhodes, a student at Midland High School, agreed.

"The hardest thing is to be able to get into the emotions of the characters," Miss Rhodes said. "It's such a deep idea that we are portraying and to reach perfection is something that is incredibly difficult."

The different characters each act out numerous parts and sing such favorites as "Day by Day" and "Bless the Lord My Soul."

"We go from some of the happiest of times to some really extremely sad times," said Justin Evans, who attends Lee High School. The show's theme "touches the actors when we do it plus it touches the audience. We're not only showing the emotions. We're actually feeling them when we perform on the stage."

The musical requires of its performers that they "get real," Ms. Goodwin said. "They have to deal with real powerful emotions because of the subject matter. They're dealing with a man who is their friend who has a certain course of events that he has to fulfill. 'Godspell' is really a journey and to get in touch with a lot of that is challenging for teen-agers."

Also in the chorus are Morgan Merritt, Rhianon Lobato, Ashley McWilliams, Laurel Rhodes, Jeremy Wood and Justin Tate. Stephanie Rhodes is the percussionist, and Matt Hinkley plays the guitar.

Jerrod Moore portrays Jesus, and Clayton Cross is Judas. Stage manager is Jhenai Mootz.

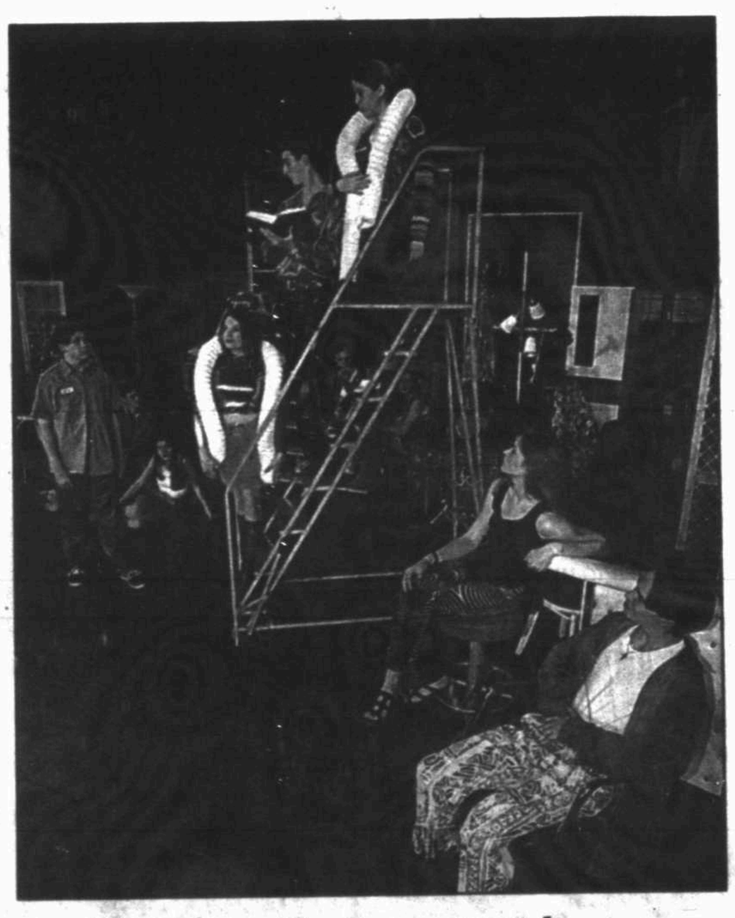
"I feel that this is the best opportunity that we've had so far in Pickwicks," said Moore, a freshman at Trinity High School.

"And I'm very excited to be getting the opportunity to be a part of it."

For Miss Rhodes and Miss Rathbone, the musical holds a special gift.

"What I really like about 'Godspell' is the chance to portray something that I believe in personally," Miss Rhodes said.

"It's another great way to share the Gospel with people," Miss Rathbone said. "I think we're going to have some of the audience members wanting to get up and dance with us."



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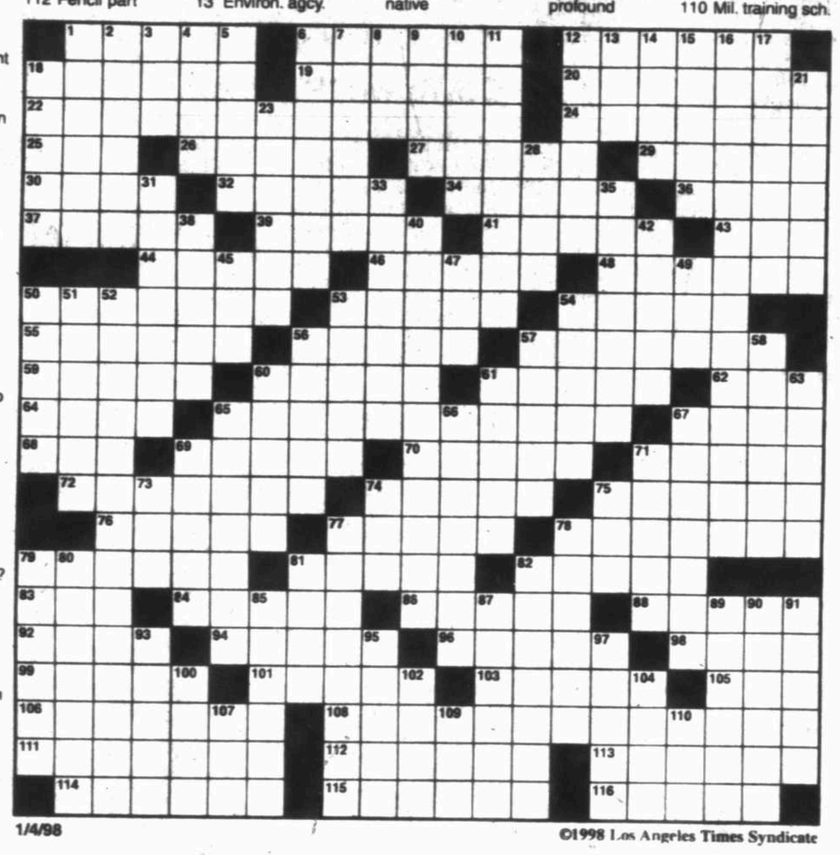
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

"TYING ONE ON"
By JUDITH MCLEAN

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Furs, fancy cars, etc.
6 Tippies
12 — the thought!
18 Heretofore, before
19 Skin condition
20 Type of mining
22 Hook-to-line attachment
24 Flowering tropical shrub
25 Fast flier
26 A Supreme
27 Fortune teller
29 Makes an impression
30 Yalies
32 Country's Campbell et al.
34 Meets one's Waterloo
36 Enumerate
37 Woody element in plant stems
39 Type of soda
41 Interconnection
43 Frat letters
44 Lovey- —
46 Lawn equipment
48 Coastal bays
50 Steeps, as tea
53 Christie and Karenina
54 Speak off the cuff
55 Windshield spray
56 By chance
57 Country at zero latitude
59 Building projections
60 Jet
61 Skids
62 Know, in Kensington
64 Exclamations
65 Grandma's pes?
67 Obfuscate
68 "— Man River"
69 One of five
70 Taper a timber
71 Elder or Younger Roman
72 Trans-Siberian RR city
74 Flaming
75 Ogres
76 Yucky murk
77 Threadbare
78 Most simple
79 Untouchable caste
81 Bridgelike game
82 Temporary shelters
83 Author Rand
84 Ross, for one
86 A home on the range
88 Flower part
92 Endure
94 Wanders
96 Hang loose
98 Asian garment
99 Provencal love songs
101 Takes a break
103 Ancient Brits
105 Wheel part
106 Logging machine
108 Oater knot
111 Earthworm, e.g.
112 Pencil part
113 Remus and Wiggley
114 Ford models
115 Chow, more formally
116 German industrial city

DOWN
1 Like King's tales
2 Hearty soup
3 Gerund ending
4 Gave the facts
5 German author Arnold
6 Chow house
7 Gasoline rating
8 Light wts.
9 Airships: Abbr.
10 Computer communication
11 Surgeon, unkindly
12 Thumb
13 Environ. agcy.
14 Split apart
15 Computer giant, for short
16 Senor's knot?
17 Gives clues
18 Earl of — Devereux
21 Takes a bite
23 Metal residues
28 North Sea feeder
31 Leads astray
33 Former Georgia senator
35 Gets the upper hand
38 Role for Heston
40 Knob-like knot
42 Marner
45 Poetry: Abbr.
47 Knack
49 Ovine disease
50 Gem state
51 Kathmandu native
52 Angler's bow
53 Sneezeweed
54 An angle
56 Side
57 Hasten to wed
58 Golf games
60 Crystal form
61 Small drum
63 Romantic rendezvous
65 Bolder
66 Clicked needles
67 Makes hallow
69 Marshes
71 Pub portions
73 Family
74 Greek nickname
75 Watery lowland
77 One of the sharks
78 Become more profound
79 Type of golf ball
80 Glassy
81 "— Only Just Begun": Carpenters
82 Cozy place?
85 "All the — a stage"
87 Starts the pump
89 Conditional freedom
90 Up
91 Ric.ay fruits
93 Subdues
95 Goggle
97 Follow on the heels
100 Spawn of fish
102 Ginger –
104 Taverns
107 Diamond lady
109 Brownie's org.
110 Mil. training sch.



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

SUNDAY, JAN. 4, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You get a second wind, and wake up A-OK. You might want to think through a decision you made when you were still in a funk. High energy from a friend points you in a new, more helpful direction. Work as a team, though you might want to be the leader. Tonight: Unexpected good news!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have been in the forefront lately, but it's your turn to take a back seat. You have done your share to make this holiday season special for loved ones. There is a lot of activity between you and older relatives. Be genuine. Don't cover up feelings. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your gregarious inclinations come out, and you can't seem to help yourself. Taking off to join friends isn't a problem, it's something you want to do. You gain a different perspective because of your openness and willingness to experiment. Tonight: Timing is on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Unexpected developments with a partner toss you into a leadership position. How you feel about what is going on is subject to change. Others give you new insights through their actions. Another pushes hard. Claim your power; now is the time. Tonight: Others look to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Let your spirit soar. You see a distant relative and a potential trip much differently. Partners tell you what they feel. Consider what is behind their actions. Ideas and creativity merge; it could be a lot of fun. Let your imagination roam. Tonight: Go along with another's whims.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Close relating seems natural. You have volatile, high energy that triggers others' emotions. Getting feedback is key to keeping the peace. Make plans for a fun outing, during which you can let go of stress, and another can express himself more comfortably. Tonight: Snuggle!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ It is easy for you to defer; now is the perfect time. Become the passenger rather than the driver. You might be shocked at what comes up for you. Your opinions could change dramatically as the day gets older. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Family members need to mellow out, though you have a hard time helping them. Consider making an investment that could affect your home life positively. You might be tired; you have pushed hard to make what you want happen. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let your feelings come out with a loved one. You could have surprising responses and do unexpected things. Excitement marks your day. Charge your energy and spontaneity into the here and now. A discussion breeds better understanding. Tonight: Relish a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You are the epitome of security and stability now. You are changing your perspective and how you present yourself. Others respond to you differently. Carefully check out an investment. The quality of your home life is important. Tonight: Rustle up a favorite dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are energetic and vivacious. Your unpredictable nature comes out, and another reaches out for you. A quarrel is likely, though you will resolve it for the better. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Make time for a party or celebration. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You are uptight, financially and emotionally. Make a "must" appearance, and you'll end up really enjoying yourself. Instincts are on; you are full of ideas. Consider options. Be careful how you let another know you are frustrated. Tonight: Get out all your thank-you notes.

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NORTH
♠K J 8 7
♡ 9
◇ K 8 3
♣ A K 6 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 9 3
♡ A K Q 2
◇ 10 9 6
♣ Q 9 2

EAST
♠ A 10 4
♡ 10 8 5 4
◇ 7 4
♣ 10 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ 6 5 2
♡ J 7 6 3
◇ A Q J 5 2
♣ J

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	Pass	1 ♡	Dbl
2 ♡	3 ◇	Pass	4 ◇
Pass	5 ◇	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: King of ♡

We are frequently asked for the most famous hand ever played. That is a difficult question. Certainly, one of the best-remembered is shown in the diagram. It occurred in the final of the 1932 Vanderbilt Team Championship, with the Culbertson team playing a squad headed by the donor of the trophy that bears his name — Harold S. Vanderbilt.

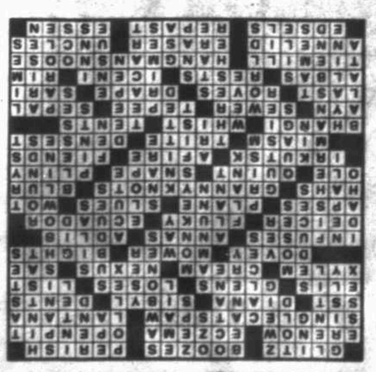
The teams were waiting for the last board to be finished. It was known that the Vanderbilt group needed to make a game to win the event. Since both three no trump and four spades were destined to fail, the Culbertson team was already being congratulated. Then a courier arrived with the news that the Vanderbilt pair had bid to five diamonds, which had a chance of succeeding. At the helm was Waldemar von Zedtwitz, or The Baron, as he was known to his friends.

West led the king of hearts, then shifted to the nine of spades. After some thought, declarer called for the jack from dummy, losing to the ace. Better defense would have been to allow the knave to hold, since it would give declarer a chance to go wrong. When East reverted to a heart, declarer was in control.

South ruffed in dummy, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club in hand. Another heart ruff was followed by a club ruff, establishing the suit. Declarer now drew trumps with the ace, queen and jack of diamonds, discarding two spades from dummy, and the board's king of spades and two good clubs took the last three tricks. Vanderbilt's team had triumphed by a mere 170 total points!

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American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an online tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II. Free showing every other Saturday at 1 p.m., moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: LITTLE HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION: participate in building a house, through January 4, 1998, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Inspired by the Classics, through Jan. 11, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5 p.m., 685-9944. Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4556. Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Slide entries due Jan. 5. Show opens March 6. Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines. Call 699-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Admission free. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford. Guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History. Open by appointment, call 682-2931. Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Painting, through Jan. 18, 1998. EXHIBITION: Decorator Trees, Holiday trees designed by artists and decorators are displayed throughout the Museum, through Jan. 4. EXHIBITION: Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists Series, Richard Wood: Painting, richly colored and detailed paintings, through Dec. 28. EXHIBITION: Ned Jacobs: Sol y Sombra, through January 4, 1998, the first major exhibition of his work in the Southwest since 1979. EXHIBITION: Audubonís Texas Animals, through July 26. EXHIBITON: Merritt Mauzey and Friends: Prints by Texas Regionalists from the Museum's Collection, through Jan. 11, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.& Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 335-6646. Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy. SUNDAY RIG TOURS: Tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403. Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Art, through Jan. 18. EXHIBITION: The Inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci, through Jan. 4, 2-4 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday, Jan. 5 - Feb. 9, 2-4 p.m. Weekends only, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 550-3811. Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: 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., 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa. Call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House: 112 E Murphy St., Tues. 12 p.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBTION: EXHIBITION: Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Galley, through Feb. 6. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 1805 W. Indiana. Call 682-5785. Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITON: PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, EXHIBITION: Golden Anniversary of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, through December. Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa. Call 1-332-7123. Admission charged..

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Keep Midland Beautiful: ENVIRONMENTAL TROUBADOUR, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Alamo Jr. High Auditorium, 688-4190

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Keep Midland Beautiful: ENIRONMENTAL TROUBADOUR, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Alamo Jr. High Auditorium, 688-4190

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Midland Community Theatre: Godspell, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre. Call 682-4111, Admission charged.
All-City Band: REHEARSALS AND CONCERT: Lee High School. Call 689-1000.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Midland Community Theatre: Godspell, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre. Call 682-4111. Admission charged.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494.



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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Painting shown

A watercolor painting by Doris Burkhart is on display at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall Street during the month of January. It is called Heavenly Hosts.

Ms. Burkhart is a member of the Paint and Palette Club.

Guns and knives

SAN ANGELO — The Texas Gun and Knife Show is set for San Angelo City Coliseum 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 10, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 11.

The show will feature two-for-one admission during the first hour of admission on both days, plus opportunities to win door prizes.

Smocking guild

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will be teaching children's needle arts and crafts in Midland Feb. 8.

"An Afternoon of Fashion and Stiching with the American Girls" is a mother-daughter tea and series of doll classes designed to teach children simple, age-appropriate needle-arts and-crafts projects relating to the American Girl Dolls and their books.

There will also be a luncheon, fashion show and mini-marketplace. Registration must be made by Jan. 31 and cost $25 per mother-daughter pair.

Class sizes are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 687-0320.

Artist booths

The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting entries for artists' booth at the 15th annual Celebration of the Arts May 15-17.

Seventy artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center or outside booths by request.

For information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.

Live entertainment

Chelsea Street Pub in the Music City Mall in Odessa will have the following entertainment starting at 9 p.m. every Monday through Saturday.

David Trout, Jan. 5-10; Captain Jack, Jan. 12-15; Billy Pritchard, Jan. 16-17; Jan. 19-24 Allan Mayes and Jan. 26-31 Rocky Richardson.

Da Vinci show

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin is to host "The Inventions of Leonardo da Vinci."

The exhibition was organized by IBM Corporation and is circulated by the Gallery Association of New York State, Inc. This local exhibition is sponsored by Permian Basin Child's Play Inc. and the Connoisseurs.

For more information on The Ellen Noel Art Museum's gallery hours call 550-3811.

'Show of Hands'

"Show of Hands," a national art competition focusing on depictions of human hands interpreted in a variety of media and styles, will include three woodcut prints by Midland artist Jan Foust Hurt.

The works will hang in The Regional Hand Center for West Texas and Eastern New Mexico in Lubbock from Jan. 10 through September.

'Peter Pan'

LUBBOCK — "Peter Pan," starring Cathy Rigby is to be presented Jan. 9-11 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

For ticket information call 1-800-735-1288 and for groups of more than 20 call 1-800-869-1451.

Dongying exhibit

An exhibit depicting life in Dongying, China and the surrounding area is on display at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

The exhibit, which will remain through the winter, is in the west wing. It consists of 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy.

"It shows everyday life in Dongying, the Shengli oil fields, the Yellow River, farming, schools and physical activities," said Jane Phares, executive director. "It also includes some Chinese opera masks."

For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Art show

Midland Arts Association's Spring Show is set for March 6-April 5 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Slide deadline is Monday.

Jurors Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines will conduct a workshop on painting children and life painting March 6-8.

Advance registration fee of $175 is due by Feb. 6.

For more information call Marie Marinovich, 699-7136.

Inspired

The exhibition "Inspired by the Classics" is on display through Jan. 11 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Members of the gallery whose work is included are Kitt Beck, Travis Beckham, Rosa Ellis Clark, Karen Hembree, Olivia Hill, Sharon Navage, Tom Whiles and Lee Wiesenfeld.

Other artists whose work is included are John De France, Danny Holeva, Joyce Howell and Kent Moss.

The show features clay, mixed media and 3-D construction as well as drawing, painting, photography and prints made by traditional or digital means.

Gallery 114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Michener art

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., and the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University in Odessa, are exhibiting the collection of James A. Michener.

Entitled "Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of 20th Century American Art," the exhibition reflects the interests of the author and his wife. The collection was given to the University of Texas at Austin. The selections being shown here are part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For specific information call the Museum of the Southwest, 683-2882, or the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 550-3811.

Hours at both facilities are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Juried show

The Southern Watercolor Society has announced a call for entries for its 21st annual juried exhibition to be held at the Hermitage Hall Museum in Talladega, Ala.

Eligible work is limited to painting in water-based medium on paper or watercolor board, unvarnished. All works must have been completed in the last three years and must not have been shown in previous exhibitions.

Paintings must be original, not copies of work, including published photographs by persons other than the artist, and must be completed without supervision. Deadline for receipt of slides is Jan. 30.

The reception for the artists is set for 2 to 4 p.m. April 19. For a prospectus send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Susan Johnston, P.O. Box 476, Bethany, WV 26032.

Juried show

BEAUMONT — Slide entry deadline in the Tri-State Plus 1998, the 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, is Jan. 10.

The exhibition is open to all U.S. artists and all media are accepted. Juror will be Harrison Itz, director, Harris Gallery, Houston. Show dates are March 14-April 11.

For prospectus send SASE to Beaumont Art League, 2675 Gulf St., Fair Park, Beaumont, Texas 77703, or call 1-409-833-4179.

Cowtown 'Phantom'

FORT WORTH — Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera," directed by Harold Prince and presented by Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Theatre Company, Inc., will begin performances at the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall here July 22 through Aug. 16, 1998, for a limited premiere engagement of four weeks.

Currently, mail orders and group sales are being accepted only. ticket prices will range from $27 to $67.

"The Phantom of the Opera," which had its U.S. premiere on Jan. 26, 1988, at the Majestic Theatre on Broadway, went on to win seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, seven Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics Circle Awards. The original London production opened on Oct. 9, 1986, at Her Majesty's Theatre, winning every major British theater award, including the Oliver and Evening Standard Awards.

Mail order forms are available in person at Casa Manana's Box Office, 3101 W. Lancaster. For more information call Casa Manana, 1-817-332-2272, or fax 1-817-332-5711.

Art adventures

ODESSA — "Adventures in Art" classes dealing with art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Deadline for registration is Friday before each Sunday class. The program is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts, Shell Oil Company Foundation, Marathon Oil Company, Phillips Petroleum Company and Mobil Oil Foundation.

For more information call Annie Stanley, education coordinator, 1-915-368-7222.

Exhibition

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting the special exhibition, "Partners Across America: Girl Scouts & First Ladies."

Also on display at the facility is a portrait of President Bill Clinton and a miniature of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

And, until the end of December, the facility will house an exhibit featuring "The Golden Anniversary of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council" and another featuring selected "First Families."

New generation in Nashville walking in fathers' footsteps

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press

"I've been trying to get a record out for quite a while," says Jamie Hartford, who as a toddler used to sleep in his father's guitar case during all-night jams.

Jamie Hartford's excellent roots-rock album, "What About Yes," on Paladin Records, is really his fourth album. He put out a duet album with his father some years back, and has recorded two other albums that were never released.

Hartford was let go by Asylum Records a couple of years ago because, he said, the label didn't think he had a future as a mainstream country singer.

But Hartford was a guitarist good enough to play with The Everly Brothers and The Amazing Rhythm Aces. And he writes lyrics that have a lot more edge than the songs typically heard on country radio.

Band members Ray Flacke (guitar), Jeff Davis (bass), Rick Lonow (drums) and Paco Ship (harmonica) have forged a sparse, propulsive sound to frame Hartford's deceptively simple songs.

"I would rather go straight to the people and build a fan base that way," Jamie Hartford said. "If the hype doesn't work, they (major labels) pull it all out from under you. This way, if I have fans that will come out and hear me play, then we will be OK."

"Dean Miller," released in 1996 on Capitol Nashville (Garth Brooks' home), has yet to yield a hit, despite a solid group of honky-tonk songs.

Miller, 32, was writing songs as a teen-ager. But he spent his early 20s pursuing an acting career because he was too intimidated by his father's reputation to become a country singer.

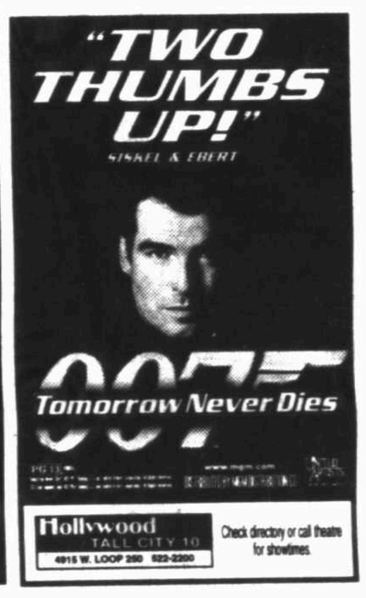
When he finally decided to move to Nashville 10 years ago, Miller sought his father's help. Roger Miller gave his son the names of some contacts, but wouldn't make any calls on his behalf. "That was the best thing he ever did for me," Dean Miller said. "You maybe resent it at the time, but in retrospect it made me stronger, it made me better, it made me more determined, it made me work on my craft more, it made me harder on my myself."

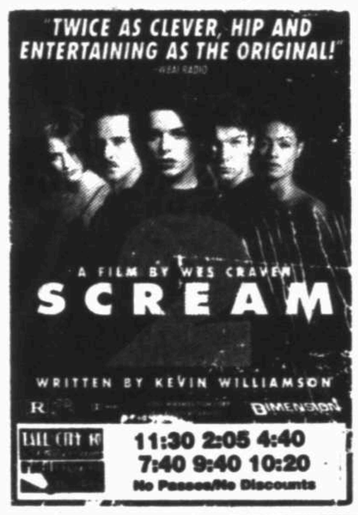
Roger Miller died in 1992.

Miller had written 400 songs by the time he made "Dean Miller." He co-wrote all but one selection on the album, four of them with underrated former Sony Records artist Stacy Dean Campbell.

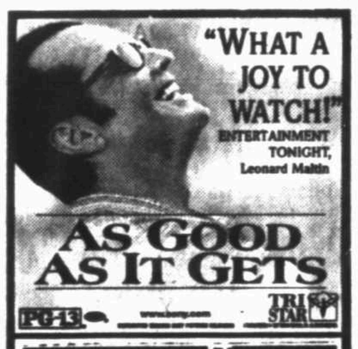
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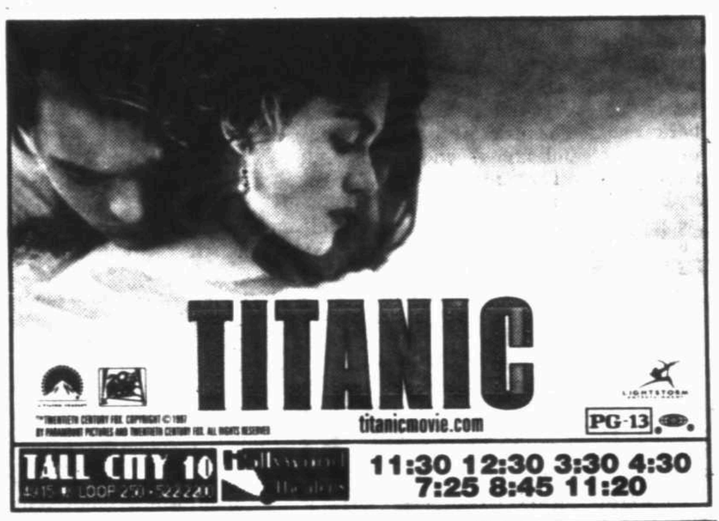






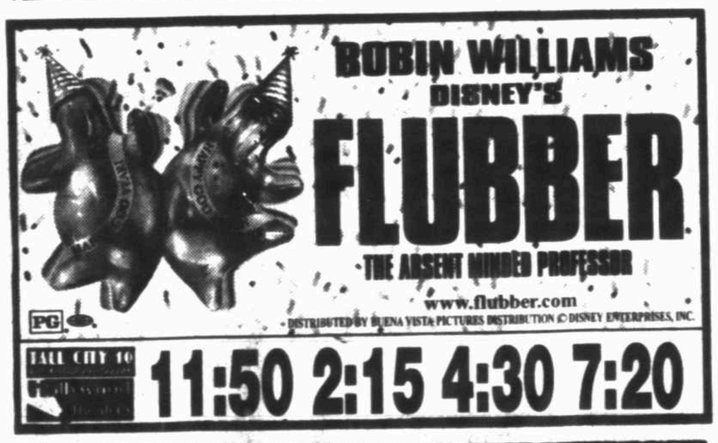




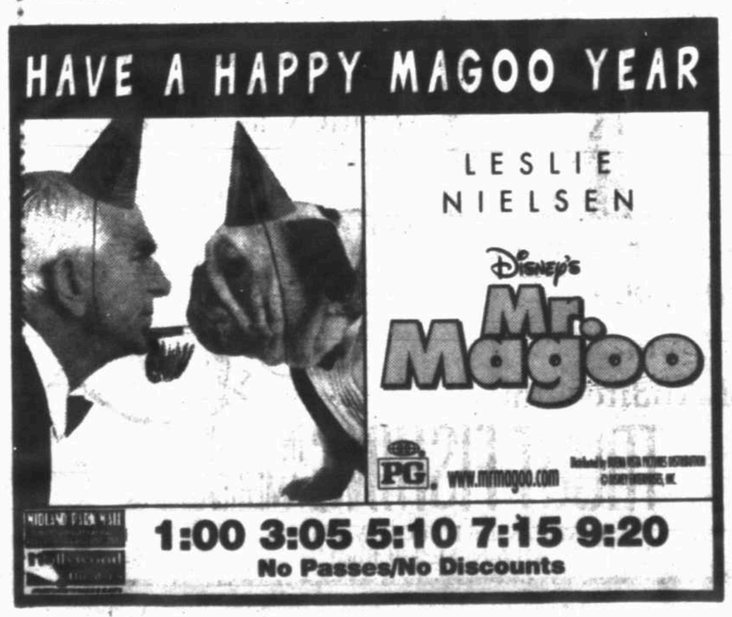














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Woodstock school makes all doors open to disabled students

By Tamar Lewin
N.Y. Times News Service

WOODSTOCK, Vt. — One classmate had to speak his lines for him and another had to push his wheelchair into place on stage. But it was still an achievement when Jeron Fox appeared as the ghost this fall in the four performances of "Hamlet" at the high school.

Jeron, a 17-year-old with cerebral palsy, has a luminous smile, a quick sense of humor and no control over the drool dribbling down his chin as he and an instructional aide prepare for a world history test on Alexander the Great.

Jeron cannot talk or read well. He communicates mostly by pointing to a book of drawings that show the important people, classes, foods and feelings in his life. For formal pronouncements, the laptop computer in his wheelchair tray can use voices.

Nationally, most students like Jeron are educated in separate classrooms or separate schools, as are those with mental retardation, autism or emotional disturbances, and many of those in the far larger group of children with less pervasive problems like dyslexia or other specific learning disabilities.

But Jeron is very much part of Woodstock Union High School, where he attends some regular classes, spends some periods in one-on-one tutoring and, with his best friend, who has Down syndrome, serves as "12th man" for the football team, cheering from the bench.

As the debate over how and where to educate the nation's 6 million children with disabilities has become increasingly polarized — and litigious — Vermont is singular in its commitment to integrating severely disabled students into regular classrooms, keeping almost 9 out of 10 in regular classes for most of the day.

And unlike most states, Vermont has always kept students with learning disabilities, who make up nearly half the state's 11,000 children with disabilities, in regular classes.

Although Vermont's record is unlikely to be matched anytime soon, most states, in response to prodding from the federal government and recent amendments to the federal disability law, are also moving toward greater integration.

In Vermont, where the rugged terrain has helped produce a strong tradition of local control, experiments with integration — the latest term for what is also called mainstreaming or inclusion — began in a few districts in the early 1980s. But they did not take off statewide until 1989, when the state changed its school financing formulas to remove financial incentives for keeping children in segregated placements, giving districts just as much money to provide services in a child's home school.

SINCE 1975, the federal Individuals With Disabilities in Education Act has guaranteed children with disabilities the right to free and appropriate educations in the least restrictive environment. Under amendments this year, all states have to adopt financing plans that, as with Vermont's, offer no financial incentive to place disabled children outside their home schools.

Special education costs $30 billion a year in federal, state and local money, and it accounts for 19 percent of all money spent on schools, up from 17.8 percent in 1991, according to a study of nine representative districts by the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, a nonpartisan research group.

There are huge differences from state to state on the placement of children with disabilities, who make up 11 percent of the school population. Where such children are best taught is a complicated question with pedagogical, ethical and financial overtones.

The number of children who have diagnoses of disabilities, and especially learning disabilities, has been steadily increasing. That has led some educators to contend that disabilities are vastly overdiagnosed and that special education is too often used as a catchall for poor minority-group students whose difficulties may stem from poor teaching methods, behavior problems or difficult family environments, and not disabilities.

In many states, most students with disabilities go to separate schools, separate classrooms for children with a particular disability or "resource rooms," where special-education teachers work with them individually for parts of the day.

There are classrooms for the retarded, the autistic, the deaf, the emotionally disturbed — and hundreds and hundreds of classes for children with learning disabilities, who are painfully slow to learn reading or mathematics skills.

Many educators and parents believe that segregating children with disabilities is bad, both educationally and morally. They say such a policy undermines the development of both disabled children, by failing to give them a chance to develop the skills and relationships that they will need as adults, and other children, by preventing beneficial contact with the full range of people in their communities.

"Every child is part of a community, and public schools should serve all the children in the community," said Richard Schattman, a principal in Swanton whose office wall has a political button that says, "Release the Hostages: Full Inclusion."

"It's the right thing to do."

THE FEDERAL OFFICIAL in charge of enforcing the disability law, Judith E. Heumann, has her reasons for believing in integration.

"I use a motorized wheelchair, I can't lift my arms, and I can't go to the bathroom by myself," said Ms. Heumann, assistant education secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services. "When I was a kid in Brooklyn and my mother wheeled me over to the neighborhood school for kindergarten, they said I couldn't come there, I was a fire hazard. I was sent away to another school."

These days, Ms. Heumann tries to convince parents that integration has benefits.

"Education is academic, but it's also social, learning how to live in a community, learning about differences," she said. "I tell parents who are afraid to send a child with disabilities into a regular setting that overprotection does no service when that disabled child becomes an adult. If your child was out of sight, out of mind, that doesn't change. People who might have become their friends in school won't know them."

Academically, too, she said, all children can benefit from inclusion.

"The methods that teachers learn from working with the disabled, and individualizing instruction, are useful with other students, as well," Ms. Heumann said. "In a way, you can see every child as having special needs. So the ideal is a system in which every child gets an individualized education."

But many educators and parents say separate classes can better meet the needs of those with disabilities — and of the other children whose educations may be disrupted.

"Even if most kids can be fully included, there has to be an option to pull out a student for some one-on-one instruction," said Nancy Safer, executive director of the Council for Exceptional Children. "We'll always need the full continuum of services."

Inclusion is a particular challenge in big urban systems like New York City's, where a huge special-education program has more than 100,000 children, disproportionately minority members. Last year, the schools chancellor, Rudy Crew, announced plans to overhaul the system, with an eye to moving thousands of pupils to regular classrooms that would then have extra teachers.

But simply moving children into regular classrooms does not guarantee integration.

"A student can be more isolated and segregated in a normal classroom than in special education," Schattman said. "Inclusion isn't about placing the kid. It's about making the placement successful both for the kid and for the rest of the class. And it's not easy. You need small classes, lots of planning time and staff that believes in it."

Some special-education experts worry that the inclusion movement may lead to dumping children with special needs into classes where they will be ignored or taunted, and eliminating the special services and support that they receive in settings intended just for them.

"It has not been demonstrated that regular classrooms, even fortified regular classrooms using the best practices, can accommodate all children all the time," said Douglas Fuchs, a professor of special education at Vanderbilt University. "The full inclusionists honestly believe that creating a situation in which teachers individualize instruction for each student is a terrific goal we should all dedicate our lives to. So we should kick away the crutch of special education. But that's a high-stakes game, and I'm not sure it's realistic."

NOR ARE ALL PARENTS and advocates for children with disabilities convinced that it is the correct goal.

"With severe retardation," Fuchs said, "the goal is usually to have the child accepted and treated well in the community, social goals that can be met in a classroom where the teacher and other children interact with them and show some tenderness. It's more complex for children with learning disabilities, for whom the academic goals are more ambitious. Since there are no studies showing that being in a regular classroom improves their performance, most parents and advocates feel that time doing special drills in a resource room or a separate class is OK, if that will better help the child learn."

By all accounts, the most difficult children to integrate are those in the growing category of emotional disabilities, children who may be disruptive, abusive, sexually aggressive or violent.

Even in Vermont, an increasing number of emotionally disabled children are being placed in separate settings.

For families and schools alike, placement involves a complicated calculus, balancing academic and social needs.

Jeron's mother, Bethany Fox, raves about the support and attention her son received from the school system. She said she stayed in Vermont, even though other states offered better work opportunities, because she did not believe that anywhere else would do as well for Jeron. But even she occasionally wonders whether a special school like the one that he attended for two years before Woodstock became so inclusive would be better.

"Sometimes I still think it might be a good thing," she said. "But I know they're pulling for him here, and they think he belongs here."

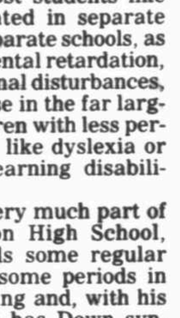
Vermont's commitment to inclusion came in part from the education commissioner, Marc Hull, a former minister who was the state's special education director in the 1980s. Hull worked with school districts that wanted to become more inclusive and helped convince the Legislature that a financing formula that did not pay more to place the disabled outside regular classrooms would not only enrich lives and fit the tradition of local control, but would also help control runaway costs of special education.

But costs have continued to rise, as special-education money followed the children to regular classes. In the early 1970s, the state spent 85 percent of its $3.6 million annual budget for disabled students on separate classes and separate schools, including $100,000-a-year-per-pupil residential schools like the one that Jeron had attended.

But these days, 85 percent of the special-education budget, now at $110 million, is spent on extra teachers, aides, therapists and services in regular schools.

MAKING THE GRADE

Kristin Bachmann, daughter of Ann-Marie and Don Bachmann, has been selected the outstanding girl from Lee High School for the month of December by the University Graduate Woman of Midland.

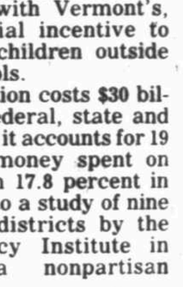


Bachmann

Ms. Bachmann's honors include academic letterman, outstanding student awards, U.S. Achievement Academy, All-American Scholar, Spanish Honor Sociey, and Honors Debate. She serves as National Honor Society treasurer, and Student Council Cabinet. Miss Bachmann's activities have includes debate, swimming and theater arts.

Ms. Bachmann plans to attend college and major in business/management.

Carolyn Camille Wiley, daughter of Bruce and Julien Wiley, has been selected outstanding senior girl from Midland High School for the month of December by the University Graduate Women of Midland.



Wiley

Miss Wiley's honors and organizations include academic letters, National Honor Society, UIL Math, Science, and Writing Teams, Student Council and French Foreign Language Festival Award Winner. She has also been a NASA Getaway Special Project Leader helping to design a project that will be flown on the space shuttle. She is very active in the MHS orchestra having served as secretary, president, and principal cellist for four years as well as UIL Gold Medalist and All-Region member.

Ms. Wiley's future plans to major in music.

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Suzanne Gunter Richards formerly of Midland, has graduated with honors from McMurry University in Abilene, with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in psychology.

She is currently employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the Pardons Division, as a Parole Officer.

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Katherine Bishop graduated in December from The University of Texas at Austin School of Business with a bachelor's degree in management information systems.

Ms. Bishop, a 1994 Lee High School graduate, is the daughter of Don and Kay Bishop of Midland.

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Matthew Ashcraft, a 1995 graduate of Midland High School, and son of M.Q. and Susan Ashcraft of Midland, has received a scholarship at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

Ashcraft was awarded the university's Honeywell scholarship, which is presented to students on the basis of scholastic achievement.

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EMPROIA, Kan. — Nearly 400 Emporia State University students were candidates for degrees at the end of the 1997 fall session.

Former Midlander **Sonya Matschull** received a bachelor of science in business.

MENUS

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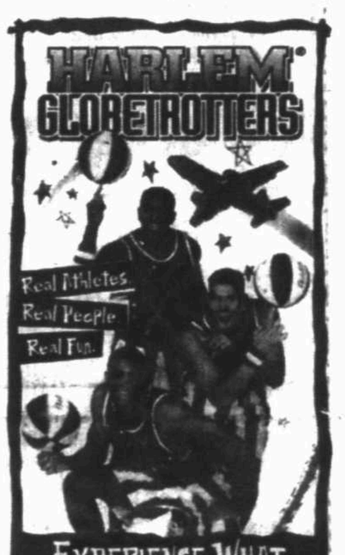
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MISD Board Room

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MISD Board Room

Jan. 24 - Retreat
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
MISD Board Room

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no meeting

Teacher Comm. Ctee.
Jan. 15 - 4:15 p.m.
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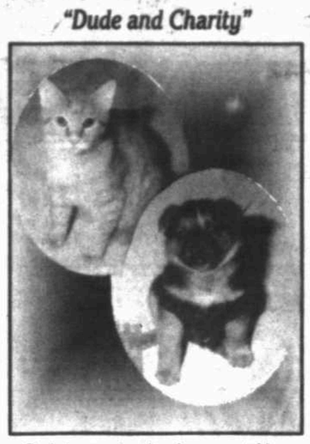
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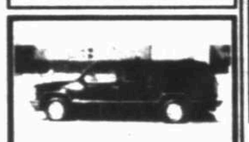
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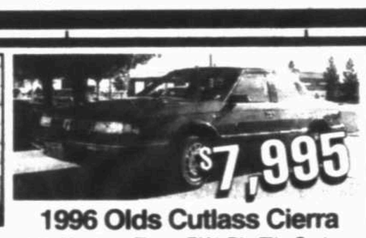
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THE TEXAS WORKFORCE CENTER OF MIDLAND ANNOUNCES CAREER TRANSITION WORKSHOPS IN JANUARY

(A Division of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission)

The Texas Workforce Center offers a variety of workshops each month to job seekers and employers throughout the Permian Basin. All Workshops are offered to the community at no cost. Please call 687-3003 to sign up or for more information. Workshops are held at the Texas workforce Center located at 3100 North "A", Bldg. A in Midland.

MIDLAND COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID/ COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Are you a college student (or just thinking about it) and need financial help to go to school? Learn about the different scholarships that you can apply for and what you need to do in order to receive financial aid! Harold Whitis, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Midland College will conduct this informative workshop. **JANUARY 6th, 11- 12 pm**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: CITY OF MIDLAND PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS (Receive 911 Calls)

Have you ever wondered what it takes to work as a Public Safety Dispatcher? Can you work well under emergency situations? Although demanding, this field can be quite rewarding! Eva Luna of the City of Midland will talk about the hiring process and give you valuable insight in this field. **JANUARY 15th, 11- 12 PM.**

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE- SAND TO CIRCUITRY- THE WAFER FAB PHENOMENON

Explore employment opportunities in the semiconductor industry! As we head into the 21st Century, the demand for semiconductors is projected to skyrocket. As demand for chips increases, so too will the demand for equipment technicians. Learn what you need to do to secure employment in this industry, as well as what training is needed. This is an occupation that is in demand NOW! Texas State Technical College's Eileen Graham will facilitate. Texas Instruments' personnel director Kelley Sherman will also participate in this informative workshop. **JANUARY 14th, 3- 5 PM.**

RESUMES, COVER LETTERS, AND THANK YOU NOTES

A resume is normally the first impression an employer has of you. Find out how to make the best! An employment specialist will offer techniques in writing resumes, cover letters & thank you notes. Learn what to say and how to say it or bring your resume with you and see if we can offer recommendations to improve it. **JANUARY 8th, 11- 12 PM**

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Have you ever thought about starting your own business? Learn the steps you need to take in order to succeed! From your business plan to troubleshooting problems, this workshop can give you valuable information. Explore the world of Entrepreneurs! Glen Yeary & Ralph Smith of Midland College's Small Business & Development will conduct this informative workshop. This workshop consists of 2 Parts. If you cannot attend both sessions the same day, attend one and attend the second session next month! **JANUARY 28th, Session I, 9- 12 PM, Session II, 1- 4 PM**

REGION 18- TEACHER CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

If you are a college graduate and would like to teach secondary math, science, special or bilingual education this is the workshop for you! Are you contemplating a first career or second career in teaching? Learn how to expedite the certification process through Region 18's Alternative Teacher Certification Program. **JANUARY 22nd, 11- 12 PM.**

WHO, ME -- WORK IN A CONVENIENCE STORE?



We asked one of our managers, Martha, to answer that question and a few others.

Why did you originally apply with our company?

"The people working there seemed friendly, and I knew I could work close to home. It seemed like a clean, safe place to work in. I also had some experience in customer service, and figured that would help me."

What would you say about growth opportunities in our company?

"This job has flexible hours. You can work full or part time, and different shifts, and there are lots of ways to grow. You can become an assistant manager, a store manager, or a personal trainer for our new hires. We even have Team Leaders who help other managers become more successful. There is more training, and good training, than in any other job I've had. The company emphasizes safety, security, and customer service training. You also have a lot of freedom, and can even feel like you're "The Boss" when you work by yourself. We empower our Team Members to make decisions on their own, without asking their managers what to do."

What continues to motivate you about your job?

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- MISD requires Criminal History and Reference checks be run for all potential employees.
- MISD is an equal opportunity employer
- *Complete job description available upon request.*

Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting a letter of interest describing your qualifications for the position to the Office of Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201 Midland, Texas 79701. No later than 5 pm, **Friday, January 9, 1998.**

COX COMMUNICATIONS

Human Resource Manager opportunity available with progressive Telecommunications Company.

Cox Communications is currently seeking a seasoned HR professional to complete it's Sr. Staff Management Team. Individual must have 5 years or more of management and/ or HR experience. In addition, applicants must possess and be able to demonstrate strong leadership, organizational, team player, initiative and strategic thinking skills. In addition, career planning and a sense of humor a must.

The Human Resource position will be accountable for employee recruitment, hiring and status, benefits administration, policy and procedure administration, employee relations and career succession planning. In addition, this position will partner in delivering training and development initiatives.

Cox Communications offers a competitive salary commensurate on experience, excellent benefits, and a team working environment. Interested candidates should forward their resume to: FRW, Human Resource Manager Application, 6710 Hartford, Lubbock, TX 79413. No phone calls please. EOE.

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- Weekly salary
- Plus Bonuses
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West Texas CAT

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Rehab	Outreach Worker
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ER	Pediatric
Surgery	Nursery
L & D	Cath Lab

For consideration, please send resume' or apply in person:

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
Human Resources Department
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
1-800-833-2916
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Tri-Gas Inc., a Southern based producer/ distributor of bulk liquid atmospheric products, cylinder gases and welding equipment, is constantly seeking talented people who can lead us through periods of rapid growth.

We currently have an opening for a Distribution Planner at our National Scheduling Center located in Irving. This individual would be responsible for interfacing with our customers and field distribution locations to schedule bulk deliveries of atmospheric liquids utilizing our scheduling system.

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Che Chi Bailey
Human Resources Solutions
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Irving, Texas 75038
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EOE M/F/D/V

PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Intensive Supervision Probation Officer

The Permian Basin Community Supervision and Corrections Department is now accepting applications for the position of Intensive Supervision Probation Officer for satellite offices located in Alpine, Brewster County, and Big Lake, Reagan County, Texas.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Certified Adult/ Juvenile Probation Officer and/ or Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice or related field. Must complete a department application. Spanish speaking a plus.

SALARY RANGE:
Commensurate with experience.

CLOSING DATE:
January 10, 1998

INQUIRIES:
Send resumes and transcripts to:

Juan Hernandez, Director
Permian Basin CSCD
P.O. Box 1706
Ft. Stockton, Texas 79735
(915)336-8562
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*SECRETARY

MEDICAL BACKGROUND NECESSARY.

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310 General Help Wanted

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We have positions available for Produce Clerks and Meat Cutters. Prior retail experience preferred. If you are enthusiastic, hard- working and have the desire to be part of our winning team, we encourage you to apply at any Furr's Supermarket located in Midland. Salary depending on experience. Furr's is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

310 General Help Wanted

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310 General Help Wanted

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NOW LEASING two hair stations, call for more information. 697-1924.

PARKING GARAGE Attendant. Drug test required. Good math skills. Some computer skills helpful. Retirees welcome. Call Don at 682-3532.

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PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA is now hiring for Customer Service Representative. Part time hours. Some computer experience helpful. Please apply in person, 3303 N Midkiff, San Miguel Square Shopping Center. No phone calls please.

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RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring Evening Counter Help. Apply in person 4317 W. Illinois anytime.

RESTAURANT- The Olive Garden is the premier restaurant in town! We are now accepting application for Host/ Hostess, Bussers, Servers, Bartenders, Cooks & DMO. Great benefits and top pay. Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 2- 5 pm at The Olive Garden, 2705 W Loop 250 North.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT. Cattle Baron is now hiring: Cooks, Servers, Busers. Benefits available. Apply in person only, Cattle Baron, 418 W. Wadley, Midland.

RESTAURANT. Fuddruckers, Home of the World's Greatest Hamburger is looking for the World's Greatest Associates. We have full and part time day and evening opportunities available. We offer flexible scheduling, meal discounts, performance raises and promotions. We are looking for energetic, outgoing individuals with a great personality and a good work ethic. Cooks, Food Preps, Bakers & Butcher's can start up to $7.00/ Hour. Cashiers, Dining room service associates, Bussers and DMO's can make up to $5.75/ Hour to start depending on experience and position. Apply at Fuddruckers, Midland Park Mall.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN- A new position is available for the qualified candidate who has experience in office machine service. Trained and experienced individual preferred, but will consider applicant with strong electro-mechanical aptitude. Salary commensurate with ability. 570-8239.

SHOP FOREMAN/ Supervisor for small gas compressor operation. 15- 20 Years experience in small to medium size gas engine compressors and fabrication required. A "hands-on" job. Some college preferred. Send resume to: Shop Foreman, 211 N Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701.

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TAKING APPLICATIONS for dry cleaners assistant. Apply in person at Master Cleaners 4415 N. Garfield (Loop 250 & Garfield). No phone calls please.

TELEMARKETERS needed at Olan Mills. Call Joanne at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 9 pm, Monday-Friday.

TELEPHONE RECEPTION work, (12) Immediate positions am/ pm. No experience necessary. $6 an hour salary plus bonus. Apply: The Graham Building, 601 N. Marienfeld, Ste 406 after 9 am.

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WANTED!! CHEERLEADERS!! Semi pro football league is looking for cheerleaders (between ages of 19- 25) for our 1998 football seasons. Serious inquiries only. Please call 699-6132.

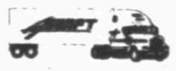
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311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSES Aids, for all shifts. Weekend LVN's. Apply in person, Terrance Gardens Nursing Home, 2901 W. Ohio.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT needed. Requirements will include excellent telephone skills, hands on therapy, friendly personality to work with staff and patients. Excellent Spanish. Bring resume to Apple Chiropractic Clinic, 2000 W. Wall, Midland.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT- Experience preferred. Full time position, Monday- Friday and every third Saturday. Call Brandy at 684-5683.

CNA's- Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for CNA's starting at $5.50 an hour for the following shifts: 2- 10 pm and 4- 9 pm in the nursing home unit; 6 am- 2 pm and 2-10 pm in the Alzheimer's unit. The right candidate(s) must be dedicated to and enjoy caring for the elderly. Excellent benefits. Applications can be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and returned to the attention of Donna Parker. EOE M/F

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OFFICE CLERK needed for busy physicians office. Multi task position to include front and back office. Medical Manager experience needed. Send resume to Box PJ-3006 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OFFICE MANAGER. Needed for busy medical office. Experience with medical manager. Send resume with salary history and references to Box S-1047, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PART TIME PRN & LVN for Doctors office. Send resume to PJ-3005 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RECEPTIONIST. Doctor's office needs dependable enthusiastic, articulate, person. Duties include heavy phones, appointment scheduling, insurance filing, and transcription. Must have good public relations skills, computer knowledge, ability to work independently as well as working with others. Apply in person at 1300 W. Wall.

RECEPTIONIST/ INSURANCE CLERK

Needed immediately for medical office in Midland. Medical Manager experience required, medical experience in radiology preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768-4303.

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RNs, LVN's & CNA's. Experienced only apply. Contact Debbie or Archana. Apply in person Midland Skilled Nursing Facility 3201 Sage or 682-5560.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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***Electrical Engineer**

BS in Electrical Engineering, 3 yrs exp. in analog and digital circuit design, automotive experience a plus. Call

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***Office Manager**

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ESTABLISHED Oilfield Service company is accepting resumes for the position of Purchasing Agent. If you have significant oilfield purchasing experience (5 years preferred) along with computer literacy, communication skills and a self-starter, you are encouraged to submit your resume and salary requirements to: Box B-04014, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. Pre employment drug screen required. Full benefits package. EOE. Confidentiality assured. Join an active and growing company in 1998!

312 Professional Help Wanted

*PROFESSIONAL

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***PROJECT MANAGER**
for Environmental company, 2- 3 yrs. experience a must Call
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***SPORTS ANCHOR/ DIRECTOR**

KAMR-TV, the NBC affiliate in Amarillo, Texas, is seeking an individual with at least two years of professional anchor experience to fill the Sports Anchor/ Director position. The successful candidate will be a creative team player who can focus on local sports, including professional baseball and hockey, as well as collegiate and high school sports. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Please send resume and non- returnable tape to Mr. Ev Avara, News Director, KAMR-TV, P.O. Box 751, Amarillo, TX 79189. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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(Midland)
Degreed. 10+ yrs exp. Design tubular/bit/mud programs. Analyze drilling results - Technical technology - Coordinate projects - Support field people. Salary to $113k. FEE PAID
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The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's Area Agency on Aging is seeking a Benefits Counselor who will be directly assisting seniors in claiming various kinds of benefits to which they are entitled. Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work or a related field preferred plus at least one year of relevant work experience. Salary DOE plus benefits package. Position to be filled by February 1, 1998. Please send resume to: Personnel Department, PO Box 60660, Midland, Texas 79711 by January 15. EOE

NEEDED PETROLEUM Engineer for rapidly growing oil company. Experience in field operations, drilling and work over. Send resume to P. O. Box 9255, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Building Maintenance/ Lighting Tech

The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Building Maintenance/ Lighting Tech. To check minimum qualifications and receive more information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346 by Friday, January 16, 1998. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COUNSELOR- The R. Temple Dickson Juvenile Detention Center is now accepting applications for Case Manager/ Counselor. Must be credentialed as LCDC, LPC or LMSW with knowledge and experience in Juvenile Justice System. Salary range is 20K to 24K, based upon level of experience. Competitive benefits package offered. Applications may be obtained at 2101 W. Alabama in Sweetwater. No phone calls please. E.O.E.

DIRECTOR- The R. Temple Dickson Juvenile Detention Facility is accepting applications for Director of Programs. Must be crendentialed as LMSW and/ or LCDC with knowledge and experience in Juvenile Justice System. Starting salary is $28,000- $30,000 based on level of experience. Resumes may be submitted to 2101 W. Alabama in Sweetwater, Texas, 79556. EOE.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR with extensive upper end residential experience. Send resume and salary requirements to Box T-5078, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

JIB CLERK- JIB experience required, must be computer literate and have knowledge of JOA's DOI's ad valorem taxes. Send resume & salary requirements: JIB Clerk; P.O. Box 2237; Midland, TX 79702-2237.

COUNSELORS

Excellent opportunity for experience in the Social Work field - provide group and individual counseling in unique wilderness setting. Hope Center's year- around outdoor therapeutic programs for at- risk teens (located northeast of Houston) needs COUNSELORS. BA/ BS required; $1,500/ month + room & board while on duty; work 4 days and off 3; extensive training provided; pay increases every 3 months; medical and dental insurance; clothing allowance; etc. Call Teresa for application @ (409) 831-3151, Monday- Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.
EOE

POLICE OFFICER

The City of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified Police Officer at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday February 4, 1998 in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 30, 1998. For detailed qualifications and further information contact City Hall Personnel, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PRODUCTION CE Mobile Equipment Group is looking for Production Analyst. Minimum of 3 to 5 years materials experience. Knowledge of well servicing rigs and related parts, purchasing experience and computer experience. Benefits include 401K/ Insurance/ Vacation/ Holiday Pay. Position to be filled immediately. Please send resume to: CE Mobile Equipment/ FKA/ Gregory Rig Service, P.O. Box 69208, Odessa, Texas 79769-0208.

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YOUTH TEACHER- 15 hours per week/ 3 hours per day. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person, at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112. EOE

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***Part- time Secretary**

Permanent position available. At least 6 months experience required. Must type at least 40 wpm. Pay $7/ hour.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LUBBOCK, TEXAS
JOB# 14613

The City of Lubbock, TX (population 194,000) is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Executive Secretary who under direction, is responsible for performing advanced secretarial work for the City Manager, City Council, and the executive staff. Performs routine administrative tasks. Duties performed often involve highly confidential or sensitive matters. Performs related duties as directed. **This position will report to the City Manager.**

The successful candidate will have any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in Secretarial Administration and three to six years of increasingly responsible experience as an executive or legal secretary. Ability to take dictation and transcribe it accurately. **Ability to type accurately from clear copy at a speed of at least 80 words per minute.** Ability to work under pressure. Ability to spell correctly and use proper English. Knowledge of the function, organization, and policies of a city government. Knowledge of computers and the programs of MS Word, Lotus 1-2-3, and D-base III. Ability to communicate effectively with others. **Typing test given by the Texas Workforce Commission must be scheduled and results must accompany the application. Must have at least 95% accuracy on the typing test.**

Closing Date: January 9, 1998

Salary Grade: 409
Salary: $21,132.80 Annually

To apply, send resume and application to: **Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2435 Lubbock, Texas 79408.** All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office by 5:30 pm on the closing date. Resume must be accompanied by an application.

Telephone Number (806)-775-2311 or 1-800-621-0793
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Opportunities Available
in the following areas for committed, hard working job seekers:

*Administrative Assistants
*Receptionists
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(MS Word, Excel, Access, WordPerfect, Lotus)
*Accounting Clerks
*Data Entry
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314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING/ BUSINESS MANAGER

Established company looking to hire a management professional for their accounting/ business department. Requires Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience. Must have proficient spreadsheet knowledge and well-versed in accounting systems. This is a fast paced environment which requires flexibility and the ability to adapt to ever changing situations. Salary +/- 34K DOE
No Fee
Preferred Personnel
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*Administrative Assts
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These positions require diverse word processing, spreadsheet and typing skills. Permanent and temporary positions available.
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Indefinite assignment available for Accounting Tech with Oil & Gas Regulatory experience. MS Word and Excel required. Pay DOE. Degree not required. Fax resume to Fran. No Fee.

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FAX 915-684-0836

***ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Well established local manufacturing company. Candidates must be efficient in Word & Excel for Windows. Qualifications: multi- task oriented, good communication, spelling and grammar, reliable. Company offers benefits, 401K plan. Send resume, with cover letter, to: ATTN: DW, Hy-Bon Engineering, P.O. Box 4185, Midland, TX 79704.

BOOKKEEPER- Wanted by COM Aquatics, part time. Peachtree Accounting software. 3003 North "A" Street.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-**

Duties include: general office plus handling of health insurance; WordPerfect/ Lotus required. Please send your resume, salary requirements and references to: Jim Roye, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702.

·BOOKKEEPER

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Needed for several positions. Must have experience and type 50 wpm min., must be computer literate. Call

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682-0033 Never a fee!

·FRONT DESK

Temp to Perm for person with WordPerfect and Accounting background. 8-5, Monday- Friday. Good company. Bring or fax resume ASAP! No Fee.

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Temporary Resources
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Preferred Personnel
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*Land Tech- Direct Hire Exceptional Pay!
*Production Secretary Temp to Hire, Pay DOE
*Accounting Asst- JIB, Word Excel required Salary to $8
Preferred Personnel
684-5900

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Temporary Resources
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Preferred Personnel
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·RECEPTIONIST

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No Fee.
Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas
FAX 915-684-0836

·RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

Full time permanent position available. The ideal candidate will have high organizational skills, computer skills, excellent phone skills and possess highly effective interpersonal skills.

Bring resume & references by:
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Bldg 8, Suite 215

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

***Secretary/ Receptionist**

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318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE needed for credit business. Salary negotiable with experience. Great benefit package. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to: Manager Trainee, 305 Brown Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Attention Scott.

MANAGER TRAINEE- National firm seeking Manager Trainee for production plant. Benefits, good pay and advancement opportunities. Candidates should be motivated, self starter, mechanically inclined and have supervisory abilities. Send resume to Box PJ-3002 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RESTAURANT- Jumburrito, Inc. Seeks a high energy area manager with a proven record in fast food preferably Mexican cuisine. Total operations experience a must. Send resume to Jose Cuevas, 2600 W. Kansas, Midland, TX 79701.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

***Land Secretary**
Full- time, permanent position available. Land experience a must. Pay $8.50- $12/ hour. Call
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***Production Clerk**
Needed immediately. Must have TX & NM experience. Great company. Benefits. Salary DOE.
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FARM WORKER wanted. Operate, maintain, adjust, repair various John Deere tractors, implements and equipment. Knowledge of welding, spray, plant, harvest, irrigate cotton/ watermelon, tend livestock from February-November. Guarantee for up to 3/4 of duration. $5.48 per hour, free housing, tools, equipment provided. Transportation, subsistence expenses to worksite provided upon completion of 50% of work contract or earlier. Contact Texas Workforce Commission, 501 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79702-1074, 915-682-9421. Refer to job order #7856746.

FIELD WELDER- must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

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NEED LADY 4 hours per day Monday thru Friday. Light house cleaning, laundry and cooking. Call 682-7121 for interview.

NEED caring woman to live in and care for sick woman. Consists of evenings and weekends. $650 cash monthly plus room & board. Lifting required. Call after 6 pm, 697-6154.

336 Adult Care Providers

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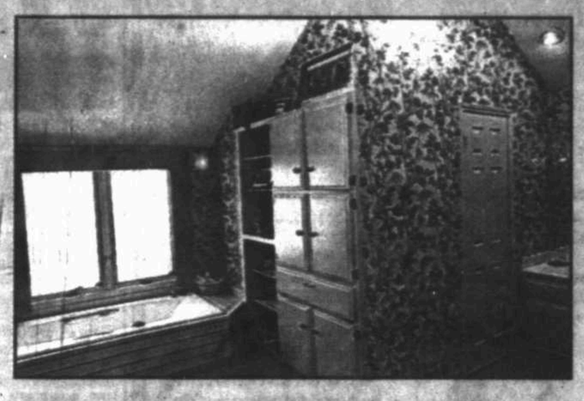
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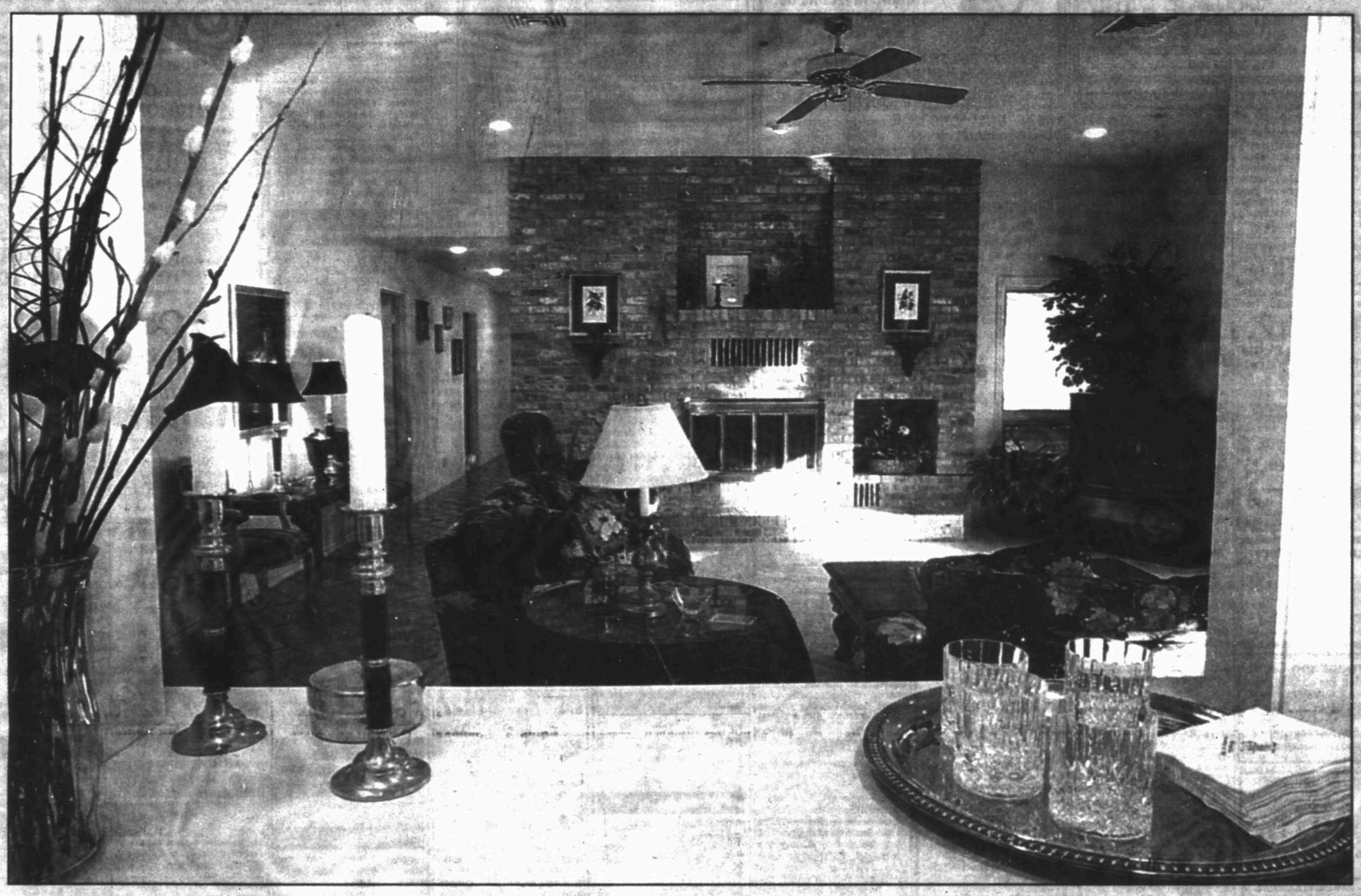
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HOMES & CLASSIFIED







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Style, grace & panache

Situated on a prestigious corner lot at 4905 Teakwood Trace in southern Greentree this elegant house offers a tremendous amount of space, both inside and out.

High ceilings, a light decor and large rooms amplify the feeling of space inside: An ambience that is more than heightened by the open floor plan. The added luxuries such as Saltillo tile in the high traffic areas and the wet bar (that joins the kitchen to the formal living room) all add up to produce a property that is truly spectacular.

The center of this house is the sizable and dramatic formal living room. Opening onto the back yard, kitchen and formal and informal dining areas as well as the tiled entryway it is the central atrium that defines the tone of the home. Recessed lights pick out accents on the brick and brass fireplace and other architectural details such as the log storage and built-in shelves while accentuating the natural light that floods in through the large windows.

With a large number of rooms - including three bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms plus a bonus room that could be used as a study or informal family den - there is plenty of space for a large family. Few of the rooms however are as dramatic as the bathroom in the sequestered master suite. A large Jacuzzi tub provides the focal point while the soaring and sharply angled ceilings provide a massive amount of floor space and volume. Separate vanities and shower plus lots of functional built-in storage and practical touches to the room.

The kitchen is appointed to a similarly high standard. Lit by a skylight and window it is a bright and airy room that features a lot of counter and storage space space as well as a sizable central island. Aspects of the room such as the built-in desk arrangement and plant shelves above the cabinets add their own elements to the overall ambience.

Vicky Garrett of Re/Max will be hosting an open-house this afternoon between two and four o'clock.

For more information about this property which is listed at $159,000, or to arrange a private appointment to view it call the Re/Max offices at 682-8820.

KAY SUTTON NAMED CENDANT MOBILITY SERVICES REAL ESTATE BROKER IN MIDLAND

Kay Sutton, Realtors was named the Network Real Estate Broker for Cendant Mobility Services (formerly known as HFS Mobility Services), the world's largest relocation services firm.



Sutton

This new member of the Cendant Mobility Broker Network, the leading broker-to-broker network affiliated with Cendant Mobility Services, Kay Sutton, Realtors has 20 agents serving the Permian Basin area. Network Brokers are responsible for, among other things, the effective marketing of real estate on behalf of clients.

According to W. Bruce Wallin, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Broker Network for Cendant Mobility Services, Kay Sutton, Realtors will take on an important role in providing real estate services to Cendant Mobility clients. The decision to make the firm a Network Broker in the market was primarily based on their strong performance and shared commitment to Cendant Mobility business and customer service goals.

Kay Sutton, Broker/Owner for Kay Sutton, Realtors, said the relationship with Cendant Mobility Services brings with it increased responsibility and additional opportunities to the firm. "This move makes a tremendous statement about our Company. Cendant Mobility Services is a dynamic leader in relocation and real estate services. The fact that our relationship with them is growing says a lot about our reputation as a real estate firm in this market."

Wallin stressed that performance was key in the selection process. "Our Broker Network plays a critical role in our ability to support our clients and their transferring employees with the very best in relocation service. The real estate brokers that make up our Network must meet and maintain stringent performance standards. Kay Sutton, Realtors meets those standards. We are proud to be associated with them and look forward to working with them," said Wallin.

The Cendant Mobility Services Broker Network, headquartered in Danbury, Connecticut, is a broker-to-broker network composed of more than 300 leading, market-dominant real estate firms with 50,000 sales associates in 2,000 offices, serving in excess of 500 markets across the United State, Canada and Mexico.

Do You Have Enough Homeowner's Insurance?

Unfortunately most homeowners are inadequately insured. In fact, many not only lack financial protection for the equity in their home, but for their personal property as well. Why?



Jackson

It usually happens because lenders only require home buyers to carry enough insurance to cover the value of the mortgage. Then, in the event of damage or destruction to the property - fire, flood or earthquake - the lender's investment is covered. Unfortunately, this required insurance is only for the lender's money -- it does not cover the homeowner's personal property, or their equity.

When deciding on insurance, homeowners should carry enough to cover the replacement value of the home, and all of its contents. The key word: replacement. As the home appreciates, so will its replacement cost. Thus, the policy should be reviewed every year or two, adjusting the amount covered if appropriate.

A word of caution, however. Do not insure for more than the value of your real and personal property, because an insurance company will not reimburse more than the replacement value of the property. Consult with a reliable insurance agent to ensure you have the correct amount of insurance.

The most common homeowner policies cover the home and contents without requiring an itemization of all furniture and personal effects. Items over a specified value, such as jewelry and artwork, are generally listed separately and usually require an additional premium.

Remember, few homeowners think about the value of their home or the replacement cost - until a disaster (fire, flood, storm or earthquake) hits. The key is to be proactive. Get the coverage you need - before you need it.

(Submitted by Bill Jackson, The Prudential ADOBE REALTORS.)

Technology Speeds Up Buying/Selling Process

The "good old days" don't really thrill us all that much that we want to talk about them. On the other hand, we do like to talk about how much easier it is in today's world. Many Realtors can remember typing all those contracts from the beginning and with carbon copies. Today we like to sit down at a computer and whip out a contract while you wait and then very simply make any changes you would like to have. The fax machine has really made the negotiation phase easy even when the parties are in the far away lands over the sea. Offers and counter offers can fly back and forth and when a yes/yes condition is received then we can get the hard copy on it's way. Copies are quickly made and dispersed to all parties. Undoubtedly every business today can say the same about how those modern miracle machines work in their business, but when we stop to think about how it was in Real Estate without them, we shudder. Driving down the street you see many people on the telephone, some o them are probably Realtors calling about the house that the sign just went up in front. When your Realtor pulls up to the curb in front of the home you are about to see while no one was home and it is obvious that someone has arrived in the meantime, that phone is so handy. As the paperwork proceeds on the sale, the fax machine gets a workout, sending inspection reports and closing statements back and forth to lending officers and closing officers. All this makes the whole process so much easier for all of us - isn't progress grand!



Pine

(This article submitted by Norma Pine, owner of Chaparral Realtors.)

400 AUCTIONS

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AUCTION #1

Saturday, January 17, 1998 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATED: Lamesa, Texas, 1 Block West of Hwy. 87-180 On South Sixth Street. Corner Of 6th And Main Street (Watch For Signs)

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CLOSING DATE AND POSSESSION: Feb. 17, 1998 Or Sooner.
TAXES: All 1997 And Prior Year Taxes Paid By Seller.
INSPECTION: Call Barry Addison (806) 489-7866, Lamesa, Texas.
OWNERS: Have 30 Minutes To Accept Or Reject Or Reject Any And All Bids On Real Estate.

AUCTION #2

Saturday, January 17, 1998 - Sale Time: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATED: Lamesa, Texas, South Side Of Town, 1 Mile South Of Hwy. 180, On West Side Of Hwy. 87.

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AUCTION

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AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 – 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: From Levelland, Tx. (Hockley Co.), 2 Miles East on US 114 to Craddock Grocery Store, then 2 Miles North on County Road.

'83 JD 4450...'81 JD 4440...2-'80 JD 4440...'79 JD 4440... JD 4430...JD 4320...JD 4010...JD 3010...MODULE BUILDER... STRIPPERS...BOLL BUGGY...VEHICLES... SIDE-ROLL SPRINKLER...FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT...SPRAY EQUIPMENT...TANKS...TRAILERS...DUALS...RADIOS...PIPE... SHOP EQUIPMENT AND MORE...

AUCTION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 – 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Stanton, TX (Martin Co.) 4 Miles West on IH 20, go 1 Mile West of Intersection FM 829 and IH 20, take Exit 151. Auction will be held on the North Side of IH-20 known as Antique Haven Property.

'79 IH 1486...'73 AC 7050...'71 JD 4320...'58 D-17...JD 4020 FARM EQUIPMENT...IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT...TANKS HAY EQUIPMENT...SHOP EQUIPMENT...AND MORE

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590 Legal Notices

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: Bridge Spall Repair, 6021 30 001, estimate $154,800, Guaranty $3,100 in Pecos County of the Odessa District will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, February 3, 1998, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals are to be requested from Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside, Austin, Texas, 512-416-2496. Usual rights reserved.

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The Greenwood Independent School District is accepting bids for stadium lights and bleachers until January 14, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Specifications are available at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas 79706. Contact (915) 685-7803 for additional information. GISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF SPECIFICATION FOR CHAIN LINK FENCES
FOR FORT STOCKTON
ON IH-10
FORT STOCKTON, REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS
CONTRACT NO. 068XXR1011

Sealed proposals and specifications for chain link fences for Fort Stockton Rest Area, 25 miles West of Fort Stockton on IH-10, Fort Stockton, Reeves County, Texas to be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 11:00 am, Tuesday, January 20, 1998 and then publicly opened and read.

Bid proposals and specifications will be available at the office of Arnulfo R. Valdez, 3901 E. BI 20, Odessa, Texas 79761. Telephone Number, 915-333-9296.

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Sealed proposals for Remove and Replace Large Roadside Signs, Control No. 6023 03 001, on LP 250 in Midland County of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 2:00 pm, February 10, 1998, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals are available by calling the District Operations Office of Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761. (915)333-9140. The estimated cost for this project is $14,300. The proposal guarantee for this project will be $0. Usual rights reserved.

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Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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Professional, attractive single white female, 46, 5'2", personable, smoker, enjoys traveling, the arts, seeking single white male, 40-55. Ad# 2121

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White mother of two, 24, 5'3", smoker, enjoys dancing, motorcycles and spending time with friends and family, seeking single white male, 21-46, for friendship first. Ad# 8069

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Professional divorced white mom, 32, 5'8", medium build, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, watching movies and cooking, seeks medium-built single white male, over 25, non-smoker. Ad# 2431

COULD THIS BE IT?
Outgoing single black mom, 19, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys basketball, going for walks, dining out, movies and more, seeks medium-built single male, 20-35. Ad# 2878

SOMEONE NEW
Professional single white mom, 25, 5'5", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, music, time with her children, seeks single white male, 27-35, children a plus. Ad# 2424

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single white mom, 27, 5'5", slender build, fun-loving, outgoing, student, enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her daughter, summertime, seeking single white male, 33-45, with similar interests. Ad# 1206

TELL ME NO LIES!
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 120lbs., shy, friendly, enjoys movies, country music, bowling, dancing, seeks single white male, 21-34, to spend time with. Ad# 5088

ADVENTUROUS
Spontaneous, slender single white female, 56 5'6", smoker, loves to dance, seeking slim single white male, 56-62, 5'10"-6'4". Ad# 4213

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Friendly single white female, 56, 5'4", full-figured, non-smoker, loves windmills and butterflies, seeks single white male, who appreciates country living. Ad# 2841

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white female, 47, 5'2", 145lbs., a smoker, lives in Midland area, enjoys dancing, music, outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55, medium build, children welcome, for companionship. Ad# 7850

WORTH A CALL
Pregnant single white female, 18, 5'4", slender, smoker, fun-loving, shy, residing in Midland, seeks medium-built single white male, 18-22, for friendship first relationship. Ad# 1654

SINCERELY SINGLE?
Single white female, 42, 5'6", medium-build, business owner, enjoys cooking, travel, dancing, lives in Midland, seeks caring, honest single male, non-smoker, for possible relationship. Ad# 5517

SPEND QUALITY TIME
Single black female, 20, slender-build, outgoing, friendly, enjoys dancing, star-gazing, seeking non-smoking, medium-built single Hispanic male, 18-23, with similar interests. Ad# 1996

STAR GAZING
Single white mom, 27, 5'7", medium-build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, the Internet, reading, scuba diving, seeking creative, intelligent, down-to-earth single white male, 25-37. Ad# 6123

WINING & DINING
Single black female, 35, 5'5", medium-build, outgoing, friendly, residing in Midland, enjoys movies, dining out, seeking outgoing, single white male, 25-55. Ad# 7132

SEEKS TRUE COWBOY
Single white mother, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys country dancing, rodeos, bowling, miniature golf and billiards, looking for tall single white male, who likes children. Ad# 1952

SHARE YOUR LIVES
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, reading, seeking single or divorced white or hispanic male, 49-55, with similar interests. Ad# 5656

READY TO SETTLE
Single white mom, 20, 5'7", outgoing, friendly, employed, smoker, lives in Midland, enjoys sports, basketball, football, looking for a sincere, single black male, 18+, no head games. Ad# 8244

A DREAM COME TRUE
Friendly single white mom, 41, 5'8", smoker, enjoys the outdoors, camping, the movies, seeks honest, compatible, sincere, medium-built single white male, 42-50. Ad# 2468

WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS
Single white female, 29, 5'6", non-smoker, enjoys dancing, long walks, children, quiet times at home and family time, seeking compatible, warm-hearted single Hispanic male, 30-45. Ad# 4275

ONE ON ONE
Spontaneous, single Hispanic female, 18, 5'7", lives in Midland, enjoys traveling, drawing, reading, writing poetry, seeks caring, compassionate single Hispanic male, 18-29, for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1333

SWEET GIGGLES
Outgoing, friendly single Hispanic female, 18, 5'3", enjoys skating, cheerleading, seeking fun-loving single male, 19-25. Ad# 1590

DISCOVER ME
Friendly single white mom, 20, 5'5", medium build, smoker, enjoys traveling, movies, camping, seeking single white male, 20-30. Ad# 1175

ROMANTIC LADY
Reserved single Hispanic mom, 19, 5'5", medium build, non-smoker, social drinker, from Odessa, enjoys cooking, movies, walking in the park, seeks honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 18-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 1128

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male, under 45, for friendship maybe more. Ad# 2525

THE POWER OF LOVE
Outgoing single white female, 39, 5'7", non-smoker, interests include flea market, antiques, wants to meet humorous, down-to-earth single balck male, 35-55, physique unimportant, to enjoy life with. Ad# 2742

TREAT ME RIGHT!
Friendly single white female, 18, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys socializing, dancing, horseback riding, movies, seeking handsome, employed single white male, 18-23. Ad# 3979

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white mom, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from Odessa, enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, genuine, truthful single white male, under 45. Ad# 1813

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Sensitive, fun-loving single white male, 60, 5'6", 130lbs., enjoys traveling around the world, seeks petite single female, 35-99, for companionship. Ad# 7421

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER
Hardworking single white male, 48, 5'5", medium build, black hair, hazel eyes, enjoys watching football, outdoor activities and taking long walks, seeks outgoing, fun-loving single female, 35-50. Ad# 9591

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME
Single white male, 28, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys art, socializing, building things, outdoor activities and working out, seeks single female, 20-30. Ad# 9031

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Single Hispanic male, 22, 5'7", slim, smoker, likes going out, dancing, favorite sport is football, seeks medium-built single white female, over 18. Ad# 1189

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Single Hispanic dad, 45, 6'4", heavyset, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, movies, long walks, seeks single Hispanic female, 30-51, N/S, to have a good time together. Ad# 2989

FRIENDS FIRST...
Family-oriented single Hispanic male, 40, 5'7", non-smoker, enjoys travel, movies, barbecues, seeks friendly single white female, 33-40, who is easy to get along with. Ad# 7463

DINNER AND A MOVIE?
Shy, friendly single white dad, 34, 5'11", 195lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys fishing, hunting, antiques, flea markets, seeks single Hispanic/white female, 25-35. Ad# 4283

LOVES SEINFELD
Single white male, 51, 6'5", 250lbs., friendly, non-smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, country-western dancing, seeks slender single white female, under 50, with similar interests. Ad# 2144

SOMETHING LONG-LASTING
Easygoing single white male, 44, 5'11", medium build, green-eyed blond, smoker, non-drinker, seeks humorous, attractive, medium-built positive single female, without children at home. Ad# 1953

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Single white male, 30, 6', outgoing and friendly, enjoys rollerblading, ice skating, watching movies, playing guitar, singing, seeking single white female, 19-35, who is athletic and who likes children. Ad# 7240

SHORT AND SWEET
Single white male, 30, 6'3", non-smoker, seeking single white female, 20-35, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2467

INTERESTED IN MEETING
Fun to be with single white male, 48, 5'5", medium build, hardworking, smoker, likes the outdoors, quiet times together, seeks single white female, 35-55. Ad# 1938

ONE STEP AT A TIME
Single white male, 25, 6', 180lbs, brown hair/eyes, non-smoker, enjoys listening to music, watching movies and sports, seeks slender single white female, 18-28, non-smoker. Ad# 8888

FIT & FORTY
Single white dad, 40, 6', medium build, smoker, hardworking, seeks slender single white female, 25-45, to enjoy life with. Ad# 2653

THIS IS IT !
Single Hispanic male, 32, 5'10", medium build, brown hair and eyes, outgoing, friendly, seeking non-smoking, social-drinking single white female, 29-32. Ad# 8101

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single white male, 27, 6'1", slim build, brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys sports, working out, teaching karate to children, seeking single white female, 20-34. Ad# 3920

QUIET NATURE
Single white male, 20, 6', a smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, seeks single white female, 18-23, slender, children welcome. Ad# 2222

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Shy single white male, 26, 5'10", medium-build, black hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys the outdoors, sports, lives in Odessa, seeks single white female, 20-28, kids a plus! Ad# 9502

HEART OF GOLD
Shy single white Christian male, 45, 6', slim, dark brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, professional, from Midland, enjoys family life, country music, fairs, garage sales, looking for a single female. Ad# 4859

TALK TO YOU SOON
Easygoing single white male, 33, 5'11", from Odessa, enjoys sporting events, traveling, motorcycles, snowboarding, seeking single white female, under 25. Ad# 1245

FRIENDS FIRST
Romantic single white male, 30, 6', curly brown hair, non-smoker, enjoys movies, music, cooking, concerts, seeking single Hispanic female, 21-40. Ad# 2589

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Secure single white male, 41, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, seeking sweet, slender single white female, 28-45. Ad# 5541

ONE IN A MILLION
Single white male, 18, 5'6", strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, employed, seeking slender, honest, loving single white female, 18-24. Ad# 1903

ROMANCING COWBOY
Single white male, 50, 6', slim-build, outgoing, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, riding and roping, seeking single white female, 29-49, with similar interests. Ad# 4715

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Single Hispanic dad, 31, 5'11", 175lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, lives in Ft. Stockton, enjoys the outdoors and skiing, seeks slender, single Hispanic female, 21-40, children a plus. Ad# 1100

NOT PICKY
Easygoing single white male, 22, 5'9", medium build, smoker, hobbies include hanging out with friends, seeks slender single white female 21-25. Ad# 4685

TOGETHERNESS
Single white male, 27, 5'9", smoker, enjoys children, music and the outdoors, seeking special single white female, under 34, to share life. Ad# 1070

GO OUT WITH HIM
Single hispanic male, 22, 5'9", medium-build, shy, enjoys movies, playing pool, dancing, seeking single hispanic female, 18-23, with similar interests. Ad# 8735

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS
Fun-loving, compassionate single white male, 23, 5'9", medium-build, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys walks, playing pool, bowling, seeks single white female, 18-34, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2232

FUN AWAITS
Outgoing single white male, 26, 6', medium build, smoker, enjoys photography, movies, seeking special single white female, 25-35. Ad# 1028

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Slim single Hispanic male, 19, 5'7", smoker, interests include law enforcement and martial arts, seeking slender single Hispanic female, 18-25. Ad# 2635

WILL SPOIL YOU
Congenial single white male, 32, 6'1", non-smoker, lives in Midland, likes movies, dining out, concerts, seeks compatible single black female, 18-35, for companionship and friendship. Ad# 7734

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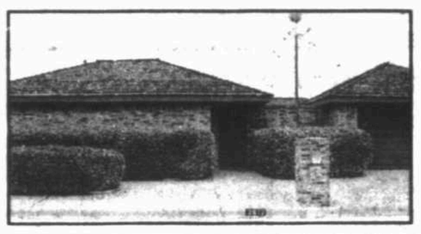
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MCDONALD - Great location! 3 br/2 ba/2 la/ gar, fp, bright kitchen, skylights ..... UC
CRENSHAW - Very nice 3 br/ 2 ba/2 car gar, fp. Closing cost pd on full price offer. $57,500
PASADENA - Lots of updating on this 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar/fp in nice neighborhood $56,900
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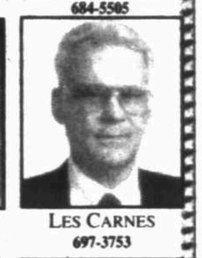
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4012 TRINITY COURT ..... UNDER CONSTRUCTION $152,500
Quality construction by M. Jackson Construction. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, and 3 car garage. Lots of ceramic tile, sprinkler system in front and back landscapeand trees in front, plantation shutters in front, whirlpool tub in master bath.

5405 GRASSLAND ..... GRASSLAND ESTATES $119,900
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4302 LANHAM ..... NOW COMPLETE $119,900
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2608 CALDERA DRIVE ..... VISTA WEST $108,900
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2829 DURANT ..... KIMBER LEA $82,500
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2810 EMERSON ..... CLOSE TO GODDARD $69,900
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1500 W. KENTUCKY ..... IN-GROUND POOL $55,900
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705 BECKLEY ..... NEED HELP WITH CLOSING COSTS? $36,500
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2400 W. INDIANA	Local retail	$80,000
PECOS STREET	4 lots off Wadley	$35,000
3809 HWY. 349	Warehouse	$1000/Mo.
2903 W. WALL	Car lot, etc	$3000/Mo.

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PRIDE OF THE NEW YEAR .. Watch this one be built from the ground up! This Arbor Park beauty is to have 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, sequestered master w/whirlpool tub, formäl living, etc! Call Anita for more! $108,000

ADD THIS TO YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS! .. Don't miss this super cute "Old Midland" doll house with 3 bedrooms, 2 living areas, hardwood floors, large indoor utility and more. Large trees; within walking distance to park $75,000

JANUARY BEST BUYS!...

SPACIOUS WINTER BEAUTY .. Spacious 3/2.5 beauty located in prime location with full-time security guard. Don't miss these terrific extras: located on an huge lot, terrific backyard pool, sunroom, 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, wet bar, and much more! $199,900

HEADQUARTERS FOR AULD LANG SYNE! .. This terrific new Grasslands listing just 3 years new with 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3 living areas + study! Kitchen with island opens to den. Sequestered guest wing; yard is landscaped with dog run in back, sprinklers, covered patio. $169,500

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION .. This beautiful, brand new 4/2.5 by FN builders in Grassland Estates has two large living areas, 2 sided fireplace, custom wood blinds, gorgeous wall coverings and much more!! $159,900

OLD MAN WINTER'S COUNTDOWN TO VALUE! .. This super home in prestigious Polo Park has hardwood floors, sequestered master suite plus a sequestered guest wing with its own bath. Built-in wet bar and custom touches throughout. Interior has fresh paint and new carpet! Sellers are very anxious!!! $146,500

CELEBRATE IN '98! .. Just 1.5 years new, this immaculate 3/2 in Greenwood deserves a big red bow! Beautiful custom accents include built-ins, special ceiling treatments, tile flooring, whitewashed cabinets, and a spacious indoor utility. Don't miss the HUGE backyard and no back neighbors. Within walking distance to Greenwood schools! $82,500

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RESOLVE TO ENTERTAIN all year long in this custom built Troy Hunt home in Greentree. 4 BD, 4 BA, 3 LA. Sumptuous master bath with steam shower, Jacuzzi tub. Den with pretty brick fireplace. Kitchen with sub zero refrigerator, abundant cabinet space. Gameroom with built-in entertainment center and corner desk. Plantation shutters throughout. **$419,900**

SOLD COUNTRY VALUE Listen to crackling logs in pretty fireplace. 5 BD or 4 BD and study, ground floor master suite, formal living, den with bay window, gourmet kitchen. 3 acres of land, storage shed, water well, fencing. Call to view this property **$129,900**

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A REAL MEMORY MAKER There's no place like home in this inviting, easy to love 3 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA, formal living/dining, den, bonus room/office. Kitchen with large pantry, breakfast bar. Master suite and guest suite. Enjoyable back yard with mature landscaping. Call for your personal showing... **$83,000**

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Holiday Cheer Begins Here! Exquisite inside! Marvelous kitchen, wonderful family room, grand formal dining, luxurious master bath, 5 bedrooms, 2 LA, 3 car garage all of the amenities. Ask for Larry Hatfield 689-7758.

Rustic Trail.....$232,900
4 bed, 3 1/2 ba, 3 gar, workshop, view of Golf Course from front & back of property. New fence, many upgrades. Country Club membership stays with property. Pazazz & Class! Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Grassland.....$229,500
Gorgeous 1 1/2 year new M[illegible] with 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths has custom extras galore. Stone flooring, Berber carpet, plantation shutters, security system plus much more! U/C

Heartland-EXQUISITE.....$215,800
5 bedroom beauty, 3 car garage, 2 living areas, formal dining, stunning decor, HURRY and call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

N. "L" -SALE, LEASE, LEASE/PURCHASE.....$215,000
OFFERS Requested or Lease $1700/month on this super Warwick redo - 5BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, 3 garage. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Rustic Trail.....Reduced $419,900
DREAMY builder's own home in Greentree. Spacious living in 4BD, 4BA, steam shower in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377

Edgebrook.....$196,000
Bates Resale-better than new, sequestered master, in-law plan, built-ins, xtra large lot & parking pad. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Melody Acres.....$184,900
Horse lovers will flip over this 8[illegible] approx. 3 acres. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas and formal dining room. 20x45 workshop. Call Anita. U/C

Centerview.....$179,900
Grassland-"Exceptional" 4 b[illegible] extras plus skylights, tile, security & shutters. Please call Donna 697-0490. SOLD

Green Tree.....Reduced $176,500
Elegant Green Tree home w/3400+ sq. ft.! 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, 5 baths & fabulous pool! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Briarwood Addition.....$172,500
Fabulous kitchen overlooking [illegible]om, separate formal dining, seq. master, seq. kids wing. 4th bedroom access to its own bath. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758. U/C

Heartland-Owner Wants Offers.....$171,500
4 bed, 3 ba, 3 car garage. Sp[illegible]lean. Cul-de-sac, huge front porch, den has lovely built-ins. Please call Ruth Young 682-7884. U/C

Grassland Estates.....Just Reduced $169,500
Fabulous 4/3 with 2 living areas plus study. Tons of builder extras + neighborhood clubhouse & pools.

Cherrywood.....$165,000
New 4 bdrm home by Lee Evans, Call Clemmie.

Seaboard-Reduced.....$165,000
Charm & style with Mother-in-law plan, formal dining & living, covered patio, 3 1/2 baths, divided backyard. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Trinity Meadows.....$159,900
Great Property. 4 bedroom[illegible]rmal dining. Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268. SOLD

Grassland-New Construction.....$159,900
4/3 with 2 living areas, 2 sided fireplace, wood shades, jacuzzi tub & much much more. Call Anita.

Greentree Country Club.....$159,000
Builder's home feature rich, Pella windows, bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Coventry Lane.....$158,500
Stunning executive home in Polo Park. 4 BD, 3 baths, 2 living areas, formal & breakfast dining rooms. Hardwood & tiled floors, 1 block from Polo Park pool! Cal Denise Underwood 697-1799.

Cherrywood-Reduced.....$155,000
New contruction in Briarwood. Light & bright. Call Clemmie.

Polo Park.....$149,900
Grand kitchen & breakfast area. 4th bedroom great for a study, 3 full baths, 3 car garage, lovely inside & out. Ask for Larry & Debbie Hatfield.

Polo Park-Just Reduced.....$146,500
Gorgeous. 4/3 w/hardwood floors and all the extras. Fresh paint & carpet, sequestered master, wet bar. Call Anita.

Trinity Court.....$144,500
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas.

Grassland Estates.....$137,900
Full of Peace & Joy. Like brand New! Warm & cozy family room, white-washed cabinets, lots of tile, sun-shine through-out this custom built with 4 exceptional bedrooms, 3 full baths, crown molding, sprinkler system, alarm. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Lehigh.....$129,900
Better than new 4 bedroom, 3 bath, sequestered master plus mother-in-law suite. Plantation shutters w/over 2600 sq. ft. Call Sandy Scott 684-3070.

Melville.....$129,000
Great plan - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths - two car garage - sequestered master, don't miss this one - call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 - 682-8820.

Monticello.....Reduced $128,500
Elegant custom - 4 bedroom - 2 living - plus sun room - island kitchen - wonderful. FRESH PAINT. Call Jo 683-1425.

Ann Dr.....$125,900
Lots of glass, tile, & open area[illegible]ells contemporary on 1.35AC, 3 bath, loft, oversized garage, great location. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923. U/C

Whittle Way.....$123,000
4 bedroom beauty with worksh[illegible]e Sorge. U/C

Rosemont-Reduced.....$112,950
Gorgeous 4BR. Has to be the most beautiful fireplace in Midland. Hot Tub. Formal dining, spacious & unique. Ask for joyce brickey 682-3191.

Claremont.....$112,000
Light and bright - 4 bedrooms, two baths, cul-de-sac. Call Mary Jo Drury - 684-4268 - 682-8820.

Pinemont.....$112,000
Tall ceilings, open plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Bush - Abell - Lee! New Construction by Frazier. Call Deborah 520-2117

Lehigh.....Reduced Again! $105,900
You will be impressed w/this well-maintained home w/formal dining on corner lot! Gourmet kitchen w/tile & walls of windows! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Dalton.....$105,000
Fireplace, 4 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA, covered patio, storage shed. Call Marilyn Jo.

Dentcrest.....$105,000
Newly constructed on cul-de-sac in Fairmont Park. Call Deborah Pierce 520-2112.

Crestmont.....$103,500
Great curb appeal! Kahler custom home, sequestered master, tiled entry, formal dining, sprinkler system. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Dentcrest.....$97,500
4 bdrms, formal dining, like new - Call Clemmie.

2802 Metz-New Listing.....$97,500
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living, ca[illegible] GREAT. Call Jo Braden. U/C

St. Andrews - 4 Bedrooms.....$93,500
4 great bedrooms, enormous kitchen, 3 baths, formal dining, light & bright den. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Kansas-COME SEE THE CHANGE.....$83,500
4 bedroom - charm, hardwood floors - water well - workshop & garage with loft & work area. Recent carpet & paint. Call Jo today.

Dengar.....$79,900
Snazzy home in quiet area! Wonderful yards, soaring ceilings. Bright open plan! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Mark Lane.....$1,000 DECORATING ALLOWANCE.....$76,900
Clean 4BR, 2BA, 1LA, minutes away from schools, super market and park. Bonus room. In-law plan. New carport. Recent paint, carpet and roof. Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

Bedford.....Reduced $76,500
Super 4 BD, 4 BA , tile galore, formal dining, huge lush yard with trees & fountain. Great find! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Shell-Great New Price.....$62,000
You will be surprized "How large" this 4 BR is, Gorgeous yard, decked area w/hot tub - formals & huge lovely den. Ask for joyce 682-3191.

E. Oak.....$45,000
Luxury abounds, large master, complete update. Call Clemmie.

College.....$39,900
This "fixer-upper" is the handymans dream come true. With a little work this can be three rental properties. Really a lot for $39,900. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

#14 Dunblane.....$399,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft.!! Pool, barn, shop, RV/Boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis, and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Hwy. 176.....$250,000
Andrew's County. 3BR, 2B, 2 LA's, more than 250 acres. stg. buildings, security system, sprinkler, over 250 trees. Ruth Young at 682-7884.

Saddle Club North!.....199,900
Prime location/Spectacular home on HUGE corner lot with pool, enclosed sunroom, 2 fireplaces. Call Anita

Stanolind.....$150,000
Beautifully updated with wood floors, tumbled marble in kitchen, Faux painting, fully lapdscaped, lots of built-ins. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-588-5923.

Greentree - On The Course.....$149,900
Celebrate all Year! Loads of windows, loads of storage, fabulous kitchen, sequestered master, 3 huge bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wonderful family room, separate formal dining. Let us show you inside -- Ask for Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Greentree North...On The Course.....$139,900
Wrap it up! Enormous family room, grand kitchen & breakfast area, sequestered master with separate tub & shower. Walk-in closets. Separate formal dining. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Wallace Townhome.....$134,500
Stunning updated 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, spacious townhome with so much new in excellent condition. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Built by Tom Canton-New Listing.....$125,000
3/2/2, waterfall-pond. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Old Midland.....$119,000
Fantastic 3BR, 2 BA, fireplaces in both living areas, huge master, large utility, darling kitchen, loads of windows, lush grounds[illegible]to see! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Timber Lane.....$110,0[illegible]
Great new construction by Kahler! 3bdrm/2 bath [illegible]floorplan! Great neighborhood. [illegible] own custom home! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Goddard Place.....$94,900
2 fireplaces, 2 living areas - convenient cul-de-sac location plus Home Warranty! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Bellechasse.....$103,000
Large 3 bdrm, formal dining, in-ground pool. Clemmie Sorge.

Dyer Circle.....$100,000
Gorgeous landscaping on large lot, updated papers, double yard with dog run, oustanding pantry.

Old Midland.....$99,000
Superb! Master bedroom with wonderful bath, 3 baths, 3BR, 2 living areas, WORKSHOP! Beautiful landscaping. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Shandon-Tile Floors.....$97,500
Pool, workshop. Fannin School area.

Winfield.....$97,500
So much space - Great loction & quality - workshop. Call Jo.

Candle Tree.....$95,000
New listing - 3 BD, cheerfu[illegible]nal living with fireplace, workshop, covered patio. Call Marilyn Jo Smith. U/C

Lehigh.....$94,000
High ceilings, skylights, 2 marvelous baths, oversized rooms are just a few of the features found here. Hurry to see! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Crestmont.....$87,900
Sequestered master, formal dining, corner. Call Clemmie Sorge.

Culver.....$89,500
New listing with a bright kitchen, 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA, den with fireplace, study and has large back yard. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Idlewilde - By Bush Elementary.....Reduced $87,900
4 yrs. old - just like new, 2 baths, formal dining, vaulted den ceiling, fireplace, "home warranty, landscape allowance. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Wedgewood Park- Just Reduced!.....$87,500
Beautiful home inside and out.[illegible]ing plus sunroom & study. Call Anita. U/C

Imperial.....$87,500
Wonderful three bedroom, two [illegible]ome. Close to Lee High school. Some features include two living areas, enclosed patio, bonus room and auto sprinkler system. Call Kirk to see. U/C

North "I".....$84,900
Comfortable, well cared fo[illegible]e rooms & recreation - sized backyard. So much new! Call Karen Czech 685-4028. SOLD

Fall Into This.....$83,[illegible]
Wonderful 3 BD. 2 BA home with a great home/office. Located in "Pea[illegible] Old Midland" location. Call Marilyn Jo.

St. Andrews.....Reduced $82,9[illegible]
BAN THE BLAHS! 3 bedrooms, very open plan, formal dining p[illegible] breakfast area, fabulous master suite[illegible]Vicky Gar[illegible]570-8889/800-58[illegible] 5923.

Harvard.....$82,000
Super home, totally[illegible]e in gre[illegible]location! 3BR, 2BA, living areas - 2 c[illegible] Airport. Hurry[illegible]Scott 68[illegible]0370.

[illegible]ewald.....$79,950
[illegible]s superb home! S[illegible]estered master, vaulted ceiling in den, hi-lite, 3BR, 2 bath home. Great size[illegible]eat home. Call Clayton 682-9494.

[illegible].....$79,900
Outstanding home with recent carpet, tile flooring, high ceilings, low maintenance yard - super buy! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Green Tree Blvd.....$79,900
Low maintenance, patio home[illegible]course, spacious master suite. Separate formal dining could be study. Call Marilyn Jo U/C

Wydewood.....$79,900
Very nice three bedroom with two bathrooms and a two car garage. Home has just been painted outside and has two new air conditioners. Fresh paint & New carpet!! Call Kirk French at 682-8820.

Lanham.....$78,000
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow! Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location adds peace and quiet.

Douglas.....$77,900
Wonderfully updated 3/2 w/large living area & loft. Large backyard. Beautiful ceramic tile, terrific wall coverings. Call Anita.

McDonald.....$76,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus over 1900 sq. ft. in immaculate condition, formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

W. Louisiana.....$75,000
Cute 3/2 dollhouse in "Old Midland" has hardwood floors, large indor utility. Huge trees in yard, within walking distance to park. Call Anita.

Mark Lane.....$73,500
Something Special describes this home with 3 BD, wet bar, built-in bookshelves and brick patio. Call Marilyn Jo.

Stanolind.....$73,500
Nestled amoung the trees this large 2 living, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage will capture your heart, not your pocketbook! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Neely - Reduced.....$73,500
Soo clean & pretty - 2 baths, large open living, atrium off dining, skylights, light carpet, wood shutters. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Whitney Drive.....Reduced[illegible]2,900
Great home-w/open plan updated flooring, tile counters, large room[illegible] great trees!! Super buy. Priced to sell. Call today[illegible]! Victoria Printz 68[illegible]4800.

Spartan.....[illegible],950
Price Slashed! Home with over 200[illegible] 3 bedroom, 2 bath, "Great" [illegible], tile & fireplace. Call Clayton 682-9494.

Ainsley.....[illegible],900
2 bath, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vi[illegible]ul hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028. U/C

Maryland.....$69,900
Great 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage - Spacious. Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Wedgewood-Reduced.....$69,900
WOW 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 697-0490

Arbor Park.....$68,500
3/2 on corner lot. Close to sc[illegible]Priced to sell. Call Anita. U/C

Garfield.....$67,500
Loads of house for the price, fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Clemmie

Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS PLEASE!.....$65,000
A Real Doll House! A really large den plus separate liv. rm. 3 BR-2BA-2 gar! joyce brickey 682-3191

Wydewood.....$65,000
Come see this cute 3/2 w[illegible]den overlooking shaded backyard. Call Anita. U/C

Wadley.....$64,800
New Listing. 3 bedroom, gr[illegible]e floors. Call Jo Braden. U/C

Laura.....$62,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4268.

Stanton.....$59,900
Loads of cabinets in this fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute, cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Upland.....$56,900
Well maintained 3BD hom[illegible]Separate formal dining. One owner home. Separate formal dining for holidays. Call Marilyn Jo. U/C

Melton Alley.....$52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, lge rooms. Call Clemmie.

Ric - Reduced.....$51,900
Nice and well maintained best describes this three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Mercedes.....$49,900
Pretty home, lots of updating. Call Clemmie.

Trevino- Present Offer!.....$49,500
Super great 3BR, 2BA, 2 ga[illegible]ing rm. Priced low to sell fast! Pretty interior. Ask for joyce brickey 682-3191. U/C

Storey.....$47,900
Precious 2/1 w/Guest house complete w/appliances, [illegible]living, 2 dining & more. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Gaston -OWNER FINANCE.....Reduced $47,000
Doll house in premium condition! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ref. central heat & air, sprinkler system, 3 car garage & workshop! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Ric-Sale or Lease.....$46,900
Super floorplan in this dar[illegible]home! 3 baths, garage and oversized yard! Walls of wi[illegible]make this one bright and cheerful! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Boyd.....$46,500
Cute, large li[illegible]area, [illegible]bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Bedford.....$45,000
A tip or two to the hardwa[illegible]ore and thin 3-2-2 will shine! Open living area, good BR space, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.

124 S. Glenwood.....$42,900
Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, fireplace. Call Clemmie

Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing.....$42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Humble.....$41,900
3 bed, 2 bath, darling home in new neighborhood. Lots new in last 5 year. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Pleasant.....$35,000
Unbelievable at this price. Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Anetta Drive- Reduced.....$34,900
New on Market. 3 BR, 2 Bat[illegible]Cute, updating. Nice wood deck in backyard. Must see to appreciate. Joel Oldham 689-9696. U/C

3117 Mariana.....$34,000
Cute 3 bedroom in Dellwood.[illegible]ome 694-0444 U/C

S. Mineola.....$24,950
This is it! A great starter home without being a fixer-upper. Nice and neat 3BR/1BA house which feels like home. Qualifies for HIP. Call Clayton.

Nobles - Owner/Agent w/pay 6% Buyer's Costs......$45,000
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious den w/fireplace, 1 car garage. Non-qualifying or new loan - pool not warranted. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Bentwood-Reduced.....$45,000
Darling Duplex. side "A" is[illegible]bath & side "B" is 2 bed/1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both! Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800. U/C

Humble.....$41,900
Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great condition. Nice area w/large yards. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Brunson.....$37,500
Darling! Super kitchen with tons of cabinets, berber carpet, tiled sun room, updated land shows great, plus bonus room. Come see inside. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield.

Parker.....$31,900
Just like new! Cute 2BD, 2BA, t[illegible]w/central heat & air. Great house w/large fenced yard. Victoria Printz 689-4800. U/C

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

W. CR 60.....$550,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Wichita: (Gardendale).....Reduced $495,000
Roomy 3 BD, 3 bath on 20 acre Pecan orchard, pool, barns, farm equip, & more! Not just a house - a lifestyle!! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

8201 W. Co. Rd. 55.....$399,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft.!! Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W CR 64.....$365,000
Gleaming hardwood floors, gamaroom, study, 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, beautiful view of Midland skyline. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

W CR 98.....$235,000
Dream kitchen, exercise/nursery room off masters, Texas-size home on 4-1/2 acres. Built in '93. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

N. Hwy. 349.....$189,000
A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

Exclusive Melody Acres.....$184,900
Located on appx. 3 acres, this [illegible]has 2 living areas, 6 stall horse barn, cross fenced pastures & l[illegible]acre. Come see this country acreage just south of GreenTree! U/C

869 E. Co. Rd. 125.....$148,500
Like new, but cleaner! 4 BD, 2 LA, 2 1/2 BA, 4+ parking/RV Garage on 3 Ac. Ridge Heights. Shutters, bay windows, beamed cathedral ceiling. Circle Drive.Call Denise 697-1799.

Co. Rd. 1086.....$129,900
New Construction in Greenwood, lots of tile, great floorplan. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 120.....$129,900
Great 2-story 5 bedroom or 4 plus study. Updated/pretty!! 3 acres with fenced area for animals. Call Marilyn Jo.

Solomon Lane- Reduced.....$129,900
Trees a Plenty! 3 living, 2-1/[illegible] 2 horse stalls, dog kennels, pipe fencing. Vicky Garrett 5[illegible]3. SOLD

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$112,000
3 or 4 bedrooms. Tri-Level.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$112,900
Large sequestered master, 3 or 4 bedroom. Call Clemmie.

1300 E. Co. Rd. 130-Great New Price.....$109,900
Located on 2 1/2 acres, gorgeous new decor w/3+ bedrooms, 2400 sq. ft. barn/workshop/RV garage. Pecan producing orchard. Roses galore. Terrific piece of property. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Knifffen.....$105,000
Spacious 3 BR on 1.25 acres, 3 stall 15'x45' horse barn, 14'x28' workshop. Must see! Sandy Scott 684-0370.

S. Co. Rd. 1350.....$105,000
Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Clemmie.

E. Co. Rd. 130.....$95,000
Located on 2 acres...close to town, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, country kitchen. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$92,500
1.5 year new 3/2 has custom touches everywhere, beautiful kitchen w/whitewashed cabinets, tile, breakfast bar. Huge utility. Large bedrooms!

S. Hwy. 349.....$90,000
Four bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, walk-in closets. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Andrews Hwy......$79,500
Formerly kitchen store & gift shop. Call Lavonne Johnson.

Co. Rd. 64 East.....$76,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Lavonne.

Co. Rd. 90.....$61,500
Great property, workshop and barn, 5 acres. Call Clemmie

Morning Glory.....$50,000
Half with mobile home hook-up-f[illegible] all with partially completed home - $35,000. Or - $50,000 for all. Ca[illegible]ich 685-4028. U/C

N. Co. Rd. 1130 - Reduced.....$47,900
Wonderful two bedroom, two[illegible]home on 1.15 acres in the Greenwood School district. Also has a workshop, central heat & air and a two car carport. Call Kirk at 682-8820 today! U/C

Co. Rd. 53 W......$43,500
3 bedroom, barn, .91 acres. Call Jo Braden.

Co. Rd. 1083 - Reduced.....$29,900
3.18 acres behind the Ranger Station Cafe in Greenwood (corner of 307 & 1083). This property has great potential. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Co. Rd. 1140 N......$29,900
12.5 acres with 8 septics, 4 water wells, 6 mob. home spaces. Victoria Printz 687-5636.

CR 50-McCarver subdivision. Between Midland and Odessa.....$25,000
5 acres, great location, paved road. Call Ruth Young at 682-7884

908 W. 65th, Odessa.....$23,900
Bank forclosure ready for offers. Over 2,000 sq. ft. on acre. Vicky Garrett 570-8889 or 800-583-5923

E. Co. Rd. 90.....$22,500
5 acres, double cross fenced, storage bldgs. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Co. Rd. 1178.....$22,000
Pecan Orchard - approx. 3 acres. Sprinkler system. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268

S. Co. Rd. 1218.....$21,500
10 acres, sandy soil. Call Clemmie

Townhouse Lots on Boyd Ave......$15,000 Ea.
3 lots in Lone Oak Subdivision. Kirk French.

Co. Rd. 2801.....$5,500
3 Acres located 4 miles West of Stanton. Call Clemmie

Sky Ranch Area.....
40 acres on S. Co. Rd. 180 One-half mil West of Co. Rd. 1210 (Midkiff). Restricted for Residential, no mobile homes, has water well. Call Clayton.

Midland Tower Office Space.....
From single office to large suites. Terrific rates and terms and covered parking available. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

13500 West Highway 80.....
Showroom w/office, warehouse, and storage overhang. Over 11,500 sq. ft. on 3.16 acres. Totally fenced and paved. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

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Retail pads available at terrific price for Loop property. Up to 3 acres. Midland Drive & Loop Access. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

Wadley Retail or Office Site.....
Over 4 acres on Wadley next to Auto Zone. Terrific location for retail, restaurant or office. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

FOR LEASE:

2301 N. "L".....$1,700.00
5003 Monticello.....$1,350.00
2301 Regal.....$950.00
4408 St. Andrews.....$900.00
2300 Storey.....$610.00
3002 A Pecos.....$575.00
2300 Haynes.....$575.00

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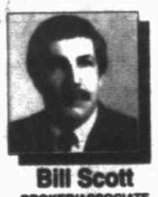

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HILLCREST-Fabulous 5BR in Grasslands, 3LAs + hobby room + shop - Hurry! **309,000**

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BAYBROOK-Fabulous 5BR, better-than-new Morris resale **278,000**

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FAIRWOOD CT-Absolutely stuning Bill Brown 2-story corner lot. 4BR/2LA + study **275,000**

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SEABOARD-Indescribable! 4/4/2 w/study/country kitchen, totally redone and updated, WOW! **230,000**

CHESLEY CT-Custom plan, 5BR/3BA, lots of upgrades, light & airy **229,500**



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TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage inTrinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price **159,900**

THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, ope kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition **159,900**

BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac **150,000**

VALLEY FORGE-Professionally decorated TH - extra special master suite - park-like landscaping **150,000**

SOLOMON-Loads of country charm in this completely remodeled 4BR filled with extras **144,900**

GODFREY-A must see....wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more **135,000**

MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new **134,500**

DUNKIRK-Super on quietest (shortest!) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof **130,500**

HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars **129,900**

LANCASHIRE-4BR/3BA/1LA, formal dining. Nice corner lot, new fence - come see for yourself **129,000**

PRINCETON-Country living - City convenience. Guest house w/FP, 2.5 acres, hardwood floors **125,000**

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DYER-Newly refurbished! Decorator taupe colors. Reduced and ready for occupancy 4BR/3BA/3 garage **124,500**

HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace **124,500**

BISHOPS CASTLE-4BR/3BA in Polo Park in beautiful condition! Hurry to see! **123,000**

BELFIELD CT-It's only perfect! Superb decor, space, quiet cul-de-sac, impeccable condition! 4BR/3LA **121,600**

BISHOP CASTLE-Great 3/2.5/2 home, light and bright and ready to move into today! Must see! **119,500**

PRINCETON-Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sf workshop **114,999**

MAXWELL-Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything **114,900**

FAIRFAX-Large 4BR/3BA, fantastic neighborhood, landscaped **113,500**

GOLF COURSE-Special Hickey TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP **112,500**

AMHURST-Fabulous space, new paint, 23 x 30 game room, 3/2 with 3 living areas **112,000**

NORTHTOWN-Super 4BR/2.5BA/2LA + huge bonus room. Convenient to everything **109,500**

FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Saltillo tile, formal living and dining and a pool **106,000**



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HARVARD
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KESWICK-Great house with lots of living space. 3BR/2BA with updating **99,900**

NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School, very contemporary, 3BR/2BA **99,500**

LOCKHEED-Super - good price - great location. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 open LAs, new exterior paint **98,500**

McCLINTIC-Adorable 3BR in popular Old Midland. Wonderful condition, pretty decor, great yard **98,500**

NOEL-Snappy 2BR TH! Great privacy & security, RV Parking **98,300**

GREEN TREE-A heart throb! Attractive 3BR TH w/pool & hot tub. Much refurbishing. Home warranty **98,000**

SUNSHINE PARKWAY-Great 2-story with 4/3.5 + office **97,500**

MAXWELL-Beautiful updated home w/gracious front porch, huge rooms & lush backyard. Immaculate **97,000**

BRIGHTON PL-Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more **96,900**

CRESTWOOD-Qual. Assump. High ceilings, picture pretty, decked patio, 3+ study or 4BR/2.5BA **94,000**

BOYD-One-owner TH, 3 years old. 2/2, high ceilings, spotless! Bring offers **93,500**

WYDEWOOD-Great Wydewood with master BR loft. Tons of kitchen storage! **89,900**

CANADIAN-Wonderful Kahler construction w/neutral colors. Just like new w/4BR or 3BR and study **89,900**

HARVARD-Old Midland - over 2000 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA, flagstone floors, wet bar, landscaped yard **89,900**

HAYNES-Extremely appealing! 2 super LAs, large seq. MBR, wonderful condition **89,750**

MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland", large, sunny rooms w/recent updating.Lots of parking area! **88,500**

VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile **86,900**

WYLEA-LOVELY new listing in Wydewood. Cul-de-sac, 3/2/2 plus office. Bush Elem **86,000**

MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard **85,000**

ELMA-Perfect shape! Wonderful home in Wydewood. 3BR/2BA. Sprinklers front and back **84,900**

FAIRBANKS-Great 3BR/2BA in top condition. Big bedrooms, formal dining, corner lot, pretty house! **83,900**

BEDFORD-3BR, updated, sparkling pool, Light and bright formal living & dining and 3LAs **82,500**

ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio w/tile floor-offering $1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost **81,900**

THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See **81,500**

CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master **79,900**

CHON COVE-Secluded yet convenient Wydewood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac **78,500**

STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt **78,000**

BUCHANAN-Spotless! Move-in to jewel tone colors! Seq. master w/hot tub room **77,700**

GULF-Seller to pay for 2 pts plus up to $1,500 of buyer's closing costs! **77,000**

KANSAS-Brick charmer w/guest house, 2BR/2BA in main house. Hardwood floors **75,000**

SHELL-No yard care, top notch TH, many amenities, close to everything, 2BR/2BA **74,500**

TEALWOOD-Great TH located near mall area. 2-story stucco w/2BR/2.5BA. Low maintenance **74,500**

STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard **73,900**

WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location **72,000**

BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play **69,900**

BOYD-So roomy, 4BR/2.5BA, beautiful drive-up. Great opportunity **69,900**

EMERSON-Good buy for area. Will look at all offers **69,900**

WADLEY #M66-Spacious, low maintenance condo, 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance **68,500**

DENGAR-Really nice 3BR in Fannin. Nice condition, good plan **68,500**

GODFREY-Nice size 4BR home w/pool across from park. Large open living & dining w/FP **68,000**

FERNCLIFF-New paint throughout! Good floor plan tucked into quiet street **67,000**

MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities **63,500**

BRAZOS-Large home for the money! Fresh paint, good floor plan, good price! **62,000**

GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is **60,000**

BELAIRE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood! **59,500**

NICKLAUS-Charming & comfortable, spacious, MBR, pretty tile floors. Great fireplace **59,000**

SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year **53,900**

ROOSEVELT-Take a double take! Talk about redone!!! 3BR/3LA, new kitchen, new everywhere **53,000**

MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA **49,900**

KANSAS-3BR/2LA/ bonus room/workshop .New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows **49,500**

ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one **49,500**

ILLINOIS-3BR/2BA/2LA, recent tile, large lot **46,900**

BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental **42,500**

MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more **39,500**

CENTURY-Great home on the corner **38,000**

WAVERLY-REDUCED. Great little property 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, corner lot, workshop **36,700**

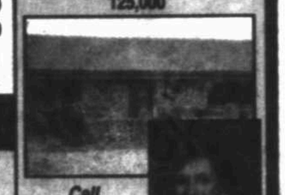
CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well **34,500**

KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system **32,500**

DELANO-priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring **24,500**

BENTON-Nice 2BR with large, fenced yard. Priced to sell **14,000**

MARIANA-Fixer-Upper. Sold as is. 2BR/1BA **10,000**



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ASHWOOD CT	196,700	OBJIBWA	85,500	S. CO. RD. 1082	64,500
BOYD	195,000	MILLER ROAD	85,000	PINE	54,500
TANFORAN	177,000	CANEMONT	82,900	ERIE	45,900
DUKES	146,750	N L	82,500	WASHINGTON	44,500
N. CO. RD. 1243	144,900	MOGFORD	79,900	STOREY	39,900
TIMBER LANE	126,900	CANADIAN	79,000	SWEETBRIAR	39,900
MAXWELL	112,000	WYDEWOOD	77,900	MARIANA	37,500
HERMITAGE	99,900	SANDS	73,500	COWDEN	35,000
HARVARD	99,000	WHITTLE WAY	69,900	KENTUCKY	25,000
ANGELINA	96,900	BROADWAY	69,500		

NEW LISTINGS

W. CO. RD. 124	JANE WOLF		$77,000
BOYD	SANDY HANSON		$93,500
W. CO. RD. 68	SUZI KNIGHT		$133,500
STANOLIND	CORPORATE		$174,900
CO. RD. 420	SANDY HANSON		$220,000
HILLCREST	LAURA MANULIK		$319,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

CO. RD. 420-Garden City Ranch - 389 ac + more available. 3/3/2LA house. Owner will owner carry. Call for details **220,000**

S. CO. RD. 1218-Quiet country home on 20 ac w/lots of pecan trees. Screened-in porch, RV pad + 2G/Stor bldg **172,500**

TATTENHAM-Close in - 1.7 ac- 1300' barn, 4BR/4BA. Great home **164,500**

S. CO. RD. 1184-Suburban home at its finest. Pastoral setting in Ridge Heights **147,800**

N. CO. RD. 1244-As Is Where Is! 2-story 3BR/2BA, huge gameroom up. 2 acres + shop **134,900**

W. CO. RD. 68-4/3/2. So much new & so much space inside & out! 2.5 acres, shops, stalls, addit (2.5) avail **133,500**

SARATOGA-Wonderful charming home w/beautiful pool, acreage with barn for horses **110,000**

S. CO. RD. 1184-Priced to sell "as is". Pool, workshop, guest quarters or office. Great possibilities **110,000**

KNIFFEN-3BR/2BA new construction brick home on 1.25 acres **105,000**

N. CO. RD. 1247-W of Midland, restricted area, 1 acre, 4BR/3BA, 4th BR could be 2nd LA. Updated & pretty **99,500**

CO.RD. 1070-3 year old brick home. 1 acre, over 2300 sq ft per MCAD **89,900**

E. CO. RD. 139-Exceptional 3BR, 30'x36' shop w/RV storage **89,800**

W. CO. RD. 124-Easy country living between Midland & Odessa, 3/2 with great pool! MISD **77,000**

S. CO. RD. 1210-South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental house also **75,000**

GOLD-Garden City, TX. An entire city block only, 40 min. from Midland, 2 houses & more only **75,000**

E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood, 3/2/2-car gar. 16x20 patio, sprinkler, one-owner **67,900**

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E. CO. RD. 86-3BR Mobile home w/workshop, barn & stalls - plus adj. acreage w/water wells & septic tanks **38,500**

CO. RD. 114-Country living for a great price **26,500**

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BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided **146,520**

BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided **86,220**

CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available **64,000**

MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city **64,000**

BLACKBERRY-Prettiest lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location **55,000**

CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! ..... **49,900 ea.**

"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district **37,500**

FAIRWOOD-Large lot in Mockingbird Heights; great location for your dream home! **36,500**

RUSTIC TRAIL-Last remaining estate-size lots on Rustic **35,000**

SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining **33,000-45,000**

OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available **30,000**

MAIN-New houses in area. Excellent opportunity for builder **28,500**

ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location **22,500**

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FM 150-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities **160,000**

S. CO. RD. 1218-Nice area, great privacy! 20 acres fenced. Ready for your new home **60,000**

FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing **38,500**

DERBY LANE-7.5 acres, 2 water wells, 2 trailer pads near Gardendale **25,000**

W. CO. RD. 69-4.45 acres w/pens, fence & H20 well **24,500**

W. CO. RD. 143-1/2-2 ac South of TI. Ready for your mobile home or new house. 24x40 workshop, trees **21,000**

FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together **20,000**

CO RD 1195S-3.10 acres **17,100**

HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well **15,000**

CO. RD. 52W-3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance **15,000**

CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland **12,000**

S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing **9,900**

CO. RD. 1213-Skyweet Airport Land. 2.5 acres w/runway access **8,500**

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2,500 SF WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL PARK ..... **CALL**

RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale **125,000**

ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED **70,000**

BIG SPRING-8 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance **68,000**

MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office **49,500**

MAIN-Small office building, near downtown, 1392 sf **42,500**

BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot **35,000**

FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. **30,000**

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COLORADO-5 rental units, great return **60,000**

CARRIZO-Contemporary duplex in Old Midland location **39,900**

COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency **39,500**

CARRIZO-Duplex 1BR/1BA each side. Owner will consider financing **23,900**

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Despite recent drops in crude oil prices, the Hughes Christensen rig count remained fairly steady this week, with a total of 161active rigs operating in the Permian Basin, compared to the previous 167.

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Technology

Advanced technology is quickly becoming the name of the game in the petroleum industry. Consultant Buddy Wylie not only uses advanced technology for his work with Titan Exploration Inc., but he teaches it through The Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center at Midland College.

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SEC Challenge

Oliver Richard, III, chairman and CEO of Columbia Gas System, Inc., seeks to settle possible SEC charges that date back to 1992. The allegations relate to transactions at New Jersey Resources, when Richard was top officer at that company.

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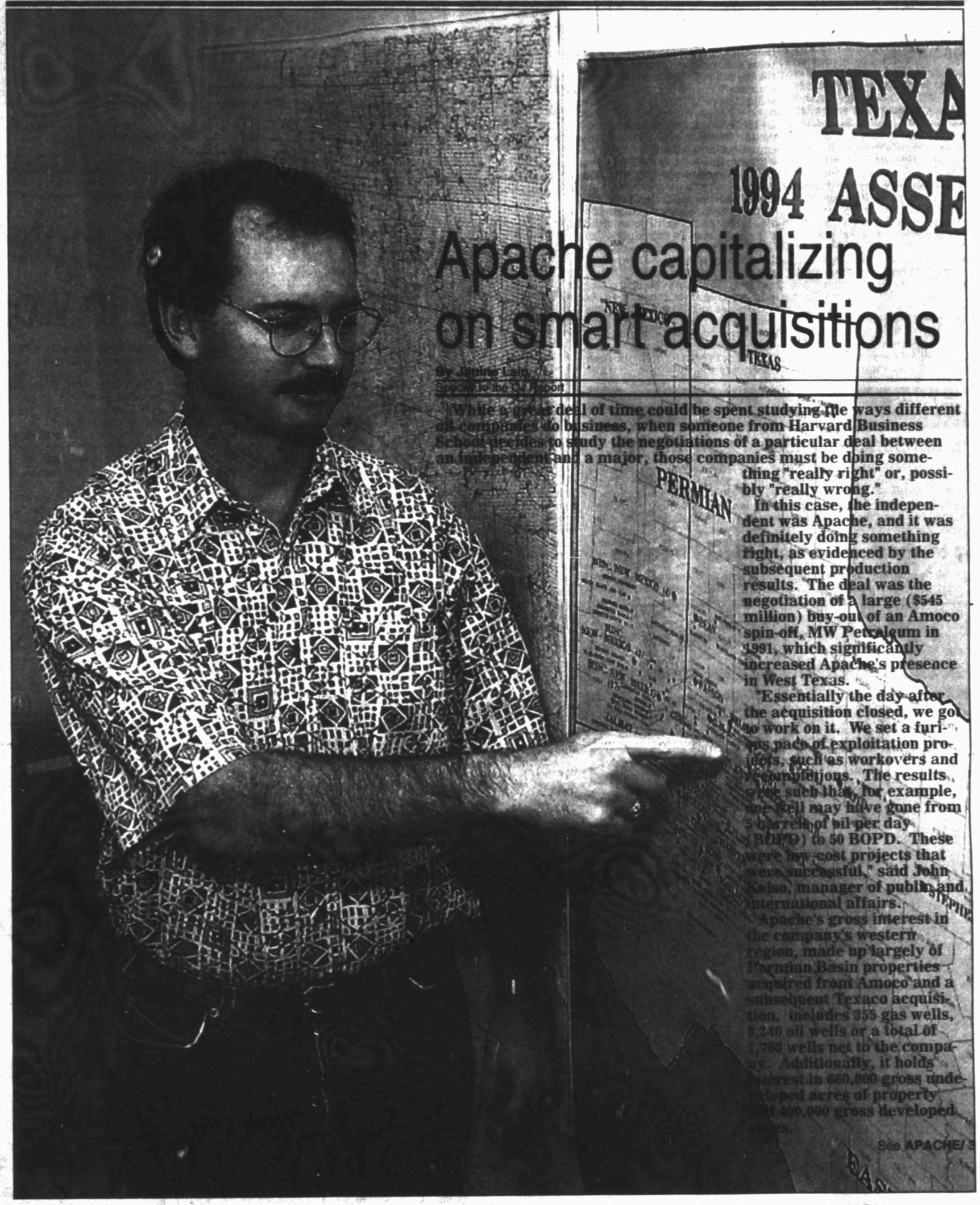
Snow dusts one of the rigs at the Midland Petroleum Museum. While El Nino is bringing colder, wetter weather to the West Coast and southern portions of the United States, natural gas fell on expectations that warmer weather will leave supplies adequate to meet winter heating demand.

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Cover Photo: Jon Hale, drilling superintendent for Apache, points out on a map of the Permian Basin some of the properties acquired by Apache.

Cover photo by Curt Wilcott



Apache capitalizing on smart acquisitions

By Janine Lain
Special to the Oil Report

While a great deal of time could be spent studying the ways different oil companies do business, when someone from Harvard Business School decides to study the negotiations of a particular deal between an independent and a major, those companies must be doing something "really right" or, possibly "really wrong."

In this case, the independent was Apache, and it was definitely doing something right, as evidenced by the subsequent production results. The deal was the negotiation of a large ($545 million) buy-out of an Amoco spin-off, MW Petroleum in 1991, which significantly increased Apache's presence in West Texas.

"Essentially the day after the acquisition closed, we got to work on it. We set a furious pace of exploitation projects, such as workovers and recompletions. The results were such that, for example, one well may have gone from 5 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) to 50 BOPD. These were low-cost projects that were successful," said John Kelso, manager of public and international affairs.

Apache's gross interest in the company's western region, made up largely of Permian Basin properties acquired from Amoco and a subsequent Texaco acquisition, includes 355 gas wells, 3,240 oil wells or a total of 1,760 wells net to the company. Additionally, it holds interest in 660,000 gross undeveloped acres of property and 1,400,000 gross developed acres.

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Price drop won't drop activity for Basin firms

By Kay Crites
Special to the Oil Report

Permian Basin operators and service companies are staying focused and upbeat in the face of recent headlines broadcasting the drop in crude prices.

Prices made national news when they fell to $17.62 per barrel, the lowest price in almost two years. Oil prices have fallen 23 percent since October 3, primarily due to concerns over unrest in the Middle East and threats by OPEC to raise quotas.

With the Permian Basin accounting for 18 percent of the nation's oil production and 75 percent of all oil produced in Texas, the area acts as a good barometer for the industry. However, a quick, informal survey by the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report showed the voice of experience prevailing.

"Baker Hughes' corporate position is that we anticipate pricing to be $20 to $22 through the next five years with a few ripples," said Larry Massey with Baker Hughes Inteq.

"We expect it [the recent price drop] to be a temporary set back even though there is supposed to be a 100,000-barrel-per-day surplus. It will not alter our aggressive hiring and training or our capital expense programs here or across the rest of the United States or the world. If you look at the rig activity over the past 50 years, what we are seeing now as a boom is actually an extremely low level of activity. When you look at this, the rig count is so low as compared to standards seen in the middle 60's and the late 70's to early 80's. What we are calling a boom is primarily due to downscaling.

'Everything we do looks good at much lower prices than we're making today. It's hard to imagine prices so bad that we couldn't make money in the Permian Basin'

Steve Campbell,
Manager of Corporate Communications, Anadarko

"What encourages us in the service industry is the fact that we are having a real crunch on our resources – human resources being our biggest concern."

Dowell Schlumberger Area Manager Norm Carnett also remained positive about the price drop.

"I think it is driven by stock market fears of oversupply and demand. Overall most of our clients are indicating they are looking for activity to remain similar to last year."

Altura Director of Public Affairs Kari Fluegel said that Altura's approach was to look at the long-term.

"We try to look long-term rather than take a short-term, knee-jerk reaction to pricing. We are keeping our eye on it and if it stays down for a while, then we might take action. But right now, the fact is that we are in the Permian Basin for the long run. It's a fairly stable market with stable production, and we don't make any drastic changes when prices fall.

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Midland College advances use of petroleum technology

"As a petroleum consultant," says Buddy Wylie, "I must keep abreast of the latest advancements in technology. If a company calls for my services, they almost always ask if I can use a specific software. If I'm not proficient in its use, I may not get the job. In other words, the more software I can use, the more marketable I become. This is why continuing education is so important, not only for me as a consultant, but for the petroleum industry as a whole.

'The primary challenge for oil companies is keeping costs low while efficiently managing their resources.'

Buddy Wylie, Consultant

"The primary challenge for oil companies is keeping costs low while efficiently managing their resources. Advanced technology helps meet this challenge while providing a competitive advantage for the 21st Century. The Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center at Midland College is a wonderful example of how universities are helping the industry access this technology. Their new curriculum addresses a broad spectrum of topics that will help companies large and small leverage the production of oil and gas."

Modeled after the Geoscience Technology Training Center at North Harris College outside Houston, Midland College's Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center and continuing education curriculum provides a unique technology transfer facility for the Permian Basinís oil and gas community.

Supported by industry and foundation sponsors, including GeoGraphix, training facilities for students include a classroom equipped with five dual monitor workstations with both UNIX and PC-based operating systems and software.

Fall courses at Midland College include comprehensive classes on available data, hardware, and software tools; an introduction to UNIX; subsurface mapping fundamentals using the computer; plus basic and advanced software courses. Buddy Wylie and other industry leaders will instruct several classes at Midland College this fall.

"My involvement in continuing education is integral to my current Ph.D endeavors at Michigan Tech University," says Wylie.



Midland College, as viewed by many of its working students, at night. The Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center at MC helps the industry access the latest in technology and is modeled after the Geoscience Technology Training Center at North Harris College outside Houston.

MEETINGS

SPE announces January lunch meeting

The Trans-Pecos Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers will be meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Odessa Country Club. Mark Semmelbeck, Ph.D., manager of Schlumberger's Production Enhancement Group for the Permian Basin, will speak on "Production Enhancement Candidate Recognition in the Permian Basin." Cost is $15 per person.

Eby to speak at January WTGS meeting

The January West Texas Geological Society luncheon will be January 13 at the Midland Center. The $8 buffet lunch begins at 11:30. Speaker will be David E. Eby of Eby Petrography & Consulting, Inc. of Littleton, CO., speaking on "Geological Anatomy of Two Ongoing Exploration Plays in Carbonates: Muddy Cotton-Valley (Jurassic) and Lodgepole (Miss.) Buildups." Call the WTGS office at (915) 683-1573 for reservations.

Desk and Derrick sets evening meeting

Independent Geologist Dean Hamilton will speak to the Desk and Derrick Club of Midland Thursday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Midland Country Club. Cost is $14. Reservations may be made by contacting Mary Deaver at 915-683-6679.

Midland consultant promotes advanced petroleum technology in work, teaching

There's a quiet revolution taking place in the oil and gas industry. The use of advanced technology is propelling the petroleum business into the 21st Century by completely reshaping the science of finding and developing the world's precious fossil fuel.

Helping lead this revolution is Midland Geologist Buddy Wylie, technology supervisor for Mobil Oil. Wylie has used state-of-the-art computer technology on successful exploration and oil field development projects throughout the country and in Argentina. He is helping advance the use of technology as an instructor at the Midland College Advanced Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center (see related sidebar) while providing the industry with a better understanding of the Michigan Basin through a comprehensive basin scale reservoir characterization study.

Wylie earned his B.S. and Masters degrees in Geology from North Carolina State University and is currently working toward his doctorate at Michigan Technological University at Houghton, located on the shores of Lake Superior. His background includes positions with Gulf Oil and Chevron from 1982-90, followed by a seven-year stint with Santa Fe Energy Resources where he worked on projects in West and central Texas, Argentina, and California.

Wylie first started using integrated database management, mapping, and analysis software from GeoGraphix in 1993.

"One of our first projects entailed the Midway Sunset Oil Field in Kern County, California, a thermal EOR reservoir containing up to 1,200 wells per section. This density meant it was very important that we knew where every well was located. We digitized the log curves for over 7,000 wells in this and other fields, and all this data was on-line on our PC network. This system was being used by between 10 and 12 geologists, technicians, and draftsmen every day. It was part of our workflow...part of our daily business."

According to Wylie, who left Santa Fe Energy as exploitation manager, the exploration staff could turn out 100 maps and 100 cross sections in one day, as opposed to one or two maps using traditional methods. They could quickly and accurately determine oil in place, plan steamfloods and waterfloods, and, in conjunction with the engineering staff, calculate economics.

"And if we made an acquisition, we could assimilate the data faster for various prospects. Overall, the California project took about 3-1/2 years to build. Without the technology, it would have taken between 15 to 20 years."

Wylie is currently using advanced technology on projects in the Permian Basin for Titan Exploration, Inc., an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, and acquisition of oil and gas properties. Founded in March 1995, Titan's strategy for growth includes the use of advanced technology whenever possible, including development and exploratory drilling, and acquisitions.

"Titan has grasped this technology and uses it extensively to manage producing fields and exploration plays for both oil and gas in the Permian Basin," says Wylie.

"The company stresses the importance of applying this technology in such areas as 3D, horizontal drilling, deep gas lift, waterflood, and enhanced oil recovery. Obviously, GES is applicable in all these areas.

"The key advantage of the technology is its ability to integrate the earth sciences and different data types. You can make great looking 'customized' maps with a montage effect."

"When seeking funding for prospect development, these detailed, high-quality presentations are the key," Wylie continued. "I recently worked on a prospect where we combined P.I. data with well information, input our own tops, and produced two or three exceptional maps in about an hour."

According to Wylie, the primary challenge he faces as a petroleum consultant is staying current with the technology. He meets this challenge through continued education at Midland College and through his doctorate studies at Michigan Tech.

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USA Offshore	131	124	N/A
Canada	493	480	N/A
U.S. Directional	237	223	N/A
U.S. Horizontal	65	66	N/A
U.S. Gas	646	647	N/A
U.S. Oil	357	361	N/A

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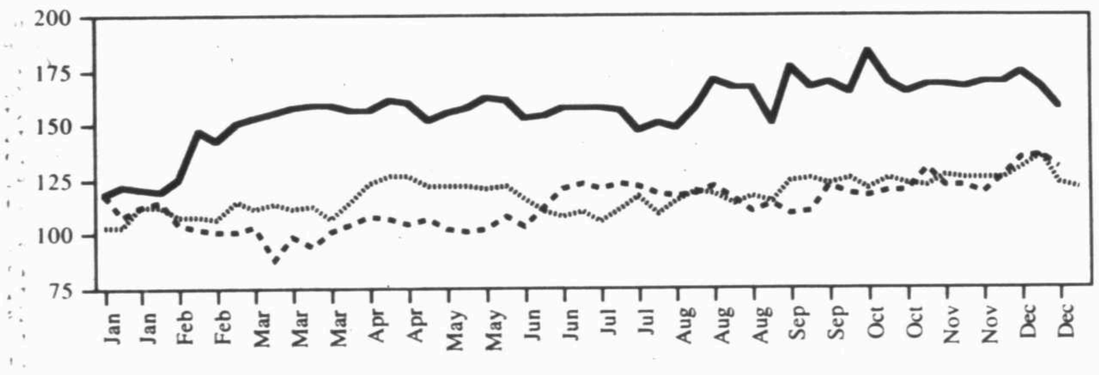
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Yoakum	03
TEXAS TOTAL	*105*

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Permian Basin Rig Count Profile



First Gulf of Mexico field operating cost analysis to cover 150 fields

HOUSTON - Companies representing more than 50 percent of all oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico are participating in the first-ever detailed field-level analysis of offshore field operating costs and best practices.

The study, to be conducted by Ziff Energy Group, will cover more than 150 Gulf of Mexico fields in non-deepwater federal areas. More than a dozen of the world's top major and independent producers have already committed to participate in the study, and a number of other companies have expressed interest in participating.

"The strong participation by the wide range of large and small producers underscores the industry's broad need to find better means of assessing and controlling field operating costs," said Paul Ziff, president of Ziff Energy Group. "This is particularly true in the Gulf of Mexico, where costs have been soaring in the last year. Field-level operating costs studies differ from typical benchmarking analyses by comparing study participants' cost patterns and practices against similar fields - the only 'apples-to-apples' comparisons that producers can act upon readily," Ziff added.

"By showing specific opportunities for reducing field operating costs, based on the actual experiences of all producers participating in a study, the Ziff field operating costs studies serve as a hands-on planning and diagnostic tool for operations managers," said Adrian Goodisman, Ziff Energy's manager of Engineering and Corporate Development.

> **'The strong participation underscores the industry's need to find better means of assessing and controlling costs.'**
>
> Paul Ziff, President

This study will mark the first time that a detailed field-level comparison of operating costs and practices has been conducted for the Gulf of Mexico. "Participating producers will be able to identify the individual line items on their cost statements area where their performance is significantly above or below average, and low-cost leaders for like assets. They will also learn the best practices their peers are applying in similar fields to achieve lower costs and increase production," Goodisman added.

As an example of findings in one recent Ziff field-level study, only 24 percent of Permian Basin fields assessed both in 1996 and 1997 showed an overall increase in efficiency, i.e. higher production at lower cost. The Permian Basin studies also showed that electricity and well servicing were two primary cost areas that could be targeted for significant reduction, and detailed the leading practices that addressed these areas.

The scope and areas of focus for the Gulf of Mexico study will be finalized by participating producers at a meeting set for January 14, 1998, at the Westin Canal Place in New Orleans. Specific Gulf of Mexico costs likely to be reviewed in-depth are helicopter, boat and labor costs, in addition to platform costs such as maintenance, well servicing, corrosion and compression. In addition, operating practice areas to be addressed in the study will also be finalized at the meeting.

The Gulf of Mexico operating costs analysis is one of a series of new field-level studies to be conducted by Ziff Energy during the first half of 1998; others will address onshore field operating costs in East Texas and the Louisiana-Mississippi onshore Gulf producing Areas.

Prices: It's business as usual for Permian Basin industry

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"You could compare it to the stock market. Some investors stay for the long-term and ride out the ups and downs and do very well. Other investors, because of the smaller size of their investment, have to get in and out. Because of the size of our investment in the Permian Basin, we can stay in and ride out the occasional lower prices."

Steve Campbell, manager of Corporate Communications for Anadarko, said his company, too, looks to the long-term.

"Just like everybody, we're concerned that prices went down, but when we look at the fundamentals, we consider it a temporary glitch.

"Demand through the year 2000 and beyond will be tremendous. We had a terrific year this year and will have another big year in 1998. Half of our oil production comes from the Permian Basin, but everything we do looks good at much lower prices than we're making today. We've lowered the cost of finding oil and increased our rate of return so that it's hard to imagine prices so bad that we couldn't make money in the Permian Basin."

On a similar tone, Barbara Tranum with Santa Fe Natural Resources echoed the industry attitude.

"We consider it a good time to drill. It's not going to hurt anything right now. It will go back up; the scare will be over and it will be back up in 30 days. We see no reason not to keep on going as we have been."

Costilla Energy, Inc. also viewed the drop as temporary. Said President and CEO Mike Grella, "We are not alarmed by what we believe is a temporary setback in oil prices. Costilla's planning for drilling activities was predicated on $18 oil and $2 gas. Currently, we have approximately 95 percent of our oil production hedged with a floor of $18.50 per barrel."

Parallel Petroleum, which is primarily involved in the South Texas Yegua/Wilcox/Frio gas trend remained unconcerned.

"It really does not affect our plans as we are primarily gas-oriented," said President Larry Oldham.

"I don't see it as having any immediate effect. Now if we have sustained low prices and it eventually pulled gas prices down then it would have an effect on our drilling and completion activities and we would go into our deferral mode. But I see that as a worst-case scenario."

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"That was a challenging negotiation with Amoco, because the Gulf War broke out about the same time as our final negotiations. The price of oil went from $18 to almost $30 a barrel. We did some important things (such as a price sharing agreement with floors and ceilings) to arrange the deal," said Kelso.

Apache has made several large acquisitions since that time, including the $570 million acquisition of Permian Basin properties from Texaco in 1995, a $200 million acquisition from Aquila, a $285 million package from DeKalb Energy in Canada, and the recent announcement of a $310 million acquisition from Mobil in Australia.

The company's total assets prior to the Amoco acquisition were about $830 million, and after all of these acquisitions, Apache's total assets were valued at $3.5 billion at the end of 1996.

By the end of 1997 Apache will have drilled 200 wells in its western region, and shot 550 square miles of 3-D seismic in southeast New Mexico and West Texas. Their drilling is made up of about 70% developmental wells and 30% exploratory wells in the form of step-out and deeper pay wells.

"The production in our western region, made up primarily of Permian Basin wells, is about 20,000 bopd, which makes up about 30% of our worldwide oil production," said Kelso.

The company's focus on growth has been about 50% through acquisitions and 50% through drilling, and Kelso expects that to continue in 1998. "Our domestic drilling program is low to moderate risk, and we are increasing our risk profile to some extent. Through the use of 3-D seismic, we can keep those risks down."

Apache has also been interested in the use of CO_2 injection in the Cogdell-Canyon Reef Unit, where it has an 80% working interest. Kelso said what makes development of Permian Basin properties so interesting is the advantage of multiple- pay potential. Apache averages a high working interest in its properties and operates most wells.

The Houston-based giant independent has interests internationally as well, with its three core overseas areas being western Australia, the western desert of Egypt (where Apache holds interests in 27 million gross acres and is the number one leaseholder), and Poland (where it is developing five and a half million acres of land).

A fourth area of significant importance to the company is China, where it tested a well believed to be among the largest worldwide in 1997. The test results were 15,359 barrels of oil and 6.1 million cubic feet of associated gas, with an additional gas zone of 4.6 million cubic feet of gas and a 400-ft. net pay. An additional well there tested at about 11,500 barrels.

Apache also has interests in Indonesia and on the Ivory Coast. "This is a really exciting time in the oil industry, and a lot of people find it especially satisfying, having been survivors during the tough times," said Kelso.

Enron in final talk to sell stake in electricity, gas unit; buys in Brazil

HOUSTON - Enron Corp. said it is in final discussions to sell a stake in its retail electricity and natural gas unit.

"We're working on it, and should know soon," said Gary Foster, a spokesman for the unit, called Enron Energy Services.

Enron wouldn't say how much the stake is worth or who the buyer might be. The company has said the proceeds will go to cover $90 million in expected 1997 losses by the retail unit, Enron Energy Services, which is expanding to provide natural gas and electricity to consumers in states such as California that are preparing to deregulate.

Enron said that it may sell as much as 15 percent of the unit over the next several years, a move that could bring in $300 million.

A sale should give Enron's stock a boost, said David Fleischer, an analyst with Goldman, Sachs & Co. Enron shares have fallen about 4 percent this year compared with a 32 percent rise in the Standard & Poor's index of 500 industrial companies.

"They've got to re-prove themselves to investors," Fleischer said.

Selling a stake would show investors that the retail unit is worth Enron's investment, he said.

"If I have a subdivision, and I sell one house for $100,000, maybe someone will believe the other houses have value," Fleischer said.

Earlier this month, Enron Chief Executive Kenneth Lay said the company was in negotiations with four to five different parties interested in being equity investors in the business. The company believes the whole services unit is worth $1.5 billion to $2 billion.

Further south, Enron Corp. said it completed the purchase of stakes in natural gas distribution systems in seven Brazilian states, increasing its role in that nation's expanding gas industry.

Enron declined to say how much it paid to buy the ownership interests from Brazil's Global, a closely held company.

It's difficult to place a value on the stakes purchased by Enron because most of the distribution systems are newly developed and won't deliver much gas until late next year, after the opening of a pipeline to carry gas from Bolivia to Brazil, said Daniel Barcelo of Caspian Securities.

"This is the largest market for natural gas in South America that Enron is going to have a foothold in," Barcelo said. "It looks like they are creating a nice symphony of investments here."

Houston-based Enron bought 41.5 percent each of the gas distribution systems in the states of Bahia, Alagoas, Sergipe, Pernambuco and Paraiba, and 24.5 percent each of the systems in the states of Santa Catarina and Parana.

With the purchase, Enron gains a seat on the five-member board of each distribution system, said Debbie Witmer, Enron spokeswoman.

Petroleo Brasileiro SA, Brazil's state-controlled energy company that's also known as Petrobras, will continue to operate the distribution systems.

"This allows us to work closely as a partner with Petrobras in the beginning of the gas industry in Brazil," Witmer said.

Enron has targeted Brazil and India for extensive investments in their developing natural gas and power industries. Natural gas made up 4.6 percent of Brazil's energy consumption in 1995, and is expected to grow 18 percent a year through 2007, according to Pactual Research, a Brazilian firm.

Enron is continuing talks with Brazil's Empresa de Eletricidade Vale Paranapanema and Inepar SA to gain a stake in the regional utility Centrais Eletricas Matogrossenses, or Cemat, Witmer said. The two Brazilian companies own 87 percent of Cemat, the electricity distributor for the western Brazilian state of Mato Grosso.

Vale Paranapanema, a utility holding company, is partly owned by Dallas-based Central & South West Corp.

Enron already owns part of the Rio de Janeiro gas companies Cia. Estadual de Gas and Riogas, and holds a contract for a $500 million power project that would allow Brazil to tap into surplus electricity from Argentina. It also is part of a project to build the pipeline to move natural gas from Bolivia to Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city.

"They could create regional markets for both natural gas and electricity," Barcelo said of Enron's investments. "They are locking up a nice, good demand base for natural gas."

API study reveals 1996 drilling stats

WASHINGTON - Expenditures for oil and natural gas drilling in the United States in 1996 climbed to almost $11 billion - their highest level since 1991, the American Petroleum Institute reported.

According to the 1996 Joint Association Survey on Drilling Costs, the petroleum industry spent $10,919,000 to drill and equip wells - 3.6 percent more than the previous year. It was the third year in a row that drilling expenditures had increased.

The number of ultra deep wells - 20,000 feet or more - nearly tripled from the previous year. The Gulf of Mexico remained the most important domain for offshore exploration, but there was a hike in development in California state lands offshore.

The survey showed 22,009 wells drilled, an increase of 7.2 percent from the previous year. That included 8,180 oil wells, up 5.6 percent; 8,684 natural gas wells, up 10.4 percent, and 5,145 dry holes, up 4.6 percent.

Total footage drilled amounted to 122,798,000 feet, an increase of 1.6 percent.

The total cost for oil wells was $2,791,000,000; for gas wells, $5,346,000,000, and for dry holes, $2,781,000,000. The average cost per oil well was $341,000; for a gas well it was $616,000, and for a dry hole it amounted to $541,000. The cost per foot was $70.60 for oil wells; $98.67 for gas wells, and $95.74 for dry holes.

Horizontal wells can improve productivity, enhance reservoir maintenance or producer reservoirs which would be uneconomical with vertical wells, the survey noted. Last year, 1,108 horizontal wells were completed, down 6 percent from 1995.

The survey said that production of methane gas from coal seams has become an important source of pipeline quality gas, and that in 1996, 310 such wells were completed at a cost of $31.8 million. Total footage drilled was 502,021 feet.

Copies of the Joint Association Survey on Drilling Costs area available for $120 from the American Petroleum Institute, Publications and Distribution Section, 1220 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Sunset silhouette

A pumpjack silhouetted against the Midland downtown skyline stands as if in symbol of the size of the industry in the Permian Basin. Deliveries of petroleum products to the domestic market were up last month by 1.8 percent, averaging 18,872,000 barrels a day, according to the American Petroleum Institute

Questar projects capital spending at $329 million for upcoming year

SALT LAKE CITY - Questar Corp. projects capital expenditures of $329 million in 1998 – the highest ever for the integrated natural gas company.

R. D. Cash, Questar chairman, president and CEO, said the 1998 spending plan "is in line with our goals of doubling both our capital spending and our gas and oil reserve base over the next five years."

"We doubled our cumulative capital spending to roughly $1 billion from 1992 through 1997 and increased our reserves to about 1 trillion cubic feet – and we're looking to spend $2 billion over the next five years," he added.

Cash said the $329 million projection for 1998 is "conservative" and could be higher if the company is successful in its active pursuit of a large reserve acquisition. "We continue to maintain a solid balance sheet and are always looking for large acquisitions that may require expanding the budget and, possibly, equity financing," he added.

Questar's 1998 spending plans includes $144 million for nonregulated activities, such as oil and gas exploration and production, energy marketing and gas gathering and processing; $141 million for regulated projects, including gas-distribution customer connections and pipeline construction; $19 million for telecommunication and data-processing and corporate activities; and a $25 million exception fund, which could be used for additional reserve acquisitions or similar growth opportunities.

Cash noted that approximately 54% of the 1998 capital spending, excluding the exception fund, is earmarked for nonregulated activities. "That proportion would be even higher, but we continue to see record customer growth and significant investment opportunities in our regulated gas-distribution and transmission businesses," he said. "Even so, over the next several years we expect capital spending for nonregulated activities to be in the 70% area."

Cash said funding for the 1998 capital spending program would come from internal sources and short- and long-term borrowing. The corporation projects its debt level to remain at approximately 42% of total capitalization absent a major acquisition.

London crude price falls to 22-month low on global supply glut

LONDON - London crude oil fell 4.2 percent to its lowest price in more than 22 months amid increasing global supplies and scant interest from refiners, who see lower demand for seasonal products such as heating fuels.

February Brent crude oil futures on London's International Petroleum Exchange fell 73 cents to $16.60 a barrel, the lowest closing price since Feb. 7, 1996. It was the biggest one-day drop since Oct. 6.

Earlier-than-expected oil exports this month from Iraq could coincide with the introduction of the 9.85 percent production increase approved by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last month. That's after Iraq said it submitted an aid distribution plan for United Nations approval, which is necessary before oil can flow under UN-sanctioned exports.

Crude oil isn't attracting much interest from local refiners, who see little value in buying Brent futures amid declining demand for seasonal heating fuels such as gasoil that are made from crude. Above-average temperatures forecast for much of Europe have reduced the demand for gasoil.

"There's really very little to stop it falling unless it gets much colder here in Europe and does something for the demand side," said Willem van der Velden a trader with Mabanaft BV in Rotterdam.

Iraq's limited oil sales are an exception to other trade restrictions imposed on Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Iraqi exports account for about 1 percent of global supplies.

The oil Iraq is allowed to sell is designed to raise cash for humanitarian supplies that the UN recognizes Iraq needs.

Also traded on the IPE, gasoil futures shed $5.25 to $152.50 a ton, the lowest closing price since Nov. 14, 1995.

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Hugoton announces significant new gas discovery in Southeast Kansas

WICHITA - Hugoton Energy Corporation announced that the MLP Black 5-3 well in Haskell County, Kansas had successfully tested the Mississippian Chester formation in an interval from 5,404' to 5,428'. Completed naturally, the well flowed at a rate of 16.3 million cubic feet of gas per day during a 4-hour production test.

The well is expected to be on production prior to the end of 1997. Hugoton operates and owns a 50% working interest in the well and surrounding acreage.

The discovery is significant in that the MLP Black 5-3 is located on a 28 square mile 3-D seismic survey upon which a second round of drilling has just begun. The initial phase of drilling on this survey yielded 20 successful wells out of 23 attempts for a success rate of 87%.

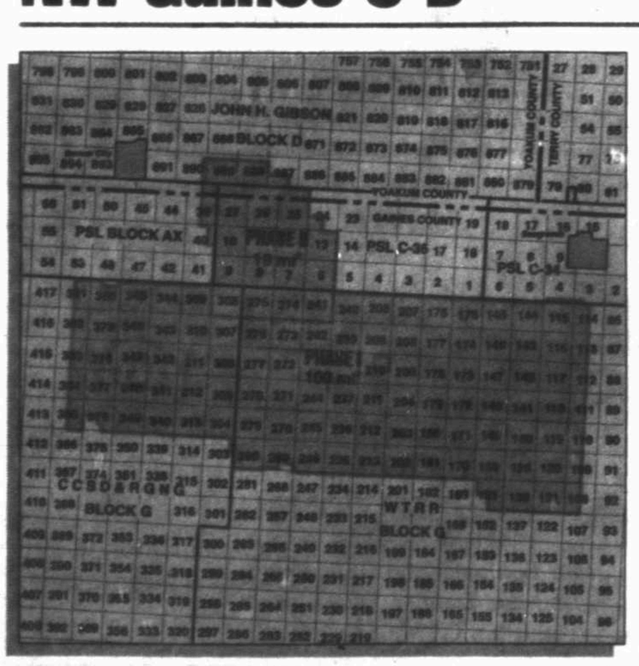
This 28 square mile 3-D seismic shoot is adjacent to a 60 square mile 3-D seismic shoot that has been completed and a 47 square mile block on which a 3-D seismic shoot is underway. In all, the Company will be evaluating and drilling on over 225 square miles of 3-D seismic in Southwest Kansas in 1998.

Hugoton Energy Corporation is an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the exploration for and the development, production and acquisition of oil and natural gas properties with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas.

The Company announced on November 13th that it had signed a definitive agreement to merge with Chesapeake Energy Corporation in a stock- for-stock transaction.

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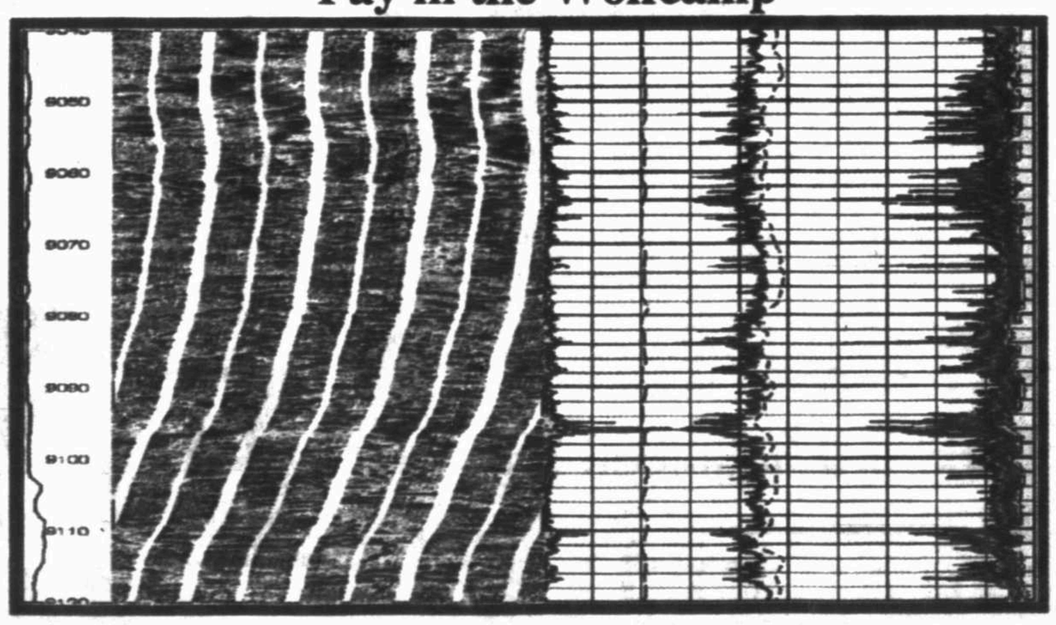
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FMI/PoroSpect Used to Identify Bypassed Pay in the Wolfcamp



Objective : Operator is faced with a pipe setting decision in an interval with weak LDT/CNL porosity response but good sample shows and drilling time.

Methodology : FMI and PoroSpect (imaged based porosity) were run to determine the amount of porosity in the section.

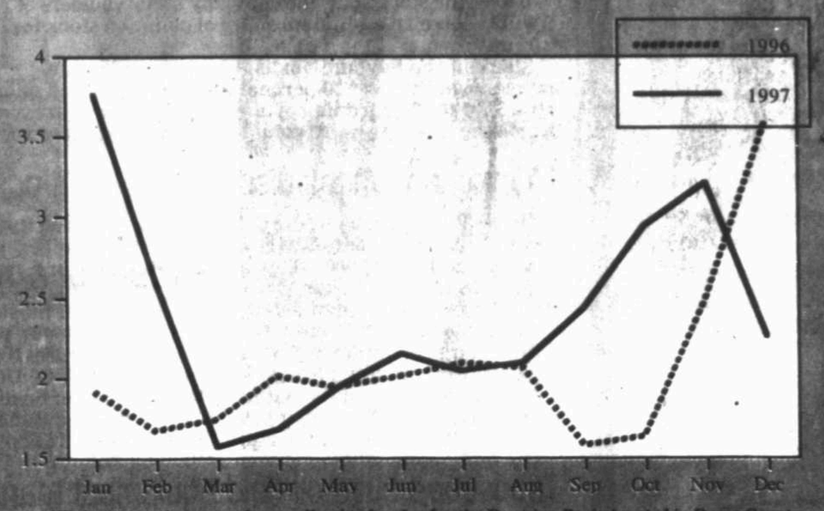
Results : Images and PoroSpect indicated the section had enough porosity for a production test. Perforations were picked with a subsequent well IP of 350 BOPD, 400 MCFGPD and 0 BWPD at 1000 psi on a 22/64" choke for the interval 9062' to 9170'.

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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

Courtesy of Robert K. Anderson Companies

Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.26	3.18

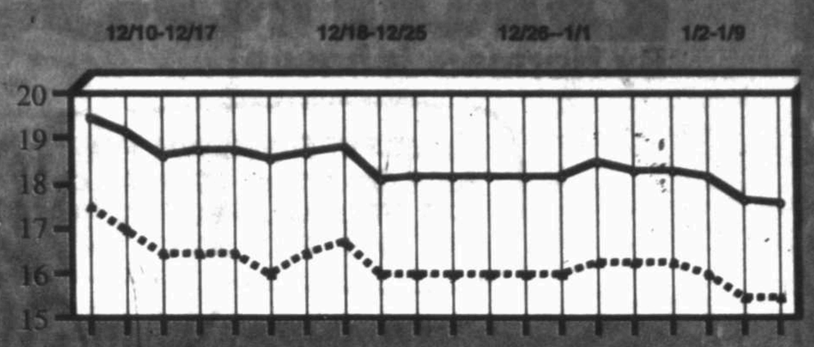
Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) $2.37
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) $2.55
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) $1.94

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:





Current WTI Posted

Amoco*	$ 16.75	Exxon	$17.00	Phillips*	$15.50
Arco	15.50	Fina*	15.50	Scurlock Permian*	15.50
Basis*	15.50	Koch*	15.50	Shell*	N/A
Chevron	16.75	Marathon*	15.50	Sun*	15.50
Citgo*	15.50	Mobil*	17.00	Texaco	15.50
Conoco	N/A	Navajo WTI	15.50	Unocal	16.75
E.O.T.T.	15.50	Navajo NM	13.85		

Prices effective December 29, 1997 * Net Price without transportation charge

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LEA COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
LEWIS FEE #1
WILDCAT; T9S, R37E, SEC 31; 1130 FSL 2544 FWL; 8.5 MILES SE OF CROSSROADS; ROT 12600 DEVONIAN; API # 30-025-34236

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TERRELL COUNTY

CONOCO INC
ALEX MITHCELL 1 #6
WILDCAT-D; TC RR CO #1 SUR, A-1047; 2190 FNL 520 FEL OF LSE; 2190 FNL 520 FEL OF SUR; 25 MILES SW OF SHEFFIELD; OBJ: 14000; PERMIT # 465531; API # 42-443-30756
CONOCO INC.
MARY MITCHELL 1 #3
WILDCAT-D; MARY MITCHELL #1/SF 14081 SUR, A-2928; 500 FSL 1000 FWL OF LSE; 500 FSL 1000 FWL OF SUR; 23 MILES SW OF SHEFFIELD; OBJ: 14000; PERMIT # 431334; API # 42-443-30530

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ENERSTAR RESOURCES LC
HOLT #1H
WILDCAT-REENTER; W. F. COWDEN #101/SF 9955 SUR, A-1392; 1320 FWL 275 FNL OF LSE; 1320 FWL 275 FNL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 9291; PERMIT # 471387; API # 42-003-04526

ECTOR COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
S. HENDERSON #1
WILDCAT-RECOMP; PSL/A. H. GRAHAM SUR, A-852, BLK B-16, SEC 15; 557 FNL 922.9 FEL OF LSE; 2079 FSL 1728 FWL OF SUR; 5.5 MILES S OF PENWELL; OBJ: 8500; PERMIT # 467049; API # 42-135-37006

HOWARD COUNTY

BRIGHAM OIL & GAS LP
WESLEY 45 #1
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-356, BLK 33, T3N, SEC 45; 1929 FSL 700 FEL OF LSE; 1929 FSL 1943 FWL OF SUR; 4 MILES NNE OF KNOTT; OBJ: 9250; PERMIT # 471266; API # 42-227-35272
MILTEX OIL COMPANY
ROBERTSON #1
WILDCAT-REENTER; T&P RR CO/A. L. ECHOLS SUR, A-1267, BLK 31, T1S, SEC 12; 660 FWL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE S OF COAHOMA; OBJ: 8100; PERMIT # 471382; API # 42-227-20380

MARTIN COUNTY

AUTRY C. STEPHENS
KELLY #4
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-197, BLK 36, T1S, SEC 5; 660 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE N OF STANTON; OBJ: 11000; PERMIT # 470954; API # 42-317-34150

PECOS COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
WILSON RANCH 52 A #6
WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO/S. M. STEWART, A-6838, BLK 194, SEC 52; 2184 FNL 1115 FEL OF LSE; 2184 FNL 1115 FEL OF SUR; 12 MILES S OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 7500; PERMIT # 471409; API # 42-371-36790
AMTEX ENERGY INC
WOODWARD 48 #1
WILDCAT-D; H&GN RR CO/STOCKTON CATTLE CO SUR, A-8700, BLK 11, SEC 48; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471275; API # 42-371-36787

WARD COUNTY

BRIGHT & CO
MONROE `178' #1
WILDCAT-D; H&TC RR CO/D. BILBERRY SUR, A-815, BLK 34, SEC 178; 660 FSEL 1980 FSWL OF LSE; 660 FSEL 1980 FSWL OF SUR; 5 MILES NE OF BARSTOW; OBJ: 13000; PERMIT # 471492; API # 42-475-34543

WINKLER COUNTY

HERITAGE RESOURCES INC
TUBB ESTATE 22 #3
WILDCAT; PSL SUR, BLK C-23, SEC 22; 1000 FNL 1980 FEL OF UNIT; 13.6 MILES SE OF KERMIT; EL: 2927 KB; SPUD SIERRA WELL SERVICE; SPUD 9/27/97; COMP 12/4/97; TD 19300, PBTD 8500; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8190 TO 8210; IPF 251 BOPD, 330 MCFD, 237 BWPD; PERMIT # 468024; API # 42-495-32161
HERITAGE RESOURCES INC
TUBB ESTATE 22 #1022
WILDCAT; PSL SUR, BLK C-23, SEC 22; 1100 FSL 1000 FWL OF UNIT; 13.6 MILES SE OF KERMIT; EL: 2938 KB; CONTR: SIERRA WELL SERVICE; SPUD 9/30/97; COMP 12/5/97; TD 19300, PBTD 8519; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7870 TO 8384; IPF 341 BOPD, 380 MCFD, 184 BWPD; PERMIT # 468023; API # 42-495-31858

TEXAS RRCD 8A

COTTLE COUNTY

GUNN OIL COMPANY
WOOLEY #1
WILDCAT-D; B. L. WOOLEY/S. F. 14740 #65 SUR, A-1707; 467 FSL 1976 FEL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1976 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF PADUCAH; OBJ: 5000; PERMIT # 471270; API # 42-101-30562

DICKENS COUNTY

KROCAN ENERGY CORPORATION
PROFFITT (UNIT) #1
WILDCAT-D; H&GN RR CO/P. BUTT SUR, A-589, BLK 1, SEC 280; 253 FWL 636 FSL OF LSE; 1573 FWL 2288 FSL OF SUR; 1.5 MILES N OF SPUR; OBJ: 5500; PERMIT # 471110; API # 42-125-30684

YOAKUM COUNTY

SHELL WESTERN E&P INC
SUE STEVENS #1
WILDCAT-D; JOHN H. GIBSON SUR, A-48, BLK D, SEC 895; 470 FWL 620 FNL OF LSE; 470 FWL 620 FNL OF SUR; 3.4 MILES W OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 11000; PERMIT # 429367; API # 42-501-33938

Executive seeks to settle possible SEC complaint

Washington – Oliver Richard III, a top executive in the natural gas industry, is seeking to settle potential Securities and Exchange Commission charges that date back to 1992, according to a regulatory filing.

The allegations under review are tied to an SEC investigation at New Jersey Resources Corp., where Richard was formerly the top officer, the company said in a filing this week with the SEC. In addition to Richard, New Jersey Resources and three of its executives have submitted settlement offers to the agency, the filing said.

The settlement offers don't call for the payment of any monetary fines or the restatement of New Jersey Resources financial reports, suggesting that the violations may be minor. The case is noteworthy, however, because of the people involved.

Richard is now chairman and chief executive officer of Columbia Gas System Inc., a Reston, Virginia, company with a $4.3 billion market capitalization that explores for, transmits and distributes natural gas. From 1982 to 1985 Richard served on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he sought to foster competition among natural gas companies.

"At FERC he pushed for open access in the interstate pipelines, and in New Jersey he did the same thing at the distribution level," said Stuart Wagner, an oil and gas analyst for Petrie Parkman & Co., a Denver-based investment bank. "He has been at the forefront of deregulation in this industry."

Before joining Columbia Gas, Richard served from 1991 to 1995 as CEO of New Jersey Resources, a Wall, New Jersey, holding company that provides retail and wholesale natural gas and related energy services to customers from the Gulf Coast to New England. Its subsidiaries include New Jersey Natural Gas Co., which provides natural gas service to about 374,000 customers primarily in suburban parts of the state.

The SEC investigation at New Jersey Resources centers on "certain transactions" that subsidiaries engaged in during 1992, according to a Form 10-K the company filed with the SEC on Dec. 29. Oleta Harden, general counsel at New Jersey Resources, declined comment on the investigation.

In a settlement offer submitted to the SEC on Dec. 19, New Jersey Resources neither admitted nor denied any possible SEC findings, the filing said. However, the company said it would consent to the issuance of an order by the SEC alleging that New Jersey Resources violated a fraud statute and a rule that governs the filing of periodic reports.

The agency has also received settlement offers from Richard and three current executives at New Jersey Resources, including Laurence M. Downes, the company's chairman and chief executive; Glenn C. Lockwood, chief financial officer; and Jay B. Corn, vice president of corporate development.

None of the people involved admit or deny guilt in their settlement offers, the filing said, nor do they agree to pay fines or penalties. They consent to orders that they caused New Jersey Resources to not fully comply with a statute under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

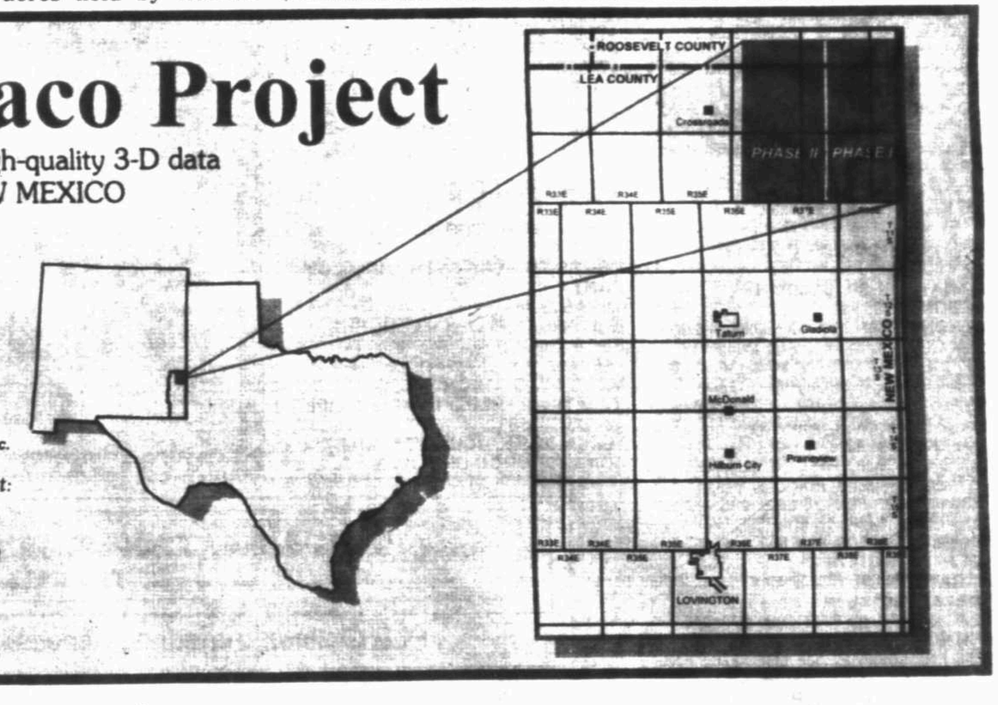
Harken sells interest in Colombian drilling program

DALLAS – Harken Energy Corporation announced the completion of a sale of a 1.4% contractual net profits interest in its previously announced Colombian three well program for exploratory drilling in the Middle Magdalena Basin. Three European investment groups acquired this 1.4% interest for $7 million cash. As was previously announced, EnCap Investments L.C. recently purchased a 5% interest in the same program for $25 million.

This three well exploratory program contemplates the drilling of one prospect on Harken's Bocachico contract acreage and the drilling of two prospects on the Cambulos contract acreage. The acreage currently identified for these three prospects approximates 20,000 acres out of the 500,000 acres held by Harken under these two association contracts in the Middle Magdalena Basin.

Harken's Chairman, Mikel D. Faulkner, stated, "We intend to retain at least a 90% ownership interest in this program in order to maximize the benefit to our shareholders should this exploration be successful. Unless costs increase or our plans change, the $32 million from the sales of this 6.4% interest should provide the majority of the funds that will be required for this three well program." Faulkner continued, "I am particularly pleased that we were able to structure this agreement in such a way that under certain future circumstances any party, or Harken can exchange this interest for equity in Harken at a future market price or cash at Harken's election."

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CROCKETT COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
OLSON #1209
OLSON-D; T&NO RR CO SUR, A-2905, BLK GG, SEC 9; 2503 FSL 2049 FWL OF LSE; 233 FNL 2049 FWL OF SUR; 15 MILES E OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2800; PERMIT # 471306; API # 42-105-37972
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
NOELKE "20" #2
OLSON-D; T&NO RR CO/P. CAVENDER SUR, A-5235, BLK GG, SEC 20; 2266 FNL 233 FEL OF LSE; 2266 FNL 233 FEL OF SUR; 15 MILES E OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2800; PERMIT # 471307; API # 42-105-37974
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
NOELKE "20" #3
OLSON-D; T&NO RR CO/P. CAVENDER SUR, A-5235, BLK GG, SEC 20; 2765 FNL 1044 FEL OF LSE; 2765 FNL 1044 FEL OF SUR; 15 MILES E OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2800; PERMIT # 471308; API # 42-105-37973
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
NOELK "20" #4
OLSON-D; T&NO RR CO/P. CAVENDER SUR, A-5235, BLK GG, SEC 20; 1674 FSL 1143 FEL OF LSE; 1674 FSL 1143 FEL OF SUR; 15 MILES E OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2800; PERMIT # 471309; API # 42-105-37975

REAGAN COUNTY

BROTHERTON PRODUCTION CO
UNIVERSITY 17 #10
FARMER-D; UL SUR, BLK 49, SEC 12; 1650 FSL 330 FEL OF LSE; 1650 FSL 330 FEL OF SUR; 7.5 MILES SE OF BIG LAKE; OBJ: 2700 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471311; API # 42-383-34888

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
SHURLEY "147" #15
SAWYER-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-453, BLK C, SEC 147; 1750 FNL 700 FEL OF LSE; 1750 FNL 700 FEL OF SUR; 8 MILES SW OF SONORA; OBJ: 7150 (CANYON); PERMIT # 471427; API # 42-435-34774
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
SHURLEY 147 #16
FAWCETT-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-453, BLK C, SEC 147; 1600 FSL 150 FEL OF LSE; 1600 FSL 150 FEL OF SUR; 8 MILES SW OF SONORA; OBJ: 7050 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471430; API # 42-435-34773
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
HILL-MAYER, EDWIN S. JR. "U" #4
SAWYER-RECOMP; GC&SF/S. MAYER SUR, A-1489, BLK C, SEC 4; 280 FSL 1164 FWL OF LSE; 280 FSL 810 FWL OF SUR; 12.6 MILES NW OF SONORA; OBJ: 8150 (CANYON); PERMIT # 471435; API # 42-435-34452
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PFLUGER 105 #13
FAWCETT-D; TWNG RR CO SUR, A-708, BLK 14, SEC 105; 500 FNL 1950 FWL OF LSE; 500 FNL 1950 FWL OF SUR; 18 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5700 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471429; API # 42-435-34778
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PFLUGER 104 #11
FAWCETT-D; TWNG RR CO/E. W. WALLS SUR, A-910, BLK 14, SEC 104; 500 FNSL 731 FEL OF LSE; 500 FNL 731 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5550 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471431; API # 42-435-34776
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
SHANNON 51 #6
SAWYER-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-119, BLK D, SEC 51; 500 FSL 1330 FEL OF LSE; 500 FSL 1330 FEL OF SUR; 9.8 MILES NW OF SONORA; OBJ: 8200 (CANYON); PERMIT # 471432; API # 42-435-34779
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PFLUGER 84 #12
FAWCETT-D; TWNG RR CO/E. W. WALL SUR, A-891, BLK 14, SEC 84; 500 FWL 1550 FNL OF LSE; 500 FWL 1550 FNL OF SUR; 19 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5600 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471433; API # 42-435-34775
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
LEO H. MCMILLAN -108- #10
FAWCETT-D; TWNG RR CO/E. W. WALLS SUR, A-909, BLK 14, SEC 108; 700 FNL 500 FWL OF LSE; 700 FNL 500 FWL OF SUR; 15 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5600 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471428; API # 42-435-34777

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ANDREWS COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
TEXAS Q #8
UNIVERSITY BLOCK 9-D; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 10; 467 FSL 1200 FWL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1200 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 10800 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 471268; API # 42-003-38335
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INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Patterson declares stock split after acquisition

SNYDER – Patterson Energy Inc. declared a 2-for-1 stock split following its $40 million purchase of Robertson Offshore Drilling Inc.

Under the stock split, the company's shareholders of record as of Jan. 9 will receive an additional share of common stock for each share they already own.

Stock in the Snyder, Texas-based oil and natural gas service company surged almost 16 percent after the split was announced. Shares rose 5 1/8 to 38 on trading of almost 1.4 million shares, more than three times the average daily volume over the last three months.

Nuevo announces disposition of non-core assets

HOUSTON – Nuevo Energy Company announced its intention to dispose of the remainder of its non-core gas gathering, pipeline and storage assets during 1998. This action will result in a non-cash pre-tax charge to fourth quarter 1997 earnings of approximately $26 million, reflecting the estimated loss on the disposition of these assets.

"This move will not only increase the focus on our principal exploration and production business, but will also improve earnings going forward," commented Nuevo's Chairman and CEO, Doug Foshee.

Nuevo commenced its exit from the midstream business in the second quarter of 1997, when it sold its interest in the Benedum gas plant for $25 million, resulting in a pre-tax gain of $2 million.

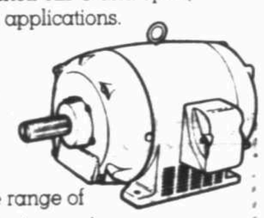
Tuboscope buys oil field equipment manufacturer

HOUSTON – Tuboscope Inc. announced that it has acquired Tulsa Equipment Manufacturing, a leading manufacturer of oil field high-pressure pumping equipment and patented Continuous Automated Mixing System. TEM will be integrated into Tuboscope's Coiled Tubing and Pressure Control product line. Terms of the transaction were not discussed.

"This transaction benefits Tuboscope in two ways", noted John F. Lauletta, president and chief executive officer of Tuboscope. "The added manufacturing capacity that TEM provides will allow Tuboscope to expand its coiled tubing equipment business, where backlogs have doubled since 1996. Also, TEM's pressure pumping product line offers us increased exposure to the well completion market, which is growing rapidly as oil and gas producers employ increasingly sophisticated well designs." Tuboscope is the leading manufacturer of coiled tubing equipment used in off and gas well drilling, completion and remediation operations.

Western Geophysical awarded Abu Dhabi contract

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HENRY PETROLEUM CORP
RED DRAW #5
HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-D; W&NW RR CO/O. CHALK SUR, A-1435, BLK 29, SEC 96; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FEL 1980 FSL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF FORSAN; OBJ: 8000 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471380; API # 42-227-35273

MARTIN COUNTY

TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORATION
TOM RANCH "29" #1
GORDON STREET-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-120, BLK 35, T1S, SEC 29; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF SUR; 2 MILES S OF STANTON; OBJ: 9900 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 471392; API # 42-317-34153

MIDLAND COUNTY

TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORATION
CHAROLETTE PARKS "6" #2
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/H. G. PURCELL SUR, A-815, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 6; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 10200 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471393; API # 42-329-33986
TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORATION
JUNE T. LYNCH #7
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/J. T. RAGSDALE SUR, A-1141, BLK 40, T4S, SEC 6; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL OF SUR; 15 ILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 10200 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471394; API # 42-329-33987

PECOS COUNTY

VALLEY RESOURCES INC
J. S. OATES #65
OATES-D; T&P RR CO/J. S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 725 FWL 1790 FSL OF LSE; 725 FWL 1790 FSL OF SUR; 1.5 MILES NW OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT # 471271; API # 42-371-36786

STERLING COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
STERLING "E" FEE #15
BIG SALUTE-RECOMP; T&P RR CO SUR, A-558, BLK 31, T5S, SEC 13; 1450 FSL 2450 FEL OF LSE; 1450 FSL 2450 FEL OF SUR; 12 MILES SW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 5520 (LEONARD); PERMIT # 471291; API # 42-431-31401

WARD COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN. #1564
WARD-ESTES, N.-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-125, BLK O, SEC 7; 7805 FNWL 2980 FSWL OF LSE; 2525 FNL 2300 FEL OF SUR; 2 MILES SE OF WICKETT; OBJ: 8000 (WICHITA-ALBANY); PERMIT # 471169; API # 42-475-34541

WINKLER COUNTY

BTA OIL PRODUCERS
7306 JV-S WINK #10
WAR-WINK-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-126, BLK F, SEC 91; 467 FNL 1163 FWL OF LSE; 467 FNL 1163 FWL OF SUR; 6 MILES S OF WINK; OBJ: 7500 (CHERRY CANYON); PERMIT # 471093; API # 42-495-32716

TEXAS RRCD 8A

BORDEN COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
WEST JO-MILL UNIT #917
JO-MILL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-358, BLK 33, T4N, SEC 21; 1250 FEL 2480 FSL OF LSE; 1250 FEL 2480 FSL OF SUR; 16 MILES SW OF GAIL; OBJ: 7700 (SPRABERRY); PERMIT # 471381; API # 42-033-31703
BEACH EXPLORATION INC
MARTIN #1
BORDEN-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-148, BLK 31, T6N, SEC 43; 900 FEL 1039 FNL OF LSE; 900 FEL 1600 FSL OF SUR; OBJ: 7500 (CARMACK); PERMIT # 471150; API # 42-033-31702

COCHRAN COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES "C" #6
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471475; API # 42-079-00280
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES "C" #3
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FEL 660 FSL OF LSE; 660 FEL 660 FSL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471477; API # 42-079-00283
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES "C" #2
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FSL 1980 FEL OF LSE; 660 FSL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471478; API # 42-079-00281
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES "C" #1
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471479; API # 42-079-00278
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES #4
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON& BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FSL 660 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 660 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471480; API # 42-079-00284
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT
C. R. STARNES #3
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471481; API # 42-079-00282
GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT
C. R. STARNES #2
LEVELLAND-RECOMP; HARRISON & BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 660 FSL 660 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 471482; API # 42-079-00279

DAWSON COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
C. W. SHAFER ACCOUNT 2 #32
DEEP SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/J. GOOD SUR, A-562, BLK 34, T5N, SEC 48; 2200 FSL 2300 FWL OF LSE; 2200 FSL 2300 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES SE OF LAMESA; OBJ: 8200 (LO SPRABERRY); PERMIT # 471463; API # 42-115-33007

GAINES COUNTY

APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #119
G-M-K-D; WT R CO SUR, A-220, BLK G, SEC 65; 3600 FEL 1520 FNL OF LSE; 200 FNL 1700 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471484; API # 42-165-35309
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #211
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO/E. B. WRIGHT SUR, A-2195, BLK G, SEC 78; 2300 FWL 2500 FSL OF LSE; 2300 FWL 200 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471485; API # 42-165-35310
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #611
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO/A. WILLIAMS SUR, A-1233, BLK G, SEC 78; 3300 FWL 2823 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FEL 1150 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471486; API # 42-165-35311
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #612
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO/A. WILLIAMS SUR, A-1233; BLK G, SEC 78; 3500 FWL 2850 FNL OF LSE; 1780 FEL 200 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471487; API # 42-165-35312
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #613
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO/A. WILLIAMS SUR, A-1233, BLK G, SEC 78; 2851 FNL 4800 FWL OF LSE; 500 FEL 200 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471488; API # 42-165-35313
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #721
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO SUR, A-220, BLK G, SEC 65; 1770 FEL 2500 FSL OF LSE; 450 FEL 1510 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471491; API # 42-165-35315
APACHE CORPORATION
GMK UNIT #722
G-M-K-D; WT RR CO SUR, A-220, BLK G, SEC 65; 850 FEL 3500 FSL OF LSE; 850 FEL 500 FNL OF SUR; 9 MILES SSE OF SEAGRAVES; OBJ: 6000 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471493; API # 42-165-35316

YOAKUM CO.

ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4807WC
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/F. L. PHENIX SUR, A-573, BLK D, SEC 890; 13116 FSL 8353 FEL OF LSE; 2192 FNL 2194 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5280; PERMIT # 470901; API # 42-501-00084
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4823
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/F. L. PHENIX SUR, A-573, BLK D, SEC 890; 11881 FNL 8358 FEL OF LSE; 1321 FNL 2191 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5290; PERMIT # 470902; API # 42-501-30469
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4818
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/F. L. PHENIX SUR, A-573, BLK D, SEC 890; 13686 FNL 9253 FEL OF LSE; 2201 FSL 1296 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5275; PERMIT # 470903; API # 42-501-30234
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4810
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/F. L. PHENIX SUR, A-573, BLK D, SEC 890; 13688 FNL 10157 FEL OF LSE; 2199 FSL 390 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5285; PERMIT # 470904; API # 42-501-00081
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4731WC
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14181 FSL 13529 FEL OF LSE; 1541 FSL 2311 FWL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5290; PERMIT # 470907; API # 42-501-30533
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4729
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14854 FSL 11916 FEL OF LSE; 2221 FSL 1368 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5295; PERMIT # 470909; API # 42-501-30526
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4718
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 13127 FSL 12762 FEL OF LSE; 441 FSL 2209 FEL OF SUR; 1.5 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5400; PERMIT # 470910; API # 42-501-02794
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4713
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14830 FSL 11005 FEL OF LSE; 2201 FSL 458 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5295; PERMIT # 470911; API # 42-501-02796
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4712
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14838 FSL 12875 FEL OF LSE; 2201 FSL 2327 FEL OF SUR; 1.5 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5290; PERMIT # 470912; API # 42-501-02795
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4711
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14951 FSL 13531 FEL OF LSE; 2311 FSL 2311 FWL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT # 470913; API # 42-501-02800
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4732WC
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/J. B. JORDAN SUR, A-628, BLK D, SEC 891; 14077 FSL 12781 FEL OF LSE; 1441 FSL 2234 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5285; PERMIT # 470906; API # 42-501-30524
ALTURA ENERGY LTD
DENVER UNIT #4819WC
WASSON-RECOMP; J. H. GIBSON/F. L. PHENIX SUR, A-573, BLK D, SEC 890; 11248 FSL 8311 FEL OF LSE; 1267 FSL 2235 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES E OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 5260; PERMIT # 470900; API # 42-501-30233

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SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

CHAVES COUNTY

YATES PET CORP
DAVIS #5
PECOS SLOPE (ABO); T7S, R25E, SEC 12; 990 FSL 1980 FWL; EL: 3689 GR; SPUD 6/27/97; COMP 10/3/97; TD 4115, PBTD 4048; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3755 TO 3915; IPF 488 BOPD; API # 30-005-63123

EDDY COUNTY

WISER OIL CO
SKELLY UNIT #192
GB-JACKSON (SR/QU/GB/SA); T17S, R31E, SEC 15; 2630 FSL 17 FEL; EL: 3885 GR; SPUD 1/8/97; COMP 3/27/97; TD 3950, PBTD 3911; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3330 TO 3825; IPP 48 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 106 BWPD; API # 30-015-29313
DEVON ENERGY CORP
TURNER "B" #114
GB-JACKSON (SR/QU/GB/SA); T17S, R31E, SEC 30; 1130 FSL 1220 FEL; EL: 3638 GR; SPUD 6/14/97; COMP 8/3/97; TD 3738, PBTD 3694; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3106 TO 3601; IPP 96 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 84 BWPD; API # 30-015-29187
DEVON ENERGY CORP
FALCON "3K" FEDERAL #16
RED LAKE (QU/GB/SA); T18S, R37E, SEC 3; 1850 FSL 2120 FWL; EL: 3550 GL; SPUD 8/27/97; COMP 9/20/97; TD 2700, PBTD 2649; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1950 TO 2477; IPP 40 BOPD, 20 MCFD, 281 BWPD; API # 30-015-29574
UMC PETROLEUM CORP
ARTESIA STATE COM #4
NO TURKEY TRACK (MORROW); T18S, R28E, SEC 23; 990 FNL 1980 FWL; EL: 3521 GL; SPUD 7/11/97; COMP 9/28/97; TD 11070; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10772 TO 10780; IPF 0 BOPD, 1913 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-015-29657
YATES PET CORP
APOLLO APU FED COM #2
NORTH DAGGER DRAW; T19S, R25E, SEC 15; 660 FNL 990 FEL; EL: 3452 GR; SPUD 7/24/97; COMP 8/27/97; TD 8140, PBTD 8096; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7661 TO 7793; IPP 618 BOPD, 883 MCFD, 1087 BWPD; API # 30-015-29048
ST. MARY LAND & EXPL CO
PARKWAY DELAWARE UNIT #304
SWD; T19S, R29E, SEC 35; 1485 FNL 1485 FEL; EL: 332 GL; SPUD 4/22/97; COMP 6/25/97; TD 4430, PBTD 4168; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4168 TO 4261; IP: SWD; API # 30-015-29503

LEA COUNTY

AMERADA HESS CORP
NORTH MONUMENT GB/SA UNIT #290
EUNICE MONUMENT (GB/SA); T19S, R37E, SEC 29; 513 FNL 639 FWL; EL: 3618 GR; SPUD 5/20/97; COMP 8/4/97; TD 3754, PBTD 3905; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3754 TO 3895; IPP 7 BOPD, 60 MCFD, 70 BWPD; API # 30-025-33958
ARCO PERMIAN
J. H. WILLIAMS #2
SKAGGS (DRINKARD); T19S, R37E, SEC 34; 470 FSL 990 FEL; EL: 3569 GL; SPUD 10/26/97; COMP 12/3/97; TD 7000, PBTD 6945; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6895 TO 6822; IPF 60 BOPD, 110 MCFD, 30 BWPD; API # 30-025-34163
CHEVRON USA INC
THEODORE ANDERSON #12
SE MONUMENT (ABO); T20S, R37E, SEC 8; 634 FSL 631 FEL; EL: 3533 GL; SPUD 9/2/97; COMP 10/15/97; TD 7320, PBTD 7320; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7000 TO 7320; IPF 41 BOPD, 3298 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34021
TITAN RESOURCES INC
BRUNSON-ARGO #23
WANTZ (ABO); T22S, R37E, SEC 10; 1800 FNL 560 FWL; EL: 3407 GR; SPUD 6/3/97; COMP 8/15/97; TD 7350, PBTD 7284; PRODUCTION IS THOROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 6797 TO 7195; IPP 106 BOPD, 231 MCFD, 58 BWPD; API # 30-025-33826
TITAN RESOURCES INC
BRUNSON-ARGO #26
WANTZ (ABO); T22S, R37E, SEC 10; 990 FNL 660 FWL; EL: 3409 GR; SPUD 8/19/97; COMP 8/31/97; TD 7372; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7190 TO 7192; IPP 76 BOPD, 152 MCFD, 1 BWPD; API # 30-025-33994
ARCH PET INC
C. E. LAMUNYON #65
TEAGUE (BLINEBRY); T23S, R37E, SEC 28; 2310 FNSL 125 FEL; EL: 3296 GR; SPUD 8/16/97; COMP 10/10/97; TD 5940, PBTD 5926; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5705 TO 5378; IPF 56 BOPD, 202 MCFD, 36 BWPD; API # 30-025-33962

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CROCKETT COUNTY

ANDERSON ENERGY CORP
#7 WHITE, FRANK "A-85"
LITA (CLEARFORK); 85-Q2 TCRR CO SUR; 1229 FNL 2206 FEL; 27 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 1975 GR; CONTR: TAYLOR DRILLING; TD 2018, PBTD 1996; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1872 TO 1919; IP CAOF 98 MCFD
COSTILLA ENERGY
#4 POWELL GMS "A"
WORLD; 6-A BS&F SUR, A-4697; 333 FSL 490 FEL; 13 MILES S OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2775 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC; TD 2800, PBTD 2762; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2650 TO 2674; IPP 51 BOPD, 292 MCFD, 0 BWPD
DEVON ENERGY CORP
#3 RUBY HELBING "25"
HUNT-BAGGETT (STRAWN); 25-QR J. H. GIBSON SUR; 4.5 MILES SSW OF OZONA; EL: 2659 GR; CONTR: NABORS DRILLING; TD 9200, PBTD 9072; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8743 TO 8837; IP CAOF 4604 MCFD

CONCHO COUNTY

PICKENS COMPANY
#1-339 FRITZ
MILLERSVIEW, W (CAMAR SAND); 339-72 C KOETHER SUR, A-545; 360 FSL 700 FWL; 4 MILES W OF MILLERSVIEW; EL: 1741 GR; CONTR: WIN-TEX DRLG; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2768 TO 2772; IP CAOF 500 MCFD

IRION COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
#1011 BUSBY "10"
KETCHUM MTN (CLEARFORK); 10-1 H&TC RR CO SUR; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL; 12 MILES W OF MERTZON; EL: 2461 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRLG; TD 4350, PBTD 3788; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3451 TO 3544; IPF 149 BOPD, 57 MCFD, 2 BWPD
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#2 CRAVENS "A"
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 116-14 H&TC RR CO SUR; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL; 10 MILES N OF BARNHART; EL: 2675 GR; CONTR: DEL MAR DRLG; TD 6650, PBTD 6584; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5022 TO 6492; IPP 55 BOPD, 90 MCFD, 23 BWPD

REAGAN COUNTY

JOHN L. COX
#47 ROCKER B "M"
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 95-1 T&P RR CO SUR; 1980 FSL 660 FWL; 10 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2532 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; TD 7075, PBTD 7065; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5391 TO 7006; IPP 41 BOPD, 40 MCFD, 34 BWPD
HUGOTON ENERGY CORP
#3 ROCKER B 15
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 3054-24 T&TC RR CO SUR; 660 FSL 660 FEL; 15 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2545 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; TD 6800, PBTD 6774; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6547 TO 6093; IPP 56 BOPD, 56 MCFD, 136 BWPD
HUGOTON ENERGY CORP
#2 ROCKER B 15
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 3050-24 T&TC RR CO SUR; 660 FNL 660 FWL; 15 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2545 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; TD 6775, PBTD 6731; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5105 TO 6597; IPP 42 BOPD, 70 MCFD, 87 BWPD
ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
#1 UNIVERSITY 7-15
GRIERSON SPRING (ELLENBURGER); 15-7 UL SUR; 1544 FNL 1558 FWL; 28 MILES SW OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2842 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 8755, PBTD 8567; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8552 TO 8755; IPF 485 BOPD, 245 MCFD, 0 BWPD
HUGOTON ENERGY CORP
#1 ROCKER B 20
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 79-1 T&P RR CO SUR; 660 FSL 660 FEL; 15 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2507 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 6850, PBTD 6810; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5141 TO 6635; IPP 38 BOPD, 40 MCFD, 41 BWPD
HUGOTON ENERGY CORP
#1 ROCKER B 18
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 67-1 T&P RR CO SUR; 3300 FSL 660 FEL; 15 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2484 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 6890, PBTD 6839; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5849 TO 6787; IPP 24 BOPD, 100 MCFD, 140 BWPD
LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
#19 J. P. LEASE
FARMER (SAN ANDRES); 5-49 UL SUR; 1720 FNL 1642 FWL; 4.5 MILES SE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2708 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC; TD 2600, PBTD 2552; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2380 TO 2400; IPP 30 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 7 BWPD

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS
#16 KELLY "125"
SAWYER (CANYON GAS); 125-C HE&WT RR CO SUR; 1640 FNL 1990 FEL; 9.3 MILES SE OF SONORA; EL: 2225 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 6854, PBTD 6764; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5306 TO 6496; IP CAOF 480 MCFD

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HOWARD COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
DORA ROBERTS BD&E #4114
HOWARD GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 29, SEC 136; 700 FNL 2020 FWL OF UNIT; 1 MILE SE OF FORSAN; EL: 2787; CONTR: BANDERA; SPUD 5/20/97; COMP 5/26/97; TD 3100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 2388 TO 2908; IPP 111 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 865 BWPD; PERMIT # 456673; API # 42-227-35126
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
MOBIL R. SCOTT #17
HOWARD GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 39, SEC 87; 934 FNL 273 FEL OF UNIT; 8 MILES E OF FORSAN; EL: 2339 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 1/28/97; COMP 2/8/97; TD 3300, PBTD 3204; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1207 TO 2931; IPP 111 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 216 BWPD; PERMIT # 455940; API # 42-227-35093

MARTIN COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
GEORGE W. GLASS -24- #9
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO/D. DAVIS SUR, BLK 39, SEC 24; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF UNIT; 10 MILES N OF MIDLAND; EL: 2875 GR; CONTR: JSM DRLG; SPUD 11/19/96; COMP 12/14/96; TD 9900, PBTD 9861; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7872 TO 8368; IPP 24 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 93 BWPD; PERMIT # 453894; API # 42-317-34049

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DAWSON COUNTY

HENRY PETROLEUM CORP
EAST ACKERLY DEAN UNIT #104
ACKERLY (DEAN SAND); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 34, T4N, SEC 41; 3198 FWL 3303 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES NW OF ACKERLY; EL: 2806 GR; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 4/6/97; COMP 4/20/97; TD 8740, PBTD 8670; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8535 TO 8598; IPP 73 BOPD, 18 MCFD, 36 BWPD; PERMIT # 455793; API # 42-115-32944

TERRY COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #605
PRENTICE (6700); C&M RR CO SUR, A-88, BLK D-14, SEC 21; 4300 FNL 9260 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES N OF TOKIO; EL: 3542 GR; CONTR: SITTON; SPUD 8/15/97; COMP 8/25/97; TD 7205, PBTD 7159; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6606 TO 7032; IPP 379 BOPD, 76 MCFD, 85 BWPD; PERMIT # 462044; API # 42-445-31818

Barrett Resources terminates Uinta Basin property sale effort

DENVER - Barrett Resources Corporation announced that it is terminating efforts to divest its Uinta Basin, Utah oil and gas properties due to inadequate purchase offers. Barrett had placed the properties on the market last summer.

The Company will continue its program of development activity on the Uinta Basin properties, consisting of development drilling, recompletion in both the Brundage Canyon Field and Altamont-Bluebell Field along with focusing on lowering the operating expense.

These properties, which comprised approximately 11 percent of Barrett's year-end 1996 reserves, are currently producing approximately 1635 barrels of oil equivalent per day net to the Company. Since January 1, 1997, Barrett has increased production from these properties by 15 percent, while reducing lease operating expenses by 47 percent.

Barrett Resources is a Denver-based independent natural gas and oil exploration and production company that is also involved in gas gathering, marketing and trading activities. Barrett's properties are focused primarily in the Rocky Mountain region of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, the Mid-Continent area of Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, and the Gulf of Mexico region of offshore Texas and Louisiana. For additional information about Barrett, please visit our Web site at www.brr.com.

This release contains forward-looking statements regarding Barrett Resources Corporation's future plans and expected performance based on assumptions we believe to be reasonable. A number of risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from these statements, including, without limitation, fluctuations in the price of crude oil and natural gas, the success rate of exploration efforts and the timeliness of development activities, particularly in the Gulf of Mexico, Wind River Basin and Peru, and the changes in the political and economic environment of countries in which the Company has international operations, as well as other risk factors described from time to time in the Company's documents and reports.

Gas falls with mild winter weather

NEW YORK - Natural gas fell on expectations that warmer weather will leave supplies adequate to meet winter heating demand.

Normal temperatures are expected next week in the Midwest, the largest U.S. consuming region for heating gas, the National Weather Service said yesterday. In the Northeast, the second-largest natural gas market, temperatures will be above normal.

Prices rose 4 percent during the three previous trading sessions following an American Gas Association report last week that showed an unexpectedly large 5.6 percent drop in inventories during the week ended Dec. 19, leaving them 6.4 percent below the four-year average for that time of year. Still, supplies were 3.4 percent higher than a year earlier, when unusually cold weather drained inventories.

"Inventories are in reasonable shape," given the forecasts for warmer weather, said Ron Thompson, general manager of natural gas at Conoco Inc. in Houston, one of the top 10 U.S. natural gas producers. "They're higher than last year."

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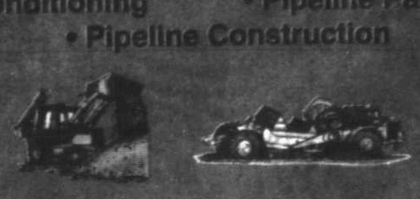
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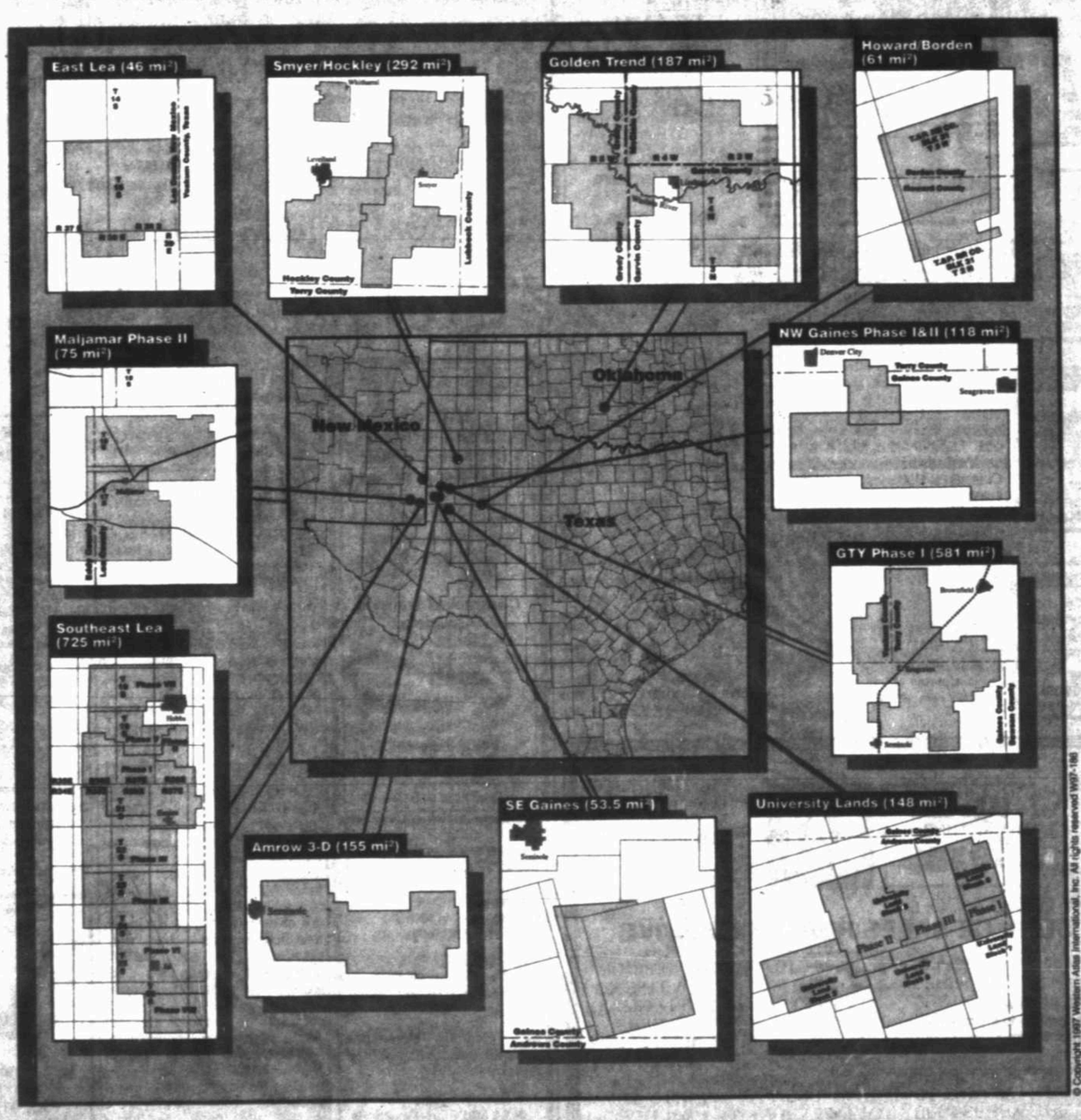


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