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Black history

Serving on the hospital board has been "a joy," Ora Williams said. "We're about the taxpayers and serving the people."/1B



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LHS soccer

Midland Lee's Troy Henry broke a personal scoring slump with both goals in Lee's 2-0 victory over Odessa High./1C

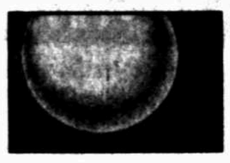
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Albanian protests

An Albanian protester prepares to bite into a leek- the symbol of a poor man's diet in Albania - during an anti-government demonstration in the southern town of Fier Saturday.

Story 6A

Defector shot

SEOUL, South Korea — A North Korean defector with family ties to the leader of the communist country was shot and critically wounded Saturday in an attack that South Korean police blamed on North Korea. The attack further heightened tensions between North and South Korea, which have been locked in a hostile standoff this week over the defection of a top-ranking North Korean politician.

Story 5A

Dems' fund-raiser

WASHINGTON — While at the Commerce Department official, John Huang regularly met and dined with Chinese Embassy officials who would have valued such information. When Huang left Commerce, several embassy and consular officials were listed on his Rolodex at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

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Travelers welcome calm at airports

■ With strike averted, American Airlines says it should be back to normal today and offering hefty discounts, frequent flyer miles.

By Karen Schwartz
Associated Press

Instead of scrounging for empty airplane seats or simply canceling their trips, American Airlines passengers Saturday moved through airports relieved that a crippling pilots strike had been averted.

"I feel great," said Shirly Merriwether of Manchester, England, at Miami International Airport. "I was just prepared to come and wait till they got another airplane."

Domestic trips and foreign flights leaving the United States should proceed normally, the airline said. Some flights originating overseas could be delayed because planes had been pulled back to London and San Juan ahead of the strike deadline.

The airline said it would offer discounts of up to 50 percent on some fares and double frequent flier miles on its flights to win back customers.

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Numerous travelers said they were prepared for the worst. Many were bleary-eyed after keeping track of the developments that stretched past midnight on the East Coast.

"Of course I didn't sleep last night, not until after 1 a.m. when we heard the news," said Hsao-Peng Huang, a tourist from Taipei, Taiwan, at Boston's Logan airport. "Now we're very happy."

Some passengers had backup reservations on other airlines.

John Fowler, who was traveling with his three sons from New York to Vail, Colo., for a ski holiday, and George Simkowski, flying from Chicago to Los Angeles on business, both had booked also on United Airlines.

"It was going to be a big inconvenience if we had to go the other way," Fowler said at LaGuardia Airport in New

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AP Laserphoto

American Airlines planes prepare to fly at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine, Texas, Saturday.

WINGS



Out of darkness

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

At age 27 and starting a renewed life, Polito "Paul" Trevino has made a 180-degree turnaround from the negative to the positive.

"I love the person I am now," Trevino said last week on the day he celebrated regaining his freedom from the enslavement of drugs and alcohol and starting a new life. "I have learned a lot about myself."

Trevino, in accepting the freedom that is associated with responsibility and accountability, has grabbed hold of "living tools" that will help him escape from "the bondage of self."

His path to a new life is by way of the Midland Court Residential Treatment Center's nine-month therapeutic community three-tiered program.

Essentially, he had worked his way into treatment by the driving-while-intoxicated route. The judge, sensing hope for him, ordered Trevino to the

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Polito Trevino with the mural he painted at the Midland Residential Treatment Center.

Filing under way for May elections to council, MISD

■ Candidates have from Monday until March 19 to file applications for four seats on Midland City Council, three positions on MISD board.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Midlanders seeking an elected seat on the City Council or school board can file for the positions beginning Monday. Candidates have until March 19 to submit their applications.

Offices that will be on the May 3 ballot consists of four seats on the City Council and three places on the Midland Independent School District board.

Up for a vote on the council are two at-large positions and the District 1 and 2 seats.

District 1, currently held by Pat Schneider, generally represents northwest and north Midland.

District 2, currently held by Juluis Brooks, generally covers southeast and east Midland.

And the two at-large seats are currently held by Dale Brown and Jose Cuevas.

City Council terms are three years and representatives are paid $25 a month.

To file for a place on the ballot, candidates need to submit an application to the City Secretary's Office, located on the third floor of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.

To be eligible to run for a council position, a candidate must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident for at least a year and lived in the city or applicable district for a minimum of six months. Candidates must also be at least 18 years old on the first day of the term to be served, never been found mentally incompetent by a court and never been convicted of a felony.

Up for a vote on the school board are three trustee positions.

District 3, currently held by Jack Hightower, generally covers central southwest Midland.

District 5, currently held by Robin Hightower, generally represents central Midland.

And District 6, currently held by Dianne Anderson, generally encompasses central west Midland.

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Official: TAAS score plan would drive teachers from Texas

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Tying public school teacher evaluations to students' TAAS scores will deplete low-performing schools of teachers and will result in teachers fleeing Texas, according to an official with the Texas State Teachers Association.

Price Brown, the information and professional development and agency coordinator for TSTA, spoke to Midland educators at Alamo Junior High School Wednesday night. He took Commissioner of Education Mike Moses' proposed teacher evaluation to task. Moses recently unveiled the new system, called the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS), which links a teacher's evaluation to student performance. The state appraisal system automatically goes into place for districts that don't adopt another teacher appraisal plan by April 15.

Moses said, in a recent opinion piece distributed to Texas newspapers, "At a time when citizens are growing increasingly skeptical about public schools, it is also important that educators clearly demonstrate to the public that they are successfully educating children. In response to increasing skepticism about our public schools, the need for increased accountability is inevitable and unavoidable."

Representatives of TSTA, however, have called the appraisal system "fatally flawed" as an instrument of accountability.

"This proposed appraisal system is a concern for parents, the community and children," Brown said. "Teaching to the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test) has already drastically narrowed the focus of what we teach. This is just the latest insult."

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At issue with area teachers is the section of the evaluation that scores teachers based on their campus' overall ranking in accordance with TAAS test scores. That part of the test is only worth 10 points out of 260. The teacher evaluation has eight sections or domains. The campus performance score is in Domain 8 and there are nine other scores in that section, or

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Price Brown, an official with the Texas State Teachers Association, met with Midland educators last week concerning a new appraisal system that links a teacher's evaluation to student TAAS scores.

Outgoing Chechen parliament restricts rights for independence opponents

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechnya's outgoing parliament moved Saturday to strip civil rights from those deemed to oppose the republic's independence from Russia — even banning them from wearing the traditional lambskin hat.

The action came on the same day Chechens voted in a second round of elections for a new parliament. An extremely low turnout threatened to send most or even all of the 58 undecided races to a third round.

The outgoing parliament sent a clear message that it will accept nothing less than independence from Russia.

It adopted a law that allows for severely limiting the civil rights of people "who by deliberate actions oppose the cause of independence and strengthening the state of the Chechen republic."

The punishments, to last for five to 10 years, would be meted out by an 11-member commission the parliament voted to create. How guilt will be determined was left unstated.

Those found guilty would be deprived of the right to vote, hold public office, work in the mass media, teach, carry or possess firearms, or "wear mustaches or papakhas."

The papakha is the Chechens' trademark lambskin hat, and a high percentage of men in the predominantly Muslim republic wear mustaches.

The new law underscores the legal and cultural shifts under way since secessionist Chechnya won a 20-month war against Russia — many of them emphasizing the region's Muslim character. Chechnya already has established 20 Islamic courts, with separate courtrooms for men and women.

Even though last August's peace accord officially left Chechnya's political status unresolved, new President Aslan Maskhadov and other officials are adamant about independence. There appears to be little the Kremlin can do to prevent it, although it hopes to persuade Chechnya to remain part of Russia through some kind of autonomy agreement accompanied by substantial aid.

After turning out in high numbers on Jan. 27 for presidential and parliamentary elections, voters showed apathy about the latest round Saturday. Fewer than 20 percent of voters in the capital Grozny had cast ballots with the day's voting more than half over, and the turnout was even lower elsewhere, according to a district election official who refused to give his name.

A turnout of at least 50 percent was required to make results valid. Preliminary results weren't expected before Sunday.

Only five of the 63 races were decided in last month's first round, with the high number of candidates — about 900 — making it difficult for anyone to get a majority.

Serbs plan end to protests against Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's opposition said Saturday it would end its three months of unrelenting street protests within days, but pledged to keep pressing the autocratic president for more democratic concessions.

"This year must be the year of the victory for democratic Serbia," opposition leader Vuk Draskovic told about 15,000 people who turned out for the 88th straight day of protests Saturday.

Under pressure at home and abroad, Milosevic belatedly recognized opposition victories in Belgrade and 13 other cities and towns in Nov. 17 municipal elections. Milosevic's annulment of those victories had triggered the protests.

Serbian authorities announced that Belgrade's city council, where the opposition won an overwhelming majority, would be established Friday. That will be the first time in 52 years that a government other than Communist or post-Communist Socialist has ruled the capital city.

"We have won the battle for Nov. 17, the first citizens' victory since 1945," Drakovic said. The crowd responded with chants of "Victory!"

Opposition leaders planned to celebrate in the streets Friday, but said the battle for democratic changes must continue. They said they would start setting deadlines for specific demands to be met — starting with freedom of the news media.

Zoran Djindjic, another opposition leader, said street protests would resume if authorities did not ease their tight grip on state-controlled news media within three weeks.

"We'll set a deadline," Djindjic told the crowd. "If they don't respect it, we'll hit the streets again."

He said the next demand would be the creation of conditions for free and fair parliamentary and presidential elections due in Serbia by the end of the year.

"Our final goal is the change of this regime," Djindjic said. "We haven't finished our work. We must not get carried away by illusions of success."

Although the opposition will end its daily rallies, students say they will continue protesting until the hard-line rector of Belgrade University is fired.

Noisy evening marches, where citizens blow whistles and pound just about anything to make a din to drown out state television news, also will continue because those protests are directed against the state-run media — a essential part of Milosevic's power.

"We must maintain the pressure or he will go for a counteroffensive and introduce repression against the innocent citizens," Djindjic told the independent B-92 radio.

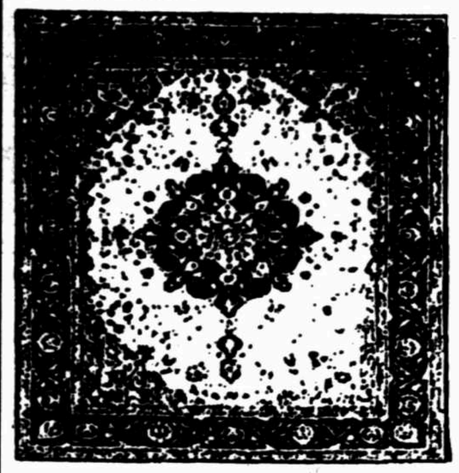
Neo-Communists led by Milosevic's powerful wife, Mirjana Markovic, called their opponents terrorists and threatened arrests, newspapers reported Saturday.

The threat was prompted by an incident Thursday when a hand grenade was hurled at the Belgrade home of popular folk singer Zorica Brunclik, a prominent member of the neo-Communists. The house was damaged slightly, but no one was injured.

Also Saturday, Zoran Lilic, president of Yugoslavia — comprised of Serbia and Montenegro — asked incumbent federal Premier Radoje Kontic to form a new government after Milosevic's Socialists and their sister party in Montenegro won federal parliamentary elections in November.

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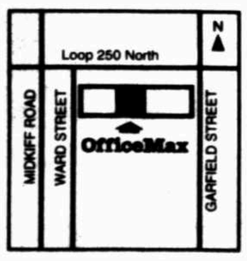
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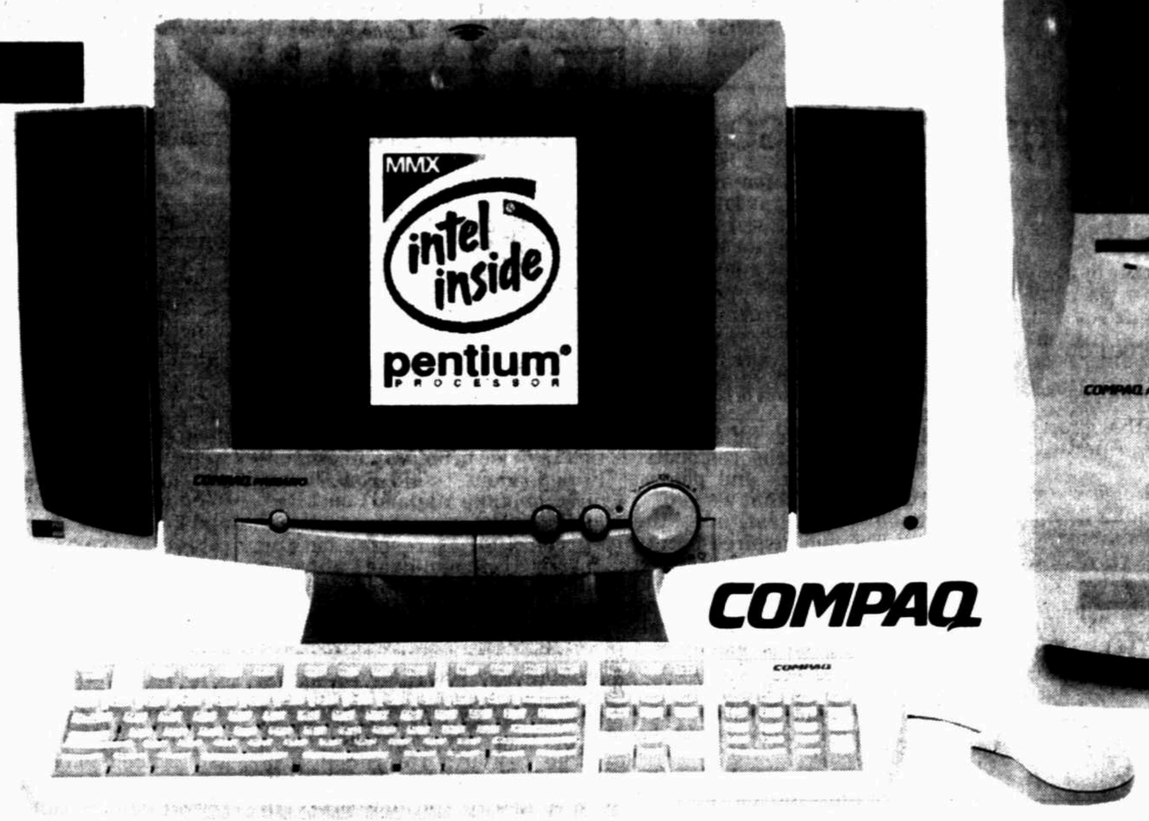
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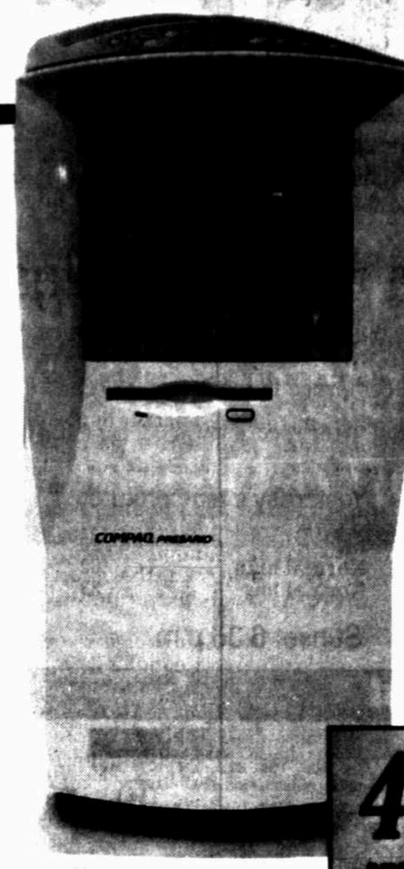
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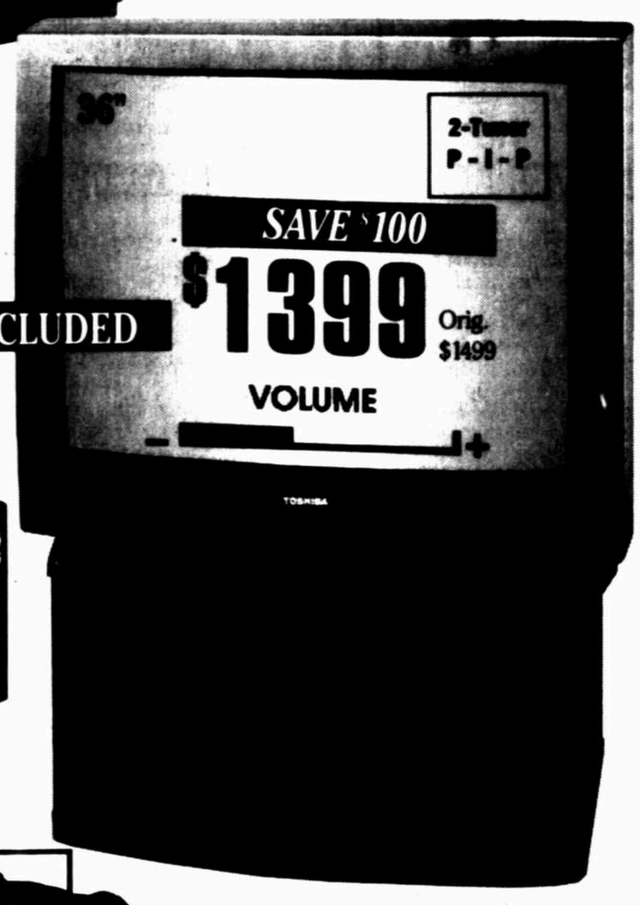
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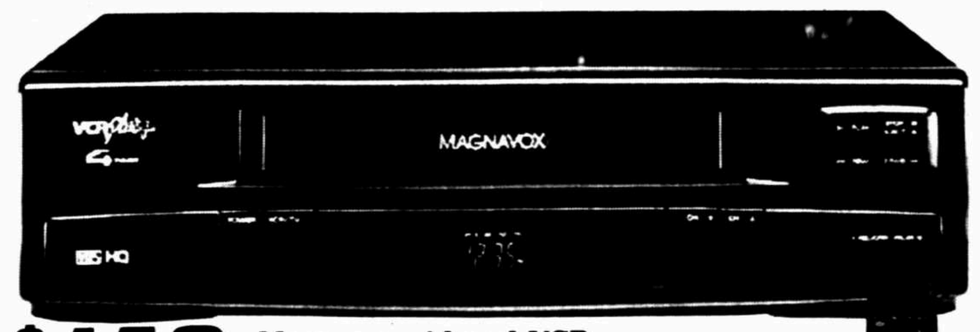


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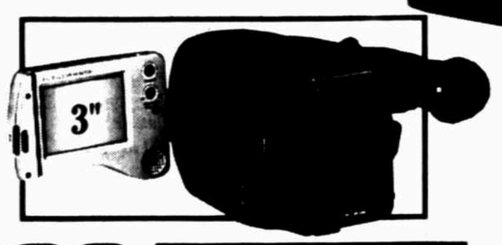
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3-day forecast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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High 60	High 67	High 56
Low 26	Low 46	Low 44

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and an expected high between 60-65. Winds will be from the south at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies and a low between 30-35.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 65-70.

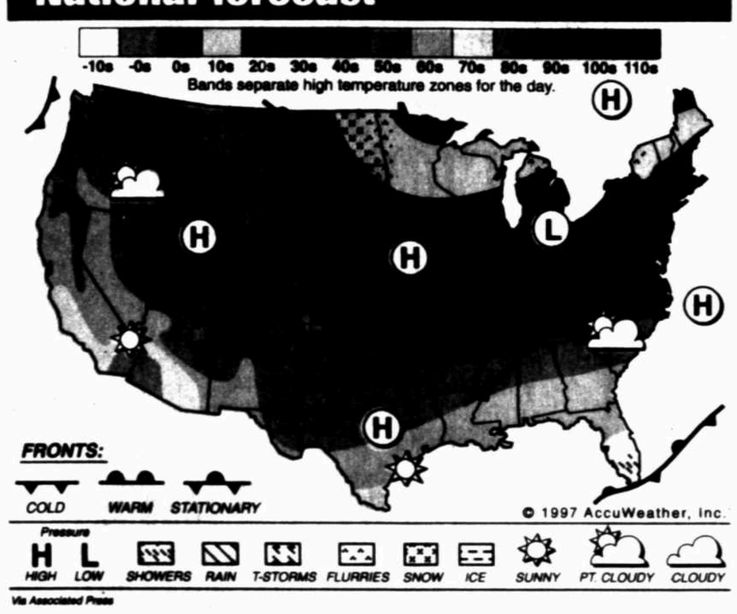
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Saturday's low was 26, compared to the record low of 11, set in 1951.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Saturday	.00 in.	High	63
Rainfall Friday	trace	low	26
Total for month	.31 in.	Normal high	62
Total for year	.52 in.	Normal low	33

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National forecast



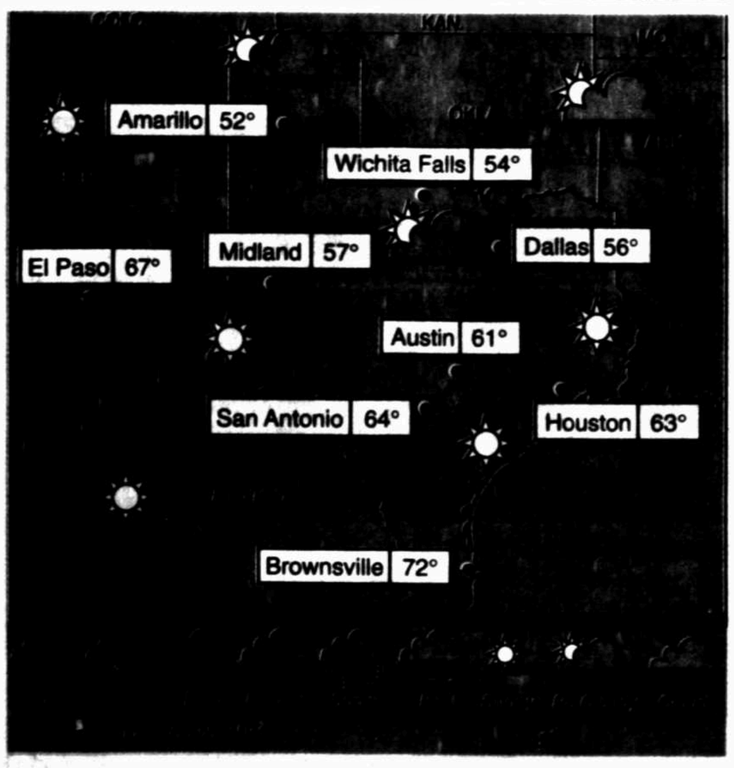
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United States temperatures

Saturday
Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:32 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	38	26	sn	
Albuquerque	57	29	clr	
Anchorage	31	24	cdy	
Asheville	47	35	.29	cdy
Atlanta	55	39	.41	cdy
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Charleston,S.C.	59	45	.49	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	40	36	.06	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	55	36	.20	clr
Cheyenne	42	30	cdy	
Chicago	27	13	sn	
Cincinnati	36	28	sn	
Cleveland	31	30	sn	
Columbia,S.C.	59	40	.47	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	32	30	sn	
Concord,N.H.	38	27	cdy	
Dayton	29	28	sn	
Denver	55	26	clr	
Des Moines	28	5	cdy	
Detroit	30	28	.01	sn
Duluth	11	-12	.04	cdy
Evansville	39	26	sn	
Fairbanks	19	-10	clr	
Fargo	14	-6	.04	cdy
Flagstaff	48	14	cdy	
Grand Rapids	26	22	.04	sn
Great Falls	54	29	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	49	33	.61	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	42	33	.05	cdy
Helena	50	35	cdy	
Honolulu	84	72	clr	
Indianapolis	30	21	sn	
Jackson,Miss.	58	30	clr	
Jacksonville	61	59	.44	clr
Juneau	36	33	rn	
Kansas City	45	21	cdy	
Las Vegas	70	43	cdy	
Little Rock	55	32	clr	
Los Angeles	83	52	cdy	
Louisville	41	28	sn	
Memphis	55	32	cdy	
Miami Beach	84	75	cdy	
Milwaukee	25	15	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	18	-5	cdy	
Nashville	47	25	cdy	
New Orleans	59	40	clr	
New York City	44	39	.15	sn
Norfolk,Va.	47	40	.50	cdy
North Platte	45	21	.01	cdy
Oklahoma City	63	26	clr	
Omaha	34	18	cdy	
Orlando	75	67	.57	cdy
Philadelphia	47	36	.25	cdy
Phoenix	79	45	cdy	
Pittsburgh	35	31	sn	
Portland,Maine	40	30	.01	cdy
Portland,Ore.	59	48	cdy	
Providence	46	37	.03	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	55	38	.75	clr
Rapid City	40	26	.07	cdy
Reno	63	25	cdy	
Richmond	49	37	.66	cdy
Sacramento	63	41	cdy	
St Louis	42	22	cdy	
Salt Lake City	56	33	cdy	
San Diego	79	52	cdy	
San Francisco	67	49	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	81	70	rn	
Santa Fe	52	21	clr	
St Ste Marie	11	7	.02	sn
Seattle	56	49	.01	rn
Shreveport	61	32	clr	
Sioux Falls	20	-8	.21	cdy
Spokane	48	34	cdy	
Syracuse	35	25	.01	sn
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	71	70	.22	cdy
Topeka	50	23	cdy	
Tucson	77	44	cdy	
Tulsa	62	27	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	49	39	.58	cdy
Wichita	59	24	clr	
Wilkes-Barre	38	32	.03	sn

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Saturday

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	60	31	
Alice	65	37	
Amarillo	62	28	
Austin	60	35	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	59	37	
Brownsville	65	42	
Bryan-College Station	60	33	
Childress	65	28	
Corpus Christi	63	34	
Corpus Christi NAS	61	39	
Cotulla	65	36	
Dalhart	62	22	
Dallas Love Field	63	33	
Del Rio	65	29	
Denton	60	29	
El Paso	63	25	
Fort Stockton	69	28	
Fort Worth	61	32	
Fort Worth Meacham	63	31	
Galveston	59	45	
Houston Hobby	61	40	
Houston Intrcntntl	63	34	
Junction	61	26	
Kingsville	65	36	
Laredo	63	39	
Longview	63	32	
Lubbock	59	28	
Lufkin	63	32	
Marfa	59	16	
McAllen	65	39	
Midland-Odessa	63	26	
Mineral Wells	65	29	
Palacios	63	37	
Paris	61	30	
San Angelo	60	26	
San Antonio	60	32	
Shreveport, La.	61	31	
Texarkana, Ark.	61	32	
Tyler	64	31	
Victoria	61	35	
Waco	59	31	
Wichita Falls	63	29	
Wink	67	23	

Lotto Texas

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

3-27-28-37-39-45

Pick 3 Texas

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

2-0-3

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $8 million.

Coming Monday

■ Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Teddy Roosevelt were at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin last week. In Monday's Reporter-Telegram read about their visit, in conjunction with UTPB recently acquiring a microfilm collection of their papers and papers from 21 other presidents.

■ Students and their families and teachers at Bowie Elementary School recently "followed the yellow brick road." See Monday Morning for a story about their trip to Oz.

REHAB: Mural is gift from God, artist says

(From 1A)

residential-treatment center rather than to prison.

Today, in escaping the "dark side" of life, Trevino has prospects for a bright future.

"I used to have lots of negative thinking when I was abusing alcohol and drugs," Trevino said on the day when he left the 48-bed, for-men-only treatment center.

The center is operated by the Midland Judicial District's Community Supervision and Corrections Department and is funded by the state.

A sign at the center reflects reality and hope for the residents: "Life gives us bits and pieces. What we make is what we get!"

Imbued with gratitude, the artist in Trevino inspired him to paint a freedom-spirited mural on an open space in the complex. The work features a bald eagle flying upward from a mountainous valley while sunbeams glorify the great bird.

"Making the mural is a gift from God," said Trevino, who suggested that God would be "putting it to use."

The painting symbolizes "the freedom of life" and his own newfound freedom.

"I do feel responsible (for helping others)," he said.

In helping himself, Trevino, who is a cook and dishwasher at a downtown cafe, plans to enroll in Midland College to study art and get a degree.

"I believe it is a gift from God," he said of his talent, which he plans to "put to use. Somewhere down the line, it could bring you a good job and set up a career."

The living tools that Trevino said he learned in the center's three-phase program include "being honest with yourself and others," "patience," "handling your money and maintaining your job," "acceptance," and developing a "high self-esteem."

Beginning last year, the treatment center underwent a change by revamping its former restitution-center concept, whereby probationers would undergo rehabilitation counseling for their criminal behavior and would seek employment to make monetary amends to those whom they had harmed.

Many of the probationers, too, were in need of employment skills, discipline, and the work-ethic concept.

"They were coming in, in addition to those problems, chemically dependent," said Roy Jones, director of the Midland Court Residential Center.

Even after "screening out the known" alcohol-drug abusers among the probationers, Jones found that 68 percent of the others were also chemically dependent.

Today, the center works with probationers whose offenses were directly related to alcohol and drug abuse, such as DWI. "We still do not take violent offenders."

The center's treatment program includes:

n A 12-step spiritual program that is based on the 12 principles toward recovery as suggested by the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

n Efforts to deter criminal behavior by examining the residents' "cognitive behavior" and to impress on them the importance to "think before they act and then consider the consequences."

n A therapy program to help the clients, step-by-step, to build and to enhance their self-esteem, to recognize "thinking errors," to promote positive growth, to "break through barriers," to understand and practice "anger control," and to develop higher levels of "moral reasoning."

"We have a bunch of excellent programs that 'hammer away' the cognitive part of your behavior," Jones said. "If we clear up their thinking by getting them off drugs and get them to thinking about the consequences ... then we are deterring criminal activity."

The three-phase program is gaining positive results.

"And I think that there is an angel that flies over this place," Jones said, since "so many good things happen."

The center's counselors help the residents change "behaviors through a series of relearning steps ... and teaching things that they may have never been taught in childhood — values, attitudes, and beliefs," said Donna King, a center counselor.

"You are going to the core of the belief system (emphasizing) a lot of self-responsibility" largely through self-examination, Ms. King said.

In the therapeutic community, alcoholism is viewed from the medical standpoint as a disease and from the behavioral position as learned behavior.

There are people who may have "never had the value that it is not OK to steal, that it is not OK to hurt other people," Ms. King said. "Maybe they never learned that."

As a result, the center's program is not so much about rehabilitating as about "habilitating (since) a lot of our clients have never had the skills to begin with.

"We become the family, the teaching family, that possibly they didn't have when they were growing up," Ms. King said. "We encourage family responsibility."

The therapeutic community goes "against the grain of everything that is jail-type mentality ... It is the opposite of traditional jail mentality," she said. "They've come from where they had the rules of the street."

At the center, "people become responsible to the family" — the therapeutic community individually and as a whole.

"Not everyone, but a lot of the clients, come from really fractured home life," Ms. King said. "What we assume to be traditional learning was never done (for) a lot of them.

"If you come from a family where breaking the law and using drugs are the norm, maybe, for three generations or more, you can't rehabilitate that person," she said. "That person has never learned what we call basic societal values."

As a result, the person in treatment is viewed as a newly born child who must be taught basic values, such as honesty, hard work, the work ethic, respect, responsibility, and accountability.

People in treatment "realize that they have the power to change their behavior and not feel so helpless," as they may in a prison setting, and not take on the victim's role of helplessness, Ms. King said.

"We are all in this together," Belinda Baker, a center counselor, said. The counselors, in effect, become "the parents, and we are teaching values and responsibilities to them as adults. It's a process."

"If they are doing what they are supposed to be doing, they are going to walk the walk and talk the talk," Ms. Baker said. "The therapeutic community is not based on punishment (but rather on) the consequences for your behavior, whether it be positive or negative. There is no punishment involved. It is a relearning process."

STRIKE: Intervention leaves passengers relieved

(From 1A)

York. "But it was going to be a manageable inconvenience."

"I set my alarm for 11 (Central time) last night and heard that the president had put the airline back in business," Simkowski said at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. "I figured he had to do it."

Relief was widespread from coast to coast, particularly among leisure travelers who generally book weeks in advance to take advantage of the cheapest tickets.

"For the last week I've been on pins and needles," Martha Drake of Syracuse, N.Y., said at LaGuardia. A product manager for a software company, she was going skiing in Utah with family members.

Despite the president's intervention, however, some travelers suffered.

The Camp family — Gloria, Tony and their son, Tony Jr. — watched their three-day vacation slip away as they waited in line at the American ticket counter at San Juan's airport to try to book seats to St. Thomas.

Their American flight from Baltimore arrived late Friday, so they missed their cruise ship connection. They were working Saturday to trying to catch up with Royal Caribbean's Nordic Empress in St. Thomas. They'd been bumped from four flights and had to return home Monday.

"I'm really disappointed, because I don't get to get on the ship," said Tony Jr., who is 15.

Many of American's 90,000 employees who would have been on unpaid leave if the pilot strike had shut down the airline were happy the strike was averted. Nevertheless, the dispute between the pilots and the company still lingers and there's still the possibility of a strike.

"I was looking for another job. Now I am a little worried, but not much," said Marcy Miramontes, a passenger service representative for American at Miami International.

American officials said fewer than 100 flights worldwide were affected by the strike that had threatened to spoil a holiday weekend for more than 40,000 travelers. The Department of Transportation estimated a strike would have cost the U.S. economy up to $200 million daily.

PLAN: PDAS would 'dumb down' schools, official says

(From 1A)

domain, linking teacher performance directly to TAAS testing. Teachers getting a "below expectations" rank in any one domain will be deemed a "teacher in need of assistance" and will be required to participate in an intervention plan. Domain 8 is also worth 50 points on the appraisal system.

This means a physics teacher with a class excelling on the TAAS could automatically have points deducted from his or her evaluation if the average score for the campus enrollment on the TAAS test was poor.

"What kind of control does a teacher have over all the other students on campus?" Brown said. "And who says that a physics teacher is a better teacher than someone pulling kids up to grade level in a remedial class?"

The TSTA representative said a teacher at a low-performing school called him crying because she wanted to teach at that school "because she knew she could really make a difference there."

"She asked if this new appraisal would mean an automatic point deduction on her evaluation if she stayed at the school," Brown said. "I told her, 'yes.'

"This appraisal would mean that we will have teachers fleeing schools that have high (enrollment of) economically disadvantaged students or those with large populations of limited English proficiency students. This means we will be losing good teachers where we need good teachers the most.

"And this comes at a time when we can't keep good teachers in Texas, at a time when Texas leads the nation with secondary teachers who are not certified to teach in the subject field they are teaching."

Brown, a classroom teacher for 17 years, said teachers need to be evaluated and held accountable for student performance. "But this evaluation is not the instrument to do it. It's not going to help weed out the incompetent teachers."

Moses disagreed that the PDAS is not a good tool for evaluation. In a previous news release, he said that judging teachers solely on the performance of the students they teach "is sending a message that teachers are not part of a team. All teachers on a campus, whether or not their students happen to take the TAAS that year, should be concerned about the students' overall academic success."

Brown said school districts electing to use the PDAS could "dumb down" curriculum by forcing fine arts, science and social studies teachers to cut down on the complexity of their subjects in order to teach more basic reading, writing, and math skills. He said the average band teacher would be taking a lot more time for paperwork and documenting how the teaching of music satisfies TAAS objectives, and how band students were progressing on TAAS skills in his or her class.

He referred to the objectives of Domain 8 that teachers will be scored on, including:

■ The teacher works with colleagues to align instruction to include appropriate TAAS-related objectives to support student achievement in all assigned classes.

■ The teacher works with colleagues to analyze TAAS performance data relevant to all students in assigned classes prior to beginning instruction.

■ The teacher coordinates with others within and outside the teacher's discipline to select/adapt instructional materials and activities correlated with appropriate TAAS-related objectives.

■ The teacher consistently provides feedback to all students regarding their learning progress on appropriate TAAS-related objectives.

Texas Education Association representatives said the PDAS was developed in response to the Legislature changing the law to require teacher appraisals be tied to student performance. "The evaluation should be tied to student performance then, not standardized test scores," Brown said.

TSTA President Richard Kouri, in a news release, said, "There are too many variables in TAAS and other standardized test results over which the individual teacher, principal, or student has no control ... student test scores are most influenced by a complex number of environmental factors, especially educational levels of parents, and pupil to teacher classroom ratios. We believe that in the long run this proposal will deplete low-performing schools of their best teachers and will make future recruiting efforts even more hopeless for Texas. After all, what incentive would there be for a prospective teacher — or a first-year teacher — to go to work in a school with a history of low test scores?

"What's worse, this proposal requires that individual teachers' performances be graded on other people's work, regardless of their own individual performances," Kouri said.

Districts must choose plan by April 15

From Staff Reports

School districts that don't take action by April 15 will have teachers evaluated next year under the state's new Professional Development and Appraisal System.

The appraisal links teacher performance to student test scores. By April 15, school districts must notify Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses if the local district will adopt the PDAS, modify the PDAS, modify the old Texas Teacher Appraisal System, or adopt a completely new system.

The first year that PDAS will be administrated teachers won't be scored on the campus performance rating. Teachers have one year to raise test scores, according to information from the Texas Education Agency.

ELECTIONS: Filing begins Monday

(From 1A)

MISD board terms are three years and trustees are not paid.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the district's business office, room 701, MISD Administration Building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

A candidate must reside in the applicable district and live in Midland at least six months before the beginning filing date.

The council and school board seats will be the only items on the May 3 ballot. Early voting will be April 14-29 and the last day to register to be eligible to vote on election day will be April 3.

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For more information about the council election, call the City Secretary's Office at 685-7432. For more information about the school board election, call the MISD communication office at 689-1038 or the main switchboard at 689-1000 and ask for the business office.

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60 nations sign pact to open telecom markets

■ Pact commits governments to unlock state telephone monopolies.

N.Y. Times Service

GENEVA, Switzerland — More than 60 countries endorsed a landmark agreement in Geneva on Saturday to open up their telecommunication markets to all rivals.

The pact legally commits governments to unlocking the state telephone monopolies that still control over half of the world's communications business.

The agreement came after weeks of bruising negotiations in which the United States pushed relentlessly for greater liberalization and slowly coaxed concessions from countries around the world.

The United States did not get everything it wanted. American negotiators failed to persuade Canada and Japan to give up rules against foreign companies' buying controlling stakes in their dominant telephone carriers.

But the pact does augur steep price reductions in many parts of the $602 billion worldwide communications market. As such, it marks a big vindication for the United States, which essentially vetoed a much tamer agreement last April.

To a great extent, the agreement exports the regulatory principles that revolutionized the American long-distance market in the 1980s and are now being extended to unlock local telephone monopolies in the United States.

Consumers are likely to feel the biggest impact in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Most governments there have done little or nothing to reform creaky state-controlled monopolies, which provide shabby service at home and charge wildly inflated prices for competing international telephone calls.

The Institute for International Economics, a policy research organization in Washington, has estimated that the new competition could produce a staggering $1 trillion by 2010.

But the deal will also force the United States and Europe to follow through on opening up every segment of their markets to rivals: local and long-distance telephones, international service and wireless communications. Additionally, through the World Trade Organization, the agreement would create a binding legal weapon for countries to enforce the principles of deregulation.

The most fiercely contested part of the accord allows a company based in one country to acquire a controlling stake in the telephone carrier of another country.

That is almost certain to intensify the scramble among industry titans like AT&T, British Telecom and NTT of Japan to buy or build their way into world markets.

The agreement is not expected to have much effect on the proposed merger between BT and MCI Communications, America's second-largest long-distance company, because the United States and Britain were well on the way to a private pact easing restrictions.

But the accord could accelerate the competitive pressure to form "me too" alliances and mergers, perhaps linking major Asian, North American and European operators.

"We see this as a really defining event," said Gerald Taylor, chief executive of MCI. "It's not something that is measurable tomorrow, like a gun going off at a race. But what it is is a shift in attitude toward embracing deregulation, open markets and competition."

Jeffrey Lang, the deputy U.S. trade representative who led the talks, said the pact marked a milestone in both international trade and the communications industry.

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N. Korean defector shot at his home

■ Attack comes at time of heightened tensions between North and South Korea, due to another defection by a politician last week.

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Attackers shot a leading North Korean defector Saturday, leaving him in critical condition with bullet wounds to the head and chest.

The attack targeted Lee Han-young, 36, the nephew of the former wife of the late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung. It occurred Saturday night at Lee's apartment in Bundang, a suburb south of Seoul. Bundang police chief Kim Chong-nam said.

A witness told police that he heard a scream, and when he looked across into Lee's apartment, saw two men wearing raincoats holding a gun to the man's head.

Lee's wife, Nam Sang-won, told police that Lee uttered only two words when she found him — "Spy, spy."

Lee was unconscious when brought to Cha Hospital, and remains so, doctors said.

"Two bullets have been removed, from his head and chest, but his condition has not improved," Dr. Choi Hoon-kyu said.

Police set up roadblocks throughout Kyong-ki Province.

Lee, the nephew of Kim's first wife Kim Hae-rim, had defected to South Korea in 1982.

There was no immediate word on suspects or motives in the shooting, which comes at a time of heightened tensions between North and South Korea over a leading North Korean politician's defection last week.

Hwang Jang Yop took refuge at South Korea's consulate in Beijing, asking to defect to South Korea.

North Korea, accusing South Korea of having kidnapped Hwang, had threatened unspecified retaliation.

In response, South Korea put its 650,000-member military on higher alert and tightened security at airports, government facilities, embassies and ports to prevent terrorist attacks. Guards were added for high-ranking government officials.

The two Koreas, divided into communist North and capitalist South after World War II, have been fierce rivals since their 1950-53 Korean War.

In recent years, an increasing number of North Koreans have been fleeing the North for South Korea, citing lack of food and other necessities.

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World Jewish Congress members walk taller after success in Switzerland

N.Y. Times Service

NEW YORK — On Wednesday afternoon, they kept to their offices high above Madison Avenue, juggling and often dodging calls from wealthy movers, politically connected shakers and journalists from all over the world.

"It's CNN!" pleaded a secretary as she delivered another sheaf of pink telephone messages to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, and Israel Singer, secretary general of the organization. Steinberg shook his head. CNN could wait.

On Thursday morning they ventured out, braving a gantlet of television cameras in midtown Manhattan to attend the latest hearings into how Swiss banks would release money from the dormant accounts of victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

"Some stories have legs," Steinberg said at one point, in a tone mingling amazement and pride. "This one has stilts."

He and his colleagues at the World Jewish Congress are walking taller than ever these days because their admirers and detractors agree: If credit is due to a single group for getting Swiss officials to acknowledge the issue of dormant accounts and Switzerland's dealings with the Nazis, it is due to the World Jewish Congress — under the leadership of Steinberg, Singer and Edgar M. Bronfman.

> **"They (the World Jewish Congress) got not just Switzerland's attention, but the world's"**
> — Abraham Foxman, Anti-Defamation League national director

Their success in championing a cause that had languished for five decades was made possible by more than just their own initiative, savvy and doggedness. It arose from a fortuitous confluence of circumstances.

These included the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe; the emotions stirred by the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II; the political rehabilitation of Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, and a luncheon that Bronfman, the congress' president, gave for Hillary Rodham Clinton early last year.

Their success also signaled the domination of one philosophy of Jewish advocacy over another. The methods of a more settled and assertive younger generation of Jews held sway over those of a gentler, more frightened parent generation. And for that reason, among others, the victory was bittersweet for some Jews.

Tipping his hat to the World Jewish Congress, Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said: "If it wasn't for their persistence, we wouldn't be where we are today. They got not just Switzerland's attention, but the world's."

But, Foxman asked, in their quest for what was clearly justice, did they lose good will?

"The Swiss began to see Jews as their enemy," Foxman said, adding that the crusade of the World Jewish Congress "fed into the stereotype that Jews have money, that it's the most important thing that preoccupies them."

Roman Kent, chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, registered a somewhat different set of apprehensions in a letter published this month in The Forward, a Jewish newspaper.

"The fact is that 6 million martyrs were tortured and killed," wrote Kent, a survivor of Auschwitz, "and the real perpetrators are being put into the background by the 'glitter of gold.' Is that how we want the Holocaust to be remembered?"

Officials of the World Jewish Congress argue that the return of that money is simply a measure of justice.

But Bronfman, who has been president of the congress since 1981 and was elected last year to a fourth five-year term, said: "It's the moral issue that's exciting people, not the money. The issue is the truth. The issue is morality."

Some Albanians lived large on pyramid schemes

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — On a $500 investment, Beniamin and Servete Lohja remodeled their apartment, swapping Stalinist functionality for Western comforts, and traveled abroad for the first time.

"It was like a fortune game," said Servete Lohja, 51, laughing at her good luck as she sipped thick coffee and her husband served chocolate and fruit. "I didn't care how this fortune game was organized. ... There was a mania to get rich."

The Lohjas were among the lucky ones. For most, that mania ended in disaster.

As Albania emerged from medieval poverty in 1991-92, risky investment businesses promised impossibly high returns of up to 100 percent a month, offering Europe's poorest citizens comforts unknown during five decades of harsh Communist isolation.

Few resisted the consumer dream. Up to 1 million of Albania's 3.2 million people poured between $1 billion and $2 billion into the pyramid schemes, which have now failed or will soon.

The collapses, which robbed thousands of people of their life savings, have fed a month of unrest against the government, which is blamed for not warning ignorant Albanians away from the temptations of the first capitalism they ever knew.

Pyramid schemes have flourished briefly all over post-communist Europe, paying off early investors with the savings of latecomers before all go belly up. But nowhere did they have such a universal grip as in impoverished Albania.

The first investors received huge returns. Most redeposited the interest each month, and lost everything they had. A very few, like the Lohjas, came out ahead.

The biggest profits went to the managers of the phony investment schemes and their friends. They showed off their wealth and launched publicity drives to attract more investors.

In one example, the owner of the Xhaferri fund made a $350,000 contract with Argentine soccer coach Mario Kempes in hopes of lifting his hometown squad, Lushnja, to the Albanian championship. Before Kempes could coach a game, Xhaferri had collapsed, its funds were seized by the government and owner Rrapush Xhaferri was in jail facing up to 20 years under a new law banning pyramid schemes. Kempes went home.

Another scheme, Gjallica, laid out $1.2 million for the Miss Europe pageant in September, the first such international gala ever held in Albania. President Sali Berisha attended. It was televised throughout Europe.

But while the managers profited, most investors lost everything.

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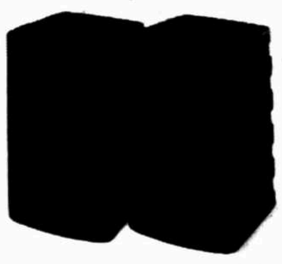
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Zairian government cracks down

■ Protests banned; scheduled presidential elections seem unlikely.

Associated Press

KINSHASA, Zaire — The front line is hundreds of miles away, but in the Zairian capital, President Mobutu Sese Seko's government is assuming a warlike stance as both military and political pressures close in.

The government, complaining of "enemy propaganda" and claiming the Zairian army is making great progress in a month-old counteroffensive, issued decrees Friday night banning protests and cracking down on the news media.

Presidential elections promised for May appear increasingly unlikely, with the government saying voting can't occur while part of the country is occupied by Laurent Kabila's rebels.

In the eastern war zone, Kabila is claiming new progress in his march westward toward the presidential compound at Gbadolite, where Mobutu has been holed up. On Saturday, he threatened to attack the Tingi-Tingi refugee camp — the largest in the area — unless refugees he said were being armed by Zaire cleared out.

And in a sign of the public bitterness toward Mobutu, whose neglect of the army is blamed for the rebels' advances, opposition newspapers are openly poking fun at his prostate cancer.

One cartoon Friday in L'Observateur showed the gravely ill president, dressed in striped pajamas and a leopard-skin hat, speeding away from Kabila's forces in a hospital bed on wheels, a look of panic on his face. In a corner, with a smug smile, stood Etienne Tshisekedi, the militant opposition leader who has called for talks with Kabila.

Tshisekedi is the only politician to openly support negotiations, but diplomats and politicians say that privately, many within Mobutu's circle also are urging him to talk rather than continue a war his ill-equipped, untrained army has little chance of winning. Many Zairians agree.

"As far as I'm concerned, the only way to get a solution to this problem is through negotiations. We don't need war. We don't want war. We just want a change in this life," said businessman Luke Mkaal, chatting on a crowded Kinshasa street corner as dozens of others nodded in agreement.

"People in this country are tired. They support Kabila, even though they don't know what he will give them."

The feeling is that anything would be better than Mobutu, whose 31 years in power have left mineral-rich Zaire among the world's poorest countries.

The personal pillaging and inefficiency for which Mobutu and his cronies are famous is evident throughout the once-gracious city of crumbling colonial buildings and slums. Government ministries, even the all-important defense ministry, are housed in decrepit shells of buildings with broken stairways, cockroaches skittering on moldy carpets and bare bulbs dangling over rusted typewriters with torn ribbons.

The elevator at the 19-story Information Ministry building was out of order most of last week, so the minister didn't go to work. At the Interior Ministry, where foreigners must ask permission to travel throughout the country, applications were piled by the hundreds, each accompanied by $250 in cash. It's the government fee for the privilege of asking to go somewhere. There's no guarantee permission will be granted — and don't expect a receipt.

About the only thing maintained here is the hilltop palace that Mobutu uses on his rare visits to Kinshasa. Its vast lawns are groomed like golf courses and trod upon only by dozens of presidential peacocks roaming the grounds.

Taliban forces plan final push in Afghanistan

SALANG PASS, Afghanistan (NYT) — After being stalled for months on the plateau north of Kabul, the forces of the militantly Islamic Taliban movement are once more on the march across Afghanistan. Their objective this time is a breakthrough into northern flatlands beyond the peaks of the Hindu Kush mountains.

With the white flags that symbolize their brand of Islam fluttering from their tanks, the Taliban have broken the impasse that settled in after they captured Kabul, the capital, in September. Now they are close to a gateway through the mountains that would open the northern plains to their advance.

The challenges ahead are formidable, including a 12,500-foot mountain pass and a precipitous gorge that have been obstacles for armies crossing the Hindu Kush for at least 2,000 years. But the prize is great, too, since a breakthrough to the north would put the Taliban, who already control 21 of Afghanistan's 32 provinces, in a position to fight for the remaining 11.

The situation has put new strains on the coalition known as the Northern Alliance, which was hurriedly formed in October, when the Taliban's last big offensive carried them on a rapid conquest of eastern Afghanistan, culminating in their seizure of Kabul. Three disparate fighting groups opposed to the Taliban met urgently in a small town on the northern slopes of the Hindu Kush.

But the pact they signed has been undermined by personal, political and tribal enmities. The three partners — Ahmad Shah Massoud, leading the Tajiks; Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, a former Communist who leads the Uzbek minority; and Abdul Karim Khalily, leader of the Hazara people — have not pooled their forces. This has played into the hands of the Taliban, whose units, mainly from the nation's largest ethnic group, the Pathans, have been increasingly effective in battle.

The commanders in northern Afghanistan, reeling from setbacks sustained in a Taliban offensive that began in mid-January, have been trying to steady their troops. Although the Taliban have paused while emissaries try to persuade front-line units of the northern armies to switch sides, many Afghans believe the Taliban could be fighting on the northern side of the mountains in a few weeks.

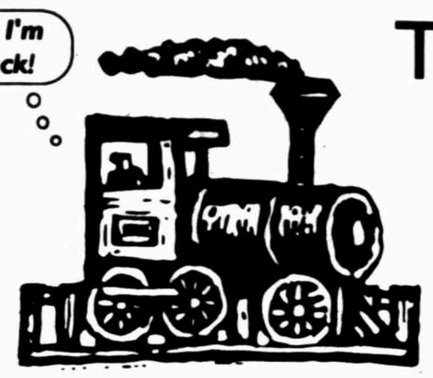
Some northern commanders have started evacuating their families and packing their household belongings. Others have said they will fight. Massoud told his commanders last week that they should prepare for the most difficult period in nearly 20 years of war.

"I told them, 'If you stay with me, consider yourselves to be as good as dead,'" Massoud told visitors to his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley. Massoud added: "The commanders talked it over with their families. Then they all came back."

A new test seems likely soon, since the weakest alliance partner, Khalily, controls the 12,500-foot Shibar Pass, which stands immediately in the Taliban's path. The route they are followi g, a 150-mile loop through the mountains, was forced on them when one of Massoud's commanders halted their advance in January by blasting a key bridge on the main north-south route.

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Fund-raiser Huang met with Chinese Embassy officials even before DNC post

WASHINGTON (AP) — While he worked as a senior Commerce Department official, privy to classified trade briefings, John Huang regularly met and dined with Chinese Embassy officials who would have valued such information.

When Huang left Commerce to begin a controversial stint as the Democrats' top fund-raiser among Asian-Americans, he kept his Chinese contacts. Several embassy and consular officials were listed on his Rolodex at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Some Republicans in Congress speak of "potential economic espionage" in questioning whether Huang had improper contact with Chinese officials or with his former employer, the Indonesian conglomerate Lippo Group, which has business ties to China.

Huang has denied wrongdoing. Telephone messages seeking comment from his attorneys, Ty Cobb and John C. Keeney Jr., were not returned.

Records from a few days in October 1995 indicate the kind of activities congressional investigators are focusing on:

Commerce telephone logs show Huang called Lippo Bank in Los Angeles on Oct. 10 and twice on Oct. 11. On that day, his expense report showed a $5 taxi ride to the Indonesian Embassy, apparently for a reception.

The next day Huang, who was cleared for top secret official information, was scheduled to receive an intelligence briefing from the CIA's liaison to the Commerce Department, according to Commerce documents.

On Oct. 12, the day of the classified briefing, Huang took a taxi ride from the residence of the Chinese ambassador back to his Commerce office. He called Lippo Bank two more times within the next seven days.

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., has asked Commerce to explain why Huang went to the Indonesian Embassy and Chinese ambassador's residence. "I am troubled" by the expense reports, Solomon said.

After leaving Commerce in December 1995 to raise money for the Democratic National Committee, Huang kept on hand the telephone numbers of at least 11 officials of the Chinese Embassy or consulates, as well as business cards of Chinese businessmen in mainland China.

The Democratic Party eventually returned more than $1 million raised by Huang because it came from foreign sources or was otherwise inappropriate.

A Justice Department investigation into improper fund raising reportedly is considering evidence that officials of the Chinese Embassy attempted to direct contributions to the Democrats. Embassy officials have dismissed such allegations as "sheer fabrications."

Spokeswomen for both the Commerce Department and the Democratic National Committee said they haven't been able to determine why Huang would have been in contact with Chinese officials in either job, although they said they couldn't speculate about his social contacts.

The Commerce Department's inspector general also is investigating Huang's activities.

Huang, born in China and a former resident of Taiwan, became a U.S. citizen in 1976. During his year and a half in a senior-level post at Commerce, Huang's duties were mainly administrative, with some responsibility for assisting U.S. businesses in trade with Taiwan, agency officials said.

Studies suggest false memories often can be planted

SEATTLE (AP) — Given a few bogus details and a little prodding, about a quarter of adults can be convinced they remember childhood adventures that never happened.

The experiment is one of a series of exercises psychologists have developed that can plant false memories in the brain. Once they take root, these thoughts often become as real as genuine ones — indeed, perhaps even more so.

"Over time, people may forget things that did happen and remember things that didn't," said Henry L. Roediger III of Washington University in St. Louis.

Roediger and other psychologists described their memory experiments Saturday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Together, they say the work demonstrates the malleability and fallibility of memory, the human willingness to recall things that make sense or should have happened, even if they didn't.

"All of us to some extent are susceptible to these kinds of contamination" of memory, said Elizabeth Loftus of the University of Washington in Seattle, who pioneered the field in the 1970s.

The researchers say that young children, the elderly and people with short attention spans appear most likely to concoct false memories. But even college students — who presumably spend much of their time remembering what they read and hear — can be easily tricked into swearing they recall things that never happened.

In one experiment, Loftus asked parents to list some incidents in their adult children's pasts. Then she told the children she wanted to compare their memories with the parents'.

She walked them through a series of real incidents and then threw in a fake one: As a young child, they had been lost in a shopping mall and were frightened and cried until an elderly person found them and reunited them with their parents.

With just a little gentle coaxing, Loftus said, about one-quarter of study subjects agree this happened to them. Some even go on to provide new details. The memory can become so fixed that they refuse to believe it is a fake when the experiment is over.

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Clinton's intervention to stall American strike seemed inevitable

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■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — Five minutes before the clock struck midnight, negotiators for American Airlines executives and their pilots separately called the White House and said two or three more hours of talks wouldn't settle anything.

With mere seconds before a strike was declared to ground the nation's largest domestic airline, President Clinton's chief liaison to the faltering talks, Bruce Lindsey, went to the Oval Office to find the president.

"If you're going to act, the time to do it is now," Lindsey said.

Clinton looked up from his solitaire game, grasped the executive order declaring a Presidential Emergency Board and silently signed it.

It was an expected move during the week-long "supermediation" of the airline's stalled contract negotiations. The question always was "when?" Would it be before talks stalled, after a week-long strike, before dawn on Saturday?

The timing could make all the difference in bargaining gamesmanship.

During the week, as negotiations wore on and both sides wore down, everyone looked toward the president. Lawmakers asked him to assure there would be no strike, travelers watched and planned nervously, and the company begged him to intervene.

Only the pilots wanted him to stay out.

"The fix is in," pilot negotiators told one another, shaking their heads.

With the president's every move, negotiators, holed up in rooms on opposite ends of a hotel hallway, tried to read his mind and position themselves.

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By signing the emergency board order, Clinton proved them both wrong. The president was who kept American Airlines in the air.

Still, that intervention has solved nothing. Instead, it has placed the impasse into the lap of a three-member board, which has 30 days to take a look at the problems and come up with a proposal.

If management and the pilots like the solution, things are settled.

If they don't, another 30-day cooling-off period, another strike threat.

"Reach down into your gut because we may have to do this again in 60 days," Allied Pilots Association president Jim Sovich told the 9,300 pilots at American.

"All they've done by getting the president to save their bacon is prolong the agony," one hard-line pilot said.

There were two main issues as federal mediation began, and there were two at the end: wage compensation, and who would fly small regional routes in planes with 40-70 seats.

The union wants its members to fly the regionals and offered lower pay scales for those flights if the company accepted other demands.

American's parent company, AMR Corp., said it wants its American Eagle subsidiary, with lower-paid turboprop pilots from another union, to fly the jets.

Even if the emergency board is able to resolve who should fly the small jets that the company doesn't even own, or how much American pilots should be paid, they won't be able to dissolve the rancor.

That started before this dispute and dates back to 1991, when the pilots' contract was first debated. During that go-around, the company accused the pilots of staging a "sick out," then apologized to the traveling public in newspaper advertisements costing millions. In the ads, the company misidentified the union, bruising egos and forcing a second apology advertisement.

That misstep carried through to when the contract was opened to amendments in 1994. Negotiators dug in their toes. The years passed, and the cycle of airline profits got better and better until American made a record $1 billion last year. As management moaned about labor costs, the pilots said they wanted a bigger piece of the pie.

They put on the table a demand for raises totaling 11 percent through 2000 and increased stock options. The company publicly offered 6 percent and smaller stock options.

Middle ground has escaped them. Insiders say little movement came on pay even when the pilots walked off the job Saturday morning.

That few-minute strike made little difference.

"If it hurt us at all, it was no worse than a bad storm at one of our hubs," said airline spokesman Al Comeaux.

The union agreed.

"Did anybody miss even a day of work?" said chief pilot negotiator Brian Mayhew. "Nothing has been resolved."

Plenty has been spent though. The last 30 days cost the company more than $100 million, and maybe as much as $300 million.

Also, a lot of seats remain empty, as passengers fled the unrest and uncertainty. To win back business, American and American Eagle announced a fare sale with discounts of up to 50 percent on some fares and promised to double frequent flyer miles for its flights.

Both sides figure that should be enough for now as everything is put on hold.

"There's brand loyalty to American," said union spokesman Wally Pitts. "Passengers will fly price, service and brand loyalty."



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Discovery sidesteps space junk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery sidestepped into a safer, higher orbit with the Hubble Telescope on Saturday to avoid a piece of space junk the size of a book.

The fragment of an exploded rocket would have come dangerously close to Discovery, its seven astronauts and the telescope anchored in the cargo bay had the crew not steered out of the way.

NASA, meanwhile, was considering an emergency facelift for the middle-aged telescope, which has been in space for seven years.

Astronauts making the mission's second spacewalk discovered a surprising number of cracks and tears in Hubble's thin, outer insulation, as well as holes punched into the solar panels by micrometeorites.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration formed an investigative team to assess the damage, most of which seems to have occurred since the 1993 repair mission. The astronauts may be asked to patch the foil insulation during their fourth and final spacewalk Sunday night.

Spacewalk No. 3, on Saturday night, was already crowded with Hubble chores: the installation of a new computer switchboard, digital recorder and a flywheel assembly that helps aim the telescope.

A few hours after Discovery's pilots steered the shuttle and the moored Hubble into a 2-mile-higher orbit to extend the lifetime of the telescope, they were ordered to go up an additional half-mile.

An 8-inch-square fragment of an exploded Pegasus rocket was due to pass within a half-mile of the shuttle and telescope, officials said, and Mission Control did not want to take any chances.

The Pegasus was launched in 1994 with a military research satellite, which ended up in the wrong orbit. The rocket fragment was one of 8,014 orbiting objects being tracked by the U.S. Space Command on Saturday, most of it junk.

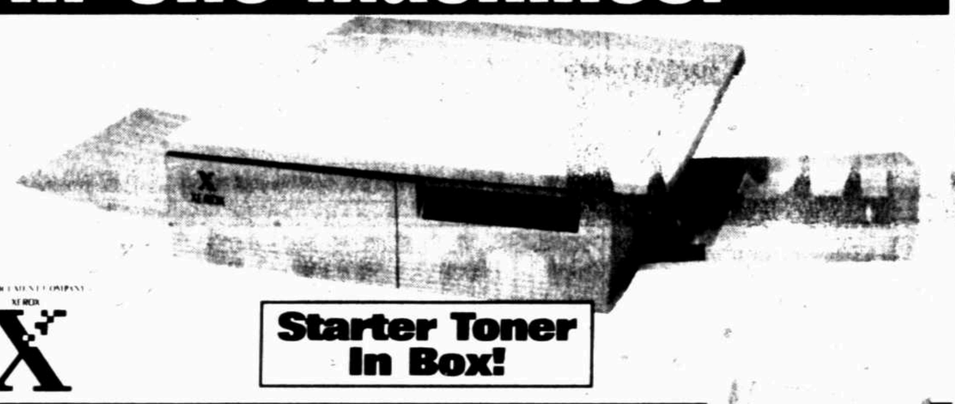
With the completion of Friday night's spacewalk, Discovery's astronauts had finished installing Hubble's most critical replacement parts, meeting NASA's criteria for minimum mission success.

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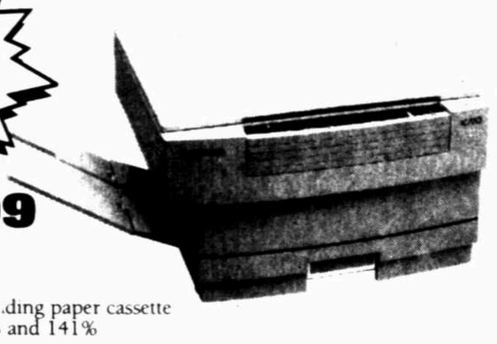
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HMO expense restrictions put AIDS drugs out of reach for many

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WASHINGTON — Even though new drugs show great promise in combating AIDS, many patients are finding that they cannot easily get the costly medicines because of restrictions imposed by health maintenance organizations and by state programs set up to assist people with low incomes.

Some HMOs say they limit pharmacy benefits to a specified amount — $3,000 a year a patient is typical.

That is far less than the cost of the drug combinations often recommended by doctors. These regimens, some of which combine new protease inhibitor drugs with older antiviral medications, can easily cost $10,000 to $15,000 a year, and doctors say AIDS patients may need to take the drugs indefinitely.

In research reported in the last year, the drug combinations appear to be highly effective in suppressing HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and in improving patients' health. These reports have raised hopes and generated a huge increase in demand for the drugs, surpassing the expectations of drug manufacturers, private health plans and AIDS drug assistance programs financed by federal and state authorities.

> **'You try to ration things as ethically as possible.'**
> — Paul G. Loberti, AIDS office administrator at R.I. Health Dept.

Experience with the new AIDS drugs may foreshadow the difficult trade-offs that await taxpayers and policy makers as scientists develop costly treatments for other diseases like cancer or Alzheimer's.

"You try to ration things as ethically as possible," said Paul G. Loberti, administrator of the AIDS office in the Rhode Island Health Department.

Each state has a drug assistance program to provide prescription drugs to low-income people who are not covered by private health insurance or Medicaid. At President Clinton's insistence, the federal government has sharply increased its contribution to these programs and will provide 85 percent of the $300 million they spend in the coming year. But in interviews, officials in several states said the money was still not enough to meet the demand for the new drugs.

In Missouri, John K. Hubbs, chief of the AIDS bureau of the state Health Department, said: "We have established a limit on the number of patients to whom we can provide protease inhibitors: 132. And we have imposed a cap of $10,000 on what we will pay for a patient's combination drug therapy."

The AIDS drug assistance programs in Arkansas, Nevada, South Dakota and Oregon do not cover any of the protease inhibitors, which block reproduction of the AIDS virus. Covering such drugs "would blow our budget out of the water," said Lisa McAuliffe, coordinator of the Oregon program.

In Colorado, the AIDS drug program ran out of money on Dec. 10, three and a half months before the end of the fiscal year. "Because the medicines were so new, we had no idea what the demand would be," said Pamela R. Snyder, the program director. "The drugs are effective. People want them. The demand just grew and grew."

Illinois officials tightened the eligibility criteria and reduced the list of approved drugs to 28, from 112, so they would not run out of money. The state covers one of the three protease inhibitors. Thomas J. Schafer, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said the state would soon impose an annual limit, perhaps $12,000 for each person receiving AIDS drugs through the program.

The Florida Health Department, which just added the protease medications to its list of approved drugs, is getting $24 million of federal money this year, up from $17 million last year. But David W. Poole, chief of AIDS patient care at the department, said, "We anticipate needing many more dollars."

In Washington state, the AIDS drug assistance program ran short of money last summer, and state officials temporarily froze enrollment, taking no new patients for a month. The program reopened in August after Mike Lowry, the Governor at the time, provided $200,000 from an emergency fund.

AFL-CIO meets in Los Angeles with hopes for stronger voice

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a fierce political campaign that yielded mixed results, the AFL-CIO executive council meets in Los Angeles next week to kick off a year of intensive organizing.

Politics, a new approach to pressuring corporations, and a plan to burnish labor's image also will be on tap at the council's winter meeting — the first ever held away from a seaside resort.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney has won wide praise for reviving a dormant labor movement, but the meeting's new setting underscores the fact that much work remains to be done before unions regain a prominent place in America.

"The focus over the past year has been on politics. We've raised the level of grass-roots activism and we have to keep that going," Sweeney said in an interview. "But in the process we have to look for ways that we can translate some of this energy and this enthusiasm into organizing."

Unions today represent just 14.5 percent of nonfarm workers, far less than the nearly 35 percent they represented three decades ago.

"It's going to require a stronger political voice, but also a stronger labor movement to be successful," Sweeney said. "One complements the other."

The AFL-CIO will map out an ambitious agenda for 1997, including plans to spend at least $20 million on organizing while continuing its political work. A publicity campaign to boost labor's public profile also is being developed.

While union leaders agree with the goals Sweeney has set, some council members have privately questioned how he will allocate resources for so many expensive new initiatives. The AFL-CIO budget totals $60 million, but an affinity credit card deal sealed last year could yield millions more.

"The bottom line is how do we build a stronger labor movement," Sweeney said. "It's an ongoing discussion, and you're going to have competing requirements, but we're going to be big enough to sort all of that out."

Details of some of the programs to be discussed:

■ The newly created Organizing Department will brief council members on programs to boost major union drives among hotel workers in Las Vegas, strawberry pickers in California, and other activities.

■ A new program, "Union Cities," will encourage local labor councils to increase organizing in exchange for a greater share of federation funds. To complement a program which introduced thousands of college students to labor last year, the federation is planning to enlist retirees in union work.

■ The newly created Corporate Affairs department will outline improved research capabilities new strategies to pressure employers involved in high-stakes contract negotiations with affiliated unions.

■ The AFL-CIO is developing a $20 million campaign to promote unionism through radio and TV ads after focus groups showed the public views unions skeptically, yet wishes someone would be an aggressive advocate for workers.

Last year, the federation spent more than $35 million trying to oust House Republicans. The campaign failed to break the GOP's grip on Congress, but it re-established labor as a political player.

The federation will continue to fund political activities for the 1997 mayoral and gubernatorial races and congressional races in 1998, and it wants to begin training union members to run for public office.

Over the last 30 years, the council's winter meeting became famous for beachside conferences and late nights in the lounge in Bal Harbour, Fla. Inevitably, news footage contrasted pudgy labor leaders sunning themselves by the pool with strikers walking picket lines in frigid climes.

Upcoming meetings will be held in other working-class cities to increase contacts with local labor leaders and take advantage of local media exposure.

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Movie promotes high-fat diet for epileptic youths

LOS ANGELES (NYT) — Two Los Angeles doctors who specialize in the treatment of brain disorders hope an ABC television movie, "First Do No Harm" starring Meryl Streep, will raise awareness of a high-fat diet being used to treat epilepsy in some children.

But they caution that the controversial diet is appropriate only in certain cases and must be administered exactly as prescribed.

"Children on the ketogenic diet drink lots of whole cream and eat lots of bacon and eggs. I've had it myself — it's quite tasty," said neurologist William Sutherling of Sherman Oaks, a Los Angeles suburb, who is director of Good Samaritan Hospital's Epilepsy and Brain Mapping Center.

Sutherling and his wife, Jeri, an intensive care unit nurse, were medical consultants on the television movie, airing tonight.

Streep, a two-time Oscar winner, collaborated with the movie's director Jim Abrahams whose son suffered epileptic seizures until a ketogenic diet controlled them. After drugs and brain surgery failed, Abrahams and his wife turned to the diet as a last resort.

"Jim was a tremendous advocate for the care of his son. He's a very bright individual and reviewed all the medical literature," said Sutherling, who stressed that, "heavily committed parental involvement is essential."

The film tells the story of a mother, played by Streep, who overcomes doctors' resistance to the diet and uses it to help her son.

The ketogenic diet — which has been refined at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore — was developed in the 1920s before modern epilepsy drugs were available.

Good Samaritan Hospital and the University of California, at Los Angeles, Medical Center are two of 17 places in the United States certified by Johns Hopkins to offer the diet, which induces fat metabolism that produces ketosis found to promote seizure control.

The diet works only for some children and should be used only if more conventional treatments are not working, epilepsy experts say.

"This diet is for children who are not improving with medication, or for children who have major unwanted side effects with the medication they take," said Sutherling.



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Dancing the night away

Penn State students David Schaefer, of Hunt Valley, M.D., left, and Dawn Votta, of Royersford, Pa., right, take part in a line dance at the 25th Annual Penn State Dance Marathon in State College, Pa., Saturday. The marathon benefits the Four Diamonda Fund at Hershey Medical Center which helps families with children who have cancer.

Canada: Cuba's bridge to U.S.

HAVANA (NYT) — Guests at Havana's old Hotel Nacional who watch television can now choose between grainy black-and-white films extolling the glory of the 1959 Communist Revolution or feature films on HBO like the Cold War thriller "The Hunt for Red October."

The hotel's new telephone service enables quick computer links with New York via AT&T, and hotel guests can get a warm can of Coca-Cola from their mini-bars.

Nearly 40 years since the United States placed an economic embargo on Cuba to stifle its economy and squeeze Fidel Castro from power, Castro still struts around Havana in designer leather boots. American goods, along with the Yankee dollar, can be easily found all over, even though there are few Americans to be seen.

What's going on? Cuba has managed to build bridges to the United States without dealing with the federal government directly. It buys regularly from the subsidiaries of American companies operating in countries like Mexico where Cuba's Coca-Cola comes from. But one of Cuba's most valuable connections to the mainland and an increasingly eager business partner has been Canada, America's closest ally and biggest trade partner.

To the Cubans, Canadians are just like Americans — they're big, they act rich and they speak English. But while the United States has tried to isolate Cuba since the Communists took over in 1959, Canada has tried to engage the country both economically and diplomatically, much to Washington's annoyance.

With last year's passage of the Helms-Burton law, which imposes sanctions on companies from Canada and other countries doing business in Cuba, U.S. foreign policy has clashed openly with the trade policies of some of its strongest allies.

Several European countries have challenged the Helms-Burton law in a complaint before the World Trade Organization. But for the moment the challenge has been postponed, leaving Canada alone in its defiant response to the law. Ottawa already has passed a law prohibiting Canadian companies from complying with the reporting provisions of Helms-Burton or paying any fines.

NAACP hopes to build $50 million endowment

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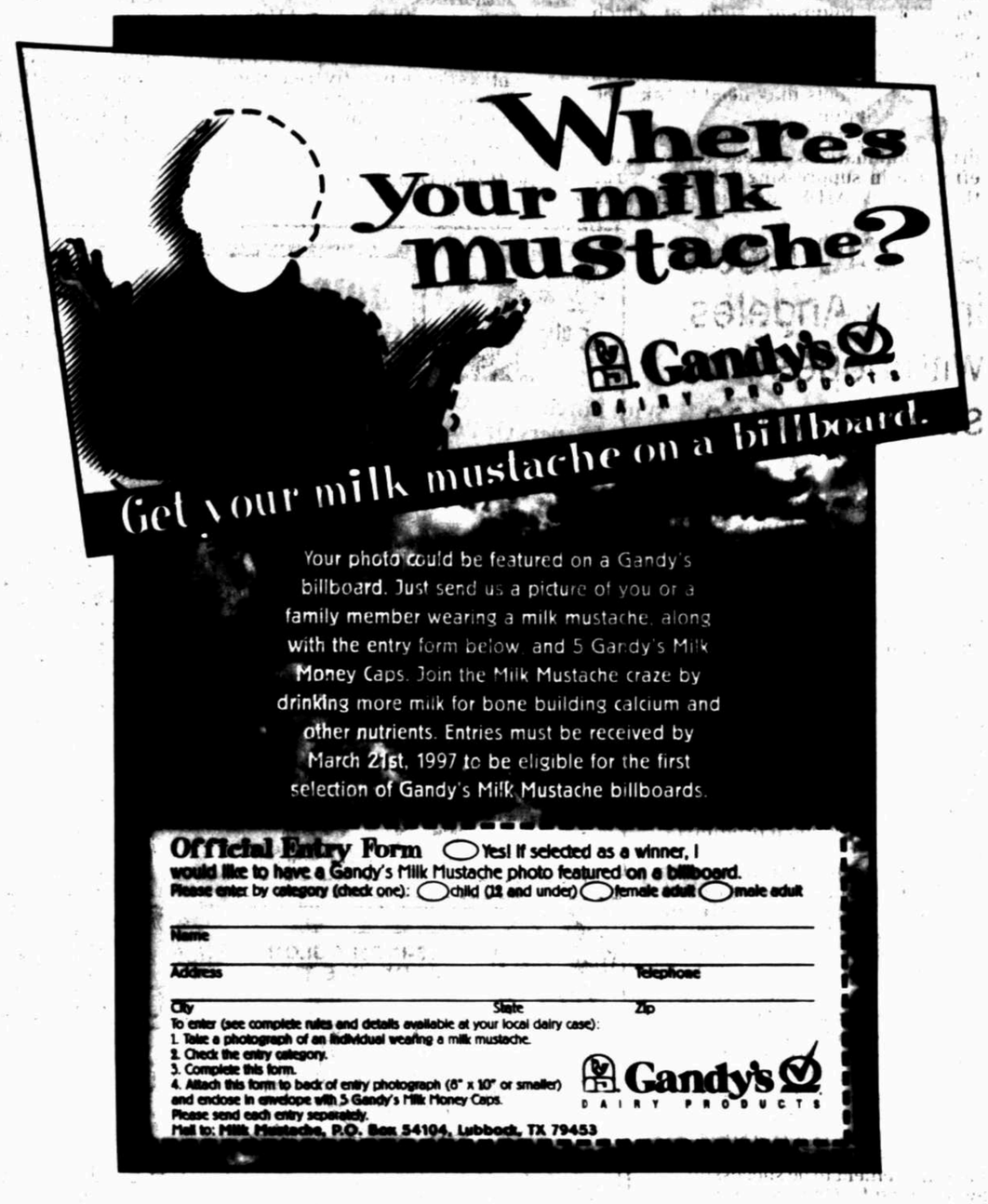
Seeking to revitalize its troubled finances, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced a five-year campaign Saturday to build a $50 million endowment, the first such fund-raising effort the civil rights organization has attempted.

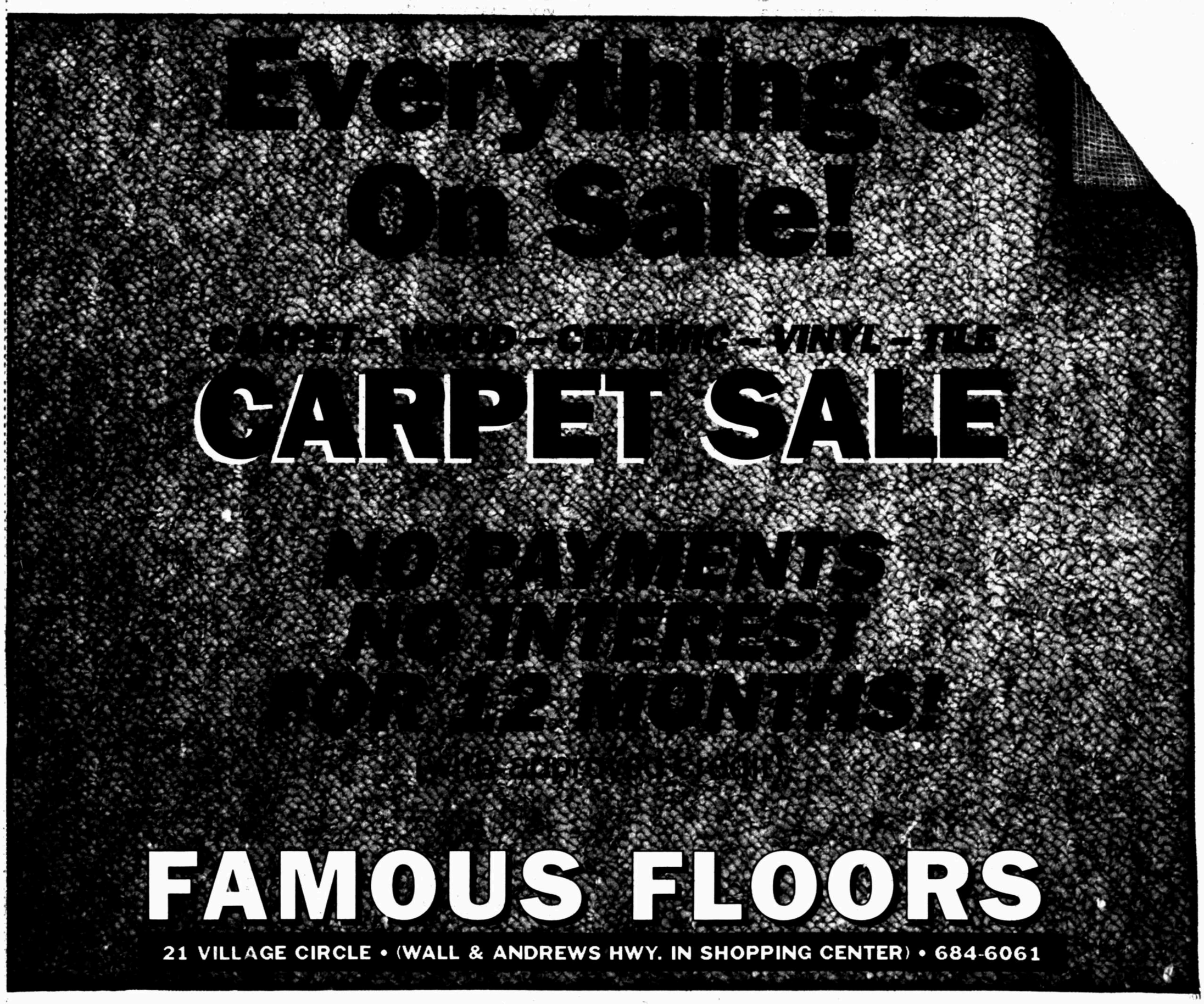
"Never again will the NAACP find itself in or near financial ruin," the organization's president, Kweisi Mfume, told delegates at its annual board meeting in New York City Saturday.

"Never again," he added, "should this organization be dependent on the whims or the desires of others who may give money and pull strings, and may not like what we say."

The fund-raising drive comes in the wake of a spate of widely publicized financial scandals and years of internecine power struggles that have hurt the NAACP's recruitment and damaged it clout as the country's oldest and best known civil rights organization. Indeed, the situation was so perilous in recent years that some members privately feared that the organization's very existence was threatened.

Mfume was elected executive director last year after the organization ousted his predecessor, the Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr., for having used its money to settle a suit accusing him of sex discrimination and sexual harassment.





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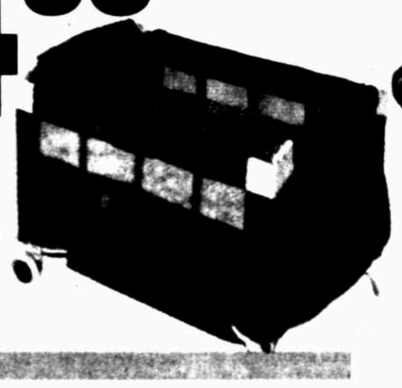
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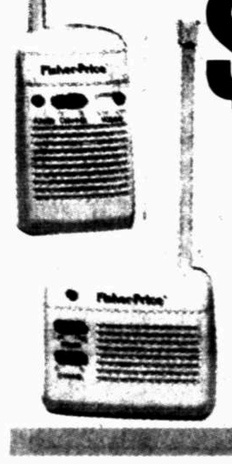


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Shapiro measure is sensible move

A bill passed by the Texas Senate which would make prison inmates responsible for paying to see a doctor or nurse has been called "the wave of the future as far as managed care is concerned."

Even more than that, however, what the bill is proposing sounds like a sensible move to make prisoners financially responsible for some of what they cost Texas society.

Under the bill, introduced in the Senate by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, inmates would have to pay $3 out of their prison trust accounts for any non-emergency visit they initiate to a health care provider beginning Jan. 1, 1998.

No payment would be charged if the inmate has less than $5 in the account, which is used to purchase items the prison doesn't provide.

Money generated by the co-payment system — estimated to be about $1 million per year — would be deposited in the state crime victims' compensation fund. In addition to that, the system is projected to save the state another $10 million annually by cutting the number of prisoner visits to health care providers.

On average Texas' 132,600 inmates each make about 28 visits to a doctor each year now. Ms. Shapiro said, "That's three times as many as the average state employee...."

Ms. Shapiro has even suggested that many of the medical visits are unnecessary and only undertaken to get inmates out of their cells. That sounds like a completely reasonable explanation.

Why not make prisoners financially responsible for some of the medical costs they now saddle the state's taxpayers with? We honestly can't think of a reason.

We hope the House will quickly approve the Shapiro bill.

JACK ANDERSON

2000 presidential race already shaping up

WASHINGTON -- You won't hear it from the candidates themselves, but preparations are already well underway for the presidential election in year 2000.



Anderson

In Arizona, former Vice President Dan Quayle is already gearing up for a run at the White House in four years. Last time around, Quayle sat on the sidelines, partly because of the herculean fund-raising task that must accompany any serious run for the office.

Sources tell us Quayle has already recruited CNN talk show host John Sununu to help him with his bid. Quayle and Sununu were spotted dining together in Phoenix late last year, and Sununu has told friends that he plans to help Quayle with his bid.

But perhaps the toughest task ahead is for Vice President Al Gore, whose campaign effectively began on the day that Bill Clinton was sworn in for his second term.

On that day, Gore began a difficult, Washington-style kabuki dance: Officially, he must continue to play the straight man, the loyal No. 2 behind Clinton. He has to stay focused on governing. Behind the scenes, the vice president must spend every free moment preparing himself for his presidential run.

Now is the time when potential candidates are quietly lining up key supporters and money men — the essential building blocks for a campaign. Yet a candidate-in-waiting can't appear over-eager, or negligent of his present duties.

This strategy doesn't always work, of course. Conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, was the first candidate out of the gate for the 1996 election. He had the best handlers money could buy, and the most money. But his ambitions ran aground when New Hampshire voters didn't cotton to his Texas twang and his strident rhetoric.

Gore's problem is compounded by the investigations that continue to plague the Clinton presidency.

"You have to remember, the president is riding high right now," one insider explained. "But (Gore) also has to carry a lot of baggage (for the president)."

The obvious trick for any sitting vice president who aspires to higher office is to get at least partial credit for major accomplishments while avoiding being soiled by the grubby details of daily governing.

As the next campaign nears, one source noted, Gore will be under increasing pressure from some advisers to distance himself from Clinton and his scandals. But that strategy could backfire.

Shutting oneself off from the White House could also get one cut off from the fund-raising and political infrastructure that Gore will need to fight off his expected rivals for the nomination, a group that includes House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt.

NEWT'S ALL WET — Poor Newt Gingrich. As if the embattled House speaker didn't have enough to worry about having to pay back $300,000 to the House Ethics Committee.

Now, our sources tell us, Gingrich has landed on the wrong side of one of the GOP's most venerable elder statesmen.

Retired Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., who ran unsuccessfully for the presidency in 1964, has never been shy with his opinions — even when it offends the party hierarchy. After watching Gingrich rise — and fall —Goldwater has concluded that the controversial Georgian is simply "wet behind the ears."

Jack Anderson's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



GEORGE F. WILL

PBS Jefferson portrayal more fair than others

WASHINGTON — "Man," says Job, "is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." "Use every man after his desert," Hamlet warns, "and who should 'scape whipping?" Verily, we are all made of clay, right down to our feet.



Will

Modern man likes such leveling, deflating maxims because, by stipulating a comforting equality of common sinfulness, they spare him the pain he likes least, the pain in the neck that comes from looking up at those who are rightly on pedestals. One of those made of uncommon clay was, surely, Thomas Jefferson. It is, therefore, a measure of contemporary fevers and confusions that Jefferson's greatness is continually under assault.

This week, on public television on Tuesday and Wednesday, Ken Burns, whose accomplishments include acclaimed series on the Civil War and baseball, presents a timely corrective, a visually sumptuous and intellectually judicious appraisal of Jefferson.

A sulfurous new biography of Jefferson asserts:

"It is difficult to resist the conclusion that the twentieth century statesman whom the Thomas Jefferson of January 1793 would have admired most is Pol Pot. ... We cannot even say categorically that Jefferson would have condemned the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City."

The author, the eminent Irish scholar and statesman, Conor Cruise O'Brien, rests his howitzer of vituperation on the slender reed of a single private letter Jefferson wrote in 1793, concerning the French Revolution: "... rather than that it should have failed, I would have seen half the earth desolated. Were there but an Adam and Eve left in every country, and left free, it would be better than it now is."

It is meretricious to treat an epistolary extravagance as an index of implacable conviction. But, then, O'Brien, alighting upon the obvious — Jefferson was simultaneously a slaveholder and a paladin of political freedom — with a sense of original discovery, has perpetrated a biography of the sort that novelist Joyce Carol Oates calls "pathography," a shrill reduction of a rounded life to a catalog of dysfunctions.

Burns, using various analysts (this columnist plays a small role), manages to be admiring without being enthralled. He recognizes that heroism is not saintliness, and proves that a cool appraising eye need not be a jaundiced one.

It is bad enough — it is simple-minded elitism — to say, as has been said, that a biographer should be his subject's "conscientious enemy." But O'Brien is conscienceless. For example, he quotes Jefferson's early judgments of blacks' inferiority, but ignores Jefferson's conclusion, 20 years later, that blacks "are on a par with ourselves. My doubts were the result of personal observation on the limited sphere of my own State, where the opportunities for the development of their genius were not favorable." Jefferson anticipated "their re-establishment on a equal footing with the other colors of the human family."

Burns examines, agnostically, the theory that Jefferson, who proclaimed equality when one-fifth of all Americans were owned by other Americans, had a long sexual relationship, and children, with a slave, Sally Hemmings. The film unsparingly notes that Washington freed his slaves, as did Jefferson's cousin John Randolph and Jefferson's neighbor Edward Coles, but Jefferson never did, even as Virginia's population of free blacks was rising in a 30-year period from 2,000 to 30,000.

The film punctures Jefferson's pose of ambitionlessness. True, he canceled his newspaper subscriptions when he left Washington in 1793. But by 1801, as politically guileful as he was socially graceful, he was president. ("Ambitious as Oliver Cromwell" and "tough as a lignum nut" said John Adams, who was scurrilously attacked by a drunken editor paid by Jefferson.)

Jefferson, symbol of American optimism, died nearly destitute and was preceded in death by his wife, five of his six children and his best friend — and, in a sense, by the constitutional, political, social order he cherished. But he produced what one of Burns' interlocutors calls the nation's "making moment" — the Louisiana Purchase — and provided an enduring model of how a free man with a fine mind and great soul lives amid the world's ethical tangles.

"None of us, no, not one," said Jefferson, "is perfect; and were we to love none who had imperfections, this world would be a desert for our love." Many historians and others, in their intellectual crudity, immaturity and meanmindedness, respond to complexity with contempt and to excellence with envy. They pander to the democratic spirit gone rancid in resentment of excellence, and they leave our national memory parched. Ken Burns, an irrigator, causes our capacity for political admiration — for love of greatness in public people — to bloom anew.

George Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers Group.

ANOTHER VIEW

Young are deprived while old are coddled

"Our children are getting killed or killing themselves at higher rates than any other country." That was the startling summation of a new report from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta by CDC epidemiologist Dr. Etienne Krug, reported by the Associated Press last week. ...

Novelist John Updike was asked a few years ago to write in Forbes magazine about why, when we have it so good in this country, we feel so bad. ...

No longer does American society devote a generous share of its resources and attention to the young, he said. ...

"Their high schools no longer look like castles but like second-rate airports, low slung and shabby, while the society's riches are reserved, in a curious gerontocratic shift, to the old, with their Social Security, their pensions, their Medicare and the government entitlements that account for close to 30 percent of the national budget," Updike wrote. "A nation where the old are coddled and the young are deprived of both purpose and means is surely one where people are entitled to feel bad."

— Austin American-Statesman

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1997. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt.

In 1937, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for DuPont who invented nylon, received a patent for the synthetic fiber.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1948, NBC-TV began airing its first nightly newscast, "The Camel Newsreel Theatre," which consisted of Fox Movietone newsreels.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Ala.

In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

Ten years ago: John Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp. (Demjanjuk was convicted, but the conviction was overturned by the Israeli Supreme Court.)

Five years ago: Two days before the New Hampshire primary, five Democratic presidential candidates debated on CNN, directing most of their criticism at President Bush. Israeli helicopters attacked a convoy in Sidon, Lebanon, killing Sheik Abbas Musawi, leader of the pro-Iranian group Hezbollah.

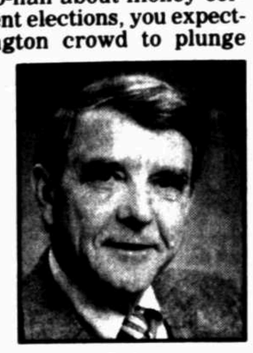
One year ago: Eleven people were killed in a fiery collision between an Amtrak passenger train and a Maryland commuter train in Silver Spring, Md. Former California Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 90. World chess champion Garry Kasparov won for the second time against IBM supercomputer Deep Blue in the fifth game of their match in Philadelphia (Kasparov had drawn twice and lost once).

Today's Birthdays: Singer Patty Andrews is 77. Movie director John Schlesinger is 71. U.S. Rep. Sonny Bono, R-Calif., is 62. Actor LeVar Burton is 40.

RUSSELL BAKER

Staying entertained helps one avoid cynicism

After all that hoo-hah about money corrupting the recent elections, you expected the Washington crowd to plunge right in and do something about it? Of course you didn't.



Baker

That's because you are cynical. Shame! You think politicians these days can be described in the words of a Minnesota voter, whose English was still influenced by his Balkan heritage, addressed to his congressman: "talk so much, do so nothing."

How depressing this cynicism is to Congress. It depresses the president too. He worries about "this toxic atmosphere of cynicism." And yet —

While deploring cynicism it is all very well to put on a pious face, but it can't hurt to ponder Ambrose Bierce's definition of a cynic in his "Devil's Dictionary":

"Cynic — a blackguard whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be."

In the world as it ought to be, Congress and Mr. Clinton would already be perspiring heavily in the struggle to save our political system from destruction by the high price of TV political ads.

At the end of that squalid 1996 presidential campaign, politicians and press spoke of little else but the urgency of saving the democratic system from smothering in money.

Meanwhile, back at the world as it is, what is the first order of Washington business? A constitutional amendment to require perpetual balance in the federal budget.

All sides had a dandy political dust-up just two years ago with this one. There has been powerful political catnip in the words "balanced budget" ever since Ross Perot disclosed that millions think balancing the budget will pull us back from the brink of destruction, and everybody, especially Republicans, wanted a colorful way — a constitutional amendment, by George! — to display their devotion to the cause.

Two years ago this popular nostrum lost by only a single vote in the Senate. Since then, new senators and new House members have come to Washington. All right, they deserve a chance to show the home folk their willingness to play fast and loose with the Constitution if that's what it takes to stop them from indulging their own vices.

But haven't we been given a fast shuffle here? What about that awful campaign-finance situation? Democracy totally owned by corporations and zillionaires, even aliens. Awful. Terribly awful. Clinton spoke of its awfulness the other evening while interrupting another O.J. Simpson show on TV.

He said everybody ought to get behind a bill to do something about it. All Congressfolk applauded. "Right! An appalling situation. We must do something about it — someday."

Then, "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to rewrite the Constitution we go." Without arguing the merits of the balanced-budget amendment, one point is obvious. A Congress that needs a constitutional amendment to stop its own wanton spending of tax money must also be powerless to stop its own wanton campaign spending by passing a mere law.

Well, the trick here, ladies and gents, is to stay entertained. Staying entertained by politics helps stave off cynical thoughts.

The entertainment lies in Congress' hatred of its own powers, the very powers embedded in the Constitution it now wants to amend in order to weaken itself.

Think of Congress as a human sunk in incurable vice — alcohol, narcotics, sexual lust, serial murder. It simply cannot stop itself from spending and spending again. It can balance the budget by voting against this and that, but it cannot bear to cast such votes, because folks back home want the budget balanced, but not at their expense.

So Congress votes to spend and scrawls desperate pleas to the police: "Stop me before I spend again." The balanced-budget amendment is one such plea. Maybe the Constitution will stop this terrible addiction. Last year there was the monumental surrender of a line-item veto power to the president. An incredible surrender of congressional power. "Stop us, Mr. President, before we spend again."

Congress' power to control spending derives from the British House of Commons, which fought a civil war to win it from kings in the 17th century. Now Congress is busy trying to give it back. Why should it cost so much to keep reelecting such a meek litter of pussycats?

Russell Baker's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

LETTERS

Another view on biblical meat issue

I am writing in response to a letter by Ann Cook in the Jan. 26 Midland Reporter-Telegram, in which Ms. Cook seems convinced that in Genesis 1:29, God forbids mankind to eat meat. In Genesis 1:29, God tells Adam he can eat every herb, with no mention of meat at all. In Genesis 9:3, God told Noah, "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things even as the green herbs."

In Deuteronomy 12:15 God told the Israelites, however, "You may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessings of the Lord your God which He has given you."

See Deut. 12:21 for more clarification of God's will for humans, too: "Slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the Lord has given you, just as I command you, and you may eat as much as your heart desires."

I submit this letter not to criticize, but to set the record straight as to what God's Holy Word (New King James version) really says about mankind eating meat.

Roy Bland

Congratulations to courageous Kerrville

So, Kerrville, you people are "too conservative" as said by Richard mostly in the Reporter Telegram on Feb. 6 about the trial of Darlie Routier.

Perhaps (yes) we should send all criminals and murderers to Kerrville from all over the United States.

I for one am so sick of the bleeding heart, I say: " An eye for an eye."

Kerrville, you all are strong, wonderful, good people and I congratulate you all.

Sonya Scholl

Pets are friends, not lawn ornaments

It's yet another sad and lonely day for many pets in Midland. I am talking about the issue of dogs, or any single pet for that matter. This scene is all over Midland: A dog sits out in the rain behind a fence waiting for someone, anyone, to give a kind word or touch today, any social interaction even if it's a brief one. The owner doesn't do anything now except feed it. What do you call a human that you only feed? Emotionally neglected. Do people think that animals don't feel? Animals are social beings and need touch, affection and play daily, just like you!

Now if you only have one pet of any kind and you don't find yourself spending any time with it for some reason, here is some advice your pet is silently begging you to acknowledge. First: Get one more of the same kind for it to play with! And please rescue a companion from the pound or Humane Society that is going to die from lethal injection. Or second: Find someone who has some extra leisure time on their hands to spend a little time each day to play with your animal. Or lastly: If you're thinking about getting just one pet and you're not going to spend very much time with it, spare it a lifetime of boredom and loneliness and don't just get one! If you already have one of these lonely creatures I've been talking about and don't want another, please sell it to someone whose animal also needs a friend, someone who won't just use it as a yard ornament. Animals have a shorter lifespan than we humans so they might as well be happy!

Shea Childers

Domino players a page of history

Ed Todd and the Midland Reporter-Telegram have our congratulations for your feature article "It's Your Turn" (Feb. 10). The good humor and camaraderie between two old-time Texans while at sport with dominoes should be inspirational for a younger generation. The story is being filed away in the Haley Library in order that future generations have the opportunity to absorb some of the flavor of our time. Incidentally, Lonnie Wells, in particular, is a friend of our family into the third generation.

Evetts Haley, Jr.

Ma's red brick house full of memories

I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened my Reporter-Telegram Saturday morning, Feb. 8! There on the front page was "Ma's" little red brick house to be given away for $10 ! My emotions went from surprise, to anger, to sadness. You see, my grandpa, Guy Rhoads, built that house for my grandma, Grace, and their two daughters, Mary Evelyn and Dotty (my mom) back in the '40's.

Later, my mom, dad, brother and I lived on the adjoining lot in a house that has long since been torn down.

When Grandpa died there in 1976, Ma insisted on keeping the house. She was never afraid to be there alone, because she knew God was with her.

Then the great-grandkids came. My boys loved to spend time at Ma's house, where they were free to touch and play with all her many wonderful things. The large yard was exciting because on a hot sunny day you could always find a horny toad. (Yes, even now.)

When our beloved Ma died in 1994, we all lost more than a mother and a grandmother, we lost a friend. She always said the little house wouldn't be worth much. We sold it for twice what she thought it was worth! I guess the buyer fell on hard times and couldn't keep up. I noticed it was a HUD home a few months ago.

Now Midland Neighborhood Housing Services is giving it away for $10! ? How dare they.

I'm tempted to buy a ticket... but then what? I can't bring Ma and Grandpa back.

So go ahead, give it away. And God bless whoever wins it. I hope you really need it and can feel all the love Ma left there and the many prayers she prayed there.

I'll try not to be angry. After all, you can't give my memories away.

Nancy Sain Mabry

Readers' views on: MISD bond issue

Children will benefit from bond issue

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Midland Chamber of Commerce for endorsing the upcoming MISD bond proposal. As a homeowner, citizen and parent, I believe thousands of our young, elementary school children will benefit from the renovations brought forth by our "yes" votes. Also, our cherished citizens age 65 or over as of Jan. 1 and who have filed at the Central Appraisal District for the over-65 exemption will not be affected by an increased tax rate. Early voting is scheduled through Feb. 25 at the Elections Administration building at 709 W. Washington. Election day is March 1.

Ellen Boyd

Older students are worth the money

I am writing in response to the article in the newspaper titled "Chamber endorses MISD bond." Mike Potter, a chamber board member, states "Children can't learn adequate skills in inadequate facilities." I would definitely agree with his observation. However, I would ask, "Are only elementary age children worth spending the money on?" Has Mr. Potter, Mr. Canon or Mr. Jimenez walked the halls or sat in the classrooms at San Jacinto Jr. High School or Midland High School lately?

MISD paid an independent firm to do a feasibility study of those schools last year and it was shown that those schools were "inadequate facilities" not only for the number of students they serve, but in the quality of the facilities. Both of these schools are much older than three years and have had only minor additions or updates since they were constructed. Are we saying by our actions that after you reach junior high or high school that it's too late and we don't care what kind of facility you attend? I'm sure the students at Abell Jr. High School don't feel that way! At numerous school board meetings I have attended in the last seven years, I continually heard that equality in education and facilities was foremost on the agenda of MISD. You wouldn't know it by touring the schools in this city! San Jacinto and Abell are at opposite ends of the spectrum. All of our kids and teachers deserve to attend schools that have the best that we can provide to make them ready to go into the world and be the best they can be.

I am voting "NO" on this bond, not because I don't want these improvements on the elementary schools, but because by voting "yes" it would be a death sentence to all the older students who so desperately need a bond passed on their behalf. I have lived in Midland for 18 years and know that another bond would never pass within the next year to address the issues of these schools that were so important last year. Come on, Midlanders, we can do better than this for all of our kids !

Marcia Wilson

Older schools need renovations, too

Everyone is so concerned with the elementary schools that are 30 years old or older, what about Midland High, which was built in 1928? The oldest elementary school in Midland was built in 1945. That is 17 years' difference. Could someone please tell me where and when the citizens of Midland are going to open their eyes and see the need? How could Midland High and San Jacinto be left completely out of this bond election? I have a second-grader at Fannin Elementary which was built in 1957 and it will be very nice to have enclosed breezeways and have updates, but what about when they get to San Jacinto and Midland High? If something is not done soon, these two schools will be falling down around my child when he gets there. I know, because I took the time to tour the schools when the last bond was proposed. It's a disgrace to our community to have schools in such disrepair and these two schools are not the only problems we have. Lee High School's science department was the worst I have ever seen. Where do you think these elementary students will be going to high school?

It's nice to have the Chamber supporting this bond, but when Mr. Canon says "When kids benefit, the entire community benefits," is he telling us our teenagers don't deserve the same thing? Do you really think in a few years Midland can pass another bond to fix these problems? Isn't that what we tried to do with the last bond election and it failed? There was nothing frivolous in the last bond package; all of it was needed. It failed because we were not willing to commit ourselves to ALL the children of Midland. A quote made by Mike Potter of the Chamber was "Children can't learn adequate skills in inadequate facilities." I totally agree with this statement and this bond package does not meet the needs of all the children of Midland.

I know this bond will pass, but I want everyone to know what we are left with. We are left withjunior high and high school students in inadequate facilities, and in five years, when my second-grader gets there, just imagine what the schools will look like then.

Janna Hudson

MISD has always provided best

Years ago, when my parents moved to Midland, I attended North Elementary School, which, because of overcrowding when I was a third-grader, necessitated our classes being held in Midland High School while new schools were being built. Midland was a growing town! In 1979, when my family moved back here from Houston, my children went to Emerson and Goddard and then Lee High School, and I was grateful for the facilities available to them. Now I have a granddaughter at Parker and a little one who will be following in her sister's footsteps in a few years. We have always been able to provide the children of Midland with good schools! Vote "yes" on March 1.

Gigi Linne

Enclosing schools is waste of money

I am going to vote for the upcoming bond issue, but I wish we would truly consider the expenditure of this money. I went to school at Sam Houston Elementary from the second grade though the sixth. The school was brand new and of the new design with the finger (unenclosed) corridors. The school was built this way we were told for safety reasons. In case of fire, we could go outside easily.

Now the new trend is to enclose, apparently for the weather. These schools teacn first- thru sixth-graders. These children usually go to class and stay there except for lunch or recess. The few times these children are exposed to the weather seems small compared to the expense of enclosing. They can surely wait for parents in the room and do not need to wait out in the weather. I would rather see the money spent for education, maybe a computer room or two in every school where each child goes at least three times a week. Of course, plumbing and electrical need to be updated, but the enclosure expense seems a waste.

On the lighter side, my granddaughter goes to San Jancinto and says weekly that there is no toilet paper or paper towels in the rest rooms. This in itself seems to be a problem and a health hazard. I am no expert and stand ready to be corrected. I also think we should be paying our teachers more and expecting more from them.

J.B. Brown

Sleep well, O.J., wherever you are

Did it take 12 individuals to determine Ronald E. McNair was one of the finest and courageous men in America to forward the progress of space exploration (not to mention his work in physics) ? Did it take 12 individuals to determine that Martin Luther King Jr. was a man dedicated to peace and equality? Then why did it take 12 people to tell us O.J. Simpson is liable (let's face it...guilty!) for the deaths of two human beings? A man that has indeed proven himself beyond a doubt to have extrordinary strength and ability when it comes to football ... when it comes to a tremendous following among both blacks and whites ... when it comes to marketability ... let's talk about O.J.

Why did it take 12 individuals to determine O.J.'s innocence, then 12 more to determine his guilt? Why did it take 3 years of our court system's patience to even deal with this? Why did it divide our nation in regard to race? Are these the questions you associate with a hero? Are these the questions we ask ourselves when defining a hero?

It doesn't matter about his innocence or guilt ... What does matter is our ability to use the intelligence God gave us. That means taking it one step further. If O.J. is selling something, should you buy it? If O.J. is associating himself with a product, should you buy it? If O.J. is smirking, should you smirk with him?

In conclusion, regardless of your belief, true justice will be served when his peers carry him to his final resting place. Sleep well, tonight O.J., sleep well.

David P. White

HISTORICAL MARKER

Scholar, poet Lackey rode herd over Midland's youth for 35 years

EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this article came from files in the Midland County Historical Museum, the Reporter-Telegram, the books "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926," and "Silver Lining," and interviews with Frances Atwater, James Mims and Nancy McKinley, all residents of Midland who attended schools while W.W. Lackey was superintendent.

By Bill Modisett

In a frontier setting, few rudiments of life are more critical than education — provided by an educator with both the will and the courage to back up his convictions.

During the first years of the 20th century, Midland was fortunate to have such an individual in W.W. Lackey, and over a span of 35 years he established a legacy of quality schooling that few school districts can match.

Establishing such acclaim wasn't easy in the beginning, however, because when he arrived in Midland in 1906, the community was known for its "rebellious youths" who made an educator's job difficult.

E. Buford Isaacks, who attended school in Midland during the early years, noted in a 1971 article in the Reporter-Telegram, that the superintendent before Lackey was "an elderly man with long chin whiskers and had trouble with the boys and discipline generally. Whenever he would take one of the big boys to the office to paddle him, the boy would grab him by the whiskers and pull till the superintendent let him go. Some of the big boys were running pretty wild.

"The next year the school board elected W.W. Lackey as superintendent with instructions to restore order and maintain discipline," he wrote. "Mr. Lackey was a rather young man and a pretty good sized person. He soon let the students know who was boss. He made a number of enemies but the school ran smoothly ..."

In fact, it's said that Lackey even strapped on a pistol to get additional leverage over some of the older cowboys causing problems in the classroom in that early day. There is no historical record of him having taken such a drastic step, however, and when his other accomplishments are viewed, it seems like needless embellishment.

A NOTED SCHOLAR, widely recognized Latin teacher, and prolific poet, William Wilson Lackey arrived in Midland in 1906 from Abilene to take over a school district that consisted of one school building, 44 students and an annual operating budget of $5,500. Lackey's initial salary was $133 a month. When he came to Midland, he lived at the Rhea Cottage.

Previously, Lackey had served as principal of schools in Burleson, Bell, Milam and Denton counties, and was principal at Abilene High School from 1902 until 1906, when he made the move to Midland.

It didn't take long for Lackey to assert his leadership and as he did, the level of education began to rise. In fact, "as early as 1912, just six years after he became superintendent of Midland schools, the education leaders of Texas described Midland as having a strong, well-rounded curriculum and praised the system, saying that the high school was a comprehensive, model high school in Texas, and that the system was a real factor in Midland.

J.L. Henderson, who visited schools from the University of Texas in 1917, called Midland High School one of the best in West Texas, according to an article by Ada Phillips in The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926.

Lackey also brought Swedish gymnastics into the school, introduced regular assemblies, attracted good, typically young, single teachers. Then, as one observer related, he "played match-maker to get them married so they'd stay here! "

A lover of music, Lackey stressed participation in music to all students, contending that "everybody has a voice and everybody will sing. "And they did or if he noticed that their mouth wasn't moving, they got to sing a solo! " said Nancy McKinley.

He was a disciplinarian, but a fair man who kept a box of fresh apples in his office and after disciplining a student, would "give them an apple and send them on their way."

MOST STUDENTS HAD deep respect for Lackey and in the 1911 Windmill City Maverick, the Midland High School annual, is the following dedication:

"Five years have now passed since we first met Mr. William Wilson Lackey. During this time he has been an inspiring teacher and unfailing friend and guide. He has always been true and loyal to every interest of the school. Faithful and just to the students, courteous and considerate to everyone, he has won the respect and admiration of all the patrons.

"We appreciate the prestige which our school has attained during his administration; but more do we appreciate the spirit of comradeship that he has shown the students at all times, whether on the athletic field or in the class room or in his office. He always welcomes us in his office, whether our mission was one of business or of pleasure. In token of our esteem for him and in appreciation of him as a citizen, teacher, friend, and Christian gentleman, we affectionately inscribe to him this, the first volume of the Windmill City Maverick."

Writing poetry was Lackey's hobby and his love. While others would sit scribbling on a napkin while drinking a cup of coffee, Lackey wrote verse, turning his poems into letters, birthday greetings, Christmas messages, New Year's wishes and so forth.

An article in the Jan. 1, 1941, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, said, "He's written hundreds of poems, inscribed to former pupils, friends in far places, important people in the news, state officials (if he likes 'em) and all kinds of holidays."

The newspaper went on, "Lackey is a big, hearty, gray-haired bachelor who has been superintendent of Midland schools for 35 years ..."

For 3½ decades, Lackey rode herd over the Midland schools and during that time inspired hundreds of students to be the best that they could be. That became his legacy.

Professionally, Lackey attained outstanding professional and educational credentials, and eventually held bachelor of arts, master of arts and doctor of law degrees.

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SPEAKING OUT

Does anyone know the real story on bond issue?

Richard D. Bowdon, a graduate of Lee High School, is chairman of Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility.

By Richard D. Bowdon

Voting has already started on Midland Independent School District's (MISD) new $39 million bond proposal. Be sure to vote on this important issue, whatever your view. What are the issues?

There's no doubt that this proposal vastly improves on last spring's $110 million monstrosity, which the voters rejected decisively. Our group, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, criticized MISD for failing to set priorities, for phasing in the borrowing and tax increases over several years, for stretching out repayment to 30 years, and for unfair election tactics (especially "mobile voting" at special school events). We're relieved that the trustees avoided most of these misjudgments in the current proposal. We believe that $39.5 million is an amount that our community can afford, if spent prudently.

Nevertheless, this would be a very large bond. It would more than double MISD's existing debt, and cost $80 million to repay. It is two-thirds again bigger than the largest MISD bond ever passed. It only sounds small in comparison to $110 million.

MISD is telling us that the bond would require a tax increase of only 6.51 cents per $100 valuation. Hold on to your wallet — there's more to the story. That much tax would leave us about a million dollars a year short of making the payments on a bond of this size (assuming equal payments over 20 years).

How could this be? Here's their plan: In 1999 and 2012, when existing bonds are retired, all of the taxes that had been going toward those bonds would be redirected to playing catch-up on this bond. Hence, by 2012 the tax dedicated to the 1997 bond would double to 13.9 cents. This "back-loading" raises our total interest costs by about $7 million, and unfairly burdens future taxpayers (our children), in order to make the bond sound more "affordable" to the voters. This is all perfectly legal, but is it wise?

Where will the money go? Trustees decided to dedicate almost all of it to elementary renovations. $37.7 million will buy a lot of renovations! (The remainder is to be used for caling and wiring upgrades for the entire district.) Thirteen elementaries (out of 23) will be basically gutted and rebuilt from foundation to roof (after MISD already renovated four others at a cost of $7 million). One can reasonably ask: Are all of these schools really in such bad shape that they must be rebuilt? If so, who can we hold responsible for allowing such massive deterioration?

Or turn the question around: Is there not *anything* that *any* of the secondary schools need, that is more important than, for example, enclosing elementary-school corridors that were designed to be open in the first place?

These are good questions to ask the trustees and yourself. I believe the answers are: No, the condition of the elementary schools is not quite that dire, and yes, MISD could find more balanced uses for $37.7 million. Here's a prediction: If this bond passes, wait a year or two and turn on the local news. You'll see pictures of leaky pipes at San Jacinto Junior High, interviews with female soccer players who change clothes in their cars, and so on. MISD will be asking for another big bond. After all, these are the same trustees who, in an open letter to voters last spring, assured us that the $110 million bond was "an absolute necessity at this time."

So what's the bottom line? I'm motivated to vote for a school bond, because I'm convinced that some schools — elementary and secondary — need serious renovation. When I first heard about this proposal, I wanted to believe that the trustees really did set priorities. Maybe they didn't after all. Maybe, after we choked on the jumbo bond, they broke it up into thirds in order to feed it to us one chunk at a time. I hope I'm wrong.

If only the ballot could read:

1 — No, MISD should spend something on secondary schools or new classrooms, instead of blowing it all on elementary renovations

2 — Yes, we'll trust you to use this large bond to address the highest priorities — so don't come back for any more in the next few years.

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"With motive anything but sinister,
"The salesman sought to sell the barrister;
"As if he'd been by salesmen oft misled,
"'I'm poor as hell,' the crafty lawyer said.

"If skilled in repartee, the fencing art,
"The judge, though rough in speech but kind of heart,
"Avoiding weak excuses to rehearse,
"Politely placed the blame upon his purse.

"To justify neglect when the day is done,
"Some say 'a poor excuse is better than none,'
"Though time and tide would hardly him condone
"Whose brightest chance through sheer neglect had flown.

"They say that he who's best to make excuse
"Is seldom found prepared for other use;
"Efficiency is sought in every task,
"Fidelity the righteous Judge will ask.

"No person who indeed becomes a slave
"To doubt and fear can boast a spirit brave;
"'The flighty purpose never is o'ertook
"'Unless the deed go with it,' — fills a book

"Refining like a purifying fire
"The soul of man and making him aspire,
"The discipline derived from hope deferred
"Has oft the depths of the noblest spirit stirred.

"The thoughtful find in each event in life
"Some food or field for meditation rife;
"Through doubt and fear, foreboding and repining,
"The eye of faith can see the silver lining."

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Chambers plan bilateral business expo

Officials hope 3-day event promotes more matchmaking

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

About 20 businesses from Chihuahua, Mexico, will be in Midland later this month for "Bridges to 'La Entrada,'" a three-day international business-to-business exposition.

The expo, which runs Feb. 26-28 at Midland Center, will be for business matchmaking. The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is scheduling sessions between Chihuahua businesses and local businesses that would be interested in selling their Mexican-made goods, David Diaz, chamber executive director, said.

"We want to invite anyone who is interested in working with these companies. We can schedule a working session that will hopefully develop into something," said Fernando de La Rosa, director of international development for the chamber.

On the third day of the expo, the diverse group of small and medium-sized businesses — which sell everything from potpourri to furniture and linen manufacturers — is open to the public, de La Rosa said.

Chambers of commerce from both cities hope the expo will further bilateral trade, de La Rosa said.

"Chihuahua and Midland became sister cities about three years ago. With both cities in the Pacific corridor and closeness of the state to us, it's easier for us to develop business with them," de La Rosa said.

The exposition will be the first of its kind in Midland and has been a long time in coming. The chambers have been meeting since 1993.

"There's a lot of planning that goes into it," he said. "We have to deal with customs on both sides of the border, immigration, insurance and all that. It's more difficult than it seems."

The chambers hope to build on the smaller expo in November, when two Chihuahua furniture manufacturers visited Midland and found McKay's furniture store to sell their wares, Diaz said.

The chambers are also planning a reciprocal expo in Chihuahua this summer, where Permian Basin companies will be able to do business with Mexican companies, de La Rosa said.

If the expos are successful, de La Rosa said more will be planned with other states in Mexico, such as Durango and Sinaloa.

For more information about the expo, contact the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 682-2960.

BASIN BRIEFING

Cancer program

Registration in ongoing for Allison Cancer Center's "I Can Cope" program that begins March 4. The six-week series of classes is for people with cancer, their families and friends. There is no charge for the classes, but pre-registration is necessary. For more information or to register call 685-6606.

Human resource meeting

The Human Resource Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet noon-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788. Guest speaker, Malcolm Coco, associate dean of the College of Business Administration at Abilene Christian University, is to speak on "Workplace Violence." Cost is $10.

D-FY-IT banquet

D-FY-IT's annual appreciation banquet is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton. The event will include Mexican buffet dinner, entertainment, door prizes and awards. Tickets are $5 a person. Call 689-1594 by Wednesday to make reservations.

INS change

ELPASO — The Immigration and Naturalization Service announced last week that certain applications will be accepted only by mail and not delivery in person. These include applications for: permanent residency, citizenship, employment authorization, certificate of citizenship and replacement of citizenship certificate, advance parole and advanced processing for a visa orphan. The completed application, and any required fees, should be mailed to: INS, El Paso District Office, c/o INS Information Office, 1545 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso 79925.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m. 1406 E. Taylor St.,

(lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

MONDAY

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America 7 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church. call 697-3579 or 683-5748.

Survivors Group for sexual abuse, rape and incest, 6:00 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 563-1200.

West Texas Songwriters Association, Coors Warehouse, 7 p.m., 689-0213.

Texaco Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Texaco Heritage Center, 688-2932.

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Rd. 130 (Cotton Flat & S. Midkiff).

Midland Area AIDS Support Group (MAAS), for family & friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m. 684-6161 or 684-7821.

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Midland woman continues tradition of following Christ

EDITOR'S NOTE: February is Black History Month. This is one in a series of stories featuring members of the local black community and national historical figures.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Ora Williams is continuing a tradition of following Christ and serving others that was instilled in her by her parents as she grew up in Bremond, about 40 miles south of Waco.

She has been on the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors four years. She completed a three-year unexpired term and is now in the second year of her own term. She worked as a secretary in Memorial Hospital's personnel office from 1972 to 1975, when she left to go into private nursing. Now 68, she has retired.

Serving on the board has been "a joy," she said. "It's been a learning process. We're about the taxpayers and serving the people."

She serves as secretary for the board, which oversee the trustees, who run the day-to-day operations of the hospital.

When she was asked to finish Margaret Williams' term, she said, "I was reluctant. I had to pray about it." But she accepted and continues to learn about the business of the hospital and its functions.

She volunteers at the Southeast Senior Citizens Center, driving clients to and from doctors' appointments or to go shopping. She also is active in her church, Mount Calvary Mission Baptist, where she is president of the choir, works with Sunday school classes and the training union. She is secretary of the Eastern Star, Dolores chapter. In the past she served as a United Way volunteer, helping Ben Milam and Bonham elementary schools raise money.

"Any time I attempt to do anything, I do it wholeheartedly. I can't do anything a half step."

She is fond of her community and the people in it and participates in her neighborhood watch program, helping residents watch out for each other.

"It makes me happy to give," she said. "We're brothers and sisters in Christ and this is what the Lord wants us to do. Love is giving; love is

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Blacks played important role in revolution

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer



They may not be as well-known as such Revolutionary War heroes as Gen. George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette or Ethan Allen, but a number of African-Americans distinguished themselves helping bring the United States into being.

In the early days of the Revolutionary War, blacks both free and slave rallied around the British. Seeing this, Washington began changing his policy prohibiting the enlistment of blacks, allowing free blacks to enlist beginning in 1776.

By the end of the war blacks were allowed to enlist everywhere except in Georgia and South Carolina.

Approximately 5,000 of the 300,000 men who fought in the Revolutionary War were black, serving in both the navy and army. A num-

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Olympic gold medalist Gaines to speak at banquet Saturday

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Runner Chryste Gaines, gold medalist in the 4x100-meter relay in the 1996 Summer Olympics, is to be a guest of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

Ms. Gaines will be speaking at a Black History Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Green Tree Country Club.

Tickets are $22.50 each. To purchase tickets call 683-3948 or 684-6932. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The club is trying to pay for as many children's tickets as possible to allow area youth an opportunity to hear Ms. Gaines, according to member Doris Richardson.

Ms. Gaines, 26, ran the lead leg in the U.S. relay team's winning run in Atlanta last summer, and will be speaking about her life and her struggle for Olympic gold.

Born in Lawton, Okla., Ms. Gaines spent much of her life in Texas.

She attended Dallas South Oak Cliff High School and won numerous state and national track and field awards during her time there.

She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and continued to win accolades in the 100-meter dash. She was an alternate on the 1992 Olympic relay team.

She moved back to Dallas in 1994 and continued training. She has won sprint events in the Pan American Games in Argentina, World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, and three Grand Prix meets in Europe.

Ms. Gaines intends to spend the next

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Corporate Spelling Bee for Literacy has full slate with twelve teams

Twelve teams have registered for the eighth annual Reporter-Telegram Corprate Spelling Bee for Literacy scheduled for March 6 at Midland Center.

Latest entrants are Conoco, Henry Petroleum and Texaco, which are to field teams to join the nine previously registered.

Although no further teams can be entered because of the bee's time restraints, tickets are now being sold for supporters of team members and the general public.

Tickets for the bee and a lunch catered by Murray and the Frenchman are $10 each; all proceeds are to go to Need to Read, which currently has matched 163 adults seeking to improve their reading skills with 163 volunteers. In addition, the program has several classes bringing total of students to more than 200.



Master of ceremonies will once again be the popular Midland emcee, Bill Dingus. John Deats will serve as pronouncer.

This year's bee will feature door prizes, an auction of a variety of items, as well as an audience participation segment. For a $5 fee, members of the audience can participate for prizes.

Those seeking tickets, either individually or for complete tables, should call Midland Need to Read at 685-4572.

The event traditionally draws a large audience, so those planning to attend should secure tickets as soon as possible.

GARY OTT

It's hard to believe that Paul Newman is still married

More rambling thoughts ...

— Maybe it is a sad commentary on the times in which we live, but most of us are genuinely shocked when we hear that a famous person, a sex symbol at that, like Paul Newman, has been married to the same woman for almost half a century.



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— Overheard: "The primary difference between outlaws and in-laws is that outlaws are wanted."

— All things considered, I don't think I'd like to be in New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

— Does that mean I'm getting old?

— Dumb joke: How do you sweet-talk a hillbilly girl? You wink at her and say, "Heeeey, nice tooth!"

— Persian proverb: "If fate does not adjust itself to you, adjust yourself to fate."

— Tell the truth now, when you heard the O.J. verdict had been reached at about the same moment President Clinton was about to deliver his State of the Union address, you were more interested in the verdict, weren't you?

— So was I.

— Kind of embarrassing, isn't it?

— It is always greatly appreciated when an oncoming motorist flashes his lights to let you know a state trooper is working his radar up ahead.

— Someone once said, "Money can't buy happiness; it can, however, rent it."

— Great name for a TV character: Eddie Wolfgang Munster.

— Is it really possible that we're approaching the 10-year anniversary of the Jessica McClure ordeal? Yep. She fell in the well on Oct. 14, 1987.

— One of the bad things about having a beard is that every time you take it upon yourself to trim it, you keep getting one side shorter than the other, and, before you know it, you resemble a lopsided bowling ball. A neatly trimmed bowling ball, mind you, but a lopsided one, nonetheless.

— Now for this bit of British humor, courtesy of Sir Winston Churchill. It seems a rather opinionated woman approached the prime minister one day and said, "Winston, if you were my husband I would poison your coffee." Churchill then replied, "Madam, if you were my wife I would drink it."

— Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old golfing phenom, may be just what his sport needs, what with all the excitement and national attention he is bringing to the game, but somehow I find myself pulling for the old veterans to beat him a few times before he starts stealing ALL the glory from them.

— Maybe it has something to do with "paying your dues" before rising to the top.

— And today's final quote comes from Herbert Spencer, who once said, "Never educate a child to be a gentleman or a lady only, but to be a man, a woman."

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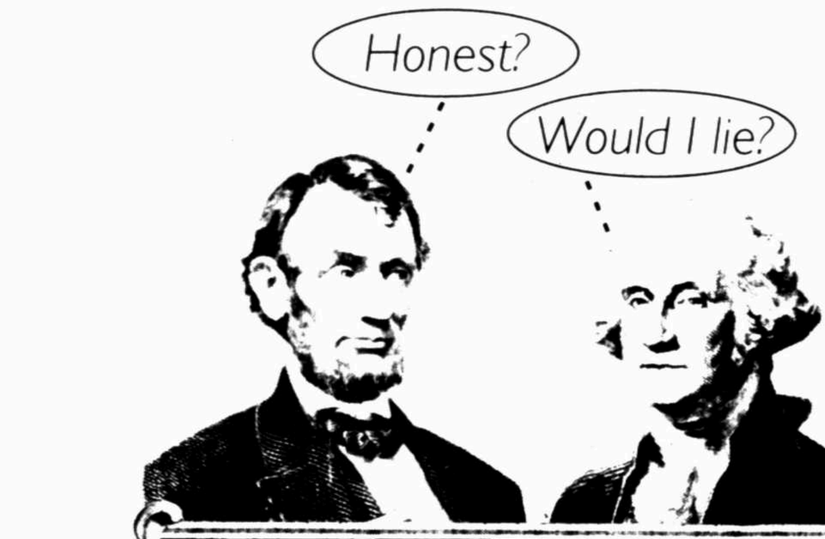
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Chambers plan bilateral business expo

Officials hope 3-day event promotes more matchmaking

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

About 20 businesses from Chihuahua, Mexico, will be in Midland later this month for "Bridges to 'La Entrada,'" a three-day international business-to-business exposition.

The expo, which runs Feb. 26-28 at Midland Center, will be for business matchmaking. The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is scheduling sessions between Chihuahua businesses and local businesses that would be interested in selling their Mexican-made goods, David Diaz, chamber executive director, said.

"We want to invite anyone who is interested in working with these companies. We can schedule a working session that will hopefully develop into something," said Fernando de La Rosa, director of international development for the chamber.

On the third day of the expo, the diverse group of small and medium-sized businesses — which sell everything from potpourri to furniture and linen manufacturers — is open to the public, de La Rosa said.

Chambers of commerce from both cities hope the expo will further bilateral trade, de La Rosa said.

"Chihuahua and Midland became sister cities about three years ago. With both cities in the Pacific corridor and closeness of the state to us, it's easier for us to develop business with them," de La Rosa said.

The exposition will be the first of its kind in Midland and has been a long time in coming. The chambers have been meeting since 1993.

"There's a lot of planning that goes into it," he said. "We have to deal with customs on both sides of the border, immigration, insurance and all that. It's more difficult than it seems."

The chambers hope to build on the smaller expo in November, when two Chihuahua furniture manufacturers visited Midland and found McKay's furniture store to sell their wares, Diaz said.

The chambers are also planning a reciprocal expo in Chihuahua this summer, where Permian Basin companies will be able to do business with Mexican companies, de La Rosa said.

If the expos are successful, de La Rosa said more will be planned with other states in Mexico, such as Durango and Sinaloa.

For more information about the expo, contact the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 682-2960.

BASIN BRIEFING

Cancer program

Registration in ongoing for Allison Cancer Center's "I Can Cope" program that begins March 4. The six-week series of classes is for people with cancer, their families and friends. There is no charge for the classes, but pre-registration is necessary. For more information or to register call 685-6606.

Human resource meeting

The Human Resource Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet noon-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788. Guest speaker, Malcolm Coco, associate dean of the College of Business Administration at Abilene Christian University, is to speak on "Workplace Violence." Cost is $10.

D-FY-IT banquet

D-FY-IT's annual appreciation banquet is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton. The event will include Mexican buffet dinner, entertainment, door prizes and awards. Tickets are $5 a person. Call 689-1584 by Wednesday to make reservations.

INS change

EL PASO — The Immigration and Naturalization Service announced last week that certain applications will be accepted only by mail and not delivery in person. These include applications for: permanent residency, citizenship, employment authorization, certificate of citizenship and replacement of citizenship certificate, advance parole and advanced processing for a visa orphan. The completed application, and any required fees, should be mailed to: INS, El Paso District Office, c/o INS Information Office, 1545 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso 79925.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m. 1406 E. Taylor St.,

(lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

MONDAY

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America 7 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church. call 697-3579 or 683-5748.

Survivors Group for sexual abuse, rape and incest, 6:00 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 563-1200.

West Texas Songwriters Association, Coors Warehouse, 7 p.m., 689-0213.

Texaco Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Texaco Heritage Center, 688-2932.

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Rd. 130 (Cotton Flat & S. Midkiff).

Midland Area AIDS Support Group (MAAS), for family & friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m. 684-6161 or 684-7821.

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Midland woman continues tradition of following Christ

EDITOR'S NOTE: February is Black History Month. This is one in a series of stories featuring members of the local black community and national historical figures.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Ora Williams is continuing a tradition of following Christ and serving others that was instilled in her by her parents as she grew up in Bremond, about 40 miles south of Waco.

She has been on the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors four years. She completed a three-year unexpired term and is now in the second year of her own term. She worked as a secretary in Memorial Hospital's personnel office from 1972 to 1975, when she left to go into private nursing. Now 68, she has retired.

Serving on the board has been "a joy," she said. "It's been a learning process. We're about the taxpayers and serving the people."

She serves as secretary for the board, which oversee the trustees, who run the day-to-day operations of the hospital.

When she was asked to finish Margaret Williams' term, she said, "I was reluctant. I had to pray about it." But she accepted and continues to learn about the business of the hospital and its functions.

She volunteers at the Southeast Senior Citizens Center, driving clients to and from doctors' appointments or to go shopping. She also is active in her church, Mount Calvary Mission Baptist, where she is president of the choir, works with Sunday school classes and the training union. She is secretary of the Eastern Star, Dolores chapter. In the past she served as a United Way volunteer, helping Ben Milam and Bonham elementary schools raise money.

"Any time I attempt to do anything, I do it wholeheartedly. I can't do anything a half step."

She is fond of her community and the people in it and participates in her neighborhood watch program, helping residents watch out for each other.

"It makes me happy to give," she said. "We're brothers and sisters in Christ and this is what the Lord wants us to do. Love is giving; love is

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Ora Williams, above, said that serving on the Midland County Hospital District Board has been "a joy (and) a learning process."

Blacks played important role in revolution

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

They may not be as well-known as such Revolutionary War heroes as Gen. George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette or Ethan Allen, but a number of African-Americans distinguished themselves helping bring the United States into being.

In the early days of the Revolutionary War, blacks both free and slave rallied around the British. Seeing this, Washington began changing his policy prohibiting the enlistment of blacks, allowing free blacks to enlist beginning in 1776.

By the end of the war blacks were allowed to enlist everywhere except in Georgia and South Carolina.

Approximately 5,000 of the 300,000 men who fought in the Revolutionary War were black, serving in both the navy and army. A num-

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Olympic gold medalist Gaines to speak at banquet Saturday

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Runner Chryste Gaines, gold medalist in the 4x100-meter relay in the 1996 Summer Olympics, is to be a guest of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

Ms. Gaines will be speaking at a Black History Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Green Tree Country Club.

Tickets are $22.50 each. To purchase tickets call 683-3948 or 684-6932. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The club is trying to pay for as many children's tickets as possible to allow area youth an opportunity to hear Ms. Gaines, according to member Doris Richardson.

Ms. Gaines, 26, ran the lead leg in the U.S. relay team's winning run in Atlanta last summer, and will be speaking about her life and her struggle for Olympic gold.

Born in Lawton, Okla., Ms. Gaines spent much of her life in Texas.

She attended Dallas South Oak Cliff High School and won numerous state and national track and field awards during her time there.

She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and continued to win accolades in the 100-meter dash. She was an alternate on the 1992 Olympic relay team.

She moved back to Dallas in 1994 and continued training. She has won sprint events in the Pan American Games in Argentina, World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, and three Grand Prix meets in Europe.

Ms. Gaines intends to spend the next

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The club is trying to pay for as many children's tickets as possible.

Corporate Spelling Bee for Literacy has full slate with twelve teams

Twelve teams have registered for the eighth annual Reporter-Telegram Corprate Spelling Bee for Literacy scheduled for March 6 at Midland Center.

Latest entrants are Conoco, Henry Petroleum and Texaco, which are to field teams to join the nine previously registered.

Although no further teams can be entered because of the bee's time restraints, tickets are now being sold for supporters of team members and the general public.

Tickets for the bee and a lunch catered by Murray and the Frenchman are $10 each; all proceeds are to go to Need to Read, which currently has matched 163 adults seeking to improve their reading skills with 163 volunteers. In addition, the program has several classes bringing total of students to more than 200.



Master of ceremonies will once again be the popular Midland emcee, Bill Dingus. John Deats will serve as pronouncer.

This year's bee will feature door prizes, an auction of a variety of items, as well as an audience participation segment. For a $5 fee, members of the audience can participate for prizes.

Those seeking tickets, either individually or for complete tables, should call Midland Need to Read at 685-4572.

The event traditionally draws a large audience, so those planning to attend should secure tickets as soon as possible.

GARY OTT

It's hard to believe that Paul Newman is still married

More rambling thoughts ...

— Maybe it is a sad commentary on the times in which we live, but most of us are genuinely shocked when we hear that a famous person, a sex symbol at that, like Paul Newman, has been married to the same woman for almost half a century.



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— Overheard: "The primary difference between outlaws and in-laws is that outlaws are wanted."

— All things considered, I don't think I'd like to be in New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

— Does that mean I'm getting old?

— Dumb joke: How do you sweet-talk a hillbilly girl? You wink at her and say, "Heeeey, nice tooth!"

— Persian proverb: "If fate does not adjust itself to you, adjust yourself to fate."

— Tell the truth now, when you heard the O.J. verdict had been reached at about the same moment President Clinton was about to deliver his State of the Union address, you were more interested in the verdict, weren't you?

— So was I.

— Kind of embarrassing, isn't it?

— It is always greatly appreciated when an oncoming motorist flashes his lights to let you know a state trooper is working his radar up ahead.

— Someone once said, "Money can't buy happiness; it can, however, rent it."

— Great name for a TV character: Eddie Wolfgang Munster.

— Is it really possible that we're approaching the 10-year anniversary of the Jessica McClure ordeal? Yep. She fell in the well on Oct. 14, 1987.

— One of the bad things about having a beard is that every time you take it upon yourself to trim it, you keep getting one side shorter than the other, and, before you know it, you resemble a lopsided bowling ball. A neatly trimmed bowling ball, mind you, but a lopsided one, nonetheless.

— Now for this bit of British humor, courtesy of Sir Winston Churchill. It seems a rather opinionated woman approached the prime minister one day and said, "Winston, if you were my husband I would poison your coffee." Churchill then replied, "Madam, if you were my wife I would drink it."

— Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old golfing phenom, may be just what his sport needs, what with all the excitement and national attention he is bringing to the game, but somehow I find myself pulling for the old veterans to beat him a few times before he starts stealing ALL the glory from them.

— Maybe it has something to do with "paying your dues" before rising to the top.

— And today's final quote comes from Herbert Spencer, who once said, "Never educate a child to be a gentleman or a lady only, but to be a man, a woman."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department
Friday

Theft: A report was made at 1219 E. Jax Ave. by Charles Mason at 2:44 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR was taken at 1310 Pratt St., reported Manuel Hinojos at 2:50 p.m.

Theft: A checkbook was taken at 4508 N. Big Spring St., reported Anita Carnett at 3:17 p.m.

Theft: Cash was taken at 3112 W. Cuthbert Ave., reported Sue Robertson at 3:54 p.m.

Vandalism: A window was broken and a van damaged at 304 E. New York Ave., reported Melissa Rubio at 5:34 p.m.

Theft: Two bicycles were taken at 4606 Pleasant Drive, reported Lisa Stall at 5:39 p.m.

Vandalism: Windows were broken at 1610 Cherry Lane, reported Mark Garcia at 5:28 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 1604 N. Fort Worth St. by Frank Tines Jr. at 6:46 p.m.

Theft: Four hubcaps were reported taken at 9506 La Force Blvd. It was reported at 7:36 p.m.

Theft: A wallet from a purse was taken at 2020 Cuthbert Ave., reported Cheryl Werner at 8:32 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR and sweatshirt were taken at 4315 Neely Ave., reported Michelle Kelly at 8:45 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 2301 N. Pecos St. by Eloiza Garibay at 9:19 p.m.

Saturday

Assault: A report was made at 1008 S. Midkiff Road, reported Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center nurses at 2:16 a.m.

Burglary of a building: Cigarettes were taken at 2404 N. Big Spring St., reported Friends Convenience Store at 4:37 a.m.

Theft: Cash was taken at 401 S. Marshall St., reported Mike Traylor at 8:12 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Engine parts were taken at 3511 Bankhead Highway, reported Randall Fowler at 8:12 a.m.

Vandalism: A window was broken at 2613 Noel Ave., reported Wayne Cain at 9:14 a.m.

Vandalism/assault: A report was made at 5244 W. Loop 250, reported Noele Rios at 10:13 a.m.

Theft: Two bicycles were taken at 2300 Lockheed Drive, reported Teresa Nebble at 9:19 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Vandalism: A motor home was damaged at 7102 E. County Road 90 by Liz Segrist at 9:26 a.m.

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

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Obituaries

Stanley Carrol Williams

Stanley Carrol Williams was born on April 26, 1938, in Gorman, Texas, to Louise Banks Williams and Levi Stanley Williams. He was reared in Central Texas and graduated from high school in Waxahachie, Texas. He attended S.M.U. and graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree. Also, in 1960, he married Jill White, his wife of 36 years, in Temple, Texas.

In 1963, he graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology. In 1969, he received a master's degree in liberal arts from S.M.U. In 1974, he graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, with a master's degree in creative writing.

He ministered from 1959-1970 in Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. In 1970 he became a professor of English at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He began teaching at Odessa College in 1974. He judged numerous fiction contests and judged creative writing contests at Midland College for 20 years. He was the author of several short stories and co-authored eight novels with Wayne Barton. He was also a devoted sponsor of several charities and organizations. He has lived in Midland since 1974 where he was a member of the First Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Western Writers of America and the Modern Language Association.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Jill White Williams of Midland; a son, Stanley Alan Williams and his wife, Jean Marie Higgis Williams, of Charlottesville, Virginia; a daughter, Wendy Chase Williams Tomlinson and her husband, Mickey, of Midland; and many dear friends.

He died Thursday evening at his residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday at 3 p.m. in First Methodist Church with the Reverend Charles McClure officiating. Graveside services will be held in Waco Memorial Park in Waco, Texas, on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Honorary pallbearers are Wayne Barton, Jerry Hewett, Jim Lander, Kent Easley, Nate Weiss, Jim Baugh, Charles Wayne Thomas and Lance Stewart.

The family requests memorials be directed to a nursing home of choice or to the Christmas in April Program, P.O. Box 3744, Midland, Texas 79702.

Raymond Rush

COLEMAN — Services for Raymond Blakely Rush, 86, were held at 2 pm. on February 10, 1997, at the First Presbyterian Church of Coleman with the Reverend Jeff Robinett officiating. Burial was at the Talpa Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

Mr. Rush died on February 8, 1997, in a Coleman hospital.

He was born on April 24, 1910, in Coleman, Texas. He was the son of Thomas Whitten Rush and Lillian Livingston. A graduate of Coleman High School, Rush attended Abilene Christian University where he lettered in football and track. He married Frances Livingston on September 20, 1930, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Rush was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coleman where he served in various capacities, including the Building Committee. He had been an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church for more than 50 years. Rush served his area in various positions, including service on the Coleman County Water Board, school boards and mayorship. In 1981, he received the Great Plains Outstanding Award for conservation work. He was a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Rush was a retired building contractor and rancher, having ranched property in South Coleman and Runnels counties for 65 years under the name "Grape Creek Ranch."

Survivors are his wife; four children, including Peggy Blake Martin of Midland; seven grandchildren, including Richard Rush Martin of Dallas, Rand Livingston Martin of Austin and Stephanie Ann Dalton of Houston; and four great-grandchildren, including Jeffrey Tucker Dalton of Houston.

Pallbearers were Richard R. Martin, Rand L. Martin, Rusty Ryan, Michael Short, Bill Gustavus, Duane Gustavus, Jerry Todd and Bill Gates.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Abilene, Texas.

Death Notices

Candelario Jimenez

Midlander Candelario Jimenez, 64, died Thursday, Feb. 13, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Kerbow Funeral Chapel in Sonora. Burial is to follow at Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora.

He was born Jan. 11, 1933, in Sonora.

He had retired from Santa Fe Drilling in 1995 after working in South America since 1971. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Jimenez, on Feb. 17, 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Jimenez and Jerry Jimenez, both of Midland; a daughter, Judith Jimenez of Midland; two brothers, Lupe Jimenez of Sonora and Sam Jimenez of Omaha, Neb.; two sisters, Elodia Flores of Sonora and Estella Rodriguez of Sacramento, Calif.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, 79703 or American Parkinson's Disease Association, 60 Bay St., Room 401, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301.

Robert H. "Bob" Pine

Robert H. "Bob" Pine died Friday, Feb. 14, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at First Baptist Church with Gary Dyer officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born June 27, 1915, in Carrizozo, N.M.

He had been a Midland County justice of the peace since 1964. He moved to Midland in 1947 and owned Pine Office Equipment. He supported the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, FFA and 4-H, and Midland County Livestock Show and was member of Masonic Lodge, Midland Downtown Lions Club and Midland Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Jo Scranton, in 1988 and a son, Glen Pine, in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Earleen Smith Pine, of Midland; three sons, Robert Pine Jr. of Little Rock, Ark., David Pine of Midland and Larry Pine of New York City; two step-daughters, Katherine Morris of Dallas and Toby Morris of Snyder; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Midland Downtown Lions Club or Masonic Lodge.

Mark T. Bradshaw

Mark T. Bradshaw, 78, died Friday, Feb. 14, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Frazier officiating. Burial is to be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson with Arley Owens Jr. officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born March 14, 1918, in Jones County.

He owned Bradshaw Drilling Co. and retired from Northern Natural Gas. He was a Mason, Baptist and member of the Anson VFW. He married Vivian Hollums on June 29, 1946.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy J. Bradshaw in 1972 and a daughter, Donna K. Bradshaw in 1950, four brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife of Midland; a son, Leslie M. Bradshaw of Midland; a daughter, Rhonda Roe of Midland; a brother Billy B. Bradshaw of Coleman; three sisters, Christine Willis and Ninky Kyle, both of Many, La., and Mary Spraberry of Abilene; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Zell K. Tabor

Zell K. Tabor, 69, died Friday, Feb. 14, at a local nursing home.

Services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Wellington.

She was a clerk and a secretary. She moved to Midland in 1943.

Survivors include three daughters, Helen E. Swanson of Corpus Christi; Judith E. Gressett of Albuquerque, N.M., and Melanie Agan of Hale Center; two sisters, June Newberry of Midland and Elaine Kulbeth of Nashville, Tenn.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Westwood Hospital or Tearrace West Nursing Home.

John "Johnny" Carter

Services for John "Johnny" Carter, 77, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Carter died Saturday, Feb. 15, at his Midland residence.

PATRIOTS: Many blacks played important role in American revolution

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ber of them volunteered; others were pressed into service as substitutes for white Colonials.

While most blacks served in predominantly white units, there were a few black units, including two companies in Massachusetts, one in Connecticut and one in Rhode Island.

It has widely been said that the first blood spilled in the fight for independence was that of a black man, Crispus Attucks. Attucks, the first of five men killed at the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770, was the leader of a group of Colonials protesting British soldiers being stationed in Boston.

Little is known of Attucks outside of the fact that he was a muscular mulatto of African and Natick Indian blood. Reportedly he had been a slave belonging to Deacon William Brown of Framingham, Mass., Attucks' birthplace, and had escaped in November 1750. Once free, he served on whaleships and ended up in Boston.

According to eyewitness accounts, as the crowd confronting the British soldiers grew more violent on that March day, Attucks struck at one of the soldiers, who then fired into the crowd. Attucks died instantly, along with Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick and Patrick Carr.

Other blacks served with distinction — crossing the Delaware with Washington on Christmas Day 1776, traveling to Ticonderoga and spying for Lafayette and Anthony Wayne.

Richard Allen, founder of the Free African Society and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, served as a wagon driver in the war and preached at regular stops. He purchased his freedom after working as a day laborer, brick maker and teamster.

James Armistead was allowed by his master, William Armistead of New Kent County, Va., to serve with Lafayette. In 1781, he infiltrated the headquarters of Gen. Charles Cornwallis, posing as a servant hired to spy on the Americans. It was his written intelligence reports to Lafayette that helped form the American and French strategy of stationing a French fleet in Chesapeake Bay, forcing Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown and ending the Revolutionary War. He was granted his freedom in 1786 because of his service. He raised a large family on land south of New Kent County.

Cyrus Bustill, born in Burlington City, N.J., in 1732, was the son of an English attorney and African slave. He supplied American troops with baked goods and was reportedly given a silver piece by Washington.

John Chavis and his brother, Anthony, fought under Washington and Lafayette at Brandywine, at White Plains, N.Y., and at Yorktown, Va.

Oliver Cromwell, raised a farmer in Columbus, N.J., enlisted in a company attached to the 2nd New Jersey Regiment under Col. Israel Shreve. He accompanied Washington when he crossed the Delaware River in 1776 and fought in the battles of Princeton, Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown where — he recalled at the age of 100 — he saw the last man killed in the war. His honorable discharge was signed by Washington, who presented a Badge of Merit for six years faithful service. Cromwell was granted a pension of $96 a year, had 14 children and died in January 1853 at the age of 100.

Austin Dabney was brought to Georgia by Richard Aycock shortly after the war broke out. When Aycock was ushered into the Georgia Militia, he asked that his slave take his place. The boy was placed under the command of Col. Elijah Clarke and assigned to a company headed by Captain Dabney, who gave the boy his own surname. Austin Dabney was injured during the battle between Patriots and Loyalists at Kettle Creek, Ga., when a rifle ball passed through his thigh, crippling him for life. His service brought about his emancipation and a special act granting him a 112-acre farm in Walton County, Ga.

William Flora was among the American defenders in Col. William Woodford's Virginia Regiment who repulsed Lord Dunmore's army after the Battle of the Great Bridge. After the war, he returned to Portsmouth, one of the first blacks to buy property there.

Lemuel Hayes never knew his African father and was unrecognized by his white mother. At the age of 5 months, he was bound out as a servant to Deacon Hill in Granville, Mass. After his indentureship to Hill ended at the age of 21, he enlisted in the Minutemen, joined the army at the siege of Boston and in 1776 marched to Ticonderoga. He fought under Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys to capture the fort from the British. After the war he became a congregational minister and the first black recipient of an honorary master's degree.

Agrippa Hull enlisted as a private in the brigade of the Massachusetts Line on May 1, 1777. He spent four years and two months as an orderly for Polish Patriot Gen. Tadeusz Kosciusko in battles ranging from Saratoga, N.Y., to Eutaw Springs, S.C., and was assigned to assist surgeons. His discharge, received at West Point in 1783, was signed by Washington.

Salem Poor enlisted in a Massachusetts militia company under Capt. Benjamin Ames and served at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He is credited with killing Lt. Col. James Abercrombie and served at Valley Forge and White Plains.

Joseph Ranger served on four vessels during the Revolution. He was on the Jefferson when it was blown up by the British on the James River and was among the crew of the Patriot that was captured and held by the British until the end of the war.

Peter Salem was born the slave of Jeremiah Belknap. He was freed, allowed to serve in the army and was one of the Minutemen fighting at Concord in 1775. He then enlisted in Capt. Thomas Drury's company of Col. John Nixon's 5th Massachusetts Regiment, fighting at the Battle of Bunker Hill. It is widely believed that he fired the shot that killed British Maj. John Pitcairn at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He re-enlisted in 1776 and fought at Saratoga and Stony Point.

Jack Sisson led the troops that captured British Maj. Gen. Richard Prescott in Newport, R.I.

Caesar Tarrant piloted ships in battle throughout the Revolution, including the schooner, Patriot, when it captured the British brig, Fanny.

Prince Whipple was sent by his wealthy African parents to be educated in America and was sold into slavery by the captain of the ship. He took his name from his owner, Gen. Whipple of Portsmouth, N.H. Tradition holds that he accompanied Washington on his crossing of the Delaware and has been identified as bodyguard to Whipple, then an aide to Washington.

SPEAK: Olympic runner to visit

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four years training toward an individual world championship and gold medal in her sport. Her goal beyond that is to pursue a career in medicine.

Ms. Gaines, noted for her humor, lists her hobbies as singing, dancing, bowling and "geeking" on her computer.

The evening is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner is to be served at 7 p.m., Ms. Richardson said.

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TCU's ranch-management program puts focus on realism

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Maria Muzquiz takes her education more seriously than the average college student, and it's no wonder.

There's much more at risk than grades for the 23-year-old student in Texas Christian University's ranch management program.

If she cuts class, Ms. Muzquiz might miss a lesson on, for example, when and how to give vaccinations to a herd of young cattle. That missed lesson could lead to lost profits and an end to her family's 59,000-acre ranch in northern Mexico near the Texas border.

"I feel that responsibility in a big way," said Ms. Muzquiz, who inherited the burden in 1995, when her father died and she was left to tend the ranch.

"He managed it really well, but he didn't keep anything on paper. He kept it all in his head. ... If I hadn't come up here I think that ranch would have just gone to nothing. We would have had to sell it or liquidate the cattle, or we could have just run it inefficiently."

Most, if not all, students who enroll in TCU's unique nine-month program are under similar burdens.

Or, as ranching program director James Link said: "Here, a mistake is gonna hurt you ... emotionally or academically. But it isn't going to be nearly as bad as when you get out there and lose a family farm or lose your job because of your incompetence."

Link said the school was set up for that reason 41 years ago by ranchers who noticed a gap in the labor force — there weren't enough ranch managers who had both practical on-the-range experience and the business acumen to avoid financial pitfalls.

Although traditional agriculture schools such as Texas A&M taught the science of agriculture, managerial skills, economics, marketing and accounting, they weren't tying the knowledge together in a practical way.

"We can't afford to be in research and we can't afford to dwell on theory," Link said. "We've got to cut to the chase."

Spend any length of time talking with teachers in the program and you're likely to hear the theme echoed over and over: reality matters.

"That's what we work on here," said Gary Wilson, an 11-year instructor at the school. "Theory is theory. We try to teach reality."

Reality, as in which breed of cattle can be economically raised in a given climate? How many cows can be fattened on 100 acres of a given grass? How should fences be built to protect an area from overgrazing? How soon must a calf be vaccinated? What vaccine is most economical?

Obviously, there's more to ranching than rounding up dogies.

In fact, there are no riding or roping classes at Cowboy U. — most of the students grew up on ranches — and much of the actual coursework has little to do with handling animals.

Featured subjects include how to manage labor, comply with government regulations, balance the books, pay taxes and invest profits — classes right out of a university school of business management.

Incompetence in any one of those areas can bankrupt a ranch.

"We're making these students put an economic analysis on everything they do, because too many people have gone broke in our business thinking of it as a vocation when it's really a business," Link said.

That's not to say the 22 students enrolled in the program wile away all their hours in the classroom. By May, they'll have traveled thousands of miles in the school's fleet of trucks to talk with ranchers all over the region.

The school couldn't be better located for its proximity to nearly every type of ranchland imaginable, from grasslands along the Gulf Coast to the West Texas desert to the plains of Oklahoma and Kansas.

Lectures often come not from professors but actual ranchers in the field.

Back in the classroom, Link and three other teachers who work with students all are required to keep an active hand in ranching, a requirement that helps keep the focus.

Link, who has taught at the school 20 years, also leases land and runs cattle in Texas and his native Kansas.

"I've bought the cattle. I'm paying the interest. I'm paying the feed bill. If one of them dies, it's coming out of my pocket. I've got a very strong vested interest in that market," he said, pointing to the commodity price ticker on his desktop computer.

"That's my retirement fund going up and down right now."

Before they graduate, students are expected to take all they learn and tie it together in one major project.

They're asked to draw up specific plans and strategies, from the bottom up, for making their own ranches back home more profitable. Link then reviews — and grades — the plans as if he were a banker considering a loan to the student's "ranch."

Former students who have earned Ph.D.s in other areas say the ranching school's final project is more difficult.

Maybe that's another reason the ranching students seem so much more serious about their work than undergraduates across the street in other TCU classrooms who face mere final exams.

"You don't find kids in that program that are exploring (fields of interest)," said 1988 graduate Dutch Baughman, who runs a 50,000-acre ranch in Colorado and doubles as the athletic director at Oregon State University.

Academy helps turn bullies into young leaders

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — "Big Lou" looks like a 12-year-old who could inspire fear in the hearts of children in any school yard. Louis West's flat-top makes his height seem all the more impressive, and his husky build recalls images of bulldozers.

But West, a student at Park Elementary, says he has put his bullying days behind him with the help of the Young Leadership Academy, which teaches inner-city boys discipline, mathematics and language arts on Saturday mornings.

Dujan Johnson, who teaches leadership skills for the academy, said West used to disrupt class and tease other students during class, but after three years in the academy, West has matured.

Wearing the academy's crested navy blue blazer and khaki slacks, West explained how persistent discipline helped him.

"I thought to myself: 'I've got to deal with these people for the rest of my life. I better change before I get into real trouble,'" he said.

The program itself has proved to be an incentive for the young man after he was suspended from the academy for half-a-semester for fighting on a bus.

Academy Director Kirt Bennett demanded that West show he could live up to the academy's ideal before returning on a probationary period.

The academy students meet every Saturday for an assembly. With proctors checking their "bearing" or posture, they stand in line at arm's length shouting out the academy's code of conduct and motto.

"If in my mind I can't conceive it and in my heart I can't believe it than I know I can't achieve it," they say in unison.

Brandon Jackson, a 10-year-old who goes to Belfair Elementary, explained what the motto means to him.

"It means I carry myself and do things right. I do what I'm supposed to," he said.

Jackson, an aspiring artist, likes to draws pictures of dogs and people, he said.

After the assembly, some go to classes and others do community service around town.

Albertha Coleman said she thinks the academy has broadened the horizons of her 10-year-old son, Derrick, who attends Winbourne Elementary.

She said before he enrolled in the academy he was withdrawn and lacked self-esteem, but the program has brought his best qualities to the surface.

Coleman said she thinks people who criticize the school for its enrollment have missed the point.

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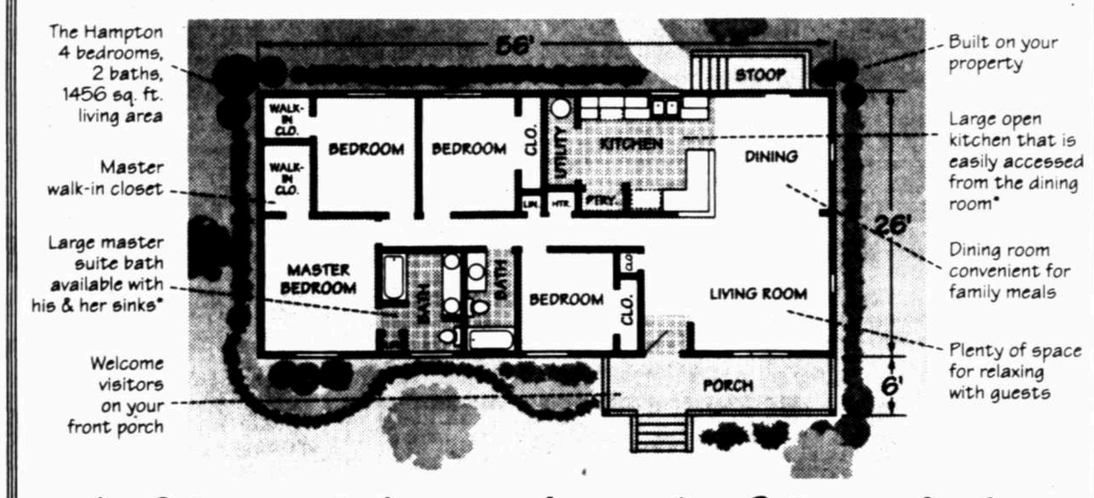
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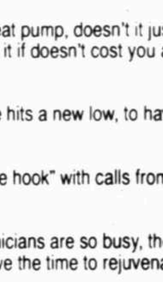
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an action word."

Not only did her parents instill in her and her five brothers and three sisters the importance of faith and service to others, they raised their children to respect others.

That is one reason she supports Black History Month. " ... It should be 12 months a year, as it should be for all the races," she said.

She and her siblings were raised as individuals and taught to respect each other, their thoughts and feelings, whether they agreed or not.

"We didn't always agree on everything. My mother used to say that it's OK to fall out but fall back in love — it's OK to disagree, but do it with love."

She was also taught that "you have to respect yourself before you can respect others," she said. "If you respect yourself, you respect others."

And respect others for what they are, she advised, allowing others to live their life. "A fruit tree doesn't have to announce to the world it's a fruit tree. A rose doesn't have to announce that it's a rose. You can tell by its fragrance and its lovely flower. You just have to live your life and the world will know you're a rose."

She and her husband, Joe, raised their four children — two boys and two girls — with those same traditions. And she sees her children raising their children — the Williamses have nine grandchildren — the same way.

Her daughters live in Midland; one is a dispatcher at the Police Department and the other is an administrative assistant at Conoco. One of her sons is a cameraman for CBS-TV in Reno, Nev.; the other works for Xerox Corp. in San Diego.

Though she has lived in Midland since 1950, Mrs. Williams still marvels at how her life turned out.

"I just came to Midland for a visit and stayed," she said with a laugh, recalling how she came to Midland to visit two of her brothers. "I came on a Saturday and went to work on a Monday."

Her first job was operating the elevators at the Shell building.

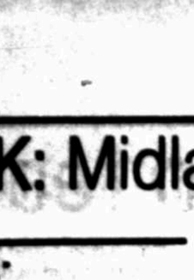
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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Melissa Barksdale**, a graduate of Rankin High School, recently was promoted to her present rank while serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Inchon, homeported in Ingleside.

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Air Force Airman 1st Class **Christopher Klug**, son of Larry and Peggy Klug of Midland, has graduated from the aircraft loadmaster apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. Students were taught how to weigh and balance computations to implement and carry out aircraft loading and unloading procedures.

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Air Force Airman **Eric Ramon**, grandson of B.C. Ramon of Midland, has graduated from the munitions systems material apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. The training encompassed conventional and nuclear ordnance inventory management and accounting systems.

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Army Pvt. **Nicky Miller**, son of Kenneth and Vicki Miller of Midland, has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

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Air Force Lt. Col. **Kent Williams**, son of Doyle and Jeanne Williams of Midland, has assumed command of the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Fom Staff Reports

W. J Rust, son of Bill and Ethel Rust of Midland, received his Eagle Scou. Award at a recent court of honor ceremony.

Rust is a sophomore at Midland High School and has earned 27 merit badges.

He attended a Philmont Scout Ranch Mountain Man Trek and hiked two Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch Outback hikes. He is a member of the order of Arrow and is a recipient of the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem.

His Eagle service project was to construct an addition to the memorial brick area of the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Dimmitt couple killed when train slams into car

SUDAN (AP) — A Castro County couple was killed Friday when a freight train slammed at 55 mph into their car at a railroad crossing in this small South Plains town.

James Ervin Welch, 64, and Rita Joy Welch, 63, both of Dimmitt, were killed at the crossing on FM 1843 at U.S. 84 in southeastern Sudan shortly after noon Friday, police said.

No one aboard the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train was injured.

The impact slammed the 1992 Chrysler Fifth Avenue 81 feet into a telephone pole, Lamb County Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon said.

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Report finds defects in city bus that killed girl

DALLAS (AP) — A city bus that fatally crushed a 9-year-old girl last month had several exit-door safety problems, an independent study has found.

The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story Saturday that an engineering study concludes that those defects could cause the type of accident that killed Francine White.

However, the report commissioned by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit agency draws no conclusions about what caused the child's death.

The Morning News obtained the report from a source close to the study. DART routinely has outside studies of serious accidents to avoid any conflict of interest, said Frank Jennings, an agency vice president.

Bitting Engineering would not discuss its study and referred all questions to DART, whose top executives declined repeated interview requests.

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons said Friday the agency is still investigating the accident and so far has found "no mechanical or operational factors involved in this tragedy."

The report focuses on the rear exit double doors on the side of the oversized, accordion-style bus. Passengers and a police report say Francine exited through the double doors before being run over.

The driver, who has not spoken publicly about the accident, has maintained that the girl did not use the rear door, Lyons said. The driver — who is not discussed in the report — could not be reached for comment.

The study found:

■ Malfunctioning "touch bars," which are designed to open the doors with a gentle push. One bar failed completely, and the other required far too much pressure. Rufus Francis, a senior safety engineer at Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Los Angeles, said the implications of such a problem are obvious: "If you force too much, you may tumble forward" when the bus doors open.

■ Two systems designed to detect obstructions in the closing doors failed some tests, allowing the doors to close around objects the size of a small shoe. The systems are supposed to force the doors back open and prevent the bus from moving.

■ On some tests, the bus lurched forward before the detection systems successfully responded to an obstruction.

"It should not move at all," Francis said.

The report said careful readjustment of control switches should correct the problem.

Johnson got conflicting input on disappearance

AUSTIN (AP) — It was June 23, 1964, and President Johnson was dealing with the disappearance of three young civil rights workers in Mississippi.

Before the day was over, Johnson learned their burning car had been found, and he knew the country was in for a long, hard summer.

Taped telephone conversations released Friday by Johnson's presidential library show that Johnson got conflicting input on the situation from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Mississippi officials.

Kennedy, in a discussion with Johnson aide Jack Valenti before Johnson learned of the car's discovery, advised the president to meet with the workers' parents.

He also said Johnson should make a statement expressing his "personal concern for them and for their families."

"I think it's the human equation that's damn important ... for everything," Kennedy told Valenti.

Less than an hour later, Mississippi Sen. James Eastland told Johnson he believed the whole incident was a hoax.

"I believe it's a publicity stunt," Eastland said. "I don't think there's a damn thing to it.

"There's not a Ku Klux Klan in that area. ... There's no organized white man in that area," Eastland said. "Who could possibly harm them?"

Johnson asked Eastland whether the senator thought Johnson should expand on an earlier statement on the investigation, as advised by Kennedy. Eastland said no.

The country found out weeks later that civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, 20, Michael Schwerner, 24, and James Chaney, 21, had been killed.

When Johnson told Eastland he believed it might be best for him to have an aide meet with the workers' parents instead of doing so personally, Eastland agreed.

"I think it's going to turn out that there's nothing to it," said Eastland.

The country found out weeks later that civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, 20, Michael Schwerner, 24, and James Chaney, 21, had been killed. Their bodies were found 40 days after they disappeared, in an earthen dam not far from Philadelphia, Miss.

Eight Klansmen went to prison on federal conspiracy charges stemming from the incident. None served more than six years, and the state of Mississippi never brought murder charges.

The case inspired the film "Mississippi Burning."

Johnson met with the workers' parents after hearing from FBI director J. Edgar Hoover that the car had been found, still burning.

Hoover said it was assumed the three had been killed. Johnson ventured, "or maybe kidnapped and locked up."

But Hoover said, "I doubt whether those people down there would even give them that much of a break."

When it was later determined the bodies weren't in the car, Johnson conveyed the news to Schwerner's mother and Goodman's father.

"That was a little hope that we didn't have earlier, and I thought we would enjoy it as long as we could," he told Schwerner's mother.

Johnson also told the parents that Mississippi Gov. Paul Johnson was making state facilities available and working with the FBI.

When he spoke with Gov. Johnson, the governor told him he was working to solve the case and that the state would help in a search if necessary.

But the governor maintained, "I frankly don't think that they will find them anywhere, except perhaps in another part of this country."

The governor indicated that he shared the president's concern about the situation.

"The real danger in it, Mr. President, is these youngsters who come into a situation where you already have a hard-core group of people with long police records that are professional agitators, and these youngsters don't realize what they're getting into. ... These youngsters come in when the tension gets toward the boiling point," the governor said.

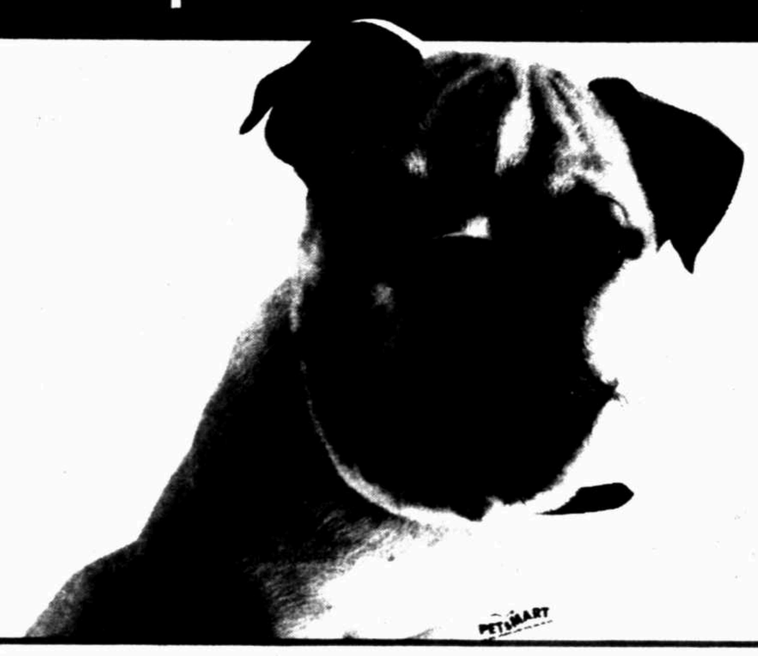
The president emphasized the need for close cooperation in the investigation, saying, "We've got to put everything we've got behind it because the summer's going to be a long and a difficult one, governor."

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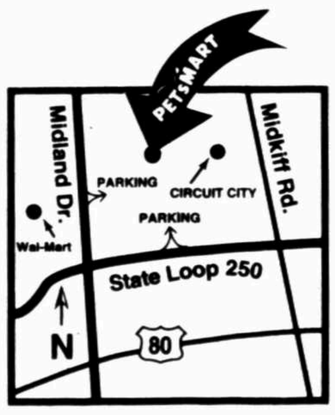
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Robberies earn young thief 265 year prison term

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 19-year-old man has been sentenced to 265 years in federal prison for a string of robberies, one of which resulted in murder.

Masontae Hickman on Friday received the longest sentence imposed in the Eastern District of Texas in recent memory. He was being punished for eight robberies in 1994.

Federal prisoners must serve 85 percent of their sentence before being eligible for release.

Capital murder charges against Hickman and two co-defendants for the death of Xiao Mei Wu were dismissed last year.

Wu, 47, was shot to death on May 2, 1994, during an attempted robbery of a chinese restaurant. Her brother, David Wu, was shot and injured during the crime.

"I feel some kind of relief. I do have some justice," David Wu said.

Wu said he would like to see Hickman convicted of capital murder, but feels safer knowing that Hickman will never be released from jail.

"I think everybody should be relieved," Wu said.

In November, jurors found Hickman and four other men guilty on various counts related to the robberies in Jefferson, Hardin, and Jasper counties. Hickman was convicted or robbing or attempting to rob six restaurants and an auto parts store. He was also convicted of gun counts related to the robberies.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield sentenced Hickman to five years for the first gun count and 20 years on the rest of the counts with the sentences running consecutively.

The judge also ordered Hickman to pay $45,979 in restitution, including $39,000 to David Wu.

"These actions can only be described as brutal, and for the defendant to continue to commit robberies only 15 days after the death of a victim shows he had little or no remorse," Heartfield said.

Heartfield said he wanted to send the message "that this kind of behavior cannot and will not be tolerated."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Stevens said Hickman deserved a lengthy sentence "for his ruthless, insensitive, remorseless behavior."

On Wednesday, one of Hickman's co-defendants, Markus D. Chopane, 22, was sentenced to nine years and three months in prison for one robbery, one gun count and conspiracy to commit robbery. Edwin T. Limbrick, 27, Jyi R. McCray, 20, and Edmond Gasaway, 31, are awaiting sentencing.

Concho water snake thriving in lake feds thought would kill it

ABILENE (AP) — After 10 years, rivers of money and thousands of electronic gizmos implanted in bewildered reptiles, the Concho water snake has been studied to death. So to speak.

In truth, the supposedly rare and threatened species is thriving, living in far greater abundance than the federal government guessed and reproducing happily in places the feds thought it could not survive - including the lake they feared would kill it.

"They're doing just fine," deadpans John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which operates Lake Ivie and in December completed the costly 10-year federally mandated snake study.

The project's become a national symbol of environmental boondoggles. The snake controversy held up lake construction at least three years and cost millions. Area politicians have long joked about it and audiences laugh derisively.

Water district officials don't use the word "boondoggle," preferring to take a more diplomatic stance. They still must deal with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on a number of issues — including working to finally get the snake off the Endangered Species List and reforming the "punitive" federal law that started it all.

But don't think they're not frustrated.

Consider: It all began because environmentalists and the federal government believed there were only between 600 and 800 Concho water snakes in existence. They feared construction of Lake Ivie would destroy the species' natural habitat. So Fish & Wildlife ordered a 10-year survey and construction of an alternative habitat.

Well, from the survey's start in 1987 to its completion in October, field teams actually put their hands on 13,997 individual Concho water snakes, said Okla Thornton, the district's top biologist.

But that doesn't tell the whole study. Computer estimates by Texas A&M University suggest that figure may represent only about 20 percent of the actual population.

If that's true, instead of just 800 snakes there may be as many as 70,000 of the critters cavorting in West Central Texas, swimming, eating tiny fish, and most significantly, making baby snakes.

STATE IN BRIEF

■ Aesop's comes to Houston schools

HOUSTON — Aesop's fables are lessons in morality in Houston elementary and middle schools.

The tales, each ending with proverbs, are used to teach students how to solve disputes without violence.

The A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute is now offering the program to Houston schools, according to the Houston Chronicle's editions Saturday.

"In some cases, good examples have not been set from home life or in areas where there is a lot of gang activity," said C. Mark Baker, an institute board member. "There needs to be a positive alternative for them other than settling it with fists or knives."

The institute, part of the University of Houston College of Business Administration, has been teaching similar courses to businesses and government since its founding in 1988.

Institute director E. Wendy Trache-Huber said the program relies heavy on Aesop because the stories are simple, usually involve animals and end with a clear moral.

"At the end of the story, the students would discuss that moral," she said.

The program has been underwritten by private sources and will initially be offered free to any school in the Houston Independent School District.

"We want to train whole generations of people how to resolve their problems without their fists and without going to court," said Baker.

■ State fund under new management

HOUSTON — TexPool, the state's multibillion-dollar investment fund for local governments, has new managers.

Texas Commerce Bank and First Southwest Asset Management of Dallas were hired Friday to run the fund, which has $6.2 billion in local property taxes and other money from 1,212 government entities.

The obscure state-run fund gained a measure of notoriety in 1994 when losses caused by investments in volatile securities led to a $2 billion run.

The new managers plan to conservatively run the fund to avoid such problems in the future, said Harriet Wasserstrum, Texas Commerce's executive vice president for corporate financial services.

"We want to increase investment earnings and provide a full range of asset, risk and financial management services at a price and quality above the state's current performance," Texas Comptroller John Sharp said.

Texas Commerce, which actively manages about $15 billion for its clients, will manage the money.

First Southwest, which provides financial advice to local governments around the state, will market the fund and provide customer service.

■ School board to bar protesters

DALLAS — The school board is taking strong measures to suppress protests that in the past year have led to shouting matches and scuffles.

The policy adopted unanimously Friday will bar from the meetings for 30 days anyone who has disrupted consecutive meetings.

The public will be required to sit throughout the meetings; no one will be allowed to stand in the aisles or rear of the auditorium.

News media representatives will be restricted to a designated area. Trustees say the restriction is to keep cameras and microphones away from protesters whom they contend feed off of media attention.

The policy was approved at an emergency meeting called three days after some audience members scuffled during meeting.

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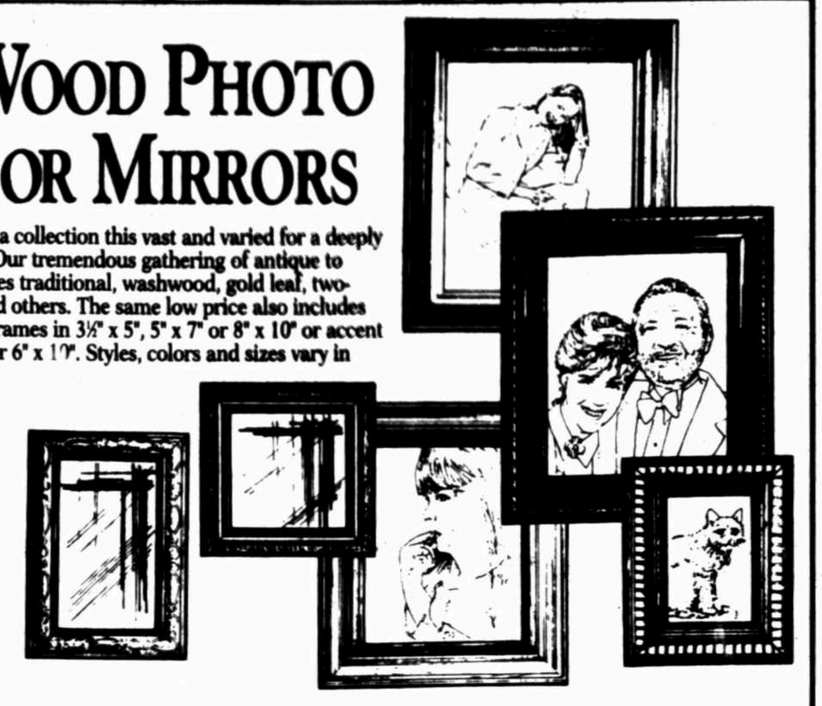
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Passengers relieved by averted pilot' strike

GRAPEVINE (AP) — American Airlines passengers at the carrier's home base boarded flights Saturday they thought might have been canceled, relieved that a crippling pilots strike had been averted.

Not all among the reduced number of travelers were pleased, though.

Many, including lawyer Diane Parlow, were bleary-eyed after keeping track of the developments that stretched past midnight on the East Coast.

"We're not happy, and no one on our plane was happy," she said after landing at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport en route to a weeklong ski trip in Colorado, where her family had already paid $1,100 to rent a condominium.

"It was a nightmare yesterday, an absolute nightmare, because we thought they were going on strike. ... American wouldn't release us to go and get on another carrier until they went on strike.

"I don't fly American very often, and I will never fly them again after this," Ms. Parlow said.

Other passengers planned to remain loyal to the carrier despite its ongoing labor problems. American pilots went on strike late Friday but were back on the job minutes later when President Clinton intervened.

"It's just part of doing business," said David Navroth of Philadelphia, who was traveling to Phoen/ix for work. "I have no fears. It's a great airline."

Some passengers such as Matt Hagemann, who traveled to Dallas from Boston for a telecommunications conference, had backup reservations on other airlines.

"It's just something that happens," Hagemann said. "You've got to deal with it. You find out far enough in advance and you work with what's there."

The airline said it would offer discounts of up to 50 percent on some fares and double frequent flier miles on its flights to win back customers.

Hagemann didn't need the incentive.

"This is my favorite airline," he said. "I have more miles on this airline than any other."

American officials said fewer than 100 flights worldwide were affected by the strike that had threatened to spoil a holiday weekend for more than 40,000 travelers.

Many of American's 90,000 employees who would have been on unpaid leave if the pilot strike had shut down the airline were happy the strike was averted. Nevertheless, the dispute between the pilots and the company still lingers and there's still the possibility of a strike.

"I think this is just another cooling off period," flight attendant Laura Akin said of Clinton's decision to appoint of a three-member emergency board to propose a settlement in 30 days. The union and the airline then have 30 days to reach an agreement. Failing that, Congress could impose a settlement.

"I feel bad for everybody," she said. "We all want to get back to work and do our job and forget about it."

Gate agent Max Heinen, who has worked at the airline for 30 years, said he was happy to be at work.

"It's a good paycheck. I really doubt you're going to find anybody who's not happy that they're working today, except maybe a few pilots," he said.

Said pilot Kevin Patty, who has flown for the airline since 1979: "I don't think anybody wanted to go on strike. What we wanted was a fair contract."

Not all pilots were in agreement with the decision by the union's management to strike. One pilot who would not give his name said he was glad to be flying and believed the labor fight should not have gone as far as it had.

At Houston Intercontinental Airport, many customers were relieved that Clinton stepped into the fray. American has 20 scheduled flights a day from Houston to Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago and Miami.

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Lt. Gov. Bullock backs minority contracts

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says he's not ready to end affirmative action policies that came under fire this week.

"I think the people of Texas don't feel the time is right either," the Democrat told the Austin American-Statesman in Saturday's editions. "Deep down, Texans want to give all people who need it a helping hand. But a growing number of people don't feel it should be on a permanent basis."

Bullock is urging Republican and Democratic senators who have been meeting in closed-door discussions to agree on the future of the state's affirmative action policies.

Affirmative action issues may lead to a volatile, partisan battle.

In the aftermath of a federal court ruling striking down race-based programs at Texas colleges and universities, lawmakers are trying to draft policies to ensure that adequate numbers of blacks and Hispanic students are admitted and awarded scholarships.

This week, several lawmakers said they would stall state funding for public universities and colleges if any minority students are denied access because of a recent court opinion.

Attorney General Dan Morales last week told the state's public schools to use only race-neutral policies in determining admissions, scholarships and student retention programs.

Republican senators have proposed modifying the state's main affirmative action program.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, an opponent of affirmative action, said this month he would use his position as chairman of the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee to seek changes in the minority contracting program. Democratic lawmakers reacted angrily, fearing he would seek to dismantle it.

Bullock said an "unofficial committee" of nine senators is discussing the contracting program. After a meeting Thursday, Bullock said he was hopeful an agreement would be reached.

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Officials try to deal with flow of paroled sex offenders

FORT WORTH (AP) — Local officials who spent much of the past year on a crusade to shut down halfway houses have painted themselves into a corner.

With Tarrant County's last halfway house for paroled sex offenders about to shut down, where will they put 92 recent parolees?

"We as local officials have a responsibility to help solve this," said Fort Worth Councilman Bill Meadows. "Sure, we could say it's not our problem, it's the state's. But we need to take responsibility. We got what we asked for, and we got it sooner than we expected."

The halfway house is set to close down in two weeks. State law requires prison officials to send parolees back to their home counties.

Any sex offender seeking parole must file a "home plan" telling officials that family members have agreed to house him or that he has been accepted into a halfway house.

A sex offender convicted before 1996 who has accumulated "good time" that equals their sentenced time must be released. Many of those offenders also live in halfway houses.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, plans to have a conference call with state, county and Fort Worth officials next week to discuss the crisis.

Moncrief said last week that several short-term options have been discussed.

One option was for Sheriff David Williams to lease unused county jail space to the state to house the parolees, but Williams rejected the idea, saying his department lack jail space and staffing to house parolees.

Other ideas included having the state administer a halfway house without a private contractor or appealing to Correctional Services to keep the remaining house open past March 1.

"I don't want a Scotch tape and baling wire solution," Moncrief said. "This requires a real solution. We need to look at the big picture of sex offenders statewide. Just like we didn't want them all dumped on us, we can't expect another county to take ours when the (remaining house) closes. That's just rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

Eighteen months ago, city council members, state lawmakers and county officials learned that 75 percent of the state's paroled sex offenders were being sent to Fort Worth halfway houses.

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Discovery takes Hubble to safer orbit away from junk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery sidestepped into a safer, higher orbit with the Hubble Telescope on Saturday to avoid a piece of space junk the size of a book.

The fragment of an exploded rocket would have come dangerously close to Discovery, its seven astronauts and the telescope anchored in the cargo bay had the crew not steered out of the way.

NASA, meanwhile, was considering an emergency facelift for the middle-aged telescope, which has been in space for seven years.

Astronauts making the mission's second spacewalk discovered a surprising number of cracks and tears in Hubble's thin, outer insulation, as well as holes punched into the solar panels by micrometeorites.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration formed an investigative team to assess the damage, most of which seems to have occurred since the 1993 repair mission. The astronauts may be asked to patch the foil insulation during their fourth and final spacewalk Sunday night.

Spacewalk No. 3, on Saturday night, was already crowded with Hubble chores: the installation of a new computer switchboard, digital recorder and a flywheel assembly that helps aim the telescope.

Hubble got a bigger boost than planned Saturday.

A few hours after Discovery's pilots steered the shuttle and the moored Hubble into a 2-mile-higher orbit to extend the lifetime of the telescope, they were ordered to go up an additional half-mile.

An 8-inch-square fragment of an exploded Pegasus rocket was due to pass within a half-mile of the shuttle and telescope, officials said, and Mission Control did not want to take any chances.

The Pegasus was launched in 1994 with a military research satellite, which ended up in the wrong orbit. The rocket fragment was one of 8,014 orbiting objects being tracked by the U.S. Space Command on Saturday, most of it junk.

The last time a shuttle had to dodge orbital debris was in January 1996, when Endeavour swerved to avoid a derelict military satellite.

Fortunately, boosting Hubble Saturday was part of NASA's plan all along.

Like any orbiting object, the telescope gradually loses altitude because of gravity's constant tug and friction from the outer atmosphere. The astronauts planned to raise Hubble an additional 2 1/2 miles over the next two nights, into a 375-mile-high orbit.

With the completion of Friday night's 7 1/2-hour spacewalk, Discovery's astronauts had finished installing Hubble's most critical replacement parts, meeting NASA's criteria for minimum mission success.

Joe Tanner and Gregory Harbaugh replaced a worn guidance sensor and failed data recorder on Hubble, and added an electronics package for the guidance sensor. They also spent a considerable amount of time surveying the 40-foot-long, power-generating solar panels.

They found too many holes in the panels to count.

"They're all over the place," Tanner said. One hole looked as though it was made by a small-caliber bullet, he noted.

Payload manager Kenneth Ledbetter said the holes were too small to worry about, and that the solar panels still were producing sufficient power.

NASA was more concerned about Hubble's ripped, peeling insulation.

The fear is that flakes of the silver Teflon could drift near the telescope's aperture and contaminate its sensitive optics.

Engineers believe the insulation was stressed by heating and cooling each time the telescope moves in and out of sunlight while circling Earth. Only the outermost layer appeared to be ruined and only in places.

Texans worry NWS will close Fort Worth office

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Weather Service is running into heavy turbulence from Texas lawmakers who fear the agency is on the verge of shutting down its wide-ranging Fort Worth regional office.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Dallas-Fort Worth area House members have been sending letters to Congress and the executive branch denouncing the unreleased proposal.

But with a top NWS administrator heading to Fort Worth to talk to employees Friday, regional officials are bracing for the axe to fall.

"We as an organization are being told we're headed toward closure and to be planning accordingly," said NWS Southern Region deputy director Bill Proenza. "There must be some approval having to be received because they keep postponing the actual formal announcement."

Officials in Washington were unwilling to go that far.

"A number of proposals are under consideration and a final decision will be made shortly," said Tim Tomastik, spokesman for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is the NWS' parent agency. Both NOAA and NWS come under the Commerce Department.

NWS faces a $27 million shortfall, spurring the need for painful decisions. Eliminating the 60 positions in Fort Worth and shifting responsibilities to regional officials in Kansas City, Mo., and Bohemia, N.Y., are under review.

"We are going to be looking to make the reductions where they will least affect any service we provide," said NWS headquarters spokesman Barry Reichenbaugh.

The Fort-Worth based Southern Region — which oversees some 1,000 field personnel in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, as well as the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — isn't the place to look, some suggest.

"As recently as September 1995, the NWS stated that complete closure of the Southern Region headquarters could result in severe degradation of government supplied forecast and warning services," Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, wrote Commerce Secretary William Daley last week.

Proenza noted that the region has some of the most violent weather in the world, spanning hurricanes and tornados to dust storms and blizzards.

While regional personnel don't provide services to the public, they do juggle resources between field offices, ensuring that the entire system runs smoothly during weather emergencies.

"If the Southern Region headquarters is closed, it will have an immediate and detrimental impact on the capability of the NWS to provide essential weather warning and forecast services to the people of Texas," the Texas Department of Public Safety's emergency management coordinator, Tom Millwee, wrote lawmakers.

Headquarters should be where cuts are made, lawmakers and others say. An unreleased inspector general's audit suggested headquarters should pare more than 440 jobs.

Troy Kimmel, chief meteorologist at KTBC-TV in Austin and a defender of the Fort Worth office, said: "This is a smokescreen to try to cover up the fact that the congressionally proposed cuts in Washington are not being made."

Shutdown of the regional office would go against congressional intent, Texans argue. This year's defense appropriations bill mandates that cuts occur at NWS headquarters.

In unusually candid comments for an administrator in the middle of a sticky dispute, Proenza said Washington may be shifting job cuts away from headquarters onto the region. "Sixty positions away from here may maintain 60 positions there," he said.

Oklahoma widower pieces together fabric of memories

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Lee Rutledge traces the pale pink embroidered outlines of tiny sheep and other farm animals with a rough finger.

"This was the first quilt I ever made," he says.

He made the baby quilt during the long, cold winter of 1934 in Woodward County. Times were hard then, and the boy in a brood of 11 almost ran out of string, as one can see from the way the three-stranded string dwindled to only one slight thread on the last of the embroidered animals.

The small quilt was deemed a piece of Oklahoma history about five years ago when it was listed in the Register of Historic Oklahoma Quilts.

Now, the 72-year-old widower is quilting again but on a much larger scale.

Last fall, Rutledge won Grand Champion for quilting at the Payne County Fair. He also won Best-of-Show for the same quilt at a Prague quilting guild show. The winning quilt features an Indonesian-style design of flowing flowers made from fabric brought back from Sumatra, Indonesia.

His latest triumph lies smoothly on a bed in a spare room of his home in Stillwater. Finished on Christmas Day, the quilt displays a Revolutionary-War design called Burgoyne Surrounded, after the British general Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga.

Rutledge learned quilting and needlework from his mother, who discovered that it was much easier to teach her many sons how to mend their own clothes and quilt than to do it all herself. His father taught the boys woodworking and carpentry.

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JUCO BASEBALL — Western Junior College Athletic Conference First Pitch Tournament, at Christensen Stadium:

El Paso CC vs. Odessa College, 10 a.m.

Howard College vs. El Paso CC, 1 p.m.

Odessa College vs. New Mexico JC, 4 p.m.

District 7 Soccer

BOYS

	District W	L	PCT	Season W	L	PCT
San Angelo	6	1	.857	13	2	.866
Midland High	**5**	**3**	**.625**	**9**	**5**	**.642**
Odessa Permian	5	3	.625	10	5	.666
Odessa High	4	4	.500	8	8	.500
Midland Lee	**4**	**4**	**.400**	**5**	**6**	**.454**
X-Abilene High	2	6	.250	6	8	.428
Abilene Cooper	1	6	.142	5	10	.333

X-includes a tie.

Saturday's Results

Midland Lee 2, Odessa High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0 (2-1 SO), San Angelo Central 1, Abilene High 0. Abilene Cooper was off.

Tuesday's Games

Abilene High at Midland High; Midland Lee at Abilene High; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central; Odessa High is off.

GIRLS

	District W	L	PCT	Season W	L	PCT
X-Midland High	**8**	**0**	**1.000**	**11**	**2**	**.846**
Abilene Cooper	6	1	.857	12	2	.857
Midland Lee	**5**	**3**	**.625**	**12**	**4**	**.750**
X-San Angelo	4	3	.571	4	5	.444
Odessa Permian	2	6	.250	5	10	.333
Odessa High	1	7	.125	4	10	.285
Abilene High	1	7	.125	3	11	.214

X-includes a tie.

Saturday's Results

Midland Lee 7, Odessa High 1; Midland High 3, Odessa Permian 0; San Angelo Central 2, Abilene High 0. Abilene Cooper was off.

Tuesday's Games

Abilene Cooper at Midland Lee; Midland High at Abilene High; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian. Odessa High is off.

Lee game not set

There is still not a pairing for the Midland Lee girls Class 5A Regional Quarterfinal game versus Lubbock Coronado. The pairing is expected to be announced Sunday.

Also, Lee's Tamika Thurman is in good shape after receiving a scare in the Franklin game. Thurman was carried off the court and taken to a hospital for precautionary reasons after it was feared that she received a head or neck injury. Thurman was released Friday night and drove back with the team.

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Two Dales battle for Daytona 500 flag

■ Earnhardt, Jarrett overshadow surprise front-row starters Skinner, Grissom.

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Forget Mike Skinner and Steve Grissom, the front-row starters in Sunday's Daytona 500.

It's the second row of defending race-winner Dale Jarrett and Dale Earnhardt, the event's most famous non-winner, who provoke most of the anticipation for NASCAR's premier event.

Jarrett, a two-time winner, and Earnhardt, winless in 18 tries, established themselves as favorites by winning 125-mile qualifying races Thursday in dominating fashion.

Starting at or near the front might be particularly important in the Winston Cup season-opener, because of offseason rules changes that have made it harder than ever for the competitors to pass.

Jarrett, who twice has outdueled seven-time series champion Earnhardt to win this race, is coming off his best season. He won four races on the way to finishing third in the season points in 1996.

The positive feelings from that showing are still emanating from the second-generation racer, the son of two-time Winston Cup champion Ned Jarrett.

"We were trying something different (in the 125-miler) because of the new rules," Jarrett said. "But we got close to what we had last year.

"Of course, it helps when you've got the engine we have. There's a lot of horsepower and it makes it hard for anybody to pass me."

Earnhardt, who at 45 is five years older than Jarrett, always points for this race — the only major NASCAR event he never has won. He has come agonizingly close, with four runner-up finishes, including each of the past two years.

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In 1993, and again last season, Jarrett held off a determined Earnhardt with classic blocking maneuvers.

But "The Intimidator" doesn't want to put too much pressure on himself to win this one race, when he also wants so badly to win a record eighth Winston Cup title.

"This is one race," Earnhardt said. "It's a long season. It's a big race. We put a lot of emphasis on it, and a lot of hard work into it. Still, there's a lot of races left. I'm getting pumped up on all of them, not just this one."

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Henry gets hot for Lee soccer

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland Lee's Troy Henry looked liked the world had been lifted off his shoulders on Saturday afternoon.

OK, so it might not have been the world, but he did break a personal scoring slump and scored both goals in Lee's 2-0 victory over Odessa High at the Midland Lee soccer field. The win keeps the Rebels in a tight race for the third place spot in boys District 7 soccer.

"This was definitely the best game I've had this season," Henry said after his break-out game. "I think the thing that did it for me was God. I've been having bad games all year."

Last year's district leading scorer had only one goal coming into Saturday's contest but made up for it in the first half as he punched in the only goals the Rebels (5-6, 4-4) needed against the Bronchos (8-8, 4-4), a team that shut out five of its last seven opponents. All the wins for Lee this year have come on shutouts.

"We haven't been playing very well offensively, including me. I guess this was our lucky day," Henry said.

More than luck was on the Rebels' side on this day as they simply were more motivated and more aggressive on the offensive side on the ball than the Bronchos were. Lee out-shot Odessa 20-11 and Rebel goalie Phillip Smith posted his fifth shutout of the season. This was exactly the type of game Lee coach John McCulloch wanted out of his team after an emotionally-packed game against the Midland High Bulldogs (a 2-1 loss) on Tuesday.

"We made a couple of mistakes on defense that (the Bronchos) weren't able to capitalize on. Offensively, we

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Lee's Jonas Kristiansen (8) fights for the ball with Evan Ibarra of Odessa High during Lee's 2-0 win Saturday at Lee Soccer Field.

Lee boys falter in seeding game against Cooper

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Maybe Midland Lee should have just phoned in the results of its district seeding playoff with Abilene Cooper at the McMurry gym Saturday afternoon. It would have been a lot less trouble.

A day after winning an emotional one-point victory over Odessa Permian to gain playoff entry with a season survival rescue, the Rebels looked as if they were in a daze in this 75-58 loss to the Cougars.

The loss for Lee and the win by Cooper really didn't do anything but decide who each will play come Tuesday night when the bi-district playoffs begin. And that is where the day wasn't totally wasted. Coach Jon House, who lost two flips in this district playoff mini-tournament, won the big one Saturday with Lubbock Monterey coach Vic Self.

Lee will play the Plainsmen at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lee gym. House opted for his home gym instead of Chaparral Center where the team has played most of its games this season. Bring chairs with backing for the old Lee bleachers. This will seem like another non-conference game instead of the big time.

Meanwhile, Cooper will face Lubbock Coronado at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Big Spring. Midland High, which clinched the 4-5A title with a perfect 12-0 run, has a first round bye and won't play until next Friday or Saturday in the area round.

The loss to Cooper for Lee wasn't lethal, but it did end the Rebels' six-game winning streak.

"After playing a tough game like we had against Permian on Friday, it's hard to get on the bus Saturday morning and do this," House said. "I think the team is tired and they're going to get some rest Sunday before we prepare for Monterey on Monday."

It almost proved to be more costly to Lee than just the loss on the record. John Purves scratched an eye in the first half and did not return. Dreyfus Andrews

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Bennett's sacrifice brings MHS victory

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

In an instant, Midland High sweeper Meg Bennett found herself in a lightning round of soccer scruples.

And thanks to her choice and a very deep Midland High soccer team, the Lady Bulldogs walked away with their fifth straight shutout, a 3-0 District 7 win over Odessa Permian.

With MHS up 1-0 over Odessa Permian, a collision between Permian's Wendy Webb and MHS keeper Tori Watson sent the ball going towards MHS goal with nothing but air to hinder its path.

As the ball closed in on the goal line, Bennett chased the ball down and knocked it away with her hands. For her efforts, she was given a red card and subsequent automatic ejection from this game and the Lady Bulldogs next game (required for such a red-card foul). That also left MHS to play a player down for the rest of the game, but when Tori Watson made a punch save on the subsequent penalty kick, Bennett's play became all the more remarkable.

"It was part instinct and part 1-0 (the score at the time)," said Bennett, who had never received a card of any kind in 13 years of soccer. "I knew he would red card me. That was a sacrifice that I would make."

Of course, there was a debate whether the ball had crossed the goal line. Permian coach Becky Stanford said it did. And with the call, the course of the game changed.

"The goal we had, it was a ridiculous call," Stanford said. "After that, it was a mental. Our players felt like they were playing (the referees) as well."

However, the MHS players differed, saying that Bennett did make the play in time. They were also glad she took one for the team.

"In retrospect, that was the right decision," MHS coach Scott

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Greenwood beats Sonora in playoff

Staff Report

BIG LAKE – If there was an argument about who is the best boys basketball team in District 4-3A, the Greenwood boys basketball maybe put an end to it.

Greenwood defeated Sonora 58-55 at Reagan County Saturday in the 4-3A district playoff between the two top teams. In the process the Rangers won the district's top spot in the upcoming Class 3A playoffs and claimed the unofficial district title.

"We were down after loss to Crane (which forced the playoff)," Greenwood coach Justin Morret said. "They responded well and that will carry over. The kids feel like they proved that they are the best team in district. If they feel good about themselves, that means a lot."

Greenwood and Sonora went into a playoff after identical 8-2 district records. And things looked like they would go Sonora's way when leading for a good portion of the game and taking a 44-39 lead into the final stanza. The Rangers (19-11 overall), however, did not fold and finished off the Broncos with a 19-11 fourth quarter.

"We did have a big fourth quarter," said Morret, whose team has won or shared two of the last three district titles. "We started well, and then they went ahead. We picked it up defensively and rebounded in the fourth quarter."

Greenwood and Sonora did a good job of shutting down each other's main scorers. Greenwood held Sonora's big gun Ty Harrelson to eight points and no 3-point field goals. While, Sonora packed the defense around Greenwood's David Upton, who had a career-high 37 in the 93-79 Greenwood's win over the Broncos on Jan. 31. Upton finished with 15. But it was the balance that won the game for Greenwood.

Andrew Wootan also had 15 while a number of players chipped in here and there to give the Rangers the win.

"We had kids who stepped up big," Morret said. "They collapsed around him (Upton) and tried to keep us from getting it inside. Wootan played big again.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEWS

New faces abound for Lee, MHS baseball squads

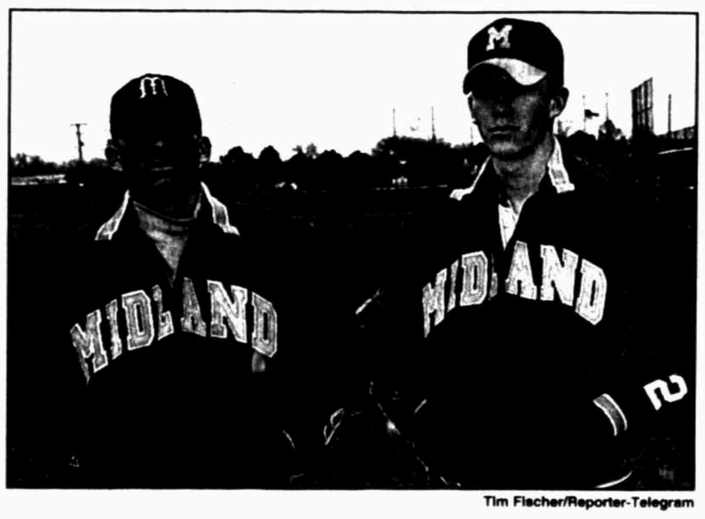
By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The one element that the Midland High and Midland Lee baseball teams might share entering this season is newness. Between them, the Bulldogs and the Rebels return only seven players who won varsity letters.

Those aren't the kinds of numbers which would indicate success for the coming season, but if nothing else, Lee has the advantage of some tradition on its side, having won or shared the District 4-5A title five of the last six years. Coach Jesse Benevidez knows the territory, and is philosophical about working with few returners.

"It's something that always comes up," said Benevidez, who has only four players returning from last year's squad which tied Abilene Cooper for the district

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Above: David Smith, left, and Mike Hale lead the Midland Lee baseball team.

Left: Top returners for Midland High include Mike Carrasco, left, and Eric Clark.

MHS: Lady Bulldogs improve to 8-0

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Hodkinson said. "She saved us a goal along with Tori's save. Having her miss the Abilene High game will hurt. But better Abilene High than Cooper."

One reason Bennett said she could take a gamble like the one in the 14th minute was that MHS (11-2 and 7-0) has so much talent. And that came into effect immediately after the play. Watson saved her third penalty kick in two games against Permian. Then, Marri Hill and the rest of the MHS defense took over to shut Permian down even as the Lady Panthers (5-10, 2-6) played the rest of game with a man advantage. It was the fifth shutout in eight district games.

"We had to step up and played hard," said Hill, who played the game with damaged wrist ligaments suffered in Tuesday's Lee game. "We are getting used to each other. It is not getting easier but it is just clicking."

Probably what was lost over the course of the game was MHS's depth. Bennett said having lots of depth and many skilled players is what pulled the team through. As Hodkinson played everyone on the bench, that showed.

Before Bennett left, MHS was making a push offensively, which resulted in a goal in the game's 10th minute. The push paid off when Ann Smith's crossing pass in front of the Permian goal was handled and knocked in by Jodie Mitchell. It was the second goal in as many games by Mitchell, who barely missed moments later as a 15-yard shot hit off the post. It was a far cry from when MHS struggled offensively in the first meeting between the two teams.

"I didn't want to go through that agony again," said Hodkinson, whose team didn't score until the 38th minute in the 3-1 win in the previous meeting between the two teams. "Things are looking up. Jodie adds another dimension to our offense. She really finishes well."

The scoring continued with two second-half goals. In the game's 46th minute, sophomore Kim Elger took a ball in Permian territory and drove a shot past the Permian keeper. MHS followed that up in the 74th minute when Kristin Gassiott drove a corner kick across the mouth of the goal that Shelby Berry converted into the game's third and final goal. For the game, MHS outshot PHS 16-7.

"Permian has proven they could step up against good teams," Hodkinson said. "After (Bennett's ejection), I was pleased with the way the team stayed focused. I was glad to see us get two more. Today, they (MHS) played smart."

JV Action: The Midland High junior varsity defeated Permian 4-0. Trisha Heard, Jessica Salgado, Marisa Hernandez and Julie Tervooren scored for 6-2 MHS. Hernandez also had two assists. Katie Newsome had the shutout in goal.

Midland High girls 3, Odessa Permian 0

Odessa Permian	0	0—0
Midland High	1	2—3

First Half: 1. MHS, Jodie Mitchell (Ann Smith), 10th minute; Second Half: 1. Kim Elger (Unassisted), 46th minute; 3. Shelby Berry (Kristen Gassiott), 74th minute. Shots: OP 7, MHS 16; Corners: OP 3, MHS 7; Saves: OP 9 (Jeanna Wright), MHS 5 (Tori Watson); Fouls: OP 8, MHS 16. Offsides: OP 0, MHS 1. Penalty Kicks: OP, Alex Bridges (miss). Cards: Red, Meg Bennett (penalty area), 12th minute.

Lady Rebs trounce OHS

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Midland Lee girls soccer team defeated Odessa High 7-1 Saturday in District 7 action.

Lee (12-4 overall) improved to 5-3 in district play and looked like it has offense going again. Six Lady Rebs had goals for Mike Simpson's team.

George, a freshman playing center midfield, had the Lady Rebs first score and contributed an assist on the second goal. Ritha Belizaire added two goals to increase her total to 27 for the season. Lindy Penick also had two goals. The Lady Rebs played without Suzy Prucka and sweeper Lesley Keel.

OHS (4-10, 1-7) scored its first goal of district play when Debra Smith connected in the game's 54th minute.

In JV Action: Lee defeated OHS, 2-0. Misty Johnson and Erin Shyrock scored first-half goals for Lee, 2-5-1. Lee plays second place Cooper on Tuesday.

Permian Boys 1,
Midland High 0 (2-1 Shootout)

ODESSA — Without leading scorer Michael Couch, Permian defeated Midland High to move into a second place tie in the district.

Sammy Gonzalez ended the shootout period with a conversion past MHS keeper Bryan Alley. The shootout went to extra shooters after both teams were tied at 1-1 after the mandatory first five. Permian keeper Chris Nelson had four saves in the shootout.

During the scoreless regulation, MHS outshot Permian 14-10. MHS had three shots go off the post.

MHS falls to 9-5 overall while Permian moves to 10-5. Both teams move to 5-3 in district.

SOCCER: Lee edges Bronchos

(From 1C)

finally finished," McCulloch said. "That was Troy's second and third goal of the year, so hopefully he'll keep doing that. It's better late than never.

"We passed the ball well, we worked the midfield real well and we created opportunities over and over again. I think the last half of the second half, we were kind of show-boating a little. I hope we can correct that."

Henry's first goal came in the 19th minute when he took a feed from Kyle King and boomed the ball to the left side of the net.

His second goal was just a matter of being at the right place at the right time in the 36th minute. With Lee penetrating deep inside Broncho territory, an Odessa defender misplayed the ball and Henry took advantage by taking the ball off the miscue and punching it in for the score.

Offensively, the Rebels seem to be showing some improvement. That's important in the fact that the Rebels are fighting for a playoff spot down the stretch. For the Bronchos, the loss was a complete turnaround from the 2-0 victory they posted against Lee on Jan. 21.

"We didn't come out mentally prepared," said OHS coach Alex Figert. "I was proud of the way the kids played in the second half. This is varsity action. They have to be able to prepare themselves before the contest starts, and I think we weren't prepared today.

"Lee played well and I think they were more prepared for the game than we were."

Now that they have a win under their belts and some offensive life pumping once again, the Rebels hope to carry this momentum right into the playoffs.

"We knew we needed to win this game to get third place and get into the playoffs," Henry said. "I think we're the best team in district and I know we can pull off third place."

JV Action: The Lee junior varsity defeated Odessa High 3-0. Ryan Worland, Russell Matchull and A.J. Meadows scored for the Rebels (4-4). On Tuesday, the Rebels beat Midland High 2-0 with goals by Matt Dickenson and Matchull.

Lee next travels to play Abilene Cooper on Tuesday.

Midland Lee 2, Odessa High 0

OHS	0	0—0
LHS	2	0—2

First Half: Lee, Troy Henry (Kyle King), 19th minute. Lee, Henry (unassisted), 36th minute.

Shots: OHS 11, LHS 20. Saves: OHS 8 (Adolfo Porras 8), LHS 4 (Phillip Smith 4). Corner Kicks: LHS 2. Penalty Kicks: None. Fouls: OHS 6, LHS 8. Cards: Yellow — OHS 2 (Blythe Bales, Jorge Ibarra), LHS 1 (Matt Renfro).

GREENWOOD: Rangers beat Sonora

(From 1C)

(John) Settles and (Brandon) Curry did a great job as well."

The game marks the final step before the real post-season and completes the turnaround from an 8-23 campaign last season. Greenwood plays Clint, District 3-3A second seed, in the bi-district round. Although no time or place has been set, the match up is expected to happen next weekend.

Greenwood 58, Sonora 55

Greenwood (19-12): Andrew Wootan 6 2-4 15, Calef Montes 1 2-2 4; Brandon Hunnicutt 1 4-5 6; John Settles 1 1-2 3; Neil Boecking 4 1-3 9; Brandon Curry 3 0-1 6; David Upton 5 5-7 15. Totals: 21 15-24 58.

Sonora: Harrelson 3 2-2 8; Hudman 8 1-2 17, Emiliano 1 0-0 3; Barker 4 1-2 10; Sykes 1 3-3 5; Dempsey 0 2-2 2; Wood 4 2-2 10. Totals: 21 11-13 55.

Greenwood	14	11	14	19	—58
Sonora	13	16	15	11	— 55

3-Point Field Goals: G 1 (Wootan), S 2 (Emiliano, Barker). Fouls: G 16, S 23. Fouled Out: Harrelson, Wood. Technicals: None.

BASEBALL: Prep teams open this week

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title. "There's always going to be turnover."

As there is at Midland High. While this year probably doesn't figure to be exactly like the last, it seems as if almost the entire MHS baseball program will be new.

If fans and opponents don't recognize the Bulldogs, new coach Barry Russell is merely trying to get acquainted with his new team. The fact that Russell and the Bulldogs aren't yet household names could work to the team's advantage.

"It's kind of exciting in the aspect that we're an unknown quantity," said Russell, who comes to Midland High after eight years at Victoria Stroman and inherits only three returning lettermen. "We're probably going to be picked at the bottom of the barrel."

That might seem unduly harsh since the Bulldogs finished tied for fifth, two slots out of the district cellar last season. Benevidez, on the other hand, expects the district to maintain the status quo this season — meaning that his team, Cooper and Abilene High should all return to the playoffs. Benevidez particularly likes Abilene High's chances to return since the Eagles have most of their top players returning.

But, Benevidez said, don't forget his team.

"I feel like we can compete with anyone in the district," he said.

Midland Lee Rebels

So, just how does Benevidez feel his team can compete in the district with only four returners and the loss of four all-district players to graduation, including No. 1 starting pitcher Mark Holly?

"I feel like we have good pitching, and with that we can win the district," Benevidez said. "I have faith in all the guys. When they get in there I think they'll all do a good job."

The one who figures to be counted on the most is senior Mike Hale, who emerged as a solid second starter behind Holly at the end of last season. Hale finished with a 6-3 record, including two playoff wins which included a one-hitter and a total of 16 strikeouts.

Benevidez is hoping the rest of the staff will follow the cue of the right-hander.

"He'll go out there and he'll end up pitching five or more innings every time," Benevidez said of Hale, who has signed a letter of intent to pitch at the University of Arkansas. "If he has a hard time getting started I'll put somebody in there and try them."

If Hale has a weakness, it has been a lack of control at times, as his 90 mph fastball hasn't always gone where he wants it to. With another year of experience, though, that problem could be tamed.

"My role is not really to be the No. 1 starter but to set the tone for the whole staff," Hale said. "Just getting to pitch in the playoffs I know what's expected. We can go at least that far this year."

Should Hale falter, Benevidez still isn't concerned about the pitching. He feels he has a number of solid candidates for the No. 2 starter's spot. There's Ryan Shores and Michael Clinton, who pitched on the junior varsity last season, and Brian Holmes, who transferred from Oklahoma. All three senior right-handers are expected to pitch several innings.

Other starting contenders are sophomore right-hander Ryan Klatt and senior left-hander John Purves once the basketball season is finished.

Offensively, Benevidez doesn't think the Rebels (9-3 in district, 21-14-1 overall last year) are as proven. All-District selections Nick Benevidez, Britt Harper and Justin Ham all graduated, meaning somebody is going to have to step up.

Benevidez doesn't think that making contact will be as much a problem as a lack of speed in the lineup.

"If we get some kids on base we have big guys behind them who can drive them in," Benevidez said.

The key third and fourth spots in the lineup look to be plenty solid as they are taken by two senior returners, catcher David Smith and first baseman Dusty Crowe, respectively. They should provide the pop in the lineup and could compensate for a lack of speed.

"Everyone in the lineup has power," Smith said. "We don't have a lot of speed, but if you hit it to the fence it doesn't matter."

If nothing else, Lee should have experience in three of the top four spots with senior centerfielder Chad Chandler, who also lettered last season, penciled in at the leadoff spot.

Where graduation might have claimed the heaviest toll, though, is out in the field. Benevidez is juggling to try to put the best athletes in the right positions and is especially concerned about the team up the middle.

"My whole defense is an area of concern," Benevidez said. "The positions are all new to the people."

Smith, for instance, has been moved from right field back to his original position of catcher, but could be moved back to the outfield again in favor of senior Raymond Ibarra behind the plate. Junior Matt Watson is a candidate at second base while Klatt and junior Matt Whitaker are competing at shortstop.

Seniors David Lopez and Jimmy Valadez are competing at third base. A number of candidates are fighting to flank Chandler in the outfield, among them Holmes, Shores and senior Blake Moravcik.

Despite some question marks, Benevidez thinks that whatever problems will arise should sort themselves out.

"I always feel like I can win district and I try to instill that in my kids," Benevidez said. "We rebuild every year, but we rebuild to win every year. I wouldn't think anything less."

Midland High Bulldogs

Low expectations might be the norm for a team which finished fifth in the district in 1996 with a 5-7 mark, 16-11 overall. Expectations of any kind might be premature since nobody — not even the coach — really knows what to expect from the talent he has on hand.

That doesn't mean that Russell doesn't have some sort of blueprint for his new charges to follow, regardless of expectations.

"I'm trying mostly to bring some enthusiasm," Russell said. "I want (the players) to hustle. To be honest, I want an upbeat game because a baseball game can drag after three hours."

What could help the Bulldogs is that what they lack in returning quantity, they may have in quality, as in senior shortstop Mike Carrasco. Hitting leadoff last season, Carrasco was Midland High's only all-district selection, batting .413 in district with one home run and 10 runs batted in.

Russell has different plans for Carrasco this season, though, moving him to the third spot in the lineup where he will be expected to produce runs.

"I've tried to impress upon him that he shouldn't think as much about moving runners over and more about driving them in," Russell said.

That puts more of an emphasis on Carrasco to produce in run-scoring situations, but it's something he's not intimidated by.

"I'm probably going to be getting a little better looks at pitches than I was batting leadoff," Carrasco said. "I'd say it's going to relieve a lot of pressure."

Carrasco is a proven commodity, but if he is going to see good pitches the rest of the lineup needs to be settled. For now, Russell has installed junior second baseman Ralph Ramero in the leadoff spot and junior third baseman Tyler Nobles in the No. 2 spot just ahead of Carrasco.

After that, not as much is set in terms of order. Aside from Carrasco, the Bulldogs returning from last season had a total of five official at-bats between them. Four of those were from senior John Butler, who figures to be the starting centerfielder.

In terms of proven returnees, pitching is just as unknown. The only returnees who threw at all last season are Carrasco and senior left-hander Eric Clark. Clark threw only 112/3 innings last year, making two starts. Others who figure to contend for the starting rotation include juniors Lee Martin, Joey Schloffer and Steve Feris, all right-handers.

"They've got to get confidence in themselves," Russell said of his pitching staff. "Sometimes they're too hard on themselves. They aren't going to throw a strike every time or strike out everybody."

Most likely, Clark will emerge as the early No. 1 pitcher, particularly if he can recover from a recent sore arm. He doesn't feel a lack of experience as a starter will keep him from developing into the staff's ace.

"I'm more or less ready for it because I've been waiting," Clark said. "I'm not worried because I know I have people behind me to pick me up. I think I'll have a lot more chances to throw this year."

Without an overpowering staff, a lot of emphasis could fall on Midland High's defense to make plays, but that's one area where Russell feels secure. Carrasco will anchor the middle of the infield, while there should be a battle at first base between, Feris, junior David Zarate. and junior Ross Nobles, who still is committed to the basketball team.

Senior Curtis Rhinehart is starting at catcher, while there will be a battle in the outfield to flank Butler. Juniors Will Krueger and Kurt Esslinger along with senior Lee Dunn, another basketball player, will all contend.

Russell knows the road ahead could be rough, and that improvement is the first order of business.

"We want to try to get better every game," Russell said. "We want to play better and harder than the game before. Our baseball program hasn't been great the past couple of years so you've got to start somewhere."

Midland Lee

Roster

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	HT.	WT.	B	T	Ex.
5	Brian Bagwell	Jr.	OF	5-8	130	R	R	JV
7	Ryan Klatt	Soph.	SS/P	6-0	160	L	R	--
8	Stacy Jones	Jr.	OF/P	5-11	198	R	R	JV
9	Matt Watson	Jr.	2B/P	6-0	175	R	R	JV
10	Matt Whitaker	Jr.	SS	5-11	150	R	R	JV
11	Brady Simmons	Sr.	P	5-10	160	R	R	JV
12	David Smith	Sr.	C/P	6-1	190	R	R	1L
14	Jimmy Valadez	Sr.	3B/C	5-11	190	R	R	JV
15	Adrian Pena	Jr.	OF	6-2	190	R	R	JV
16	Mike Hale	Sr.	P	6-2	180	R	R	1L
17	Raymond Ibarra	Sr.	C/1B	6-4	195	R	R	JV
18	Michael Clinton	Sr.	P/C	6-0	185	R	R	JV
19	Blake Moravcik	Sr.	OF	6-0	190	R	L	JV
20	Dusty Crowe	Sr.	1B/P	6-2	200	L	L	1L
21	Brian Shores	Sr.	OF/P	6-3	190	R	R	JV
22	Aaron Erdwurm	Jr.	SS/P	6-4	190	R	R	JV
23	Chad Chandler	Sr.	OF	5-10	204	R	R	1L
24	Brian Holmes	Sr.	OF/P	6-1	165	R	R	1L
25	David Lopez	Sr.	3B	5-8	190	R	R	JV
26	John Purves	Sr.	1B-P	6-5	205	L	L	JV

Head Coach: Jesse Benavidez

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 17	Big Spring Christensen		6:30 p.m.
Feb. 20-22	Lewisville Tournament		TBA
F. 27-Mar. 1	Tourney of Champions at Christensen		
Mar. 3	Od. Permian (2) Christensen		4 p.m.
Mar. 6-8	Duncanville Tournament		TBA
Mar. 11	*Midland High	Lee	4 p.m.
Mar. 15	*Odessa High	Odessa	2 p.m.
Mar. 18	*Abilene Cooper	Lee	4 p.m.
Mar. 25	*Abilene High	Abilene	4 p.m.
Mar. 27	*Odessa Permian	Lee	4 p.m.
Apr. 1	*San Angelo Central	San Angelo	4 p.m.
Apr. 5	*Midland High	Zachary	2 p.m.
Apr. 8	*Odessa High	Lee	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	*Abilene Cooper	Abilene	2 p.m.
Apr. 19	*Abilene High	Lee	2 p.m.
Apr. 22	*Odessa Permian	Odessa	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	*San Angelo Central	Lee	2 p.m.

*denotes District 4-5A games

Midland High

Roster

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	HT.	WT.	B	T	Ex.
1	Kory Mihecoby	Sr.	P	5-5	130	R	R	JV
3	Lee Dunn	Sr	OF	6-1	165	L	L	JV
4	Lee Martin	Jr.	P	5-10	170	R	R	JV
5	Clay Zachery	Sr	2B	6-0	170	L	R	JV
6	Rafael Romero	Jr	2B/SS	5-10	160	R	R	JV
7	Steve Feris	Jr	1B	5-11	170	L	R	JV
8	Kurt Esslinger	Jr	OF	5-9	150	R	R	JV
9	Mike Carrasco	Sr	SS/P	5-10	160	R	R	1L
10	Rufino Corralez	Jr.	C	5-9	175	R	R	JV
11	David Zarate	Jr	1B	5-9	170	R	R	JV
12	Tyler Nobles	Jr	3B	5-9	150	R	R	JV
14	Joey Schlaffer	Jr	P/3B	5-11	170	R	R	JV
15	Ross Nobles	Jr.	1B	5-9	150	L	L	JV
16	Curtis RhinehartSr.		C	5-11	170	R	R	JV
18	Will Kruger	Jr	OF	6-0	170	R	R	JV
21	Ed Ochoa	Sr	C/DH	5-8	180	R	R	JV
22	Russell Dunlavy	Sr.	OF	6-0	180	R	R	1L
23	Eric Clark	Sr	P	6-1	180	R	L	1L
24	John Butler	Sr	OF	6-0	180	R	R	1L

Coach: Barry Russell

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 18	S. Angelo Lakeview Christensen		5 p.m.
Feb. 21-22	El Paso Tournament		TBA
F. 27-M. 1	Tourney of Champions at Christensen		
Mar. 4	San Angelo Lakeview	San Angelo	3 p.m.
Mar. 6-8	Lubbock Tournament		TBA
Mar. 11	*Lee	Lee	4 p.m.
Mar. 13	Lubbock Monterey	Lubbock	4 p.m.
Mar. 15	*Odessa Permian	Zachary	2 p.m.
Mar. 18	*Abilene High	Abilene	4 p.m.
Mar. 22	*San Angelo Central	Zachary	2 p.m.
Mar. 25	*Abilene Cooper	Zachary	4 p.m.
Mar. 27	*Odessa High	Odessa	4 p.m.
Apr. 5	*Lee	Zachary	2 p.m.
Apr. 8	*Odessa Permian	Odessa	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	*Abilene High	Zachary	2 p.m.
Apr. 15	*San Angelo Central	San Angelo	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 19	*Abilene Cooper	Abilene	2 p.m.
Apr. 22	*Odessa High	Zachary	4:30 p.m.

*denotes District 4-5A games

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Rebels golfers place 2nd

SNYDER — The Midland Lee varsity golf team grabbed second place at the Snyder Invitational held Saturday at the Snyder Country Club.

The Lady Rebs fell to host Snyder by 30 strokes (327-357), but it was a good way to kick off the varsity season. Kelly Feavel took third place honors in the medalist race race with an 84 while teammate Sandi Talley shot an 86 in the cold and windy conditions.

"We shot 330 in San Angelo and were 20 strokes higher (today)," Lee coach Phyllis Sutton said. "The conditions and knowledge of the course (played a part of that). I think we will be strong this year. If we continue practicing, we could win district, regionals and go to state."

Midland High was led by Julie Jacobs' 89. The Lady Bulldogs finished seventh with a 386.

Results from the Snyder Invitational held Saturday at the Snyder Country Club.

Team Standings: 1. Snyder 327, 2. Lee 357, 3. Abilene High 367, 4. Fort Stockton 369, 5. Andrews 375, 6. Big Spring 380, 7. Midland High 386.

Snyder (327): Daysha Weaver 77, Julie Doolittle 85, Keisha Gifford 77, Alisha Wells 88, Lacey Kidd 96.

Lee (357): Sandi Talley 86, Kelly Feavel, 84, Krystal Mehaffey 91, Michelle Morren 96, Amy Roach 102.

Midland High (386): Julie Jacobs 89, Shelley Winchell 96, Mindi Winchell 101, Kristi Van Husen 100, Annette Reyes 121.

MedalistS: 1. Daysha Weaver, Snyder, 77; 1 Keisha Gafford, Snyder 77, 3. Kelly Feavel, Lee, 84.

Boys golfers place in Abilene

ABILENE — The Midland Lee and Midland High golf teams earned third place at the weather-shortened Abilene I.S.D. "Big Country Classic" held Saturday at Shady Oaks Golf Course.

Midland Lee fell short of the first place spot, falling to eventual champ Abilene Wylie by five strokes (308-313). Wylie tied Lubbock Coronado with 308 teams scores but won the title after a one hole playoff. Midland High finished the 18 holes with a team score of 325 for eighth place.

Lee and MHS both had individuals make runs for medalist honors. Lee's Chris Mertz fell two strokes off the pace with a 73. Wylie's Parker Bailey won the title with a 71. MHS' Matthew Gerhard tied Lubbock Coronado's Jason Scherr with a 75. Scherr won a playoff to take third.

Lee's Thomas Voskamp and Thomas Brantley both shot 78.

For Midland High, who lost 9 of its top 10 off last year's squad, this tournament, was a positive step in finding talent for the 4-5A season.

"It was better, we had ato shake things around in the team," MHS coach Aubrey Culley said. "We improved from last week (Del Rio) and I am pleased that we are getting better as a team. I am trying to find who they players are."

Both teams will participate in the 41-team, two-division tournament that hits Midland next weekend.

Results from the Abilene Inivitational Saturday at the Shady Oaks Golf Course.

Team Standings: 1. Abilene Wylie 308 (won one-hole playoff), 2. Lubbock Coronado 308, 3. Midland Lee 313, 4. San Angelo Central 317, 5. Abilene High 318, 6. Abilene Cooper 320, 7. Odessa High 321, 8. Midland High 325, 9. Odessa Permian 326.

Medalist: 1. Parker Briley, Wylie 71. 2. Chris Mertz, Lee, 73. 3. Jason Scherr, Coronado 75 (won a playoff), 4. Matthew Gerhard, MHS, 75.

Lee (313): Chris Mertz 73, Thomas Brantley 78, Lupardus 84, Jared Cooper 85, Travis Voskamp 78.

MHS (325): Matthew Gerhard 75, Chris Stoltz 87, Michael Ledford 82, Kevin Smith 82, Stephen Stoltz 86.

MHS JV Golf takes eighth

FORT STOCKTON — The Midland High junior varsity golf team finished eighth of 22 teams at the Fort Stockton Tournament held at the Pecos County Municipal Course.

The Bulldogs, competing against mostly varsity teams, shot 357-343—700 over the two days. San Angelo Lakeview won the tourney with a 630.

Midland Christian's Blake Roberts placed in the top 10 with a 86-75—161. MHS' top finisher was Zach Couthen, 84-83—167.

Team Standings: 1. Lake View 630, 2. Andrews 640, 3. Fort Stockton 650. MHS (357-343—700): Zach Couthen, 84-83—167; Chris Canon 96-86—182; Bo Madison 86-88—174; Aaron Baressi 98-97—195; Jacob Hooper 91-86—177.

Greenwood falls to Big Spring

Kim Mauldin and Katy Walker homered back-to-back for the first home runs in Greenwood softball history but the Rangerettes lost to Big Spring, 14-10, Friday.

Mauldin, who went 3-for-4 with four RBIs, and Walker, 2-for-4, hit their bombs in the five-run fourth inning. Greenwood (0-2), pulled within one, 11-10, after the fourth but the Lady Steers pulled away with a three-run sixth. Greenwood, who had 11 hits, also had a 2-for-4 performance from Kristin Equiniones. The Rangerette pitcher also scored three runs. Big Spring pounded out 15 hits.

Greenwood will play a double header Tuesday at Andrews.

Lee Frosh soccer wins

The Lee freshman girls soccer team defeated Odessa Nimitz Blue 3-0.

Lee improves to 3-1 for the season and had two goals from Katie Williams. April Rankin added a goal and also dished out an assist.

Midland freshmen boys win

ODESSA —The Midland freshmen boys soccer team posted a 2-1 victory over Odessa Crockett on Saturday. Jeremy Tarter and Chris Curtis scored for Midland and Brett Nix had both assists. Defensively, Curtis had five saves in the first half and Carlos Callo had three in the second half.

Goddard 7th downs Abell

The Goddard seventh grade boys soccer team defeated Abell Blue 3-1 to improve to 4-0 for the season. Nathan Baca, Nathan Lackey, John Alcala had goals for Goddard.

Abell girls roll over Goddard

Abell Junior High's seventh grade soccer team beat Goddard 4-1 Saturday. Courtney Heineman scored two goals and assisted on another, while Barbara Woodruff and Megan Mitchell also scored goals.

Ace scored at Green Tree

Jack Goodwin scored a hole-in-one at hole No. 3 on the East Course of the Green Tree Country Club Saturday. Goodwin scored his ace on the 186-yard third hole with a 3-iron. The hole-in-one was witnessed by Jim Mack, Bob Plank, David Griffiths and Bill Morrison.

Main lands hole-in-one

Steve Main aced the 17th hole at The Club at Mission Dorado for his third career hole-in-one.

Main used a 9-iron on the 145-yard, par-3. The shot was witnessed by George McKinzey, Randy Lightfoot and Joe Luman.

REBELS: Lee boys' hoops team falls to Cooper in district playoff

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twisted an ankle and had to go out. Josh Ralston jammed a finger, but kept playing.

"I think everyone will be ready Tuesday. I don't think they are serious injuries, but we were getting a little thin out there. We still missed enough free throws to do well."

And that was the problem with this game. Fifty-five fouls were called and 87 free throws were taken. It was not a game worth watching.

However, Cooper will take the win without a quibble. The Cougars had lost four of its last five games after a 6-1 start in district play.

"A lot of people said this wasn't an important game, but it was important for us to play well," Cooper coach Greg Gober said. "Win or lose, we couldn't say it didn't matter. We needed a win. Our big deal was to play well again and I think we did that."

Cooper vaulted to an 11-1 lead in the first quarter and led by as many as 15 points before the end of the period. Lee played pretty much on even terms the rest of the way, once cutting the lead down to seven points, but could not stop Cooper at the free throw line as the Cougars hit 37 of 49 freebies. Cooper also outrebounded the dead-legged Rebels by a 37-20 margin.

Cooper's Tony Roach had 23 points to lead all scorers while Aric Garrett had 17 and Brandon Schmitz 16. That's the heart of the Cooper attack as coach Gober got production from the people he must count on.

Dreyfus Andrews had 14 points for Lee while Ralston had 11 and Amron Washington 10. Ralston has been in double figures the last two games for Lee.

The good part about this game is that it can be forgotten like a good burp at the dinner table. It wasn't exactly the way to play in public, but it didn't hurt anyone either.

Abilene Cooper 75, Midland Lee 58

Midland Lee (23-11): Dreyfus Andrews, 4-9 6-10 14; Amron Washington, 3-8 4-8 10; Ricky Green, 1-12-2 4; Brian Massey, 0-0 0-0 0; Robert House,0-4 5-6 5; Matt Meyer, 2-5 0-0 4; Aaron Erdwurm, 1-1 2-6 4; Charncy Ephriam, 2-5 0-0 4; John Ralston, 5-7 1-4 11; John Purves,1-4 0-2 2. Totals: 19-45 20-38 58.

Abilene Cooper (21-12): Aric Garrett, 3-5 10-12 17; Sherrod Martin, 0-0 1-2 1; Jeron Powell, 0-0 2-2 2; Felton Freeman, 2-4 3-4 7; Shawn Hudson, 0-0 2-2 2; Chris Cherry, 1-2 0-1 2; Kyle Scott, 2-6 0-0 4; Tim Hutchinson, 0-0 0-2 0; Tony Roach, 4-13 12-14 23; Brandon Schmitz, 5-10 6-8 16; Kevin Stevenson, 0-0 1-2 1; Lewis Peacock, 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 17-40 37-49 75.

Midland Lee	5	18	18	17	—58
Abilene Cooper	20	13	21	21	—75

Three-Point Goals: Lee 0-8 (Andrews 0-1, Washington 0-2, House 0-4, Ephriam 0-1); Cooper 4-13 (Garrett 1-3, Freeman 0-1, Cherry 0-1, Scott 0-1, Roach 3-7). **Total Fouls:** Lee 30, Cooper 25. **Fouled Out:** Lee Washington, Ephriam, Ralston; Cooper: Cherry. **Technical Fouls:** Lee-Meyer; Cooper-Stevenson, Peacock, bench. **Rebounds:** Lee 20 (Meyer 6); Cooper 37 (Schmitz 7). **Turnovers:** Lee 13, Cooper 16.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Standings, Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	39	12	.765	—
New York	36	14	.720	2 1/2
Orlando	24	23	.511	13
Washington	23	27	.460	15 1/2
New Jersey	15	35	.300	23 1/2
Philadelphia	12	37	.245	26
Boston	11	38	.224	27

Central Division

Chicago	44	6	.880	—
Detroit	36	13	.735	7 1/2
Atlanta	33	16	.673	10 1/2
Charlotte	30	21	.588	14 1/2
Cleveland	27	22	.551	16 1/2
Milwaukee	24	26	.480	20
Indiana	23	25	.479	20
Toronto	17	32	.347	26 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	14	.720	—
Houston	33	17	.660	3
Minnesota	24	26	.480	12
Dallas	16	31	.340	18 1/2
Denver	16	35	.314	20 1/2
San Antonio	12	37	.245	23 1/2
Vancouver	11	43	.204	27

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	37	13	.740	—
Seattle	34	15	.694	2 1/2
Portland	26	24	.520	11
Sacramento	22	29	.431	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	20	27	.426	15 1/2
Golden State	19	29	.396	17
Phoenix	19	32	.373	18 1/2

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

New Jersey 107, Washington 86
Miami 125, Philadelphia 99
Atlanta 109, San Antonio 89
Milwaukee 92, Denver 87
Utah 99, Dallas 84
Houston at Portland, late

Sunday's Games

Indiana at New York, 11:30 a.m.
Detroit vs. Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens, 11:30 a.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Jazz 99, Mavs 84

DALLAS (84): McCloud 8-18 0-0 17, Green 1-5 2-2 4, Montross 1-2 0-2 2, Jackson 7-16 4-5 19, Cassell 2-11 9-9 14, Dreiling 3-4 0-0 6, Harper 2-5 0-0 4, Finley 3-9 6-6 13, Strickland 1-4 1-1 3, Muursepp 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 28-74 24-27 84.

UTAH (99): Russell 4-7 0-1 9, Malone 5-13 5-9 15, Ostertag 5-13 3-4 13, Hornacek 6-10 4-4 18, Stockton 7-9 1-1 17, Eisley 1-2 3-4 5, Foster 0-2 0-0 0, Carr 1-4 0-0 2, Anderson 3-5 0-0 7, Morris 4-7 1-1 10, Howard 1-3 1-4 3. Totals 37-75 18-28 99.

Dallas	**21**	**21**	**25**	**17 — 84**
Utah	**37**	**22**	**21**	**19 — 99**

3-Point goals—Dallas 4-21 (McCloud 1-4, Jackson 1-4, Finley 1-4, Cassell 1-5, Harper 0-2, Strickland 0-2), Utah 7-13 (Hornacek 2-3, Stockton 2-3, Anderson 1-1, Russell 1-3, Morris 1-3). Fouled out—Cassell. Rebounds—Dallas 42 (Green 10), Utah 55 (Ostertag 12). Assists—Dallas 16 (Cassell 5), Utah 29 (Stockton 8). Total fouls—Dallas 25, Utah 24. Technicals—Harper, Dallas illegal defense, Utah illegal defense 2. A—19,911 (19,911).

Hawks 109, Spurs 89

ATLANTA (109): James 5-8 0-0 14, Laettner 8-11 1-1 17, Mutombo 2-6 2-2 6, Smith 11-23 2-2 25, Blaylock 8-17 1-1 21, Barry 3-6 0-0 7, Henderson 5-8 4-4 14, Newbill 0-0 1-2 1, Lauderdale 2-3 0-0 4, Boyce 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 44-84 11-12 109.

SAN ANTONIO (89): Wilkins 5-13 1-2 11, Herrera 4-10 0-0 8, Anderson 2-6 4-6 8, Maxwell 9-18 1-2 24, Johnson 5-12 2-2 12, Del Negro 7-10 4-5 18, Feick 2-7 1-2 5, Alexander 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-79 13-19 89.

Atlanta	**26**	**29**	**22**	**32 — 109**
San Antonio	**18**	**23**	**22**	**26 — 89**

3-Point goals—Atlanta 10-20 (James 4-5, Blaylock 4-9, Barry 1-1, Smith 1-5), San Antonio 6-15 (Maxwell 5-10, Alexander 1-1, Feick 0-1, Wilkins 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 53 (Laettner 12), San Antonio 38 (Anderson 13). Assists—Atlanta 29 (Barry 8), San Antonio 21 (Johnson 6). Total fouls—Atlanta 17, San Antonio 14. Technicals—Atlanta illegal defense, San Antonio illegal defense A—20,557 (20,557).

Nets 107, Bullets 86

WASHINGTON (86): Grant 3-8 0-1 6, Howard 7-16 3-4 17, Muresan 3-6 1-1 7, Cheaney 6-13 0-0 13, Strickland 5-12 8-8 18, Legler 1-2 1-1 3, L.Williams 2-4 0-0 4, Murray 4-10 0-0 9, Whitney 2-3 0-0 5, Jackson 1-4 1-2 4, Amaya 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 34-81 14-17 86.

NEW JERSEY (107): Gill 7-16 8-9 22, J.Williams 3-6 0-2 6, Bradley 6-10 2-2 14, Kittles 4-17 5-8 14, Reeves 8-17 3-4 23, Massenburg 2-8 1-4 5, Edwards 4-6 0-0 9, McDaniel 4-5 2-2 10, Haley 1-2 0-0 2, Dare 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-88 21-31 107.

Washington	**23**	**17**	**24**	**22 — 86**
New Jersey	**25**	**22**	**27**	**33 — 107**

3-Point goals—Washington 4-13, (Cheaney 1-2, Whitney 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Murray 1-4, Grant 0-2). New Jersey 6-15, (Reeves 4-6, Edward 1-2, Kittles 1-6, Gill 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 42 (Howard 12), New Jersey 66 (J.Williams 15). Assists—Washington 21 (Strickland 8), New Jersey 18 (Reeves 5). Total fouls—Washington 25, New Jersey 19. Technicals—Washington illegal defense; New Jersey, four men on court. Flagrant fouls—Howard. A—20,049 (20,049).

Heat 125, 76ers 99

PHILADELPHIA (99): Stackhouse 9-14 7-9 26, Weatherspoon 4-6 2-2 10, Cage 1-2 0-0 2, Harris 2-7 0-0 5, Walters 2-9 0-0 5, Caldwell 0-2 0-2 0, M.Davis 2-3 2-2 7, Iverson 3-13 5-6 13, MacLean 6-17 8-13 20, Williams 3-4 3-3 9, Overton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-78 27-37 99.

MIAMI (125): Askins 3-6 0-0 6, Brown 8-12 0-0 16, Mourning 10-14 4-7 24, Lenard 8-13 0-0 24, Hardaway 4-14 3-4 15, Mashburn 5-12 1-2 14, Austin 2-4 0-0 4, Crotty 2-6 2-2 6, Anderson 3-4 2-2 10, Pinckney 1-3 0-0 2, Strickland 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 48-91 12-17 125.

Philadelphia	**20**	**32**	**24**	**23 — 99**
Miami	**29**	**34**	**38**	**24 — 125**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 6-15 (Iverson 2-7, Harris 1-1, Stackhouse 1-1, M.Davis 1-2, Walters 1-4), Miami 17-33 (Lenard 8-11, Hardaway 4-10, Mashburn 3-8, Anderson 2-3, Crotty 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 52 (Williams 8), Miami 51 (Brown, Mourning, Austin 10). Assists—Philadelphia 13 (Iverson 6), Miami 39 (Hardaway 13). Total fouls—Philadelphia 16, Miami 26. Technicals—Philadelphia coach J.Davis, Philadelphia illegal defense. A—15,200 (15,200).

Bucks 92, Nuggets 87

DENVER (87): L.Ellis 9-19 4-6 22, McDyess 6-15 2-2 14, Johnson 3-4 0-2 6, Jackson 3-7 1-2 7, Stith 7-13 5-5 20, D.Ellis 2-11 3-4 7, Pierce 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 1-2 0-0 3, Hammonds 0-0 0-0 0, B.Thompson 3-5 2-2 8. Totals 34-78 17-23 87.

MILWAUKEE (92): Baker 8-14 5-8 21, Robinson 6-18 2-2 14, Gilliam 3-9 5-6 11, Allen 6-9 2-2 15, Douglas 5-11 2-2 12, Wolf 0-0 0-0 0, Newman 1-5 4-4 6, Wood 1-4 0-0 2, Perry 5-9 0-0 11, Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-79 20-24 92.

Denver	**18**	**21**	**22**	**26 — 87**
Milwaukee	**22**	**22**	**23**	**25 — 92**

3-Point goals—Denver 2-16 (Smith 1-2, Stith 1-3, McDyess 0-1, Jackson 0-1, B.Thompson 0-1, L.Ellis 0-4, D.Ellis 0-4), Milwaukee 2-9 (Perry 1-3, Allen 1-3, Douglas 0-1, Newman 0-1, Wood 0-1). Fouled out—L.Ellis, Baker. Rebounds—Denver 50 (Johnson 14), Milwaukee 48 (Gilliam 12). Assists—Denver 24 (Jackson 14), Milwaukee 18 (Douglas 6). Total fouls—Denver 20, Milwaukee 21. Flagrant foul—Gilliam. A—16,278 (18,633).

NHL Standings, Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	32	16	8	72	182	139
Florida	28	16	13	69	161	129
New Jersey	29	17	9	67	150	131
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	198	164
Washington	23	28	6	52	150	160
N.Y. Islanders	19	28	10	48	155	167
Tampa Bay	20	29	6	46	150	174

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	29	19	9	67	159	141
Pittsburgh	30	21	5	65	207	178
Montreal	21	28	11	53	186	214
Hartford	22	27	7	51	159	182
Ottawa	18	26	12	48	154	167
Boston	20	30	7	47	164	201

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	21	4	70	176	146
Detroit	26	19	10	62	173	133
St. Louis	27	26	6	60	178	183
Phoenix	26	28	4	56	163	179
Chicago	23	27	8	54	152	151
Toronto	21	35	2	44	164	204

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	35	14	8	78	195	133
Edmonton	28	24	5	61	180	162
Calgary	24	28	6	54	155	165
Vancouver	25	28	2	52	176	189
Anaheim	22	28	6	50	159	172
San Jose	20	30	6	46	146	185
Los Angeles	19	31	7	45	152	195

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Hartford 2, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Colorado 5, St. Louis 2
Phoenix 5, Boston 4, OT
N.Y. Islanders 1, Florida 0, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 1
New Jersey 4, Montreal 1
Calgary 3, Toronto 0
Anaheim at Vancouver (n)
Edmonton at Los Angeles (n)

Sunday's Games

Hartford at Ottawa, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Buffalo, 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Coyotes 5, Bruins 4

Boston	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0 — 4**
Phoenix	**3**	**0**	**1**	**1 — 5**

First Period—1, Phoenix, Ronning 15 (Numminen, Gartner), 3:37 (pp). 2, Phoenix, Shannon 8 (More), 3:54. 3, Phoenix, Gartner 24 (Stapleton, Manson), 8:12 (pp).

Second Period—4, Boston, Kennedy 5 (T.Sweeney, D.Sweeney), 6:52 (sh).

Third Period—5, Phoenix, Tkachuk 35 (Janney, Johnson), 5:12. 6, Boston, Tocchet 14 (Oates, D.Sweeney), 6:56. 7, Boston, Tocchet 15 (Bourque, D.Sweeney), 18:19. 8, Boston, Richter 5 (Stumpel, T.Sweeney) 19:57. Tocchet, Bos (interference), 14:36.

Overtime—9, Phoenix, More 1 (Janney, Roenick), 1:14. Penalties—None.

Shots on goal—Boston 8-13-7-0—28. Phoenix 11-9-15-2—37.

Power-play Opportunities—Boston 0 of 4. Phoenix 2 of 5.

Goalies—Boston, Ranford 11-13-6 (37 shots-32 saves). Phoenix, Khabibulin 18-25-3 (28-24).

Avalanche 5, Blues 2

Colorado	**1**	**2**	**2**	**— 5**
St. Louis	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**

First Period—1, St. Louis, Campbell 20 (Rivers, Pearson), 11:44 (pp). 2, Colorado, Kamensky 20 (Gusarov, Forsberg), 18:31 (pp).

Second Period—3, Colorado, Ricci 7 (Miller), 2:58. 4, Colorado, Deadmarsh 24 (Ozolinsh, Forsberg), 10:03.

Third Period—5, Colorado, Young 16 (Corbet), 6:01. 6, St. Louis, Turgeon 17 (Persson), 9:20. 7, Colorado, Sarault 2, 15:55.

Shots on goal—Colorado 11-17-12—40. St. Louis 11-5-14—30.

Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 1 of 3. St. Louis 1 of 5.

Goalies—Colorado, Billington 8-3-2 (30 shots-28 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 25-19-6 (40-35).

Flyers 5, Penguins 1

Pittsburgh	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**
Philadelphia	**1**	**2**	**3**	**— 5**

First period—None

Second period—1, Philadelphia, Druce 6 (Podein, Otto), 15:04. 2, Philadelphia, Desjardins 7, 19:39 (sh).

Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Johnson 7 (Murray, Lemieux), 1:23. 4, Philadelphia, Falloon 6 (Klatt, Niinimaa), 1:45. 5, Philadelphia, LeClair 34 (Renberg, Coffey), 14:07. 6, Philadelphia, Lacroix 6 (Klatt), 14:26.

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 6-3-9—18. Philadelphia 8-14-13—35.

Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 5. Philadelphia 0 of 4.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Wregget 12-11-3 (35 shots-30 saves). Philadelphia, Hextall 25-11-3 (18-17).

Blackhawks 2, Rangers 0

NY Rangers	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
Chicago	**1**	**1**	**0**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Chicago, Probert 7 (Cummins, Zhamnov), 13:14.

Second Period—2, Chicago, Zhamnov 11 (Suter, Dahlen), 7:47 (pp).

Third Period—No scoring.

Shots on goal—New York 9-4-4—17. Chicago 9-10-3—22.

Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 1. Chicago 1 of 2.

Goalies—New York, Healy 3-10-4 (22 shots-20 saves). Chicago, Hackett 10-11-1 (17-17).

Whalers 2, Senators 1

Ottawa	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**
Hartford	**0**	**2**	**0**	**— 2**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Hartford, Primeau 16 (Sanderson, Wesley), 9:34 (pp). 2, Hartford, Primeau 17 (Emerson), 13:05. 3, Ottawa, Pitlick 4 (Redden, Van Allen), 13:59.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Ottawa 9-9-9—27. Hartford 5-9-14—28.

Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 3. Hartford 1 of 6.

Goalies—Ottawa, Rhodes 13-19-12 (28 shots-26 saves). Hartford, Burke 12-12-3 (27-26).

Lightning 4, Capitals 1

Washington	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**
Tampa Bay	**2**	**1**	**1**	**— 4**

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Ciccarelli 22 (Langkow, Hamrlik), 11:22. Tampa Bay, Cross 3 (Ciccarelli, Bannister), 15:45.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Poulin 11 (Andersson, Toms), 3:07.

Third Period—4, Washington, Miller 9 (Brunette, Klee), 4:47. 5, Tampa Bay, Wiemer 4 (Langkow), 15:26 (pp).

Shots on goal—Washington 11-13-15—39. Tampa Bay 11-6-7—24.

Power-play Opportunities—Washington 0 of 10. Tampa Bay 1 of 5.

Goalies—Washington, Kolzig 7-13-4 (24 shots-20 saves). Tampa Bay, Tabaracci 14-22-4 (39-38).

Devils 4, Canadiens 1

New Jersey	**3**	**1**	**0**	**— 4**
Montreal	**1**	**0**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, New Jersey, Holik 14 (Andreychuk, Sullivan), 4:16. 2, Montreal, Savage 21 (Koivu, Culimore), 4:56. 3, New Jersey, MacLean 18 (Rolston, Pederson), 10:48. 4, New Jersey, Sullivan 8 (Andreychuk, Smith), 13:30.

Second Period—5, New Jersey, Pederson 10 (Rolston, Stevens), 3:28.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—New Jersey 17-12-7—36. Montreal 9-9-8—26.

Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 4. Montreal 0 of 4.

Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 25-11-8 (26 shots-25 saves). Montreal, Thibault 13-18-7 (36-32).

Flames 3, Maple Leafs 0

Toronto	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
Calgary	**1**	**1**	**1**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Calgary, Hoglund 14 (Gagner, Racine), 6:45.

Second Period—2, Calgary, Millen 9 (Hlushko), 10:19.

Third Period—3, Calgary, Reichel 13 (Fleury, Titov), 18:55 (pp).

Shots on goal—Toronto 4-8-8—20. Calgary 15-8-15—38.

Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 4. Calgary 1 of 6.

Goalies—Toronto, Potvin 18-29-1 (38 shots-35 saves). Calgary, Kidd 17-16-4 (20-20).

Islanders 1, Panthers 0

Florida	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
N.Y. Islanders	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**

First Period—None.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—New York, Lapointe 5 (Plante, Berard), 2:46.

Shots on goal—Florida 9-9-10-1—29. New York 10-2-8-1—21. Power-play Opportunities—Florida 0 of 2. New York 0 of 2. Goalies—Florida, Fitzpatrick 8-5-5 (21 shots-20 saves). New York, Salo 11-15-6 (29-29). A—16,297 (16,297).

Weekend's Golf Results

GTE Classic

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the $900,000 GTE Classic:

Bob Eastwood	71-65 — 136
Gil Morgan	68-69 — 137
Ray Floyd	72-66 — 138
Tom Wargo	70-68 — 138
John Bland	69-69 — 138
David Graham	71-68 — 139
Brian Barnes	71-68 — 139
Tom Shaw	70-69 — 139
Isao Aoki	70-69 — 139
Simon Hobday	71-69 — 140
Bob Dickson	69-71 — 140
Bruce Summerhays	73-68 — 141
Dave Ojala	72-69 — 141
Lee Trevino	70-71 — 141
Mike Hill	70-71 — 141
Frank Conner	71-70 — 141
Bill Hall	69-72 — 141
Graham Marsh	74-68 — 142
Bob Charles	72-70 — 142
George Archer	71-71 — 142
Dave Eichelberger	71-71 — 142
Jerry McGee	70-72 — 142
Jim Colbert	69-73 — 142
Hubert Green	69-73 — 142
John Schroeder	67-75 — 142
Larry Ziegler	72-71 — 143
Bud Allin	72-71 — 143
Jack Nicklaus	71-72 — 143
Jay Sigel	71-72 — 143
Bob Murphy	70-73 — 143
Gene Littler	69-74 — 143
J.C. Snead	68-75 — 143
Mike McCullough	74-70 — 144
Dave Stockton	73-71 — 144
Butch Baird	72-72 — 144
Buddy Whitten	71-73 — 144
Leonard Thompson	70-74 — 144
Jimmy Powell	77-68 — 145
Tony Jacklin	75-70 — 145
Jim Dent	74-71 — 145
Don January	73-72 — 145
David Oakley	72-73 — 145
Charles Coody	70-75 — 145
Dennis Coscina	75-71 — 146
Miller Barber	74-72 — 146
Larry Gilbert	73-73 — 146
Rocky Thompson	73-73 — 146
Tommy Aaron	69-77 — 146
John D. Morgan	77-70 — 147
Harold Henning	76-71 — 147
Bruce Crampton	75-72 — 147
Bob Menne	75-72 — 147
Larry Laoretti	75-72 — 147
Al Geiberger	74-73 — 147
Vicente Fernandez	73-74 — 147
Dale Douglass	73-74 — 147
Jack Kiefer	73-74 — 147
DeWitt Weaver	71-76 — 147
Bobby Nichols	76-72 — 148
Calvin Peete	74-74 — 148
Will Sowles	73-75 — 148
Gary Player	73-75 — 148
Jim Ferree	73-75 — 148
Bobby Stroble	80-69 — 149
Orville Moody	77-72 — 149
Harry Toscano	76-73 — 149
Rik Massengale	74-75 — 149
Walt Morgan	73-76 — 149
Rick Acton	77-73 — 150
Terry Dill	76-74 — 150
John Jacobs	70-80 — 150
Walter Zembriski	71-80 — 151
Jim Albus	77-75 — 152
Gay Brewer	77-75 — 152
Chi Chi Rodriguez	75-77 — 152
Lee Elder	76-77 — 153
Don Bies	79-76 — 155
Dick Hendrickson	84-72 — 156
Billy Farrell	89-86 — WD

Hawaiian Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Scores Saturday after the third round of the $1.2 million Hawaiian Open:

Mike Reid	62-72-66 — 200
Paul Stankowski	71-66-64 — 201
Len Mattiace	64-70-69 — 203
Jim Furyk	70-67-66 — 203
Lee Porter	70-66-67 — 203
Tom Lehman	65-69-69 — 203
Jay Don Blake	68-70-65 — 203
Ed Dougherty	64-69-71 — 204
Donnie Hammond	70-68-66 — 204
Tim Herron	66-70-68 — 204
Doug Barron	67-69-69 — 205
Don Pooley	67-72-66 — 205
Scott Simpson	65-66-74 — 205
Nolan Henke	69-68-68 — 205
John Daly	67-69-69 — 205
Pete Jordan	63-70-73 — 206
Brent Geiberger	69-69-68 — 206
John Magnnes	68-67-71 — 206
Duffy Waldorf	65-69-72 — 206
Paul Azinger	67-70-69 — 206
Stuart Appleby	67-70-69 — 206
Brian Claar	62-75-69 — 206
Bruce Fleisher	70-68-68 — 206
Taylor Smith	72-66-68 — 206
Anthony Rodriguez	68-69-69 — 206
Shane Bertsch	68-67-72 — 207
Phil Blackmar	68-67-72 — 207
Joe Durant	69-69-69 — 207
Paul Goydos	70-66-71 — 207
Keith Fergus	70-68-70 — 208
Billy Mayfair	70-67-71 — 208
Frank Lickliter	68-69-71 — 208
Nobuo Serizawa	70-66-72 — 208
John Dowdall	67-72-69 — 208
Mark Calcavecchia	73-67-68 — 208
Dave Barr	67-71-71 — 209
Brandel Chamblee	71-67-70 — 208
Tom Byrum	67-70-71 — 208
Tom Scherrer	70-68-70 — 208
Curt Byrum	69-69-71 — 209
Wayne Levi	69-69-71 — 209
Patrick Burke	71-68-70 — 209
Guy Boros	69-68-72 — 209
Craig Stadler	71-66-72 — 209
Jeff Hart	67-73-69 — 209
Lennie Clements	69-69-72 — 210
Robert Gamez	70-67-73 — 210
Dan Forsman	70-69-71 — 210
Corey Pavin	71-68-71 — 210
Brad Bryant	68-71-71 — 210
Paul Claxton	69-70-71 — 210
Jim Thorpe	65-70-75 — 210
Joel Edwards	66-70-74 — 210
Hideki Kase	71-69-70 — 210
Kelly Gibson	65-75-70 — 210
Darrell Kestner	69-69-73 — 211
David Ogrin	71-68-72 — 211
Scott Dunlap	68-71-72 — 211
Chip Beck	70-70-71 — 211
Dudley Hart	70-70-71 — 211
J.P. Hayes	67-71-74 — 212
Bob Wolcott	70-68-74 — 212
Steve Stricker	69-69-74 — 212
Todd Demsey	72-67-73 — 212
Mike Springer	73-67-72 — 212
David Ishii	70-70-72 — 212
Peter Jacobsen	72-68-73 — 213
Jimmy Green	66-72-76 — 214
Howard Twitty	71-69-75 — 215
Colleen Walker	73-73 — 146
Karen Weiss	73-73 — 146
Julie Piers	73-73 — 146
Kim Williams	72-74 — 146
Elaine Crosby	72-74 — 146
Mardi Lunn	72-74 — 146
Nancy Ramsbottom	71-75 — 146
Hiromi Kobayashi	71-75 — 146
Loretta Alderete	71-75 — 146
Nanci Bowen	77-70 — 147
Kim Bauer	76-71 — 147
Aki Takamura	76-71 — 147
Pearl Sinn	75-72 — 147
Sue Thomas	74-73 — 147
Brande Burton	74-73 — 147
Pat Hurst	74-73 — 147
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Anne Marie Palli	79-70 — 149
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Sharon Barrett	78-71 — 149
Mary Beth Zimmerman	77-72 — 149
Cindy Rarick	77-72 — 149
Stefania Croce	76-73 — 149
Kristi Coats	76-73 — 149
Martha Nause	75-74 — 149
Janet Anderson	75-74 — 149
Kristi Albers	75-74 — 149
Charlotta Sorenstam	75-74 — 149
Patti Liscio	74-75 — 149
Beth Daniel	74-75 — 149
Pamela Kometani	73-76 — 149

LA Championship

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the $650,000 LPGA Los Angeles Championship:

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Ellie Gibson	69-69 — 138
Leta Lindley	73-66 — 139
Terry-Jo Myers	74-66 — 140
Luciana Bemvenuti	73-68 — 141
Stephanie Maynor	72-69 — 141
Liselotte Neumann	71-70 — 141
Jenny Lidback	70-71 — 141
Amy Fruhwirth	70-71 — 141
Donna Andrews	68-73 — 141
Kelly Robbins	73-69 — 142
Catrin Nilsmark	73-69 — 142
Mayumi Hirase	72-70 — 142
Dana Dormann	70-72 — 142
Emilee Klein	70-72 — 142
Wendy Doolan	74-69 — 143
Cathy Johnston-Forbes	73-70 — 143
Cindy Figg-Currier	73-70 — 143
Hollis Stacy	72-71 — 143
Wendy Ward	72-71 — 143
Jane Geddes	71-72 — 143
Alison Nicholas	71-72 — 143
Renee Heiken	71-72 — 143
Lone Kane	70-73 — 143
Juli Inkster	74-70 — 144
Barb Whitehead	73-71 — 144
Nancy Harvey	73-71 — 144
Cristie Kerr	72-72 — 144
Michelle Estill	72-72 — 144
Missie McGeorge	71-73 — 144
Marianne Morris	71-73 — 144
Alicia Dibos	71-73 — 144
Patty Sheehan	76-69 — 145
Mitzi Edge	74-71 — 145
Penny Hammel	73-72 — 145
Michelle Dobek	73-72 — 145
Tina Barrett	73-72 — 145
Melissa McNamara	71-74 — 145
Pat Bradley	71-74 — 145
Laune Rinker-Graham	70-75 — 145
Rachel Hetherington	74-72 — 146

Aussie Masters

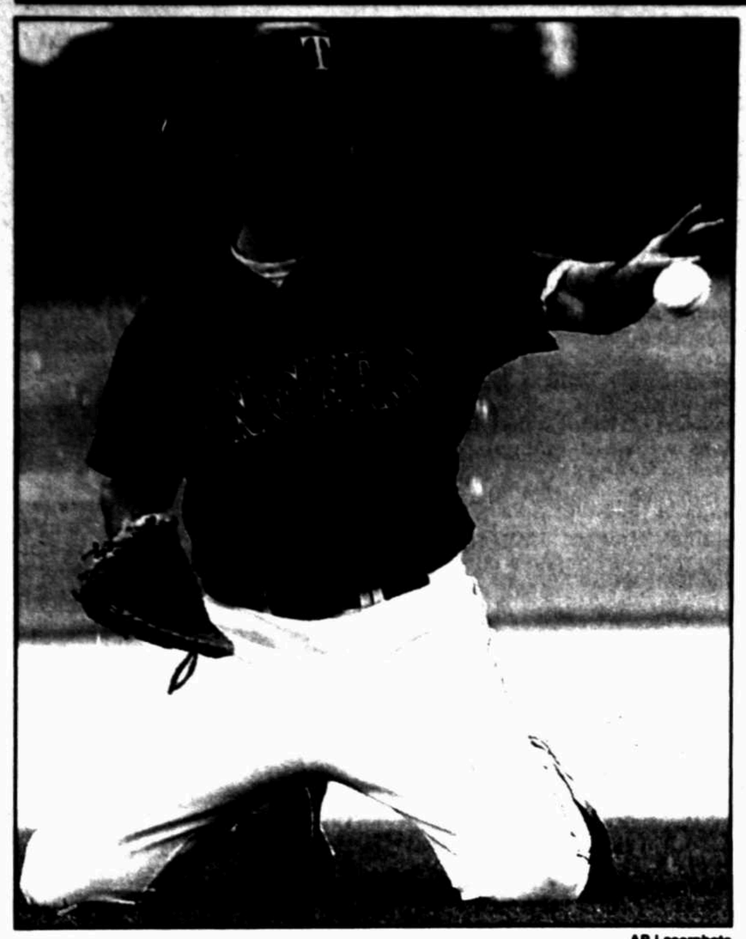
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Leading scores Saturday after the third round of the $570,000 Australian Masters, played on the 6,993-yard, par-73 Huntingdale Golf Club course:

Peter O'Malley Australia	65-66-73 — 204
Lucas Parsons Australia	64-67-74 — 205
Wayne Grady Australia	70-67-69 — 206
Robert Allenby Australia	70-66-70 — 206
Peter Lonard Australia	69-69-69 — 207
Mike Weir Canada	67-72-70 — 209
Rodger Davis Australia	72-65-72 — 209
Shane Tait Australia	68-67-74 — 209
Tiger Woods United States	68-70-72 — 210
Larry Mize United States	68-70-72 — 210
Peter Senior Australia	69-68-74 — 211
Shigenori Mori Japan	71-71-70 — 212
Doug Dunakey US	68-72-72 — 212
Greg Chalmers Australia	72-69-71 — 212
Brett Partridge Australia	70-71-71 — 212
Rick Gibson Canada	67-68-77 — 212
Also	
Craig Parry Australia	73-70-70 — 213
Raymond Russell Scotland	72-72-70 — 214
J.J. West United States	71-73-72 — 216
Ben Jackson England	73-69-75 — 217
Jay Townsend US	73-70-75 — 218

Gargoyles 300

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Top 20 Results Saturday from the Gargoyles 300 NASCAR Busch Grand National stock car race at Daytona International Speedway:

1. (14) 74, Randy LaJoie, Norwalk, Conn., Chevrolet, 120, $76,284.
2. (24) 36, Todd Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Pontiac, 120, $50,109.
3. (18) 21, Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 120, $34,500.
4. (3) 87, Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 120, $26,825.
5. (7) 63, Tracy Leslie, Mount Clemens, Mich., Pontiac, 120, $24,725.
6. (30) 45, Greg Sacks, Mattituck, N.Y., Chevrolet, 120, $23,309.
7. (20) 3, Steve Park, Northport, N.Y., Chevrolet, 120, $19,600.
8. (44) 37, Mark Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 120, $17,850.
9. (26) 4, Jeff Purvis, Clarksville, Tenn., Chevrolet, 120, $24,359.
10. (21) 10, Phil Parsons, Detroit, Chevrolet, 120, $21,509.
11. (8) 43, Rodney Combs, Lost Creek, W.Va., Chevrolet, 120, $18,150.
12. (5) 00, Buckshot Jones, Monticello, Ga., Pontiac, 120, $19,800.
13. (34) 96, Stevie Reeves, Indianapolis, Ford, 120, $15,025.
14. (6) 8, Jeff Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 120, $17,884.
15. (1) 29, Elliott Sadler, Emporia, Va., Chevrolet, 120, $18,209.
16. (4) 38, Elton Sawyer, Chesapeake, Va., Ford, 119, $14,525.
17. (19) 1, Hermie Sadler, Emporia



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Texas Rangers first baseman Will Clark laughs as he goes through drills at the team's spring training facility in Port Charlotte, Fla., Saturday.

Phillies' Daulton trying comeback

By John F. Bonfatti
AP Sports Writer

CLEARWATER, Fla. — One day after the Philadelphia Phillies said Darren Daulton would try to make the team as a catcher, Daulton said he'd changed his mind and was switching to first base.

"After I went home and slept on it, I thought this is the best thing to prolong my career," Daulton said Saturday as he sat beside manager Terry Francona and general manager Lee Thomas at the team's Jack Russell Stadium headquarters.

"I think it's best for everybody if I try to become a first baseman," said Daulton, who said he's only played two games at first in his 17-year pro career. "I think I can do that and be successful at it."

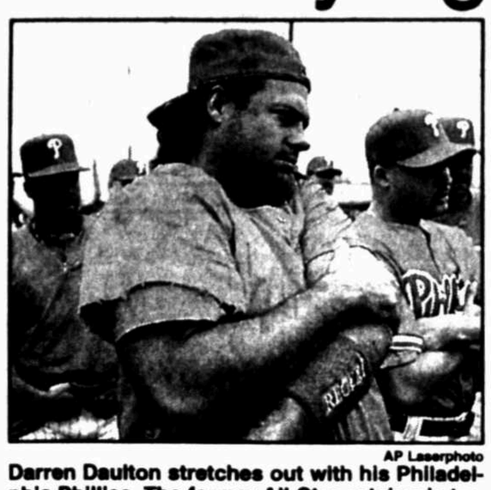
It was an about-face from Friday. After the three met for about 25 minutes, Francona and Thomas said all had agreed Daulton would start spring training as a catcher.

Daulton, trying desperately to stay with the team after nine knee operations, declined to speak with reporters after the meeting Friday, saying he was late for a lunch appointment.

His refusal to talk about returning to catching — a position he said last year that his knees were too fragile to endure — prompted speculation that Daulton wasn't all that sure exactly what he wanted to do.

"If I try to catch, it's something I don't believe I can do on a daily basis," Daulton said. "I caught down here every day for two weeks and there was a reason why I stopped catching. It's just hard to rebound."

Daulton, 35, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while rounding second base against Los Angeles on Aug. 25, 1995.



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Darren Daulton stretches out with his Philadelphia Phillies. The former All-Star catcher is trying to return at first base after his bad knees forced him to miss most of last season.

Previous operations on his left knee had weakened it to the point where Daulton relied almost exclusively on the right one. When the right one was injured, it limited his ability to run, squat and use his legs to drive the ball.

He attempted to come back last year as an outfielder, but that experiment lasted only five games into the season, when Daulton said his knees weren't allowing him to run and hit up to his standards.

Daulton didn't retire then, saying he wanted one more chance at rehabilitating his knees. He insisted Saturday that while his knees won't allow him to be a fulltime catcher, they are sound enough to let him play first.

"I feel pretty good right now, real good. I feel as good as I have in any camp," he said.

Daulton's change of heart caught Francona off guard. Earlier in the morning, the Phillies' new manager spent several minutes talking about Daulton's comeback as a catcher.

"What we were trying to do is see Darren catch to see if he could do that," Francona said. "Well, that process just got moved up a little bit."

The problem with Daulton moving to first is that the Phillies traded pitchers Toby Borland and Ricardo Jordan to the New York Mets for promising first baseman Rico Brogna.

"I think healthy competition is great for both of us and the team and that's the way I have to approach it," Brogna said. "I respect everything he has done to get ready. It's good leadership, really. It's inspiring to me."

Daulton, who has one year left on a contract that will pay him $5 million this season, insisted he won't stay with the Phillies if he can't play regularly.

"I'm confident that if I'm healthy enough to play on an everyday basis, then I'll play," he said. "The bottom line is I feel I can be productive and that's why I'm doing it."

Daulton has hit .243 with 123 homers and 525 RBIs over his 12-year major-league career.

Notes: Steady rain put a damper on the first day of spring training for pitchers and catchers. Workouts at the team's Carpenter Complex were moved under cover. ... Even though they're not due in until Thursday, a number of

Rodriguez seeks $38.75 million deal

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez is asking the Texas Rangers for a $38.75 million, five-year contract with options that could make the deal worth $85 million over 10 years.

"It's difficult for me to imagine that we would do an $85 million deal," Rangers president Tom Schieffer said. "But I want to be sure I understand it."

Rodriguez avoided arbitration by agreeing Jan. 19 to a $6.65 million, one-year contract. He'll be eligible for free agency after this season.

Both sides had talked about getting a longterm deal done before this season. Rodriguez had set Saturday — the first scheduled workout of spring training — as a deadline.

"I don't want to say anything," he said Friday. "I just want to see what happens. I want to go out, play my game and do my job in spring training, which is to get ready for the season."

General manager Doug Melvin wants to keep talks going through Feb. 28, the opening of the exhibition season.

"I get the impression that they want to test the free-agent market," Melvin said.

Agent Jeff Moorad said he doesn't expect any serious offers from Texas.

"At this point, I think we've made every attempt to put a deal together," he said. "Obviously, Pudge and I would very much like it to fit the Rangers' plans. But if it doesn't we will most likely pick up our discussions after the season."

Rodriguez may be better off waiting. Mike Piazza already has raised the bar by getting a $15 million, two-year deal from Los Angeles last month. That contract also keeps him off the market next season, making Rodriguez the best catcher available, possibly triggering bidding wars for him.

Rodriguez, 25, won his fifth straight Gold Glove last season. He also hit .300 with career-bests of 86 RBIs and 19 homers.

Braves open spring training in rain

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Rain forced the NL champion Atlanta Braves to move indoors Saturday for the first workout of their final spring training in south Florida.

While some pitchers and catchers were able to warm up and run in the right field area of West Palm Beach Municipal Stadium between the frequent showers, most of the work was done indoors at the Tommie Aaron Training Center.

"We didn't miss a beat," manager Bobby Cox said. "We'd rather be on grass, but there are six mounds indoors so we got in a good workout."

More than 30 players were in uniform, including 18 pitchers and two catchers who are on the 40-man roster and seven pitchers and five catchers who are non-roster invitees.

The only conspicuous absence was Greg Maddux, the four-time NL Cy Young Award winner. He was still in Las Vegas with his wife, Kathy, who is awaiting the birth of their second child.

The rest of the team will be in camp for the first full-squad workout on Thursday.

"Everyone is healthy so far," trainer Dave Pursley said. "The first day, everyone's a pennant winner."

Unlike past years, when the roster was basically set and there were few question marks, the Braves have major areas of concern in the outfield, bench and relief pitching.

"We just have to find the right reserve infielder and answer some questions about our middle relief — who will fill those roles," general manager John Schuerholz said. "We'll focus on that and who will be the new guys on the team — pinch runners, pinch-hitters and utility infielders."

Also, Schuerholz has to address a glut in the outfield, where the return of David Justice leaves the Braves with five potential stars.

"I'd much rather be focusing on those issues rather than focusing on who will be our fourth starter, our third starter," Schuerholz said.

DeShields is only significant new Card

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After winning the NL Central in Tony La Russa's first season as manager, the St. Louis Cardinals decided not to make major changes.

Manager Tony La Russa hopes signing a new second baseman, retaining key veterans will be enough for the Cardinals, who took a 3-1 lead against Atlanta in the playoffs only to get outscored 32-1 in the final three games.

"I was listening to a call-in show and somebody was saying, 'Well, you guys didn't do much,'" La Russa said. "Well, wait a minute, we kept the club together. One of the biggest complaints fans make is that their team gets disrupted all the time."

Pitchers and catchers reported to St. Petersburg, Fla., on Saturday. The team's only significant addition will be second baseman Delino DeShields, who signed a $1.9 million, one-year deal after a couple of mediocre seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Last year, DeShields hit .224 and struck out 124 times, but had 48 steals.

"When you steal 48 bases and hit .220, do you know how talented you have to be to do that?" La Russa said. "Imagine if we can get him on base twice as much. The sky is the limit with this young man."

Catcher Tom Pagnozzi signed a two-year deal during the offseason, third baseman Gary Gaetti and outfielder Willie McGee signed for one year and the Cardinals exercised options on relievers Dennis Eckersley and Rick Honeycutt.

Last year, the Cardinals added Ron Gant, Andy Benes, Todd Stottlemyre, Gaetti and McGee, and improved from 62 victories to 88.

The biggest question mark is center fielder Ray Lankford, who had offseason surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff that hindered his play in the playoffs. Lankford is not expected back until May, and the best-guess fill-in scenario is that John Mabry will move from first base to the outfield and rookie Dmitri Young will play first.

Steinbrenner suggests that Expos move

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Now that he's paying more money in revenue sharing, George Steinbrenner says the Montreal Expos may have to move.

"I'm very strong for the Montreal organization," the New York Yankees owner said Saturday. "They've done one of the best jobs I've ever seen. But, if the fans don't get out and support the team, I'm for taking them out of there. Move them to someplace where they can be supported so the rest of baseball doesn't have to carry that load."

Steinbrenner wouldn't guarantee a second consecutive World Series title, but predicted his team will be a serious contender.

"I think we're going to be right there," he said. "The way the ball bounces has a lot of affect on what happens."

Steinbrenner said the Yankees will face a stiff challenge in the AL East, the division he calls baseball's toughest.

"Toronto has gotten better, but Baltimore is still awesome," Steinbrenner said. "Boston always gives us trouble. I don't see any easy spots."

Steinbrenner said talks will begin immediately with Bernie Williams on a longterm contract. The outfielder agreed Wednesday to a $5.25 million, one-year deal.

Steinbrenner also plans to talk with Cecil Fielder, who could become a free agent March 15 if he's willing to give up $7.2 million, his salary in the final season of his contract.

"I can't say what he and his agent will do," Steinbrenner said. "We would like to have him, but if he decided to leave us, he has that right."

It rained Saturday, just like it did during the first workout last year.

Clemens arrives at Blue Jays' camp

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — For the first time in his 13-year career in the majors, Roger Clemens unpacked his bags in a clubhouse other than Boston's.

"The excitement really hit me, I think, once I got out of the airport, in the car and started driving up," Clemens said Saturday after he arrived at the Toronto Blue Jays' spring training complex. "That's when I told Deb (his wife) you knew you were embarking on something new and exciting."

Some of his teammates have two World Series rings, from Toronto's victories in 1992 and 1993.

"Its coming together real nice," Clemens said. "There are enough guys around here with two rings on their fingers, I hope there are hungry for one more."

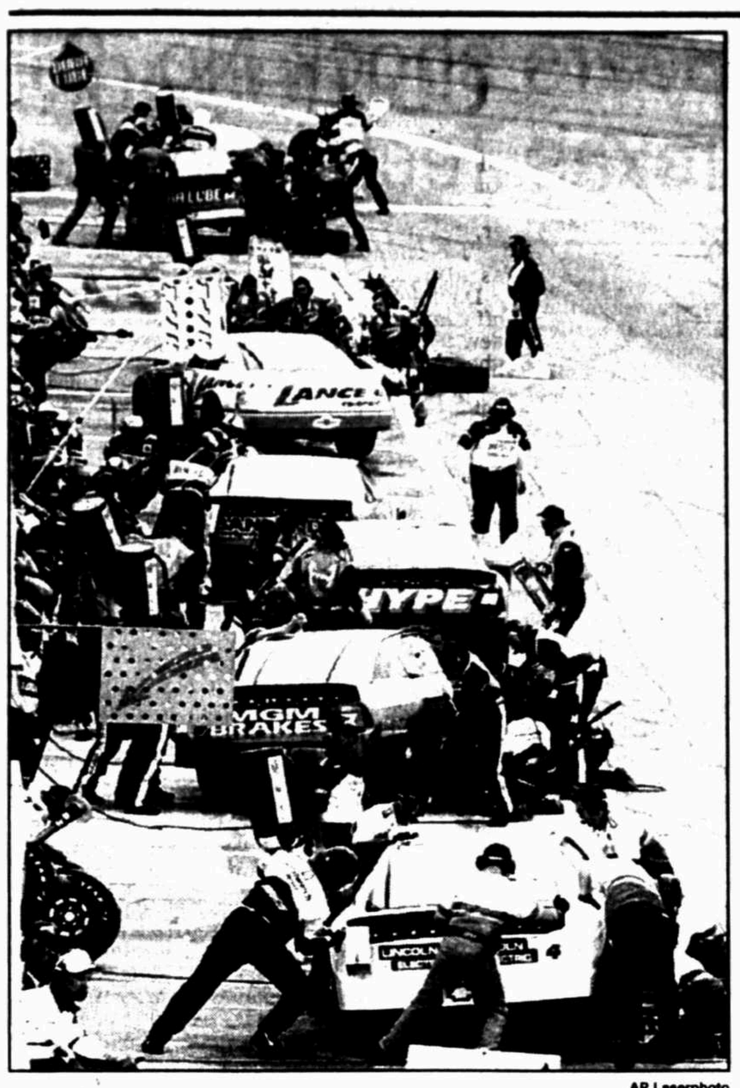
The three-time AL Cy Young Award winner thinks Toronto's fans already have warmed to him.

"I was out playing in a golf tournament a few weeks ago, and there must have been 50 Canadians at every tee," he said. "They cheered my shots on and were glad that I was coming up to play."

Clemens said he doesn't envision taking away the opening day start away from Pat Hentgen, the AL Cy Young Award winner.

"He deserves opening day, and I am going to watch and chase, and try and do what I did in '86 and '87," Clemens said.





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A stream of racers jams into the pits for tires and fuel during the running of the Gargoyles 300 auto race Saturday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Trickle tries to keep mind off shooting

■ Driver starts in 27th position at Daytona 500 after his nephew was shot in head in Las Vegas.

By Charlie Nobles
N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Starting in post position No. 27 in Sunday's Daytona 500 is Dick Trickle, a man trying hard not to let his thoughts drift several thousand miles away.

Trickle's nephew, the 24-year-old race driver Chris Trickle, was shot in the head last Sunday night in Las Vegas, Nev., as he drove on an overpass above Interstate 15, just south of the Las Vegas strip.

Chris Trickle, who remains in critical condition, has had two operations so far. After the first, doctors raised his chances of living from 10 percent to 50 percent, though some bullet fragments remained. After the second — when the final bullet fragments reportedly were removed — he showed his first signs of movement.

Police are still looking for the person who fired the shot.

"Chris is family," Dick Trickle said Friday above the roar of engines in the Daytona International Speedway garage area. "My heart is with him and with my brother Chuck and his wife Barbara."

Trickle, his wife, Darlene, and his daughter Vicky, who is her dad's personal manager, get daily updates on Chris Trickle's condition while trying to deal with Daytona's immense demands.

"First you're shocked and sad," Vicky said. "Then it makes you mad. You wonder why. It's scary. You do what you can as a parent to raise your kids right and to protect them. Then something like this happens."

Tim Sullivan, a publicist for Heilig-Meyers Racing, estimated that between Busch and Winston Cup racing and test-driving for the International Race of Champions, Dick Trickle will log some 1,600 laps of Daytona International Speedway in February — more than any other driver.

"I'm super active right now — I'm doing triple duty — and maybe that's a blessing," Trickle said softly. "It doesn't sink in so much."

That does not mean there is not time for Trickle to think about his nephew's plight.

"It was such a shock," he said. "He's a mild-mannered kid, a home-boy type. Not the kind of kid that's looking to party every night. There's just no reason for this."

Occasionally Chuck and Chris Trickle would solicit Dick's advice about a driving technique, or in selecting an engine.

"We've discussed some things, but you've got to do most of it on your own if you're going to make it work," Trickle said. "The way I see it, you've got to stumble once in a while before you walk, or you'll never get there. I think they understood that."

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> — Vicky Trickle, daughter of driver Dick Trickle.

But now Chris Trickle's career on the Southwest Tour, a division of Nascar, is on indefinite hold, his life still very much in jeopardy.

Dick Trickle agonizes, yet he realizes there is no room for even a slight distraction when one is guiding a race car at more than 180 miles per hour. Like he will be on Sunday at 12:15 p.m., Daytona 500 time.

"I think we'll be ready," he said without hesitation. His crew changed engines in his Ford after a so-so 14th-place qualifying run in Thursday's first 125-mile race and was fairly beaming about his test runs Friday.

Still, if Trickle is to be a factor Sunday, he must overcome one of the most talented Daytona fields in history in an era when limits on engine capacity have tightened the competition.

"If you look at practice times," said Dale Earnhardt, who has won seven Winston Cup titles but is 0 for 18 in Daytona 500s, "there are probably about 35 cars within a second of each other. I think last year it was wider. It's just closing up the gap between all of these cars."

Earnhardt is relying on a new crew chief, Larry McReynolds, to help him break his Daytona 500 victory jinx.

"He's given me a new lease on my racing life," the 45-year-old Earnhardt said. "I've developed a great deal of trust in him in a short amount of time. He's a leader who's an innovator and really on top of everything."

LaJoie captures Gargoyles 300

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Randy LaJoie, the defending Busch Grand National Series champion, began the new season with a victory in the Gargoyles 300 at Daytona International Speedway Saturday.

LaJoie, who won the first five races of his BGN career last year, passed Dick Trickle to take the lead on lap 95 of the 120-lap event. He then held off Todd Bodine over the final 25 laps to win by .163-seconds — about three car-lengths.

The winner ran the final 10 laps on the 2 1/2-mile, high-banked oval not knowing whether he had enough gas in the tank of his Chevrolet Monte Carlo to finish the 300-mile race.

"They (his crew) told me to be careful, but I didn't quite know how I was going to take my foot out of the carburetor with Todd behind me," LaJoie said. "I knew he wasn't going to take his foot out of it."

The victory earned LaJoie $76,284, a record for the Busch race. He averaged 149.688 mph in joining 1995 winner Chad Little as the only Busch Series regulars to win this event, which has been dominated in its 16 years by drivers from NASCAR's Winston Cup series.

"It's a heck of a start," LaJoie said. "I've always wanted to win at Daytona ..."

Michael Waltrip, the top-finishing Winston Cup regular, was third, followed by Joe Nemechek, Tracy Leslie, Greg Sacks and rookie Steve Park.

Seven drivers led, topped by LaJoie, who was in front twice for a total of 56 laps.

The first 66 laps of the race were punctuated by four multi-car accidents, three of which occurred on the track's 2,000-foot long backstretch. In all, 24 cars were involved, including pole-winner and early leader Elliott Sadler, as well as Winston Cup stars Dale Jarrett, one of the favorites in Sunday's Daytona 500, and Jimmy Spencer.

No injuries were reported and the final 54 laps were run under the green flag.

Earnhardt hopes new crew chief makes difference in Daytona 500

By Doug Ferguson
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Can a new crew chief be the difference for Dale Earnhardt in the Daytona 500?

He'll find out Sunday with Larry McReynolds, who had never worked with a Chevrolet until joining Earnhardt's team in December.

Earnhardt has had high praise for McReynolds all week, claiming the crew chief has given him a new lease on racing.

"The first time I sat down in the car and we were talking on the radio, it just clicked," Earnhardt said. "It's going to be good. It's going to be real good."

McReynolds became a crew chief in 1986 with Joe Ruttman, and got his first victory two years later with Ricky Rudd. His best years came in 1991 and 1992, when he won five races each season with Davey Allison. He had been with Ernie Irvan since 1993.

"I think we're awfully good," McReynolds said. "We're just trying to stay focused and take care of the things we can control, making sure nothing falls off and making sure we get the car driving as good as we can — and not worry about flat tires on the last lap."

Of all Earnhardt's frustrations in the Daytona 500, none was as agonizing as 1990. Leading on the last lap, he hit a piece of debris on the track and blew a tire.

"Is Dale going to choose the right group to go with? That's the stuff that's out of our hands," McReynolds said.



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WALTRIP ON THE REBOUND: Darrell Waltrip always figured it would be time to quit driving the Winston Cup series if he ever had the kind of season he had last year.

Waltrip, tied with Bobby Allison with 84 career victories, is winless since 1992 and did not have a top-five finish last year.

"All of a sudden you have a year like that and you realize, 'I can't quit,' because I can't quit looking like I looked," he said. "We'll turn it around. I'll be able to hold my head up and walk out of here with a little pride."

Waltrip, driving a chrome-colored Chevrolet to commemorate his 25th season, finished 10th in his Twin-125 qualifying race and will occupy the 22nd starting position Sunday in the 500.

Still, he is sounding like this might be his last full year. He spent Saturday in the television booth as an analyst for CBS' coverage of the Busch Series event.

"I'll probably do a lot of racing and limited TV this year, and probably a lot of TV and a limited amount of racing next year," Waltrip said. "It's a good thing for me. I have first-hand information, and that gives me a little insight a lot of other regular announcers wouldn't have."

MARCIS ON A HIGH: Dave Marcis, driving in his 30th consecutive Daytona 500, had one of his biggest thrills this week above the speedway.

Marcis and his wife, Helen, got a ride on the Goodyear blimp on Valentine's Day.

"I've always wanted to go up," Marcis said. "I asked a whole lot of people, and they all said, 'Oh, man, that's really tough.'"

A public relations agency for Goodyear arranged the ride for Marcis, who frequently tests race tires for Goodyear. Before boarding Stars & Stripes, Marcis and Goodyear presented his wife with a dozen red roses.

During the 30-minute ride over New Smyrna Beach, Marcis briefly took over the controls from 23-year veteran pilot Richard Daniels.

"I'm going to have to tell Earnhardt he's going to have to run 30 consecutive Daytona 500s before he gets to ride in the blimp," Marcis said.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Jim Foster, who served two terms as president of Daytona International Speedway, was honored Saturday with Richard Petty/STP Achievement Award for contributions to the Daytona 500.

Foster left a career in journalism in 1968 when he became an assistant to NASCAR founder Bill France.

Among Foster's achievements was helping to negotiate coverage of the 1979 Daytona 500 on CBS Sports, the first live flag-to-flag coverage of American auto race. Now, every Winston Cup event is televised live.

As vice president of NASCAR in the 1980s, Foster shaped its current marketing strategies of enlisting corporate sponsorship.

Foster, 68, remains on the board of the International Speedway Corporation.

BUSCH BITS: For the first time since the Daytona 300 began in 1959, the field did not include a former champion in the Busch Grand National series. ... Dale Jarrett, a two-time 500 winner and one of the favorites this year, finished last in the Busch series race Saturday, courtesy of an accident on the 11th lap.

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No. 12 Gamecocks kill Cincy with treys

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — No. 12 South Carolina found its touch and its place in the school record book.

The Gamecocks made a school-record 15 3-pointers Saturday, four of them in a late 16-5 spurt that set up a 97-83 victory over No. 8 Cincinnati.

There was nothing mysterious about why South Carolina (18-6) ran up a school record — Cincinnati's man-to-man defense got caught up in screens, leaving uncontested shots from behind the arc.

It was stunning to everyone that so many of them fell. The Gamecocks hit 15-of-24 from behind the arc, with their three starting guards accounting for 74 points.

"Even I was surprised," said Melvin Watson, who scored 17. "They were wide-open shots. Our guards came up big tonight. You can't ask for any more."

Cincinnati (19-5) fell to 1-3 against nationally ranked opponents and had its main weakness exposed again. The Bearcats' guards are erratic scorers and undependable defenders when they can't trap and press.

"We didn't do the job (defensively) that we wanted to," coach Bob Huggins said. "They made the shots. We couldn't go 15-for-24 on 3s if they stayed home."

"They're hard to defend," said Ruben Patterson, who scored 19. "They have some good guards and their guards killed us."

No. 1 Kansas 114, No. 15 Colorado 74

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Raef LaFrentz scored 23 points with a variety of dunks and turnaround jump shots as No. 1 Kansas overwhelmed No. 15 Colorado in what may have been the Jayhawks' best game of the season.

Kansas (25-1, 11-1 Big 12) came out inspired at the start and led by 19 in the first half. The Jayhawks beat Colorado (17-7, 8-4) for the 16th straight time and won their 42nd in a row in Allen Fieldhouse.

Kansas won its 25th game for the eighth time in nine seasons under coach Roy Williams. The Jayhawks' next game is Monday night at home against Missouri, which handed Kansas its only loss of the season in double overtime.

LaFrentz has scored more than 20 points in all seven games since center Scot Pollard was sidelined because of a stress fracture in his left foot. It was the fifth double-double for the 6-foot-11 junior in the absence of Pollard, who may be ready to play again in a week.

No. 3 Minnesota 68, Iowa 66

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Eric Harris scored 14 points and Bobby Jackson and Sam Jacobson had 13 each as No. 3 Minnesota won its seventh straight over Iowa.

Charles Thomas came off the bench to add 10 points for the The Golden Gophers (22-2, 11-1 Big Ten), whose sticky defense forced 21 turnovers and came up with 12 steals.

Iowa (16-8, 7-5), which needed a win to stay within three games of first-place Minnesota in the Big Ten, has lost three straight and five of seven.

No. 4 Kentucky 85, Florida 56

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Cameron Mills hit a 3-pointer to trigger a 17-0 run that carried No. 4 Kentucky to a victory over mistake-prone Florida.

Kentucky (24-3, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) scored 31 points off Florida's season-high 30 turnovers as the Gators equaled their lowest point total of the season.

Florida (12-13, 4-8), ranked eighth in the nation in making 8.8 shots from beyond the 3-point line, made just 3-of-11. The Gators average 23 attempts a game.

No. 6 Duke 89, Florida St 79

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Trajan Langdon had 24 points and five Duke teammates also scored in double figures as the sixth-ranked Blue Devils took an victory over Florida State.

Duke (21-5, 10-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) played without 6-foot-10 senior center Greg Newton for the second straight game. Newton, who is idled with a lower back strain, had 21 points and 13 rebounds in Duke's 72-66 overtime victory over Florida State (13-9, 4-9 ACC) earlier in the season.

Langdon hit 4-of-8 3-pointers Saturday, including three straight in the first half. The victory kept Duke one game back of conference leader Wake Forest in the loss column.

No. 7 Clemson 71, Virginia 65

CLEMSON, S.C. — Normally, you lose your star, you lose the game. Except at Clemson, where almost everyone has been a star.

So with Greg Buckner bloodied and out for repairs, No. 7 Clemson found some new heroes, worked back from a five-point deficit and went on to a 71-65 victory Saturday over Virginia, ensuring its first 20-win season in seven years.

"We didn't panic," said Tom Wideman, who had a season-high 12 points for the Tigers (20-5, 8-4 ACC). "We have guys who have been around for a couple of years now who are capable of stepping up."

■ Top 25 Roundup

No. 9 Iowa State 62, Kansas State 58

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kenny Pratt scored eight points in the final 1:48 and No. 9 Iowa State, trailing almost all day, rallied for a victory over Kansas State.

The Cyclones (18-4 overall, 9-3 Big 12), wiped out a 5-point Kansas State lead on two quick possessions. Dedric Willoughby drilled a 3-pointer and Pratt, after a block by big 12 block leader Kelvin Cato, drove in for a short layup that made it 55-55 with 1:48 left.

Massachusetts 78, No. 10 Maryland 61

WORCESTER, Mass. — Lari Ketner had a career-high 19 points and 12 rebounds as Massachusetts won for the 10th time in 11 games, beating 10th-ranked but free-falling Maryland.

Charlton Clarke scored 22 points and Carmelo Travieso added 16 for the Minutemen (16-10), who are on the verge of an NCAA tournament berth despite losing star Marcus Camby, coach John Calipari and six of their first 15 games.

No. 11 Arizona 101, Southern California 77

TUCSON, Ariz. — Michael Dickerson scored 23 points and heralded freshman point guard Mike Bibby had 17 as No. 11 Arizona routed Southern California, snapping the Trojans' five-game winning streak.

The Wildcats (16-6, 8-4 Pac-10) also got 17 points from Jason Terry and 14 from Miles Simon to avenge an earlier 75-62 loss to the Trojans (14-8, 9-4) and knock them out of a first-place tie with UCLA for the conference lead.

Stais Boseman scored 24 points, hitting 4-of-7 3-pointers, for the Trojans. Elias Ayuso added 11 and Gary Williams 10.

The Wildcats, who shot 38 percent against the Trojans in Los Angeles, hit 59 percent in the first half and went up 51-36 on Terry's 3-pointer with six seconds left in the period.

No. 16 North Carolina 72, Georgia Tech 68

ATLANTA — No. 16 North Carolina, led by Antawn Jamison and Shammond Williams, rallied from a 16-point deficit in the final 9:14 Saturday to pull out its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets (9-13, 3-9) had their biggest lead of the game when Jon Babul converted one free throw to make it 57-41. But North Carolina (17-6, 7-5) outscored Tech 31-11 the rest of the way escape with an improbable triumph.

No. 19 Xavier, Ohio 87, George Washington 76

CINCINNATI — Lenny Brown and James Posey combined to score 12 points during a 17-4 second-half run, and No. 19 Xavier beat George Washington.

George Washington (11-10, 5-6 Atlantic 10) led 61-60 with 9:15 left before T.J. Johnson, who led Xavier (18-4, 9-3) with a season-high 20 points, tied the score with a free throw. Posey scored off a missed shot to give Xavier the lead for good. Brown scored four consecutive points and Posey capped the run with a dunk.

No. 20 Illinois 79, Michigan St. 68

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Chris Gandy scored 16 points and had nine rebounds as No. 20 Illinois beat Michigan State.

Illinois (18-7, 8-5 Big Ten) forced 21 turnovers and shot 52 percent from the floor to beat the Spartans for the second time this season.

Michigan State (12-9, 5-7) within 73-66 with 2:43 left on Jon Garavaglia's 3-pointer. But the Spartans could manage only one more basket, and Illinois hit four free throws to seal the win.

The Illini's Matt Heldman and Jarrod Gee scuffled with the Spartans' Ray Weathers and Steve Polonowski on the right sideline with 18:24 left. Gandy pulled an enraged Heldman away in a headlock, but not before Gee was called for a technical foul.

No. 24 UCLA 92, Arizona St. 81

TEMPE, Ariz. — Toby Bailey scored 20 points and No. 24 UCLA beat Arizona State, the Bruins' 17th straight win over the Sun Devils.

Cameron Dollar and J.R. Henderson each scored 19 points and Charles O'Bannon had 13 for UCLA (15-7, 10-3 Pac-10), which won its third in a row overall.

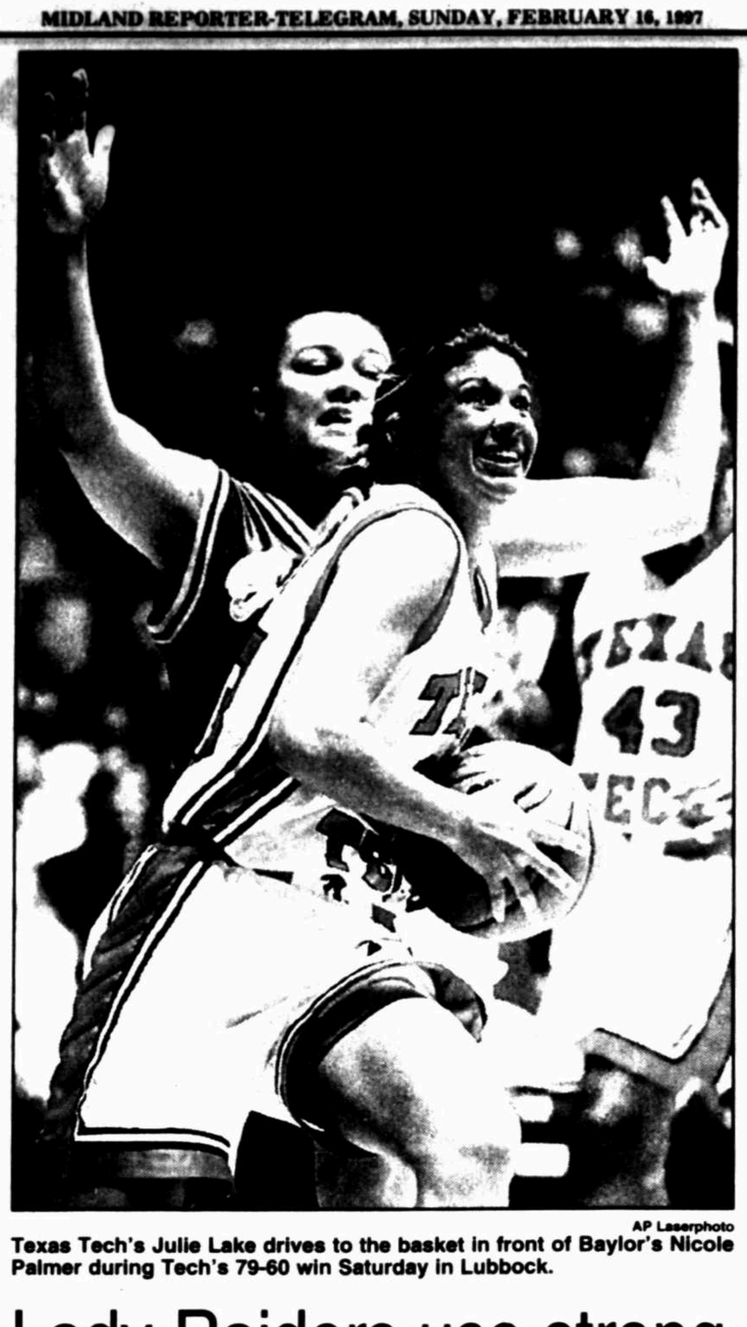
Eddie House scored 24 points for Arizona State (10-14, 2-9), which lost its fifth straight. Jeremy Veal scored 18 and Mike Batiste added 15.

No. 25 College of Charleston 64, Florida Atlantic 60

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Rodney Conner scored 22 points and No. 25 College of Charleston extended the nation's longest winning streak in Division I-A to 17 games, defeating Florida Atlantic.

Thaddeous Delaney added 16 points, including a fadeaway jumper with 2:05 left to play that broke a 60-60 tie.

The Cougars (23-2, 14-0 Trans-America Conference) trailed 32-28 at halftime. Charleston used a 14-1 run early in the second half to overtake the Owls (13-11, 9-5).



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Texas Tech's Julie Lake drives to the basket in front of Baylor's Nicole Palmer during Tech's 79-60 win Saturday in Lubbock.

Lady Raiders use strong beginning to beat Baylor

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — It didn't take long for No. 16 Texas Tech to give Baylor coach Sonja Hogg that sinking feeling.

But despite a disastrous first half for Baylor, Texas Tech had to work for a 79-60 victory in a Big 12 Conference matchup at home on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Raiders put Baylor in the hole from the opening tip, reeling off a 16-2 scoring spree before the Lady Bears could bring the situation under control.

"We dug ourselves into a hole in the first half and we can't do that against a good team and win," Hogg said.

But despite trailing 43-26 at halftime, Baylor launched a rally that had the Lady Bears snapping at the heels of Texas Tech (16-6, 8-4 Big 12) for much of the second half.

A 12-2 run to open the second half, keyed by Nicole Palmer's two 3-point field goals, brought Baylor (8-14, 2-10) within hailing distance of the Lady Raiders. Tasia Wright's field goal capped the run, trimming the Baylor deficit to 45-38 with 16:18 left to play.

■ Texas Women

Texas A&M 94, Oklahoma State 84, OT

STILLWATER, Okla. — Melissa Rollerson scored 30 points as Texas A&M defeated Oklahoma State in an overtime game that saw eight players foul out.

Texas A&M (9-14, 3-10) outscored Oklahoma State 19-9 in the overtime as three OSU players left with five fouls.

The Cowgirls had already lost two players to fouls while Texas A&M lost one in regulation and two in the overtime.

No. 19 Stephen F. Austin 86, Texas-Arlington 68

NACOGDOCHES — Christie Smith scored 26 points as No. 19 Stephen F. Austin rolled.

Texas-Arlington was without head coach Mike Dean, who was serving a one-game suspension because of an argument with a referee Thursday at Sam Houston.

Bears shock No. 21 Texas Tech in Waco

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — The Baylor Bears proved again Saturday that road games in the Big 12 conference can be perilous for nationally ranked visitors.

Doug Brandt hit a tying 3-pointer with four seconds left in regulation, then made four vital free throws in overtime Saturday as Baylor beat No. 21 Texas Tech 77-76.

"We just didn't do the things you have to do to win on the road," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said. "This was very disappointing. We're trying to make the NCAA tournament and a game like this really hurts."

Patrick Hunter, who scored a career-high 26 points for Baylor, had two baskets in overtime Brandt made his four foul shots in the final 1:38.

The Bears (16-9, 4-8 Big 12) led 52-37 with 13:14 left. But Tony Battie, who had 28 points and 10 rebounds, helped rally Texas Tech (15-6, 7-5).

Cory Carr added 22 points, but the Red Raiders could not overcome 22 turnovers against Baylor's man-for-man defense.

"Baylor played just outstanding defense," Dickey said. "I was very impressed."

Baylor coach Harry Miller said he hoped the win might mean something when postseason bids come out. The Bears also upset a ranked Texas team at the Ferrell Center.

"This was a big win and it doesn't get much bigger than that 3-point shot Doug hit," Miller said. "He's a senior and been through a lot of adversity. It was only appropriate he hit that shot and make the free throws in overtime."

Brandt said the play to end regulation was designed for him and added "I knew I would be open and I knew I'd hit the shot."

Hunter said he had one of those days "where it seemed like everything I shot went in the basket."

Carr said, "It's a tough loss but you have to give Baylor credit for making the big plays. Hunter was really something and Brandt hit the big shot."

After Stan Bonewitz hit a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left to close Tech to 76-74, Brandt made a free throw with 18.9 seconds left.

Bonewitz came back with a basket with 1.7 seconds left, but Baylor ran out the clock out.

Brandt's 3-pointer tied it at 69 late in regulation.

Tech rallied to take the lead at 65-64 with 3:44 to go on two free throws by Rayford Young. Brian Skinner, who had 15 points, had a basket for Baylor.

Young added two more free throws, giving Tech a 67-66 lead. Bonewitz nade two free thows with 12 seconds to go before Brandt hit his tying shot.

The Red Raiders fell behind by 15 points on Hunter's shooting before making a late run at the Bears.

Brandt had 14 points for the Bears. Bonewitz had 15 for Tech.

■ Texas Men

Baylor, which lost to the Red Raiders 86-75 in Lubbock on Jan. 4, took a 34-28 halftime lead even though top scorer and rebounder Skinner spent the last 9:35 on the bench because of foul trouble.

Oklahoma State 62, Texas A&M 60

COLLEGE STATION — Adrian Peterson's 3-pointer with 1:06 to play wiped out Texas A&M's late comeback, sending Oklahoma State to a victory.

Dario Quesada missed two 3-pointers in the last minute, preserving the victory for the Cowboys (13-11, 5-7 Big 12).

The Aggies (8-14, 2-10) had used a 14-2 run to turn a 57-46 deficit into a 60-59 lead with 1:33 to go.

Before that, Oklahoma State had used a 14-2 run of its own to erase a 44-43 A&M advantage.

Brett Robisch led the Cowboys with 14 points. Maurice Robinson and Marlon Dorsey each scored 13 and Peterson had 12. Dorsey hit all three 3-pointers he tried. Peterson made two of three from behind the arc.

Jerald Brown led the Aggies with 19 points. Shanne Jones had 13 and Calvin Davis had 10 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Oklahoma State led by as many as seven in the first half before A&M closed to within 30-29 at halftime.

The Cowboys, who got only four points from their bench, outshot the Aggies 47 percent to 40 percent. A&M won the rebounding war 40-29.

Texas-El Paso 83, Rice 78, OT

EL PASO — Kimani Jones-Young scored 24 points as Texas-El Paso defeated Rice in a Western Athletic Conference game.

UTEP (10-12, 4-9 WAC) led 51-39 with 10:51 to play when the Owls went on a 17-7 run.

J.J. Polk's lay-up and a free-throw with 5:25 left to play pulled the Owls (11-11, 5-7) to 58-56.

UTEP responded with two free throws by Sharif Fajardo and a hook shot a free throw by Jones-Young to pull away to 63-56 with 4:21 left.

The Miners hit 29 of their 37 second-half free-throw attempts, including 22 in a row until Jeff Spillar misfired with 2:03 left and a 74-65 UTEP lead.

Rice was led by Bobby Crawford with 22 points. Shaun Igo scored 17, and Jarvis Kelley Sanni had 15.

No. 17 Louisville 70, Houston 66

HOUSTON — DeJuan Wheat had 22 points and five assists and fueled a second-half rally as No. 17 Louisville snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Houston.

The Cardinals (19-5, 6-3 Conference USA) trailed 30-17 with 7:27 to go in the half but trailed only 38-37 at halftime. Wheat hit a 3-pointer to start the second half and give Louisville a 40-38 lead, its first of the game.

West Texas Sports

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend...

The **Midland High boys and girls soccer booster club** will meet the second Monday of every month in Conference room A at MHS...

Coaches Luncheons for the **Chap Athletic Club** will take place on Feb. 19 and 26. The Luncheons will allow coaches to interact with club members and will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Room in Midland College's Scharbauer Center...

The regular scheduled meeting of the **Midland High Baseball Booster Club** will be Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in meeting room A at Midland High School...

OU Club of Permian Basin has plannned a bus trip to Lubbock on Wednesday, Feb. 19 for the Texas Tech vs. OU basketball game. Cost is $25 per person which includeds a bus to and from Midland and a ticket to the game. For reservations or information call Holland at 688-5521 or Kim Fritschen at 686-0841...

Skiing...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has current plans for trips to Taos, N.M. (Feb. 28-Mar. 2) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15). Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at 550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600...

Basketball...

The March Madness Three-on-Three basketball tournament is scheduled for March 1 at Crane High School. There are two divisions of competition, Division I for players ages19-30 and Division II for ages 31 and up. There is a $45 entry fee for a team of four. Deadline in Feb. 26. For more information, call 558-2621...

The AAU Girls 12-Under tryouts for the **West Texas Stars** will begin March 19 at 5:45 p.m. at Abell Junior High. Girls who are 12 or turned 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible to tryout. Ten Players will be selected. Call Mike Hinsley at 697-3018 for more details...

Tennis...

The **USTA** adult season runs from April 15-June 1. MXD season is from May-July. For more informatiom call Juannell Fort at 686-0277 or Lance Armstrong at 687-4046...

Toby Curtis, a new tennis pro in town, is now teaching tennis at the Midland College Tennis Center offering individual and group lessons for all ages. Call 687-4046 for information...

The **Green Tree Country Club** is conducting tennis clinics from Feb. 25-March 28 during Spring Session I. The clinics are for pee wee, beginner, advanced beginner, advanced intermediate, championship and spring break competitive edge levels of play. There is a limit of 16 students per class. For more information, call Mike or David at 697-7806...

Bicycling...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 697-0248 or Peyton's Bike Store at 699-1718...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, San Angelo, Snyder and Westbrook. Contact Mack Gipson at 520-5861 or Freddie Ezell at 520-6502...

The **Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association** is now recruiting any interested individuals wishing to umpire slow and fastpitch softball this spring and summer. For further information please contact Howard King at 684-7595, Joe Guerra at 686-8445 or Freddie Ezell...

Tryouts for **10-under girls fastpitch ASA traveling team** will be Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. at MUGS Field No. 3. Call Jesse Moreno at 699-6316 for more information...

The inaugural **Midland Softball Sandblaster Tournament** is scheduled for March 15-16. Entry fee is $110. for more information, call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978...

The **Easter Seals Slowpitch Tournament** is scheduled for Feb. 22 at the UTPB Softball Complex. Deadline for entry is Feb. 20 with a $90 fee. Play will be in men's and women's divisions. For more information, call Fred Vestal at 550-2722, Billy Feeler at 550-3708 or Bruce Merritt at 367-2824...

The **Odessa Women's Softball League** will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the U.T.P.B. complex. For more information call Anita Castillo at 366-6971...

Sweetwater's **NCMSA Rattlesnake Classic** softball tournament is March 8-9. Entry fee is $110. Entry deadline is March 4. For information call Danny Escobar at 1-915-235-9202...

The **12th Annual Merchants TPC Spring Classic Mens Softball Tournament** will be held in Andrews on March 14-16. There is a $110 fee and the tournment is limited to the first 16 paid teams. Call Marvin (915-523-3014), Steve (915-5236031) or Mike (915-3535-2212), for more details.

Baseball...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** sign-ups will continue until March 1 at Stadium Sports, across the street from Memorial Stadium, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Sign-ups include T-Ball (ages 5-6), Machine Pitch (8-9), Texas League (9-10), American League (11-12), National League (10-12), Juniors (13), Seniors (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Call Bill Rigney at 687-3133 for information...

The **Little League of Midland Challenger Division**, for children ages 6-18 with mental or physical disabilities, has begun registration. If you are interested in playing, coaching or assisting with the league, please call 697-6536 by Feb. 22 to register. Play begins April 5 at Kelley Field and runs through May 24...

Golf...

Chicano Golf Association will have a benefit golf tournament for Juan Heredia on Feb. 16 at the Hogan Park Golf Course. It will be a four-man scramble with A, B, C & D classes. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and you can pick your own team. For further information call: Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or Coon Moreno at 699-6316...

McCamey Country Club will host a 2-person 18-hole select shot tournament March 15 for $35 per person; a 1-person 18-hole scramble on April 12 at $25; a 4-lady 18-hole select shot tournament on April 19 for $35 per person and lunch included after play; and the Charlie Shepard Memorial 2-man lowball event is May 17-18 for $130 per team. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information...

The **University of Texas Longhorn Golf Tournament** with coaches and U.T. staff representatives such as football coach John Mackovic, basketball coach Tom Penders, women's baksetball coach Jody Conradt and athletic director DeLoss Dodds. It will be held April 15 at Mission Dorado Golf Course. For more information call Dr. Frank Kasman at 520-0220 or 1-800-942-6926...

A benefit golf tournament for the **Odessa College golf program** will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 16 at Odessa's Sunset Country Club. The four-person scramble is $20 (includes) green fee and cart and the deadline is 10 a.m. on Feb. 13...

Swimming...

The Dust Devil Divers are getting together Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the COM Swimming Complex. Divers can come out and try out their equipment as well as meet other divers. The group is planning trips to Scuba Park at Lake Travis, Athens Scuba Park, Blue Hole in Santa Rosa, N.M. and San Carlos, Mexico. For more information, call Briley at 570-8761, Roger at 689-6688 or Mark at 683-9127...

Reid retakes Hawaiian Open lead

Associated Press

■ Golf Roundup

HONOLULU — After three dismal outings this year, Mike Reid was ready to pack up and head home to Utah.

He's glad he didn't.

Reid, a 20-year veteran on the PGA Tour whose last win came in 1988, shot a 6-under-par 66 Saturday for a three-round total of 16-under 200 and a one-stroke lead in the Hawaiian Open.

"I was pretty discouraged after the first three weeks of the tour," Reid said. "I missed two of the cuts by wide margins and barely made it in the third.

"I thought about going home to get ready for Tucson (next week's tour stop), but my family really convinced me I needed to go out and play."

His 54-hole score was one stroke better than Paul Stankowski, who put on the day's biggest charge with a roller-coaster 64.

PGA Tour Player of the Year Tom Lehman again made a back nine charge to finish with a 69 and last year's winner Jim Furyk had a 66 to share 203 with Jay Don Blake (65), Lee Porter (67) and Len Mattiace (69).

Reid nearly dropped off the leader board after bogeying the third and fourth holes. But that was the low point of his day.

"I think the first day was phenomenal (10-under 62) and yesterday (72) maybe I had too many expectations," Reid said.

"Today, I just made up my mind not to get too far ahead. After the fourth hole, I just told myself to hang in there and be patient."

It paid off. Over the last 12 holes, he birdied three par-5s and two par-3s as well as the par-4 14th.

His two-putt birdie on the 551-yard 18th put him in sole possession of the lead.

Until then, it had been Stankowski's show.

He capped his round at the 7,012-yard Waialae Country Club with an eagle on the final hole for a 54-hole total 201.

Stankowski, who started the day tied for 19th, had a card that showed two eagles and eight birdies against four bogeys.

He opened with an eagle and placed an exclamation point on the round by chipping from 60 feet off the green for his second eagle. He also knocked in a 35-footer from the bunker at the sixth for a birdie.

"It was a good day," he said in an understatement.

Playing the par-5s in 6-under enabled Stankowski to move into contention.

"I've never played the par-5s well here," he said. "And, the thing is, they're reachable for me.

Sorenstam leads LA tourney

GLENDALE, Calif. — Neither narrow fairways, tricky greens nor nightfall did much to slow down Annika Sorenstam.

Sorenstam, trying to win her second tournament in as many tries in 1997, shot a 3-under-par 69 Saturday to open a three-stroke lead in the Los Angeles Women's Championship.

Sorenstam managed pars on the final two holes despite the fact that she could barely see. She was at 9-under through two rounds of the three-day tournament at Oakmont Country Club, a 68-year-old course that has given LPGA players trouble in the past.

Ellie Gibson, playing in the final threesome with Sorenstam and Donna Andrews, was second with a 69 that left her three shots off the pace.

"The last two holes were too dark," Sorenstam said, shaking her head. "I wear contacts and it's hard to see in the dark, especially on putts.

"And I couldn't see the flags. Somebody can tell me the distance, but I like to feel it and I couldn't."

She teed off a little before 1 p.m. and didn't finish until some five hours later.

"We should have been done before that," Sorenstam said. "It was really slow out there and I don't know why."

Sorenstam noted that players have the option of requesting a halt if it's too dark to play, with the remaining holes to be made up the next day. But she and the others just wanted to finish the round.

Eastwood handles weather at GTE Classic

LUTZ, Fla. — Wet weather was a nuisance to Bob Eastwood, not a hindrance.

The second-day leader in the Senior GTE Classic put together his best round of the season in the rain Saturday, posting a 65 for a one-shot advantage over Gil Morgan.

"It was tedious, a little extra work," Eastwood said of the conditions that forced him and the other contenders in the $900,000 tournament to pop their umbrellas and slip in and out of rainwear all afternoon.

"It really didn't bother me too much," he added. "You just try to keep as dry as possible and stay focused."

Eastwood's round, featuring seven birdies and one bogey, was his best of the year by far. He finished in a tie for 51st in the Royal Caribbean Classic two weeks ago and tied for 47th in last week's LG Championship — never shooting better than 71.

His 36-hole total of 6-under-par 136 on the 6,638-yard layout at the TPC of Tampa Bay left him one stroke ahead of Morgan, who missed makeable putts that would have given him a share of the lead on the last two holes.

Morgan's 20-footer caught the lip of the cup, then rolled about a foot past on No. 17. His attempt from 18 feet on the last hole never had a chance, and he settled for a 69 and a two-day total of 137.

"I hit a lot of putts that didn't break as much as I thought they would or didn't break at all," Morgan said.



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Mike Reid watches his birdie putt on the 18th green to end his third round with the lead at the Hawaiian Open with a 16-under-par 200.

Woods trails O'Malley in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia — A struggling Tiger Woods still has a shot at winning on a third continent this year, but it's a longshot.

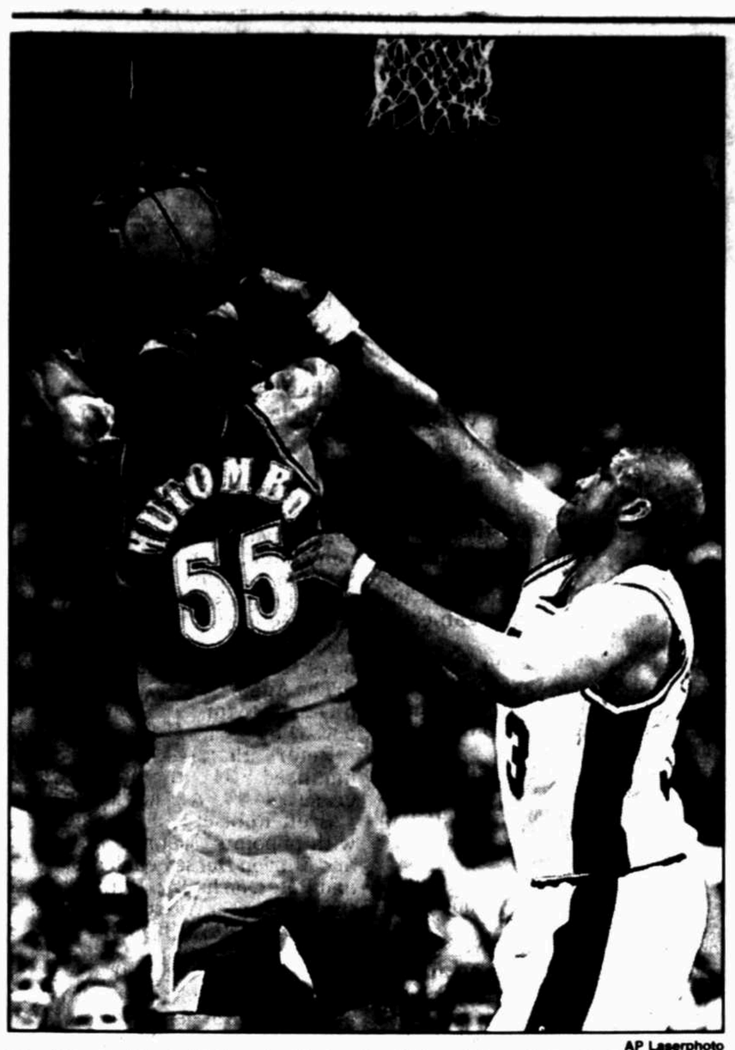
Woods, whose rounds have gotten progressively worse in the Australian Masters, trails Peter O'Malley of Australia by six strokes going into Sunday's final round.

Woods didn't capitalize much on O'Malley's par 73 in the third round over the difficult Huntingdale course. He shot a 72, after rounds of 68 and 70.

That left O'Malley at 15-under 204 and Woods at 210.

Woods bogeyed two of the last three holes after struggling with iron shots into the greens.

Coming off a 10-stroke victory in the Asian Honda Classic in Thailand, Woods is seeking his fifth victory in 14 professional starts.



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The Atlanta Hawks' Dikembe Mutombo (55) and San Antonio Spurs' Greg Anderson (33) go after a rebound during the Hawks' 109-89 win Saturday night in San Antonio.

Hawks get well in Texas with triumph over Spurs

Associated Press

■ NBA Roundup

SAN ANTONIO — An overnight trip to Texas helped the Atlanta Hawks put a tough one-point loss to Chicago behind them.

Steve Smith scored 25 points and Mookie Blaylock had 21 Saturday night as Atlanta rolled to an easy 109-89 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The Hawks, coming off an 89-88 loss to the Chicago Bulls on Friday, have won 17 of their last 22. Atlanta dominated inside, outrebounding the the Spurs 45-32.

"Anytime you have back-to-back games with one of them on the road and pull out a win, you know it's a big win," Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens said. "You can't just think that you are going to run over a team. Whether they have eight players or more, you still have to play them."

Christian Laettner had 17 points for the Hawks, and Alan Henderson added 14. Henderson was playing his first game of the season after being sidelined with acute viral pancreatitis.

Vernon Maxwell made six 3-pointers and scored 24 points to lead the Spurs. Vinny Del Negro added 18 for San Antonio.

After the Spurs closed within eight points in the third quarter, the Hawks went on a 15-2 run to take a 71-52 lead.

Jazz 99, Mavericks 84

SALT LAKE CITY — Jeff Hornacek scored 18 points and John Stockton added 17 and eight assists, sending the Utah Jazz to their fifth straight win over the Dallas Mavericks.

Jimmy Jackson had 19 points and George McCloud 17 for the Mavericks, who have lost three straight and 11 of their last 15. Dallas played without All-Star forward Chris Gatling, who has a bruised right shoulder.

Utah won for the 12th time in 14 games.

Trailing by 17 at the half, the Mavericks closed to 65-55 on a 3-pointer by McCloud. But Utah went on a 13-4 run to take a 78-61 lead late in the third quarter and Dallas didn't get closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

Of the three players Dallas obtained from Miami in a trade for Jamal Mashburn, only Martin Muursepp played, scoring two points. Sasha Danilovic did not play and Kurt Thomas is on the injured list recovering from a fractured right ankle.

Utah has won its last three games — against Sacramento, Portland and Dallas — by an average of 20 points.

Karl Malone scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds in 31 minutes for Utah, and Greg Ostertag added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Michael Finley added 13 points for the Mavericks, who converted just 28-of-74 field goal attempts (37.8 percent) as Utah held its opponent under 40 percent shooting for the 14th time this season.

Utah's win helped avenge a 100-97 loss in Dallas on Feb. 1, when the Mavericks erased the Jazz's 11-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers 109, Rockets 105

PORTLAND, Ore. — Kenny Anderson scored 16 of his season-high 35 points in the third quarter as the Portland Trail Blazers rallied from a 26-point deficit to defeat the Houston Rockets.

Anderson made a 15-footer with 3:12 left to put the Blazers ahead 103-95, but two free throws by Hakeem Olajuwon with 53.8 seconds remaining brought the Rockets within 105-103.

Isaiah Rider then sealed Portland's win by making four free throws in the final 9.8 seconds.

Rider added 26 points and Rasheed Wallace had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Blazers.

The Rockets lost their seventh straight road game despite getting 31 points and 16 rebounds from Kevin Willis. Olajuwon added 28 points.

Portland's comeback was the second largest in franchise history. The Blazers rallied from 27 points down to beat the Los Angeles Lakers during the 1974-75 season.

After Anderson's third-quarter performance, Rider kept the rally alive with 10 points and the Blazers never trailed in the fourth. They outscored the Rockets 67-50 in the second half after an awful first 20 minutes.

The Rockets dominated play inside from the start, leading by 12 after one quarter and by 26 (49-23) with 7:04 left in the first half.

Houston's frontline scored all of its 29 first-quarter points, led by Olajuwon's 12, Matt Bullard's 11 and six from Willis. While the three had 36 points at halftime, Portland's frontcourt starters had only Gary Trent's basket at the break.

Wallace's six points sparked a 14-0 Portland run that narrowed the score to 55-42 at halftime. Anderson had 14 at the break.

But Olajuwon got in foul trouble in the third and Anderson heated up to lead the Blazers on a 17-4 run during the last 3:29 of the period. Anderson capped the outburst with a 3-pointer to put Portland ahead 80-77.

Bucks 92, Nuggets 87

MILWAUKEE — Vin Baker scored 21 points and Ray Allen 15, including two key baskets in the final two minutes, as Milwaukee defeated Denver for its third straight victory.

Denver, which lost its third in a row, was led by LaPhonso Ellis with 22 points and Mark Jackson had 14 assists to go with seven points. The Bucks, who are trying to get into the playoffs for the first time since 1991, are 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the eighth Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Bryant Stith, who scored 20 points, ended a 10-2 run with a basket with 1:55 remaining for an 83-82 Nuggets lead. But Allen hit two straight jumpers, the second with 53.5 seconds left, to put the Bucks back on top 86-83.

Heat 125, 76ers 99

MIAMI — Jamal Mashburn scored 14 points in his Miami debut, Alonzo Mourning and Voshon Lenard scored 24 points apiece and the Heat extended their winning streak to a franchise record nine games with a win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Mashburn, acquired Friday in a trade with Dallas, made his first appearance with 6:54 left in the first quarter. His first basket gave Miami a 24-14 lead. He added three assists and three rebounds in 32 minutes.

Lenard scored all his points on 3-pointers, going 8-for-11 from beyond the arc. Miami set franchise records with 17 3-pointers and 39 assists.

Nets 107, Bullets 86

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Khalid Reeves had 23 points and Kendall Gill 22 as New Jersey repaid Washington for an embarrassing loss the night before by beating the Bullets.

Slump-ridden Shawn Bradley and banged-up Kerry Kittles added 14 points apiece and Jayson Williams had 15 rebounds as the Nets snapped a two-game losing streak.

Sampras easily overtakes Martin in Sybase semi

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Using a powerful serve and precise returns, defending champion Pete Sampras advanced to the Sybase Open final with an easy 6-2, 6-3 victory Saturday over Todd Martin.

Sampras, ranked No. 1 in the world, will meet the winner of Saturday night's match between Andre Agassi and hard-serving Greg Rusedski in the final match Sunday.

Martin, ranked No. 14 and seeded fourth, had not played in a tournament since November because of tendinitis in his right knee. With his knee taped, he had trouble making his first serves during the 59-minute match, and double faulted three times.

Top-seeded Sampras, who had eight aces, capped the victory with an overhand smash to capture match point. It was his 11th straight win this year, and 14th straight overall.

"Usually when I play Todd, it comes down to a key point here and there," Sampras said. "But this week, with Todd coming off that long layoff, he wasn't as sharp as he usually is."

One of Sampras' aces beaned a linesman, Kenn Ordonez, who was not hurt. After the match, Sampras drew joking comparisons to Dennis Rodman.

"I want to be as different as Dennis Rodman as I can, wearing pants and not wearing makeup," Sampras laughed.

Martin fell behind 3-2 in the first set, and his momentum began to slip away. In the next game, he missed Sampras' low cross-court backhand return, then double faulted.

"I haven't had a ball come at me like that in a couple of months," Martin said. "Pete asserts himself right off the bat and lets you know you're going to be doing a lot of responding and not a lot of dictating, and that's not how I play best."

Neither player showed much emotion during the first set, but Martin got frustrated later in the match, grimacing and shaking his head. Down 3-1 in the second set, Martin threw down his racquet after a bad service return.

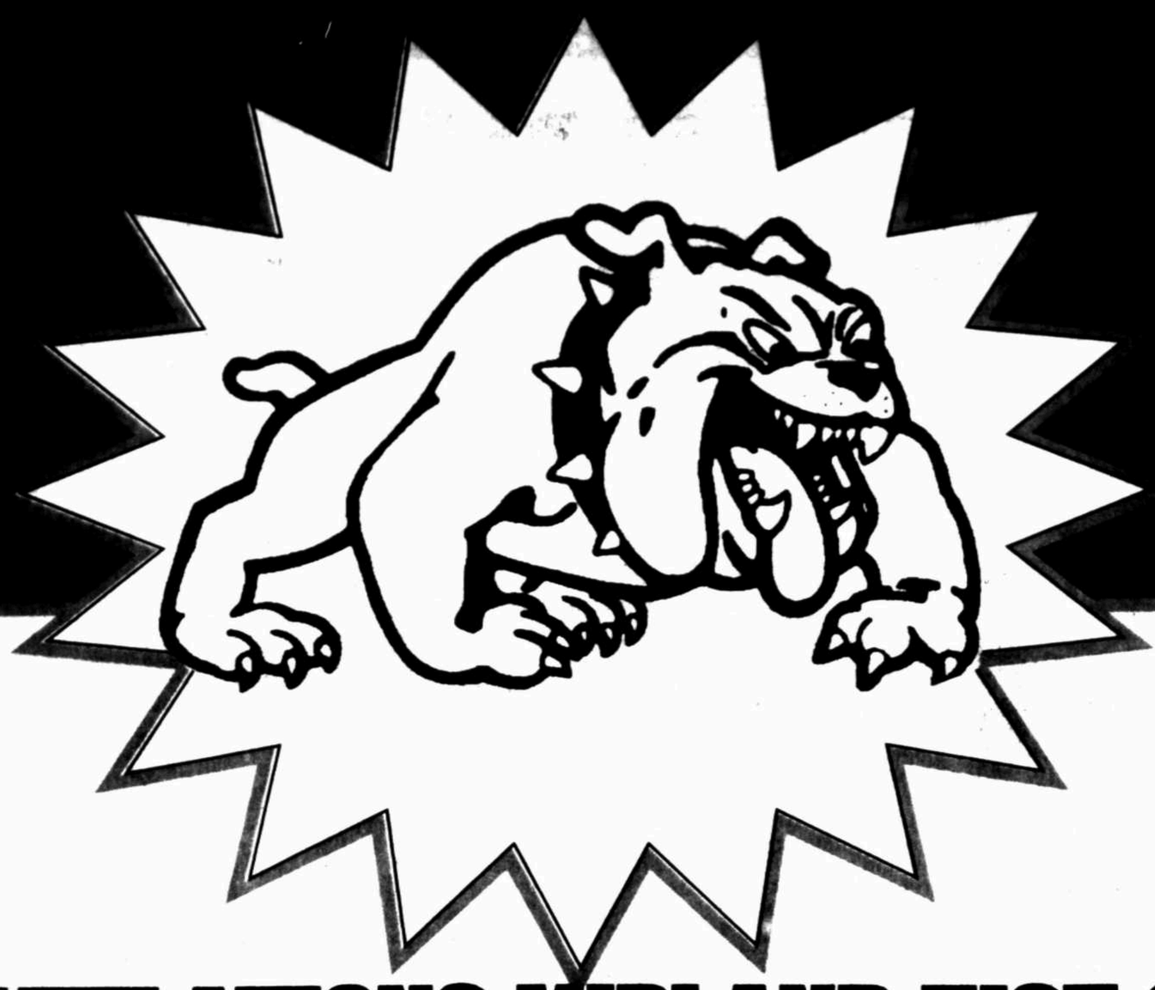
The crowd, however, was clearly on the underdog's side, cheering loudly in the second set after Martin won each of his three games.

For the final two games of the match, Martin's right elbow was wrapped. He said he hurt the elbow during last year's U.S. Open, and it still sometimes bothers him.

"It's been a couple of months since I've played this much in a week, so there's wear-and-tear on it," Martin said. "Plus, Pete's ball has more on it so you have to muscle it, and that puts more strain on it.

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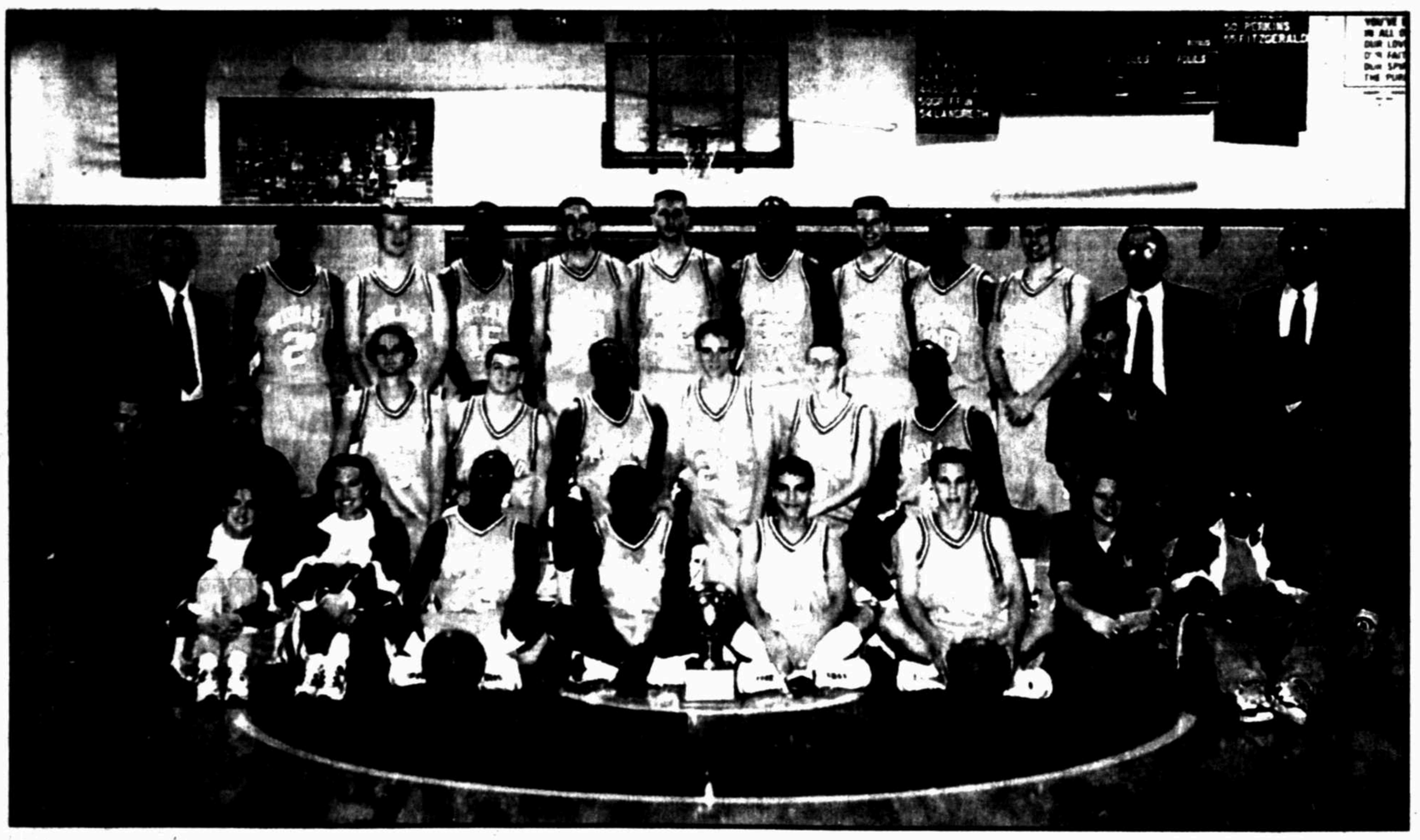
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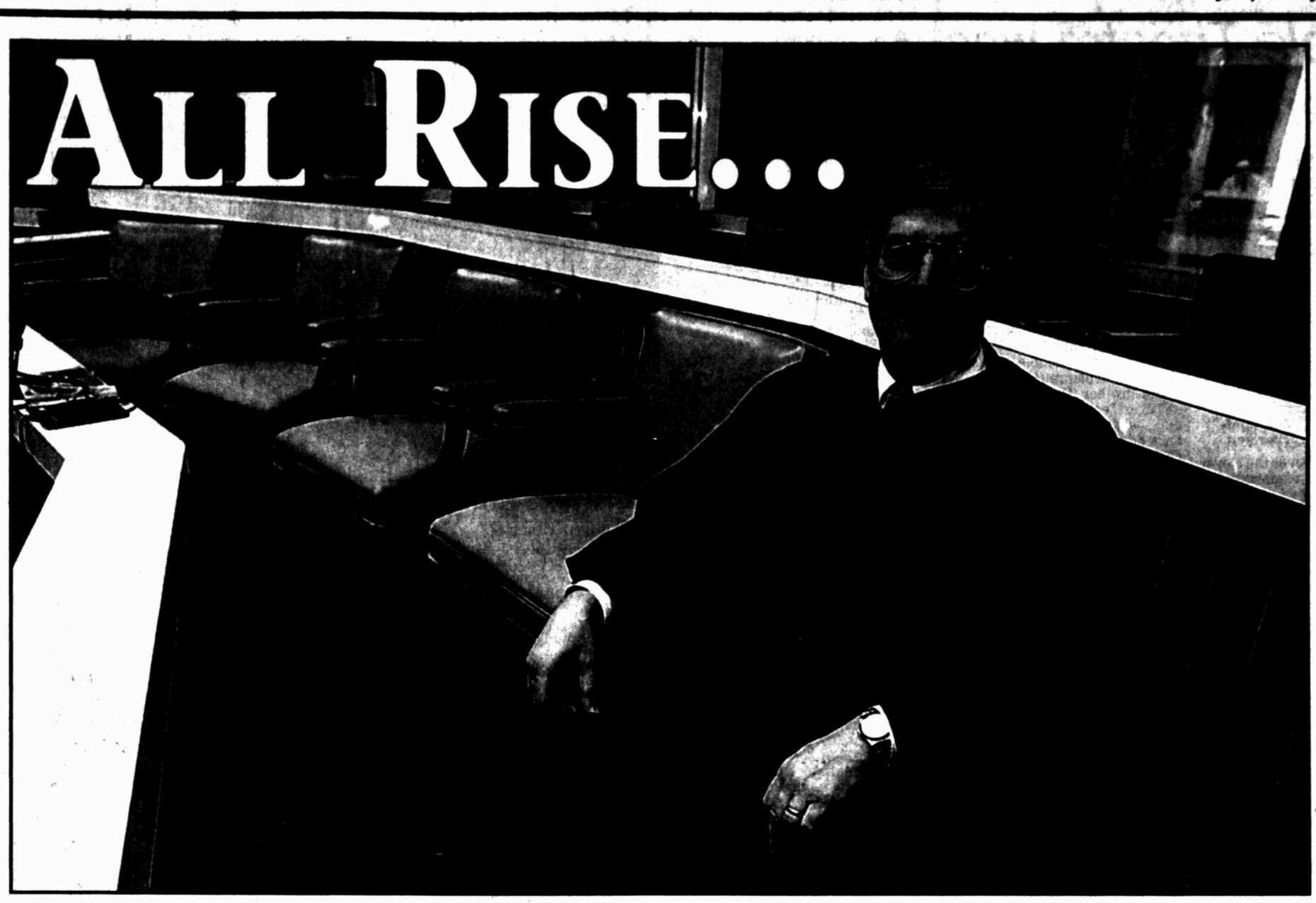
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Judge John Hyde sits in the jury box of his courtroom.

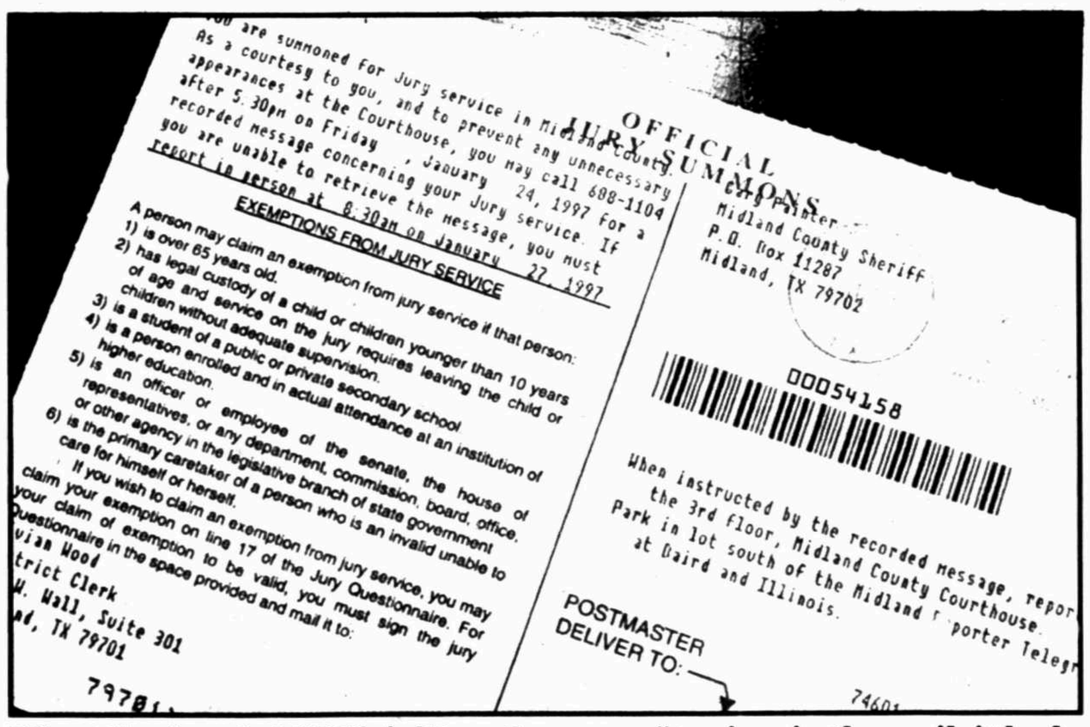
COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

COURTS, LAWYERS ATTEMPT TO TAKE FEAR, BURDEN OUT OF JURY DUTY

The feeling is the same for nearly everybody — that sinking feeling that comes with finding a summons for jury duty in the mailbox.

Sooner or later, nearly every adult who has a drivers license and is a registered voter will get one of these summons in the mail. And nearly all of them will be less than excited by the prospect of reporting for duty.

Answering a summons for jury duty — not to mention actually serving on a jury — is a major change from normal routine and can really mess up a weekly schedule.



When the dreaded "Official Jury Summons" arrives in the mail, it looks like this.

THE JURY SYSTEM is "the single facet of our legal system" that brings the government closer to ordinary citizens, he said.

According to information from the Texas Uniform Jury Handbook (as authorized by Chapter 23 of the Government Code) issued to a recent jury panel by the office of District Clerk Vivian Wood, to serve on a jury, an individual must be: (1) a U.S. citizen and a citizen of the state in which he or she has been called for jury duty (here, that means Texas of course); (2) at least 18 years old; (3) live in the county where he or she was called to jury service; (4) able to read and write; and (5) of sound mind.

HYDE, WHO WAS presiding over this particular case, stressed that potential jurors must be able to read and write *in English,* since that is the language used in the courtroom.

Those who cannot serve on juries are those who have: (1) been convicted or a felony or theft (unless rights have been restored); (2) are on probation or deferred adjudication for felony or theft; (3) are now under indictment for felony or under criminal charges for theft, according to information from Texas Uniform Jury Handbook.

The jury system also allows several exemptions from jury duty, including those who are older than 65; those who have legal custody of a child or children younger than 10 and serving on a jury would leave those children unsupervised; those who are students in class; those who are caretakers of invalids or others unable to take care of themselves; and those who have physical or mental impairments or who cannot understand or speak English.

HERE HYDE stressed that exemptions are not necessarily rules. For example, if a person older than 65 wants to serve on a jury, he or she does not have to take the exemption.

Members of a jury panel are expected to serve for a week at a time, Hyde said, but that doesn't necessarily mean they have to show up at the courthouse every day that week. In fact, many cases only last a day or two; however, jurors must call a specific telephone number each day after 5:30 p.m. to find out if they have to report for duty the next day. Those selected to the jury are required to serve until the trial is completed.

(Another interesting fact he added is that many cases are settled out of court about the time a jury is summoned. It's as if the parties of the case decide that, if a jury has been called, things are getting serious and they really don't want to go to court after all.)

Jurors are supposed to be called only once each calendar year, although with the wonders of electronic technology, occasion glitches may occur.

After Hyde explained all that to the 120 or

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Musical's pre-party at Cole Theatre was 'Wizard' of an event

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

A searchlight cast a beam over Cole Theatre for the gala opening night of the musical classic, "The Wizard of Oz," on Feb. 7.



McKnight-Harrison

Sponsored by ACT IX, the women's auxiliary of Midland Community Theatre, and the Midland H-E-B store, a pre-party found theatregoers enjoying a complimentary buffet and oohing and aahing over the clever decorations, which adorned the theatre lobby.

Catered by H-E-B, the mouth-watering delicacies included spiral cut honey glazed ham and prime rib served on silver dollar rolls, sushi, fresh fruit, a fresh vegetable tray with dips, and strawberry glazed cake.

A rainbow, fashioned of multi-colored balloons; a "tornado," with a great-looking funnel cloud made from chicken wire and tulle netting; Dorothy's house, The Emerald City, and of course, the yellow brick road were all part of the decor.

ACT IX members, dressed in various "Oz" costumes, served as hostesses.

Among the first nighters were nine-year-old **Caitlin Dilli**, winner of the theatre's "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" Contest, with her father, **Mike Dilli; Randy and Jack Rathbone, Michelle and Bob Robinson, Sheryl and Orland Purcell, Dottie Fox** and **Maurine Phillips.**

Gail (Mrs. David) Theobald is ACT IX president, and **Sylvia Hernandez** is project chairman for the organization.

JAN AND JOE O'NEILL traveled to Austin recently for the 1996-97 Texas Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

As a member of the Governor's Commission for Women, Jan co-chaired the event, which was held at the Four Seasons Hotel. Among the inductees were **Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson,** former First Lady of Texas **Rita Clements** and **Ruby Lee Piester,** former executive director of The Gladney Home at Fort Worth.

Laura and Gov. George W. Bush honored the inductees with a reception at the Governor's Mansion before the ceremony.

The O'Neills stayed at the Mansion as guests of their longtime friends while in town for the event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Danielle Grubb, who recently was installed as resident of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority chapter at Baylor University. She is a junior student, with a double major in religion and communications.

Her brother, **Darren,** a student at Texas Tech University, is a special assistant to **State Sen. Robert Duncan** of Lubbock. A political science major, Darren worked on **Senator Duncan's 1996 campaign.** He is due to graduate from Tech in May.

Parents of Danielle and Darren are Midlanders **Cynthia and Dennis Grubb.**

IN OTHER COLLEGE NEWS, it has been reported that **Jessica Massey is a new member of Delta Delta Delta sorority at Southwestern University. A sophomore student, she is the daughter of Glenda and Larry Massey.**

IN A HEARTS AND FLOWERS setting, the Midland Woman's Club held its February fund-raiser, a luncheon and early spring style show by Julian Gold.

The beautiful fashions were modeled by club members **Katie Hibler, Frances Ratliff, Lyn Bass, Helen Tinnin, Almeda Tinslar** and **Roberta Rhodes.**

Before the style show, members and guests lunched on Hot Chicken Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit Salad, Harvard Beets, Cinnamon Rolls and Spice Cake.

Tables were decorated with red heart trees and red tulips, entwined with strings of pearls.

Door prizes included baked goods from the club's kitchen and cosmetics from Julian Gold.

Among those present were club president **Madge Wallis** with her guest, **Mary Kay Rattan;** ways and means chairman Mrs. Tinslar with guests **Martha Mangia** and **Olga Diaz,** and new member **Dorothy Rush** with her guest, **Mable Schneider** of Odessa.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

COURT: Jury service is a sacrifice

(From 1D)

so prospective jurors, about 50 or so individuals were randomly selected to remain and the rest of the panel was dismissed.

Those who remained were seated in a specific order, and the prosecuting and the defending lawyers began a process called voir dire, or questioning of the jurors to determine the final 12.

(NOTE: According to information from the Texas Uniform Jury Handbook, some juries have six members instead of 12, but juries most people are familiar with from countless television shows and movies — not to mention history and government classes — have 12.)

The Texas Uniform Jury Handbook described the process as "a way for the parties to select a fair and impartial jury. Under the justice system, you may be questioned by each of the lawyers before they decide to remove a certain number of jurors from the jury panel. ... These questions are not intended to embarrass you, but rather to help the lawyers in the jury selection process. ..."

IN ONE RECENT case, the lawyers were Medford Owen and Bill Alexander. Both went out of their way to explain the process to prospective jurors and to make members of the jury panel more comfortable with the process.

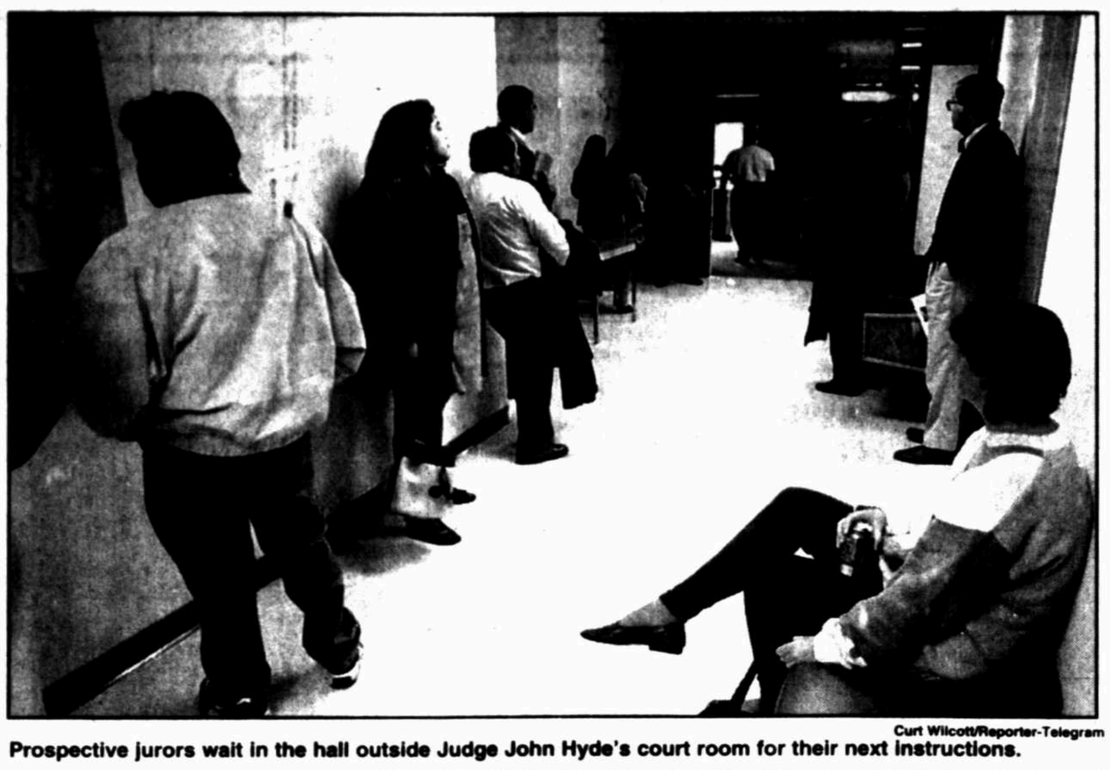
Owen explained that, in order for the fairest trial possible, both sides in the suit were looking for "12 people of independent minds who will decide the case based on the evidence. ... It's not a complicated process ..."

He explained that while in a criminal case, jurors must decide guilt or innocence "beyond a reasonable doubt," in a civil case such as the one being tried that day, the jury's decision is based on "a preponderance of evidence."

When it was his turn to address the panel, Alexander said, "We believe there's always two sides of a story" and that jurors should be "guided by the law. ... What lawyers say is not evidence. You (as jury members) are the sole judge of the credibility of witnesses."

'A jury of our peers is one of the things that separate our system of democracy from any other system on the planet.'

—Judge John G. Hyde, 238th district judge in Midland



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Prospective jurors wait in the hall outside Judge John Hyde's court room for their next instructions.

Jurors must "listen to the evidence and bring back a verdict based solely on the evidence," he said.

After talking to prospective jurors as a group, the lawyers began asking questions to the first 25 jurors, based on a questionnaire on the jury summons cards that each one had filled out. They asked about jobs, families and feelings about this particular case. Both lawyers used humor to help lessen any fears prospective jurors might have about the juror selection process. (To one member of the panel, one of the lawyers joked, "I see you have four children. You must be good with crowds!")

The first 25 prospective jurors are the ones most likely to be selected to sit on the jury; the remaining are alternates, just in case 12 jurors can't be chosen from the first 25. On this particular day, the lawyers had enough possible jurors in the first 25 people seated, so they dismissed the alternates by saying that everyone from Juror 26 through the end of the rows could leave. "You can tell which one he (Juror 26) is — he's the one with the big smile on his face!" one lawyer laughed.

AFTER SOME questioning and comments between the lawyers and the 25 prospective, the names of the 12 jurors were called, the jury was seated and the rest of the panel was dismissed, with the instructions to call the number after 5:30 p.m. to find out if they needed to report the next day.

Later, Judge Hyde explained the jury selection process in more detail. He said usually between 200 and 400 people are summoned for jury duty nearly every Monday of the year, except during the year-end holiday season. (If Monday is a legal holiday, jury selection for that week begins on Tuesday.)

'It is a sacrifice. Living in a democracy, we have to make sacrifices now and then.'

— Judge John G. Hyde, 238th district judge in Midland

The courts expect prospective jurors to show up too. No-shows "can be fined and held in contempt," he said or sent to jail for failure to attend. The worst-case scenario, Hyde added, is an officer of the court "can go pick you up" for failure to show up for jury duty.

No-shows are a "statewide problem," he added.

Some no-shows are explainable — such as major illness or failure to receive summons — and if that is the case, the courts will work with the individual, usually by rescheduling his or her service.

But most people do show up when they are called for jury duty. "I think Midland has a little higher percentage of attendees than other counties" in Texas, Hyde said.

But no-shows and other problems with jury service are why a Texas Supreme Court Task Force has been looking ways to make jury duty smoother, both for the citizens and the state of Texas. (In fact, the task force is scheduled to meet Monday in Austin to "act on the draft recommendations prepared by the Committee on Jury Composition and Juror Satisfaction," according to information from the Supreme Court of Texas Jury Task Force and Hyde's office.)

IN ADDITION to lowering the rate of no-shows, Hyde said that some of the possibilities the task force is looking at include: more pay for jury service (currently, jurors are paid $6 per day for service); allowing jurors to take notes during trials and take those notes into deliberation; allowing verdicts to be less than unanimous in criminal cases; limiting the amount of time a trial can take (the O.J. Simpson trials, both civil and, especially, criminal, seemed to go on much much too long); and allowing jurors to ask questions.

But while these changes in the system are being considered, the basic system of trial by jury is not, Hyde said. The jury system, he said, is too important in a democracy for major changes to be made.

" 'A jury of our peers' is one of the things that separate our system of democracy from any other system on the planet.

"Only free people get to serve on juries."

American Indian artifacts climb charts

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Traditionally, New York's Winter Antiques Show is where dealers, merely by their presence, put collectors on the path of the next chic antiques.

This year the trail leads to American Indian artifacts and other Americana.

Four American Indian specialists, two of them new to the show, limited their wares to such items as blankets, pottery and ceremonial objects. Three others offered more diverse lots.

The show, a benefit for a social services agency, has been inviting a select group of dealers since 1955. But it wasn't until 1988 that W.E. Channing & Co. of Santa Fe, N.M., became the first dealer to break through the disregard for American Indian objects.

"You still have people who walk by and carefully look the other way," Will Channing said. "The increase in dealers this year reflects the great rise of interest in this field of collecting."

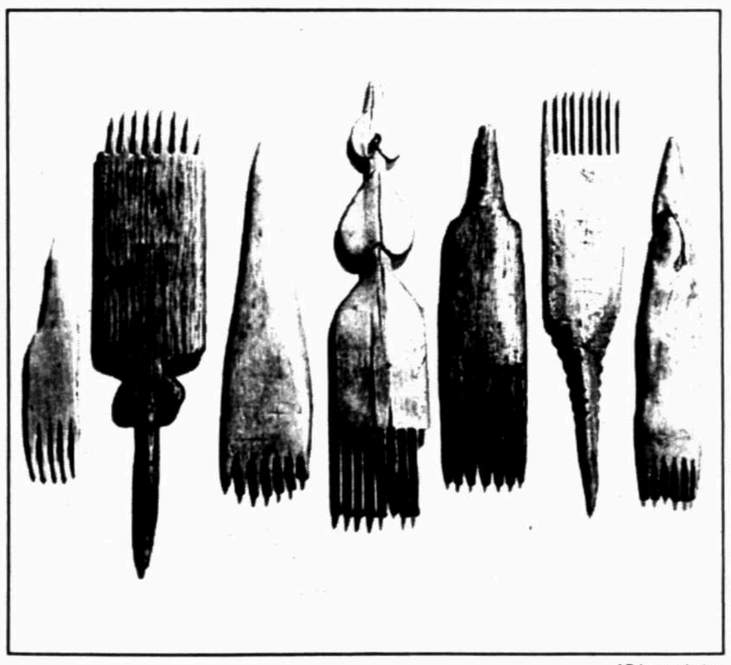
American Indian wares were by far the most visible "new" category at the 10-day show at the Seventh Regiment Armory. It also featured more American and British Arts and Crafts and French furniture of the 1930s and 1940s. And, for the first time among the 70 or so exhibitors, there was a booth devoted to illuminated manuscripts from the Middle Ages to the 18th century.

The most significant long-term development is the rising importance of American antiques, show director Catherine Sweeney said. At least a third of the exhibitors showed American material, a big change from the 1980s when European, English and Asian antiques dominated.

While enthusiasm for American antiques has been growing in this country, the shift may also be attributed to the fact that The Fine Art and Antiques Dealers Show, a top draw to the armory each October, features spectacular European antiques.

What specifically sparks new phases in collecting is something of a mystery.

Perhaps the cult of the indulged child is responsible for an interest in miniatures, such as a child's painted settee, $6,500 at the Olde Hope Antiques booth. The circa-1840 painted piece, about 26 inches long and 16 inches high, could have been made as a child's seat or toy or as a salesman's sample, according to Patrick Bell, co-owner of Olde Hope Antiques in New Hope, Pa.



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Navajo weaving combs (above), assembled over nine years, are at least 100 years old. They were displayed at the New York Winter Antiques Show by Joshua Baer & Co. of Santa Fe, N.M. A miniature Pennsylvania plank-seat with angel wing crest and original finish (right) was one of the exceptional pieces at the show. Whether it was fora child's play or a furniture salesman's sample is unknown. The piece, from about 1830, was shown by Old Hope Antiques Inc. of New Hope, Penn.

Another miniature from Matz & Pribell of Cambridge, Mass., was a late 18th-century bureau bookcase from South India. The $35,000 piece, no taller than waist high, has an ivory overlay with intricate engravings of colonial Indian towns and forts. It probably was first used as a jewelry case, according to the dealer.

It often has been noted that museum exhibits play a role in the rise of new collecting interests. So, perhaps, do popular films.

"Bead work, leather gear and weapons all became popular after the movie 'Dances with Wolves' came out," Joshua Baer, a Santa Fe specialist in 1820-1920 Navajo blankets, said.

A steep rise in prices also increases an antique's desirability.

"When a blanket sold for more than $100,000 it brought in a new group of status-conscious collectors," according to Baer.

Although asking prices for some important American Indian objects now are in six figures, there are still items for considerably less, Robert Ashton of Morning Star Gallery of Santa Fe., said. Among items he considers underpriced are jewelry, with many fine pieces under $5,000; rugs, $500 to $10,000; and Pueblo pottery.

The Donald Ellis Gallery in Dundas, Ontario, had a small selection of tiny yet powerful tools priced in the low four figures. A ladle made of horn was $2,400. Guthman Americana of Westport, Conn., displayed ceremonial pipes, including one with a bowl shaped like a fish, with price tags in the low four figures.

Spectacularly colorful Ghost Dance items — a shield of the Arapaho tribe at $250,000 and a bright yellow leather ghost dance dress at $195,000 — were at the other end of the price spectrum. The dress was sold in the first hour of the show's opening night party.

By these measures, W. E. Channing's Tlingit textile wall-hanging from about 1880, showing the effigy of a bear, was a bargain at $38,500. The embroidered piece on trade cloth was worked in mollusk shells and edged with tiny iridescent buttons.



"ONE OF MY FRIENDS WAS MURDERED."

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

I recently spoke to a class of Midland High School students. I asked how many of them personally knew someone who had been murdered. Nearly every hand went up. Half of the these indicated that the homicide victim had been a close friend. If you are a parent of a teen, ask them if they have been affected by a tragedy like this.

When a young person finds out that a friend has been murdered, it just doesn't seem possible to them that someone so young and alive one day could suddenly be gone the next. They may have a sense of sadness and horror so overwhelming it feels like it will suffocate them. Or they may feel anger on a much larger scale than they have ever known before. They may think of a dozen things they wish they'd done that might somehow have prevented the death. Their grades may drop. Moodiness, crying, anxiety, and nightmares may seem to dominate their days and nights.

Feeling all these feelings—wrestling with them, thinking about them, talking about them, grieving over the lost friend—is distressing. But it is better than staying numb and blank. And it leads to faster healing in the long run. Professional help may also be of benefit in making this normal process unfold more easily. And teens should never fail to take advantage of the support they can offer each other—talk it out, over and over again.

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AROUND TOWN

Women Mystery Writers' Festival will be March 15 at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Midland. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Noted West Texas mystery writer, D.R. Meredith, will speak at 1 p.m. After her talk, Ms. Meredith will conduct a book signing and lead a workshop on the writing of a murder mystery. Participants in the workshop should bring paper and pencils.

Ms. Meredith is the author of two mystery series set in the Texas Panhandle: the Sheriff Charles Timothy Matthews series set in Crawford County, and the John Lloyd Branson and Lydia Fairchild mysteries set in Canadian.

Ms. Meredith has received several awards, including the "Oppie" Awards for Best Mystery Novels of 1984 and 1985. She was a speaker at "Texas: Images and Realities," the Governor's Sesquicentennial Conference on the Literary Arts in 1986, along with Larry McMurtry, Horton Foote, Robert Duval, Elmer Kelton, Benjamin Capps and Hughes Rudd. She was one of three mystery writers selected to speak at the 21st annual Interdisciplinary Symposium on Literature of the Great Plains at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this year.

In addition to other honors, she also has taught writing workshops at the University of Texas at Dallas, Rice University, Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. She is past president of Panhandle Professional Writers and a member of its board of directors, a founding member of Romance Writers of the Panhandle and is book editor for The Roundup Magazine, professional magazine of the Western Writers of America...

...ASBURY UNITED Methodist Church of Midland will host its first Spring Arts and Crafts Festival 9 a.m.-6 p.m. April 26 at Midland County Exhibit Building on E. Highway 80. This new tradition for the church will be presented in addition to its annual Fall Festival in November, and will coincide with the church's 50th anniversary. Booth space for the spring festival is available for rent. Persons interested may call 683-2867 for more information...

...TEMPLE BETH EL Sisterhood of Odessa will host its 30th annual Brotherhood Week dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Temple, Grandview and Redbud in Odessa. Take-out orders also will be available. Menu will include cabbage rolls, carrot zmimmes, green beans with mushrooms and sesame seeds, noodle kugel, challah, strudel and coffee or tea. Proceeds will help enhance educational facilities at Temple Beth El. For information call 694-1880...

...MIDLAND RAPE Crisis Center needs volunteers to be advocates for children and adults who have been victims of sexual abuse. Forty-hour training session will begin Feb. 25. Criminal background check required. For more information call 682-7273...

...PERMIAN AIMEES, auxiliary to American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers of the Permian Basin, will host its second annual "English Tea and Texas Threads" fund raiser 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Plaza Club. Fiber Options of Dallas will present a style show. Tickets are $15 per person, with proceeds benefiting the organization's scholarship fund. For more information call 697-8808 or 694-7663...

...WEST TEXAS Singles Association will host a fund raiser murder mystery, "Bullets 'n Barbecue" party and dinner 7 p.m. March 20 at the Moose Club, 2711 N. Dixie in Odessa.

Tom Martin, master of ceremonies, will be joined by the cast of characters, Juan Bandito, Bibi Gunn, Doc Mallard, Miss Patience, Rowdy Azell and Sally Forth.

Funds raised will help support families in need during the holidays. For more information call 550-6960...

...ALLISON CANCER Center and the American Cancer Society are accepting registration for the next series of "I Can Cope" classes, which will begin March 4. The program is a six-week series of educational class for people with cancer, their families and friends. During the sessions, medical and health care professionals will provide information about such topics as cancer, treatment and side effects, communication, emotional issues and community resources. Admission is free but pre-registration is necessary. Call [illegible]...

Bookseller specializes in 'works of art'

By Christopher Chester

NEW YORK (AP) — Seymour Hacker says he hates books. Art books, particularly. He can't stand 'em.

But over the past half century, Hacker, 79, has surrounded himself with art books — some 500,000 of them line the shelves of his bookshop and fill boxes in his warehouse.

His fifth-floor midtown shop, Hacker Art Books, is said to have one of the largest retail collections in the world.

"After this span of time, you really get to hate books," he said without a hint of a smile, examining through his half-glasses a 17th-century French text on European statues, in his rare books room. "You do sort of lose interest."

It's hard to know at first if this small, kindly-looking man is joking. After all, he shows no signs of turning it in, even after celebrating the 50th anniversary of the store he founded with books he brought from Europe as a Merchant Marine during World War II.

Impersonal mega bookstores may have swallowed up other art book stores in New York. But people keep coming here — calling and faxing from around the world for selections from Hacker's extensive collection and the helpful advice of a connoisseur.

"There used to be half a dozen in New York. Now I'm the only one," he said from behind the cluttered desk in his cozy shop, which he runs with 12 assistants including his wife, Linda.

"It's my most favorite art 'library' in the world," said singer Tony Bennett, an accomplished painter. "It's like my personal toy shop — any art book that has ever been printed is in the Hacker bookshop."



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Bookseller Seymour Hacker, 79, presides over Hacker Art Books, the venerable New York City store he founded in 1946. Five decades later, it is one of the largest anywhere. Customers come from all over the world, calling and faxing for selections from Hacker's extensive collection — and his advice.

Paul Gottlieb, president and publisher of Harry F. Abrams Inc., calls Hacker one of a handful of great booksellers in the field. He's really kept his fingers on the pulse of the art world, Gottlieb said.

"He's a true fount of knowledge — he's the kind of bookseller who really knows his customers."

The store has grown hugely since Hacker opened shop in Greenwich Village with a single assistant in 1946.

"Fifty years ago, the market for art books was rather limited to students and institutions and collectors," he said. "When the art market exploded exponentially about 40 years ago, art books followed in suit."

While 90 percent of his clientele is American, the store has attracted strong interest in Europe and Asia. Mail order accounts for most sales, but even foreigners make special trips here to examine books they know they can't find elsewhere.

A table at the back of the shop is piled high with packages of books headed for Taiwan.

"Just a few days ago, we had a group from Taiwan starting a college in Taipei, spending something like a million dollars to start an art library," he said.

The store's 50,000 separate titles include scholarly texts and catalogs and even some carefully vetted coffee table books.

Offerings range from the popular "The Sexuality of Christ in Renaissance Art and Modern Oblivion" by Leo Steinberg at $29.95, to a 1903 facsimile of Leonardo da Vinci's "Codex Atlanticus" at $9,500.

While the quality of reproductions has improved immensely over the years, Hacker grumbles that some people see less of a need now to view the artwork itself.

"I have heard more than once someone naively say the reproductions look better than the originals," he said.

"That's why I sometimes feel myself longing for a good black-and-white."

Some of the bookstore's customers have been rather colorful, as Hacker tells it.

"Andy Warhol came in long ago before he got famous, when he was still a shoe queen," he said. "I supplied him with albums of 19th-century shoe drawings, things like that ... After he adopted that strange persona, I totally lost interest in him."

Hacker has warmer memories of his lifelong friend Zero Mostel, the late actor and art collector.

"He would come in and do numbers on innocent bystanders," Hacker recalled. "He would pretend to be a panhandler, or challenge them on something they were looking at — saying, 'What are you looking at that garbage for?' "

The truth is slowing emerging. Hacker doesn't hate books after all. He's just a ham.

He's also fluent in four language and has translated a number of books sold in the store. Does he paint?

"Never touched the stuff. That stuff is poison. It'll kill you."

Corporate cool rules in non-traditional workplace

By Patti Doten
N.Y. Times News Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Beware, you are not about to enter the usual interior world of corporate America.

At Clifford Selbert Design Collaborative, Astroturf covers the floor in the reception area. Over the main door of the graphic and landscape design firm hangs a stainless steel air foil (yes, that thing that sticks up behind the cabs of 18-wheelers). Along one wall are four mini-golf holes and a stack of clubs. Bean bags, neon, disco balls, CD racks and large splashes of red and yellow, the firm's colors, pop up everywhere.

"If a space is great for a large party," says Cliff Selbert, head of the collaborative, "then it's going to work as an office. It's going to be a space people can relate to. I wanted people to come to work and feel like they were going out to a nightclub."

Selbert has succeeded. His offices above the Bank of Greece are a combination of primary colors balanced by flowing areas of white; sun-filled spaces that lead into dark back alleys; and translucent materials juxtaposed with concrete-like textures. Whimsy combined with practicality makes this workplace a visual delight — and a far cry from the standard environment of most working folk (read: dull, artificially lighted and cubicled).

The Selbert space, however, is not unique in New England. Two more examples of worker-friendly and architecturally challenging spaces are the headquarters in Pawtucket of Hasbro Inc., the toy makers, and the new digs at the Boston Design Center of Fitch Inc., an industrial design firm. Hasbro is all dramatic space and skylights and color in a former mill in Pawtucket, R.I. Fitch is more staid and well, industrial, but lifted to new heights by dramatic views of the Boston skyline and harbor.

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SELBERT DESIGN

"I didn't want a traditional office, I wanted an office that took creative risks and represented what we do here as a company," says Selbert, whose clients include Universal Studios, Walt Disney Co. and Fidelity Investments. "I wanted a place that was both innovative and professional."

The 10,000-square-foot space was originally three offices filled with small cubicles. Selbert had the space gutted, leaving only the original brick walls and wood ceilings. Because light is so important to an artist, the positioning and building of work stations was a priority. "I wanted everyone to feel a part of everything and everybody," says Selbert, who also has an office in Los Angeles. "I wanted people to be able to get energy from one another."

Work modules are at chin level to allow such interaction. And because the stations line the two exterior walls, their height was also kept to a minimum so that light can flow uninterrupted into interior spaces. Each module is wrapped in finished plywood and large enough to accommodate space for drawing, a computer and storage. Selbert has the only windowless office, but it feels light and airy because of moveable panels made from a material resembling rice paper.

"I didn't want my office to be set apart," says Selbert. "But because I'm the first office you see when you walk through the door, I knew I would need some privacy, and that's why I chose the Kalwall panels — some of them slide, others spin. Instead of having an open-door policy here, we have a no-door policy." He also wanted to avoid another corporate gem, the corner office, so small conference rooms occupy those spaces.

"Cliff's theme was to allow the various spaces to flow from one area to the next," says Warren Schwartz of Schwartz/Silver Architects Inc. of Boston, who brought Selbert's ideas to fruition. "He didn't want anything fixed. It was a challenge to figure out how to maintain this flow and incorporate, for example, large fax and copying machinery."

The solution is what is known as the "spine" of the room — an undulating series of metal panels that cover the backsides of the printers. Overhead are white silk "sails." The spine ends with a group of bean bags in front of the space occupied by the in-house band's instruments.

In the bowels of the office are angled, brightly colored walls and doors that hide the model shop, storage spaces and kitchen. Some of these interior walls are made from Faswall,recyled wood chips, that looks like concrete and balances the airiness of the rest of the office. It also works as an insulator for the heating and ventilating systems.

"To continue the flow we added curved ends to what is conventional library shelving," says Schwartz. "Our objective was to make people feel like they were surfing through the office in the arc of a wave."

Other whimsical touches are those one-par golf holes; a large globe mobile with animals circling it (a prototype for one made for a zoo); a huge set of eyes behind which are film projectors; and a glass conference table with bicycle wheels as legs.

"It was an ongoing creative collaboration, and we couldn't wait to see the final results," says Schwartz.

HASBRO INC.

Mr. Potato Head leads the parade of Hasbro toys lined up in glass cases in the lobby of the company's offices in Pawtucket. Behind him are other toys that have helped make Hasbro one of the leading toy makers — Lincoln Logs, Tonka trucks, G.I. Joe, Tinkertoys and the Game of Life, Scrabble and Monopoly. Begun in 1926 and later dubbed "Hasbeen" when the company was left behind with the emergence of the first electronic toys, Hasbro (now owner of Milton Bradley, Parker Bros., Playskool, and Tonka) has reinvented itself and jumped into the big leagues — $2.8 billion in business last year.

And with this growth came the need for more office space. Instead of moving to larger quarters, Hasbro decided to renovate the Pawtucket space. So 12 years ago the company moved the manufacturing part of its business to Texas and began converting the 300,000-square-foot former mill into its corporate headquarters.

According to Shirley Blumberg of Kuwabara Payne McKenna and Blumberg, an architectural firm based in Toronto, Hasbro wanted an environment that was playful and mirrored its products but also reflected its sound financial base.

"We used our urban planning skills to create a series of streets, courts and neighborhoods to give diversity and a sense of place to various departments throughout the building," says Blumberg.

Along Main Street, with its expanses of steel, glass, and faux marble floors bordered by pink granite, are the corporate offices and conference rooms with light-filled lantern-like screens jutting out into the corridor. Saw-toothed skylights flood the area with light. And just to remind visitors of the company's products, one end of this wide boulevard is filled with oversize models of the spaceships and figures from "Star Wars." There's also a large replica of the car token from Monopoly outside one of the conference rooms and a ceramic Afghan dog guarding the door to the chairman's office.

Although the components along Main Street are fixed, the other "neighborhoods" — such as packaging, design and engineering — are made up of flexible work stations. And because the complex comprises a collection of old buildings, "we wanted to celebrate that difference," says Blumberg. "For example, the research and development departments are in what used to be the warehouse. With its 24-foot-high ceilings, large windows and soaring cast iron columns, it's entirely different from the smaller, self-contained packaging department."

Another place of note is the colorful cafeteria with black, red, blue and white tiles and the dining room that looks out onto an enclosed courtyard. Here, too, saw-toothed skylights flood the area and illuminate a metal sculpture that runs across a brick wall.

Color was an important element, says Deborah Sussman of Sussman/Prejza & Co. Inc., a design firm in Culver City, Calif. "Hasbro wanted colors that lived happily with brick but did not imitate it. They also wanted to bring the colors of Rhode Island into the interiors, such as the pale grays, blues and sealike colors that you find on the buildings and houses in Providence. In the last phase of the work, we used much stronger and bolder colors."

FITCH INC.

A less colorful but equally impressive space is the new office complex of Fitch on the eighth floor of the Boston Design Center in South Boston. A former series of design showrooms, the 27,000 square feet were gutted before renovations began last spring. Although Fitch wanted to stay in Boston (its former offices were on Lewis Wharf), it couldn't find an appropriate location.

"We wanted to stay downtown but couldn't find the space we needed," says Lucille Wymer, the office manager. "One of our prerequisites was that all 90 employees be on one floor. We picked space in a building in the Navy Yard, but that fell through. So we had to rush around and find something else. We came here with the hopes of continual movement into the area by other businesses and restaurants."

So time was of the utmost importance in this renovation. Fitch started the gutting process in late March with a tight timetable — the lease on the Lewis Wharf offices was ending in June.

"It was a challenging project because there was so little time to make decisions and tend to details," says architect Robert Luchetti of Robert Luchetti Associates Inc. in Cambridge. "More and more often, time runs a project and not money. By the time we got involved, we had only about a month and a half to complete the project. It certainly wasn't enough time, but we did the best we could."

The result is a bright, airy complex of offices with flexible work stations at its core. This part of the office is connected by a long corridor or "street" to the product design department and model shop.

"They wanted to keep a loft feeling, and we did," says Luchetti. "But because the windows were so high off the floor — this was originally a military warehouse — we built a platform 18 inches off the floor in the offices that line the exterior walls so people can climb up and enjoy the views."

Natural light streams into these offices and is balanced by the coolness of the furnishings — pale blue walls, gray rugs, black furniture and steel-colored barn-door sliding panels. Where there is less light, bright green panels act as dividers around the work stations. And a sense of space and sophistication is anchored in the long, sloping corridor lined with "trees" — tall mushroom columns painted gray/brown.

But perhaps the most practical architectural concept is the series of ducts that hide the tremendous amount of wiring and cables that constantly need to be updated. So there are no wires hanging from the ceiling or popping up through the floor.

"The people at Fitch are highly sophisticated technically," says Luchetti, "so it was very much a collaborative effort."

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WEDDINGS

BOX-BROWN

LUBBOCK — Merket Alumni Center of Texas Tech University in Lubbock was the setting for the 7 p.m. Feb. 1 wedding of Angela Susanne Box of Midland and Stephen Bradley Brown of Houston. Tom Harguess officiated.

Parents of the bride are Michael and Deborah Box of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Bill and Bettie Brown of Odessa.

Angela Oliver of Houston was maid of honor. Amy Brown, sister of the bridegroom, and Kim Livingston, both of Lubbock, were bridesmaids.

Chris Martin of Lubbock served as best man. Groomsmen were Jaimie Harrell of Odessa and Ryan Kimble of Lubbock.

After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple lives in Houston.



Mrs. Stephen Bradley Brown

BRODNEX-JOHNSON

Ethel Kay Brodnex and Cedric DeMond Johnson, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at St. Paul CME Church in Midland. The Rev. C.D. Joiner, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of LaDonnie Brodnex of Midland and the late Wiley Brodnex. Parents of the bridegroom are Lorenzo and Ann Johnson of Midland.

Windellyn Allen of Midland was maid of honor for her mother. Julia Johnson of Midland, daughter of the bride, was bridesmaid. Flower girl was Stephanie Johnson of Mansfield, niece of the bridegroom.

Anthony Johnson of Mansfield served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Chris Jones and Kenneth Phillips of Midland. Jermaine Joiner of Midland was usher. Ring bearer was Stephen Johnson of Mansfield, nephew of the bridegroom.



Mrs. Cedric DeMond Johnson

JOHNSON-ANDREWS

Dina DeShawl Johnson of Midland and the Rev. Eugene Kirby Andrews of Stockton, Calif., were married 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at St. Paul CME Church in Midland. The Rev. C.D. Joiner, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Lorenzo and Ann Johnson of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Martha Edwards of Stockton and the late L.J. Andrews.

Kathy Jones of Dallas was matron of honor. Euncie Burns of Lubbock and Stancy Johnson of Mansfield were bridesmatrons. Flower girls were Marquita Stewart of Midland, daughter of the bride; Stephanie Johnson of Mansfield, niece of the bride; and Malashia Edwards of Stockton, niece of the bridegroom.

The Rev. Kenneth Burns of Lubbock served as best man. Groomsmen were C.J. Joiner and the Rev. Wayne Russell of Midland. Jermaine Joiner of Midland was ring bearer. Ring bearer was Kenyon Andrews of Lubbock, son of the bridegroom.

The couple will honeymoon in San Antonio.



The Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kirby

MOORE-HARPER

AMARILLO — Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo was the setting for the 1 p.m. Jan. 11 wedding of Kristi Leigh Moore of Amarillo and William Dunlap Harper. The Rev. Allen Ford officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Eaton of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Moore of Clovis, N.M. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Colquitt Harper of Midland.

Kasi Rae Eaton of Amarillo was maid of honor for her sister. John Colquitt Harper served his son as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Amarillo Junior College. She is employed with Premier Health Staff. Her husband attended Texas Tech University. He is serving with the U.S. Army, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

After a wedding trip to Majorca, the couple lives in Schweinfurt, Germany.



Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlap Harper

PARTAIN-UNDERWOOD

LINDALE — Connie Roe Partain and Ed H. Underwood, both of Lindale, were married Jan. 25 in the courthouse in Lindale. Justice of the Peace Jamie Cowart officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tony R. Mize of Freeport and Mary Catherine Mize of Cleveland, Texas. Parents of the bridegroom are Joe E. Underwood of Andrews and Sharon Henson of Tyler.

Attendants were Neena Byran and David Harris.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Brazosport High School in Freeport. Her husband, a former resident of Midland County and student in Midland public schools, is a 1988 graduate of Andrews High School. He is employed with Tyler Pipe Company.

The couple lives in Lindale.

ENGAGEMENTS

DOBBS-McMACKIN

Gaylene Dobbs of Snyder and John R. McMackin of Midland are planning an 8 p.m. May 10 wedding at Eastside Church of Christ in Snyder. The bride-elect is the daughter of Christa Dobbs of Lubbock. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMackin of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Miss Dobbs is employed with Snyder Independent School District. Her fiance is employed with Caterpillar.



Gaylene Dobbs and John R. McMackin

MAY-EVANS

Lisa May of Midland and Michael Evans of Odessa are planning to be married 3 p.m. May 31 at Cotton Flat Baptist Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Jay and Debbie May of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Elva Navarro of Odessa.

Miss May is a graduate of Midland High School and a student at Midland College. She is a respiratory therapist with Medical Center Hospital. Her fiance graduated from Odessa High School and is a student at Odessa College Fire Academy. He is employed with Medical Center Hospital.



Lisa May and Michael Evans

WINBORN-FELAND

Jamie Winborn and Kenneth Feland, both of New Braunfels, are planning to be married 6 p.m. May 3 at Costa Real Hotel in Cancun, Mexico. Parents of the bride-to-be are Craig and Donna Winborn of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Etoile and Eddie Oliver of Canyon Lake.

Miss Winborn is a graduate of Lee High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is a member of Communities in Schools, and is a school counselor for Canyon High School. Her fiance is a member of New Braunfels Referee Association and is employed with Telecommunications Inc.



Jamie Winborn and Kenneth Feland

JONES-STEWARD

Robyn Rae Jones and Jason Wade Steward, both of Lubbock, are planning a 7:30 p.m. April 5 wedding at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Gene and Glenda Howard of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jan Jones of Midland and the late Loyd Jones. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steward and Pam Steward of Midland.

Miss Jones is a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and is scheduled for May graduation from Texas Tech University School of Law. Her fiance will graduate from Texas Tech University in May.



Robyn Rae Jones and Jason Wade Steward

WILLIAMS-DERAMUS

Kristen Ochsner Williams and Steven Boyd Deramus, both of Midland, are planning to be married 4 p.m. April 5 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Williams of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J. Don Deramus of Midland.

Miss Williams is a 1992 graduate of Lee High School and a 1995 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. Currently she is working toward a master's degree in biology at UTPB, where she also is employed. Her fiance graduated from LHS in 1991 and from UTPB in 1996 with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. He is employed with Smith International.



Kristen Ochsner Williams and Steven Boyd Deramus

FULTON-SMITH

Shari Fulton and Lance A. Smith, both of Midland, are planning to be married 2:30 p.m. March 9 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Charlene Hannon of Belton. Parents of the future bridegroom are Daryl and Darline Smith of Midland.

Ms. Fulton is a 1980 graduate of Belton High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She is a school nurse with Midland Independent School District. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School in 1980 and from Texas A&M University in 1984. He is employed with Schlumberger Geo-Quest.



Shari Fulton and Lance A. Smith

HANEY-HAWK

Lani Xan Haney of Lewisville and Eric William Hawk of Plano are planning to be married 2 p.m. March 8 at Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas. The bride-elect is the daughter of L.L. (Bud) and Jo Beth Flaten of Midland and the late Larry D. Haney. Parents of the future bridegroom are John and Dr. Laura Hawk of Plano.

Miss Haney is a graduate of Midland High School. In 1992 she earned a bachelor of science degree in early childhood development from Texas Tech University. She is employed with Lewisville Independent School District. Her fiance graduated from Texas Tech in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree. He earned a master of business administration degree from Texas A&M University in 1995. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is employed with Guaranty Federal Bank in Dallas.



Lani Xan Haney and Eric William Hawk

ANNIVERSARY

Couple celebrates 50 years together

Albert and Celia Cardenas of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 4. The trip and surprise party in Las Vegas were gifts from the couple's children.

The couple was married Jan. 4, 1947, in San Antonio. They have six children — Helen Hernandez and Gloria Rodriguez of Midland; Albert Cardenas Jr. of Detroit; Joe Cardenas of Adrian, Mich.; Elisa Cardenas of Cleveland; and Rudy Cardenas of Toledo, Ohio — 19 grandchildren and six grandchildren.

The couple lived in Adrian, and are retired from the restaurant business. They moved to Midland in 1967.

They are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.



Albert and Celia Cardenas

By the silvery mooneye

Associated Press

ALPENA, Mich. — The mooneye fish, about 17 inches long, has large eyes, sharp teeth and forked tail fins.

With a bright silvery exterior, it looks much like a herring and is sometimes known as the toothed herring. The mooneye is not valued by anglers as a food fish.

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Build a better birdhouse; birds will flock to yard

By Edward R. Lipinski
N.Y. Times News Service

Building a birdhouse may seem like a frivolous project to the serious homeowner. There are, however, a number of reasons to make the project.

It's a good way for a beginning woodworker to practice using tools and learn the fundamentals of shaping wood. A simple birdhouse is also a good beginning project to introduce a youngster to the pleasures of woodworking. Also the completed project will serve as a nesting place for wild birds and can perhaps kindle an interest in ornithology.

The birdhouse featured in this article is designed to attract either bluebirds, house wrens or finches. It may also attract English sparrows. The project is simple to construct because it has only six pieces: two sides, a top, a front panel, a back panel, and a bottom. You can make the birdhouse out of almost any wood, but pine is probably the best choice since it is relatively inexpensive, readily accessible and easy to work.

You will only need a few common shop tools to make the birdhouse: a rip saw, a backsaw, a block plane, a ruler, pencil, try square, a drill with 1/2-inch and 1-1/2-inch bits, a hammer, a nail set, galvanized nails, sandpaper and a paintbrush.

Pine is sold in select (also called clear) and common grades. The select grade is subdivided into A,B,C and D categories. Select A is free of knots splits, and other defects. Select D may have numerous small knots and some surface blemishes. Select B and C boards fit between these two extremes.

Select boards are more expensive than common ones, but they have fewer defects and require less filling and finishing. Besides, only a small amount of lumber is needed for this project, so the expense should be minimal.

You can also use plywood to construct the birdhouse. If you decide to use plywood, however, be sure that it is exterior-grade plywood. Interior-grade plywood is laminated to resist only normal interior dampness, and it will disintegrate when exposed to the elements.

Plywood is available in various thicknesses, but for this project it's best to use either 5/8- or 3/4-inch panels. One problem with plywood is that it is usually sold in 4 by 8 foot panels (some lumberyards may sell smaller sections). Obviously you don't need that much lumber to construct a small birdhouse.

Redwood is good choice for any outdoor project since it is durable and weather-resistant. It is, however, harder to work than either pine or plywood and more expensive; mistakes can be costly. Do not use pressure-treated boards to make the birdhouse, because the chemical preservatives in the wood make it unsuitable for use near food or animals.

You will need one board 5 inches wide (for the back, front and bottom) and another board 6-1/2 inches wide (for the sides and top). Most lumberyards do not sell boards less than 8 inches wide; so buy a board 12 inches wide by 3 feet long (the extra few inches of length will allow you trim off the ends that may have splits or cracks), then rip (sawing along the grain) the two pieces from it.

Sawing usually leaves unsightly cut marks on the wood. It's best to cut a little wide of the mark, then use the block plane to trim and smooth the edges of the sawn boards.

Use the ruler to mark off the individual pieces, then draw straight lines across the face of the board with the try square. Cut along the pencil lines with the back saw. Do not use the rip saw for these cuts, the coarse teeth will chew up the wood. When making these cuts, either clamp the board to the worktable or secure it in a vise. This will hold it steady so you can concentrate on making smooth accurate cuts.

Use the backsaw to remove the corners on the bottom piece. These small cuts will create four drainage holes at the floor of the finished birdhouse. Once the pieces are all cut out, drill a 1-1/2-inch hole, the entry hole, in the front piece. You can either use a spade bit or a hole saw for this. Drill a 1/2-inch hole, the mounting hole, with a twist drill or narrow spade bit near the top of the back panel. At this point you are now ready to assemble the bird house.

Use 4d galvanized (these will not rust) finishing nails. Nail the sides to the back piece, then nail the bottom in place. Position the front piece, but use only two nails, one on either side, to hold it in place. These two nails will act as swivel points so that you can pivot the front up and clean out the birdhouse at the end of the season. Place the top in position. The top will meet the back panel at a slight angle. Use the block plane to bevel the back edge of top and eliminate any gaps, then nail it in place.

Countersink all nail heads with the nail set and fill the resulting holes with wood putty. Sand lightly, and finish the completed birdhouse with either exterior latex paint or polyurethane varnish. Choose either a matte or satin finish, because many birds are repelled by high gloss surfaces.

To hang the finished birdhouse, drive a 30d nail into a tree about 8 to 10 feet up. Leave about 2 inches sticking out. Hook the birdhouse through the mounting hole on the nail. If possible the birdhouse should face the southeast. Most birds start looking for a nesting site in March, so the birdhouse should be up by then.

Check out ailing plants

By James E. Walters

PHOENIX (AP) — When a plant seems to be ailing, asking yourself questions often will point to the solution. As an example, most gardeners understand that leaf drop in the fall is common with deciduous plants. But many evergreens also routinely replace some leaves at certain seasons.

Start by asking yourself what concerns you. Not quite so obvious: is this normal for this time of year?

Keep careful notes while checking possibilities. The notes may help someone more expert pinpoint the cause if you are unable to do so. For example, is the entire plant affected or just one side? Did that side show the symptoms first? When? Was the decline sudden or over a period of time? How does adjacent vegetation look? Are more insects than normal present?

If just the one plant seems to be in trouble, do similar ones show the same symptoms? Is bark splitting? Leaves yellowing?

How long have you had the plant? Even with the best of care and most favorable growing conditions, some are unlikely to survive more than a year or two.

Such answers may be all you need. If not, consider what's adjacent to the plant: an alley, a swimming pool, a driveway, a patio, the neighbor's yard? Has something happened there recently?

Could new paving or a patio expansion have damaged extended roots on your plant or changed the drainage? Did the pool overflow? Chemicals spill?

Has a soil sterilant or vegetation-killing chemical been used under or around the plant within three or four years? Some will persist in the soil for years but will not damage the plant until its roots grow into the area.

Did a neighbor apply sterilants in his yard, even if you didn't?

Was the ailing plant put in too deeply or too shallow? Does there appear to be excess mulch?

Another possibility is excess fertilization.

A persistent, premature leaf drop suggests a check of watering practices. A sprinkler system will produce a fine lawn but seldom supplies sufficient moisture for trees and many shrubs. Often applying water more deeply will fix such a problem.

But remember that excess water can kill a plant as easily as extreme dryness. Wilting foliage is an early symptom of both. Probing a few inches into the soil with a trowel, augur or long-blade screwdriver usually supplies the answer. Also, it's best to water in the morning so foliage dries before dark. In general, too moist conditions favor plant diseases.

If some leaves look terrible but most leaves look fine, the plant probably is all right. You need to make sure, however.

If only older leaves are affected, it could be lack of nitrogen or potassium, soil high in salts or poor soil aeration.

A general yellowing of many leaves can be caused by lack of fertilizer, extreme sunlight or high temperatures. Yellowing of youngest leaves suggests lack of iron or chemical damage.

Marginal burning usually is traced to salinity. In that case, try watering deeply to see if that helps.

If the plant dies, be sure to examine the roots and the soil surrounding them. A bad odor often means the soil was kept too wet. Limited root development may indicate the same, or lack of water.

James Walters worked for the AP as a reporter and editor from 1947 until he retired in 1984.

Couple believes mailboxes are folk art

By Janet Kerlin

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Deck a country mailbox with cornstalks, chickens or cowboy motifs and you may have a work of folk art, two connoisseurs believe. The artists are creative customers along Rural Free Delivery routes around the nation who personalize their mailboxes.

The dedicated art historians of this minor genre of Americana are two Rhode Island anthropologists, William and Sarah Turnbaugh. They are tracking down the boxes to record them before they disappear from the American landscape.

Farmers began getting home mail delivery 100 years ago after they protested having to pick it up at the post office.

Whoever else noticed the centennial, the Turnbaughs did. It's their hobby to photograph mailboxes they consider folk art.

This mailbox mania started when the couple was driving on a back road in Nebraska about 10 years ago.

This was one of many trips they've made to visit American Indian reservations, museums and "other legitimate anthropological stuff," Turnbaugh, a University of Rhode Island professor, said.

"We spotted a little blue cowboy made entirely out of pipes. They had shaped him so he was running, and the mailbox was held out in front of him. And it struck us as a remarkable little creature," Turnbaugh said.

Since then, they've collected hundreds of pictures of American postal history.

In 1988, they published "R.F.D. Country! Mailboxes and Post Offices of Rural America," written under the pen name of Thornbrook.

Last year, they presented a slide show of photos of more than 100 mailboxes at the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

"What they've tried to do is show how creative we as a people are," Jim Bruns said. Bruns is director of the Postal Museum, a 1993 addition to the Smithsonian Institution.



AP Laserphoto

William and Sarah Turnbaugh pose with a personalized mailbox in Narragansett, R.I. The Turnbaughs are anthropologists whose hobby is to keep photographic record of the county mailboxes they consider folk art.

"My particular favorite was a mother and baby dolphin and you'd have to open the nose of the mother dolphin," Bruns said.

"Another was a Midas muffler shop that had created a mailbox from a muffler. They made a muffler man: his head was a break drum, his body was a muffler, his arms and legs were tail pipes and he held a smaller muffler in his hand and that was the mailbox."

Sarah Turnbaugh still recalls mailboxes that got away from them — like that 10-foot cornstalk mailbox pictured at a rest stop in Iowa. They tried to find the original at a local farm but got lost.

"That was one we really regretted. But there are always some really ingenious ones around another bend in the road," Turnbaugh, who directs the Museum of Primitive Art and Culture in South Kingstown, R.I.

Among them: boxes set on top of antique milk bottles, cream separators, blacksmith tools and plows that date to at least the turn of the century. And boxes decorated with sheet metal cut and painted into the shapes of pigs, cows, horses, cowboys and American Indians.

They are also fond of air-mail boxes, set up high as if an airplane were delivering the mail, Turnbaugh said.

Another favorite was near their Narragansett home. Antonietta Goodwin, a farm owner who died last year, had decorated her mailboxes with two plastic chickens.

"She made hundreds of outfits for these chickens, and she would switch them around. She had trick or treaters for Halloween, Santa Claus, and bunny chickens for Easter."

For this, she was known as the "Chicken Lady."

"For a lot of people, decorating their mailbox is a way of expressing themselves and announcing themselves," Turnbaugh said.

"It can be anything from rebelliousness against a standard society, or a way to make use of useless junk in the yard."

Priest's dog helps him connect with his flock

By Jessica DeLeon
Associated Press

MISSION — She goes to Mass every week. She goes to confession. She's been a good Catholic most of her life.

And she's a dog.

She's Magna, the dog of the Rev. Roy Snipes of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Snipes has a faithful companion in Magna, who attends Mass, confession and just about everywhere else with him. Parishioners at Our Lady of Guadalupe — especially children and Winter Texans — can't get enough of Magna, and Magna loves it.

Winter Texans snap her picture and children often pet the 90-pound ranch dog as she comes down the aisle with Snipes and the altar boys as Mass begins. During Mass, she lies down at the side of the altar. Then, as the service ends, she's off down the aisle once again.

EVEN THOUGH Magna has had cancer for four years, it's never stopped her from being a ham. The church's parishioners think she's pretty terrific, too.

"She's cute," gushed 9-year-old Celina Garcia.

"It's cool," added Laura Gallegos, 14.

Magna not only makes a good ambassador for the parishioners, Snipes said, but a great companion as well.

"She's great-hearted, very faithful," he said. "A dog is a tremendous symbol of fidelity, sometimes more faithful than a human."

When he was a priest at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church in Roma, Snipes had a dog named Gunzel who accompanied him everywhere. In 1983, Gunzel died.

Snipes remained without a four-legged friend until a September day in 1985. While outside a shopping center, a brown-haired, brown-eyed dog caught his eye.

"Man, what a beautiful dog," Snipes thought.

Noting the dog had no collar, Snipes asked a security officer, who confirmed the young dog, who was about six to eight months old, did not belong to anyone. The priest took the dog with him.

'She's great-hearted, very faithful. A dog is a tremendous symbol of fidelity, sometimes more faithful than a human.'

— The Rev. Roy Snipes, priest and dog owner

"It turned out to be the beginning of a beautiful partnership," he said.

From that day, Magna's life has been steeped in religion — including her name. Snipes thought about naming her after St. Gregario Magno, the pope whose feast day is Sept. 3. When a nun told him that people may be offended, he named her Magna.

Magna began accompanying Snipes everywhere she went, including Mass. When Snipes left for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, some of the Roma children were confused when the new priest arrived without a dog. They assumed dogs were part of the Mass, Snipes said.

Magna usually attends every Mass, except for early morning services.

But Snipes said Magna acts perfectly. "She's very well behaved," Snipes said. "She's sharp and has a good memory."

Magna hasn't caused any major stir in church, but there are moments when Snipes worries about her.

Magna goes with Snipes when he listens to Confession. Whenever the confession is done behind the screen, Snipes worries parishioners may think he's not paying attention.

"Sometimes she falls asleep and starts snoring," he said.

Magna's behavior can also be unpredictable at the St. Francis of Assisi ceremony in October, when the animals are blessed.

"She'll get irritated by the other dogs," Snipes said. "Females get jealous over their territory."

But the pooch has also proven her bravery.

Last July, senior students were presenting a play about Saint Maria Goretti, who was stabbed to death. In one scene, a man tries to seduce Maria. When she rejects him, the man becomes angry.

As the play was unfolding, Snipes recalled, "Magna was getting more and more intense."

When the actor pulled out a knife from his pocket, the dog ran up and knocked the knife out of the actor's hand. "She changed the story a little bit," Snipes said.

When she's not being a hero, Magna likes making new friends. She especially likes to visit the students during their Catechism on Saturday.

WINTER TEXANS also love Magna. Some of them have begun making her outfits similar to the coats that the Texas A&M mascot wears. "She's very pleased," Snipes said.

Magna also is invited to weddings. The wedding party often gives her a pink bow to wear.

For a Christmas play, Magna was given a halo to wear. And when the child angels went to look into the manger, Magna went along to see the Baby Jesus.

While the dog obviously loves people, she intensely dislikes guns and funerals.

One Memorial Day, Snipes took her to a veterans ceremony complete with 21-gun salute at a local cemetery.

"She hated that," Snipes said. "Every time she sees the Catholic War Veterans, she goes away."

Magna also refused to attend the funeral of a nun from the church.

"I wouldn't try to get her to go to a funeral," Snipes said. "She felt worried."

While Magna does not go to funerals, she fits in perfectly with the "Texas friendly" atmosphere at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The church has several of its services in "Tex-Mex" and a mariachi band performs during a Sunday afternoon Mass.

"We're kind of down home," Snipes said. "Magna just kind of adds to that."

In fact, Snipes believes Magna has made him a better priest. He said that a priest, such as a public speaker, wants to break the invisible barrier between him and his audience. Magna, he said, helps him connect with the parishioners.

"She helps me do that," Snipes said. "People start to relax."

"I really feel blessed to have a great dog," he said.

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Abernathy's celebrate 50th

Floyd and Helen Abernathy, Midlanders since 1952, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Las Vegas, Nevada, with their two sons, Mark and Mike, and Mike's wife, Carol. This trip, a gift given by their sons, gained a special touch when friends and other family members were invited to send surprise greetings to the couple via their son, Mike. These cards and letters were packaged and presented to the couple at a midnight, champagne supper on their anniversary, January 24th. Besides the obvious attractions, the four-day trip included sight-seeing, elaborate dinners and quality time spent as a family.

Helen Payne and Floyd Abernathy met in Eastland, Texas, where Helen was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and Floyd was employed with Burr's Department Store. They married January 24, 1947. Floyd gained employment with Mobil Oil Corporation in 1950. Following several moves, Floyd was transferred to Midland and Helen gave up her job with SWBT. Their twin boys were born in February of 1954. In 1970, Helen went back to work at Jenkin's Jewelry Store. In 1984, the couple retired and began traveling. They have cruised the Caribbean, stood in the shadow of Mt. Rushmore, sailed below Niagara Falls, and played in the Magic Kingdom at Disney World.

They are now active in the Mobil Retirees Club and Helen belongs to the Mobil Wives' Club and has held offices in FCE. Floyd enjoys golf and they both enjoy the time they spend with their grandchildren--Dawn, Megan and Justin. The family is already planning another trip together--hopefully before the couple's 60th anniversary.



Floyd and Helen Abernathy

Interest is brewing in healthful drink steeped in tradition

By Carolyn Poirot
N.Y. Times News Service

Tea for two reasons:

■ You may drink tea simply for pleasure, but modern science says there's also a medicinal value to sipping tea, which has a 5,000-year history as a folk remedy.

■ Recent research has found the benefits of tea include less tooth decay, lower cholesterol and blood pressure, and protection against heart disease and some forms of cancer.

Tea, especially unfermented green tea, has antioxidant properties similar to those of fruits, vegetables and wine.

The health benefits are thought to result primarily from a group of plant substances known as flavonoids, which prevent the damaging effects of oxidation.

"All of us baby boomers are concerned about wrinkles and stress and the way coffee makes us lose all our vitamins and minerals — lose all our vitality," says Letha Hadady, author of "Asian Health Secrets" (Crown Publishing, $27.50).

"Some have claimed that tea makes you beautiful, others that it makes you smart," says Hadady. "The greatest benefit is that tea is digestive, and that's no small thing."

UNLIKE COFFEE, which stimulates the nerves, tea contains tannic acid, which stimulates digestion and speeds metabolism, Hadady says.

All real tea — deriving from the tea plant Camellia sinenssis — also contains small amounts of theophyline, the chemical compound used in the treatment of asthma, points out Pam Wyatt-Aaron of Arlington, the "Texas Tea Queen," who sells and promotes tea through her company, Let's Talk Tea.

"Everyone is looking for alternatives to antibiotics to give the immune system a little boost," Wyatt-Aaron says. A medical sales representative who sold cancer-care products for 16 years, she became interested in tea three years ago when her doctor told her she had to quit drinking coffee and Mountain Dew because all that caffeine was contributing to severe fibrocystic breast disease.

She began researching tea and opened her own mail-order business, specializing in teas not generally available in grocery stores.

She also presents work site wellness programs on the health benefits of tea for major industries including American Airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration.

WE ALL KNOW that Peter Rabbit's mother made him a cup of chamomile tea and put him to bed after he snuck into Mr. McGregor's garden and ate too much cabbage.

But what she really made to cure his bellyache was an "herbal infusion," according to purists who say that real tea can only be made with real tea leaves.

Drinks made by steeping other herbs, fruits or spices in water often are called "tea" in the generic sense of the word.

Things like raspberry "tea" first became popular in this country after the Boston Tea Party, when loyal Americans spurned the real stuff, shipped from Britain along with taxation without representation.

Now many of the most popular brews are made from real tea leaves flavored with things like mint, cinnamon oil, fruit extracts, ginger and other spices. Herbal "teas" continue to increase in popularity.

Tea is probably the first herb any of us were introduced to in this country. Our grandmothers knew how to use tea for pleasure and for healing, but the war generation drifted away from that knowledge after the introduction of powerful antibiotics, Hadady notes.

She brews tea with a little orange peel for excess sinus congestion during the cold season, and puts in cloves to stimulate energy. If she has been out in the cold and is feeling stiff with aching joints, she might just stir a half teaspoon full of cinnamon in a cup of hot water and sweat out the cold.

"Cloves are good when we are cold, tired or need to brighten our outlook and lift our energy level," Hadady says. "I like a lighter green tea first thing in morning, and a more bitter green to provide a lift in afternoons.

"I'm guided by aroma. I take a sniff and see if it smells good at the moment, if it's what I want now. I can tell by the smell."

RESEARCHERS AGREE that tea is all pretty much alike as far as chemical properties and health benefits are concerned. The way the leaves are processed accounts for most of the differences among the three main kinds of tea: green, oolong and black.

Harvesters take freshly picked tea leaves (most stripped by hand from evergreen tea shrubs) to "factories" at the tea plantations, where the leaves are put on racks to wither.

Tea gives up 40 percent of its moisture and becomes limp in a couple of hours, says Joe Simrany, president of the Tea Council of the USA. It is then put into threshing machines or manipulated by hand to break up the green leaves. It is then rolled or crushed, then steamed or roasted and put into ovens to dry. Finally it is sorted, graded and packaged for export.

The main difference is the amount of time the tea is left in the air to wither and oxidize or ferment, Simrany notes.

Green tea is processed for the least amount of time and ends up with the least caffeine and color. Black tea is fermented the longest, causing it to produce the darkest brew and most caffeine. Oolong, sometimes called red tea, is partially fermented and lies somewhere in between.

Tea is sorted by sifting the processed leaves through a system of sieves. The biggest pieces, generally called full-leaf tea, remain at the top and are more flavorful and fragrant. Most commercial tea sold in this country is made from smaller pieces that sift down to the lower levels and are sometimes called "sweepings."

Most of the special-order and gourmet teas are full-leaf.

IF YOU'VE BEEN boiling tea in a pan of water on top of the stove to get all the flavor you can out of those little bleached paper bags, you're missing out on the delicate flavor and aroma of a perfectly brewed cup of tea.

First, forget the bags. Start with a full-leaf, loose tea — not the bottom-of-the-barrel "sweepings" that the British say Americans drink.

Run the cold water from the faucet for a couple of seconds to get some oxygen into the water and remove any sediments.

Fill a tea kettle about one-third full and bring water to a boil (just up to a boil for green tea).

In the meantime, warm your teapot by filling it with hot water. Empty and dry when the tea water begins to boil.

Place one teaspoon or one bag of tea into the pot for each cup of water.

Pour hot water into the pot and let it steep for three to five minutes.

Strain the tea into a cup, and cover the teapot with a cozy or towel to keep warm.

Fragrance market smells like a rose

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Some of the top names in fashion — and some who aren't — put their names on personal fragrances to extend their recognition and their share of the market.

Now they are putting them on candles and other scented products for the home.

Ralph Lauren entered the market years ago, but among Seventh Avenue elite who are relative newcomers are Oscar de la Renta, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein.

Why the surge in designer scents? Patti Cohen, senior vice president at Donna Karan, could say only that home fragrances are in the air. But it might be that baby boomers are settling into middle age and finding more satisfaction in furnishing a home than in adding to their wardrobe.

"Fashion is very iffy today, so it is clever for fashion designers to broaden their base," Annette Green, president of the Fragrance Foundation in New York, says. The nonprofit group is sponsored by the fragrance industry.

Home fragrances go far beyond famous fashion designers. For 1994, the most recent year studied, a private market survey estimated a $1.5 billion business at retail, Green said. It includes some 200 companies and air fresheners such as Air-Wick and Glade. That compares with $1.35 billion in 1992. The increase was in fine rather than low-end items, and 1996 was expected to be even better.

Donna Karan launched one of the most extensive collections last October, with Scents and Sensuality sachets and candles. Prices range from $35 for a trio of travel candles to $225 for a cashmere bed pillow filled with buckwheat hulls.

"Donna would design computers if she felt she could make a difference," Cohen said. "But home fragrance is a natural extension to what we have been doing."

Most designer fragrances are found at the perfume counters rather than in home furnishings departments. But along with designer bed and bath linens, they may provide the necessary wedge to other home furnishings areas.

Dona Karan recently appointed a home furnishings development director and, Cohen says, "is exploring a wide variety of products from textiles to furniture."

Calvin Klein has, of course, already made the leap into home furnishings at his flagship store in New York City and in departments in upscale stores around the country.

His new Fig Tree scent is $30 for a candle, spray or potpourri. Peony, a floral, will be added in the spring, and a woodsy scent is planned for fall.

Oscar de la Renta introduced a candle, $45, and room spray, $20, in time for the holiday market. The scent, called City, is based on one he developed years earlier for his own home.

The retail price factors in development, packaging, advertising and the quality of ingredients. Most high-end products are made of natural essences derived from petals, leaves and oils. They also are considerably more subtle than those using artificial ingredients and sold at mass market.

Essences found in Donna Karan's five scents, classified as either invigorating or calming, include rosemary, white sage, peppermint, chamomile, magnolia, lavender, rose and orange peel.

Calvin Klein's Fig Tree is a fruity scent with a base of fig leaves, branches, and fruit along with bergamot, lemon, Italian Mandarin, jasmine, mimosa, lily of the valley, cedar and vetiver, an East Indian grass.

Oscar de la Renta's home fragrance is a blend of bergamot, orange flower and crisp green leafy notes with underlying florals of hyacinth, lilac, rose and geranium.



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A satin eye pillow filled with lavender and flax seed adds a gentle weight to the lids. Such pillows have long been used by the Japanese to relieve eye strain and tension. They are part of Donna Karan Scents and Sensuality collection of fragrances for the home.

Try scents for all seasons

NEW YORK (AP) — Home fragrances aren't pure indulgence, according to Annette Green, president of the Fragrance Foundation.

She said a study at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., showed that fragrances help people feel better in a clinical environment.

And at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York City, "people taking MRI tests were more relaxed when regular doses of vanilla were released."

While vanilla, rosemary and lavender are soothing, the scents of grass, citrus and peppermint make people feel more energetic, Green said.

In addition to choosing a scent to match the ambience you want to create, there are other guidelines for using home fragrances.

"One size doesn't fit all," she says.

For example, small humid rooms such as the bath call for subtlety because humidity accentuates an aroma. A more forceful scent can be used in larger areas such as the living room.

"It's fun to gear scent to season," she added, "with spicy cinnamon or spruce wafting through rooms at Christmas, light florals in the air in spring.

"And for those special times with a significant other, there is musk.

"Although sexy isn't being stressed, it's an opportunity that would cause the industry to grow more."

Chronically breath-challenged have new hope

By Anastasia Hendrix
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Word of mouth has it that bad breath may soon be gone for good. That's because centers specializing in halting halitosis have sprung up across California, and more are opening to keep up with demand. In a hyper-hygienic society obsessed with perfection, having beautifully fresh breath is becoming the latest health craze.

"The public is definitely more conscious of breath odors than they were 10 or 15 years ago," said Anthony Dailley, who opened the Center for Breath Treatment in San Francisco's Financial District four months ago. "Everyone's always looking for a higher level of health."

So far about 100 people have turned to him for help, said Dailley, who worked for 15 years as a dentist before shifting the focus of his practice. But he has a hunch that thousands more could benefit by having better breath. "Almost everyone I come across has a story about someone they work with (having bad breath), once they find out what I do," he said with a chuckle.

Dental industry figures estimate that about 10 percent of the population — some 25 million people — suffers from chronic bad breath, and as many as 50 million have "varying degrees" of offensive oral odor, said Dailley.

But the treatments are not aimed at those who indulge in the occasional garlic-encrusted bagel, savor some French onion soup or have a long sleep. While a thorough brushing is enough to get rid of the sticky stench for most people, others need a more scientific approach.

The "cure" Dailley and others use is a method designed by St. Louis dentist Marvin Cohen. It's a new approach to a problem that has existed throughout human history, from cave dwellers to corporate executives, explained Cohen.

In 1994 he invented a device called the Halimeter — a hybrid of two other dental instruments that measures the level of sulfuric acids in the mouth. The gases from those acids create the "rotten egg-like" smell and, once located, can be neutralized with special rinses and toothpaste.

The magic ingredient is chlorine dioxide, a chemical that "makes it difficult for the bugs to survive," Cohen said. Specially designed brushes, tongue scrapers and all-over mouth brushing techniques also are part of the program.

The biggest problem is that most people believe bad breath begins in the digestive system, but the greatest percentage of the problems are caused within the mouth itself, said Greg Leisle, a pediatric dentist for 21 years who opened the Central California Breath Center in Fresno, Calif., in 1995. Older people and those who take certain prescription medications for ailments such as liver problems can suffer from a dry mouth, which also is more prone to smell bad. Postnasal drip landing on the back of the tongue is another common problem. The most severe cases usually are associated with serious medical ailments and are the hardest to treat.

Paul Hsia, a 45-year-old software engineer from Palo Alto, Calif., says he wished his dentist could have spared him years of embarrassment caused by his bad breath. "It got so bad that even my wife said, 'You have to get that fixed,' " he said.

When he heard a radio advertisement for Dailley's breath center during his commute one day about a month ago, he couldn't wait to call. He winced at the $530 fee at first, but said it has been worth it.

After a few visits to the center, he said, he breathed a minty-fresh sigh of relief for the first time in years. "When I came home, my wife was so surprised, she said, 'What kind of chemical are you using?' "

'Slim' is latest men's fashion look

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's slim, Jim.

That's the projection of the latest fashion futures survey of the National Association of Men's Sportwear Buyers, which predicts the season will include snug suits and sportcoats, pleatless trousers, and tight knitted shirts.

"Very slim looks in suits and sportswear have had avant-garde support for at least a year, and in 1997 will have their first broad exposure in American stores," says Jack Herschlag, NAMSB executive director.

"Consumer reception is expected to be small but meaningful, and concentrated among men who really care about fashion."

The slim look is one of the three main silhouettes available in stores.

The others are the new natural look, which is a softened version of mainstream dressing, using soft contours, drapy fabrics and natural proportions.

Then there's the "big" look, with bubble-shaped outerwear, wide-leg jeans and roomy tops and bottoms, popular with urban youth.

NAMSB also has spotted the appearance of tight, see-through shirts and shirts worn open down to the belt; updated versions of matched sets of shirts and pants or shirts and ties; high- and low-tech looks, emulating astronauts, garage mechanics, and sports teams; and the zipper jacket, reinterpreted in new colors, fabrics and cut.

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Life's work has been 'all at sea'

By Raju Chebium



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World renowned oceanograper Jacques Cousteau, 86, smiles during a Jan. 9 interview in Orlando, Fla. Cousteau, co-inventor of the aqualung, has spent 45 years documenting the silent world under the sea.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jacques-Yves Cousteau smiled brilliantly, offered a firm handshake, eased his 86-year-old body into a chair and discussed his passion for the world's waters.

Cousteau has told the world of the oceans' ills through books and documentaries and inspired millions of people to take up the oceans' cause.

He gave water a voice with a French accent.

But ask why the water exerts such a strong pull on him, and he fumbles for words — for just a second.

"The reason why I love the sea, I cannot explain," a chuckling Cousteau said in a recent interview. "It's physical. ... When you dive, you begin to feel that you're an angel. It's a liberation of your weight."

For 45 years, Cousteau has crisscrossed the globe, delivering his message to presidents and parliaments, environmentalists and children: Take care of water, for it is the earth's lifeblood.

He acknowledged feeling frustrated because humans continue to damage marine environments worldwide — despite heightened awareness.

"I'm not saying that we led a very glorious fight against the damage done to the oceans, no," Cousteau said. "Now at least there are many groups saying, 'We're going to clean the Amazon. We're going to do this thing.' Some of them do actually obtain some results."

MANY OCEAN advocates and researchers recall being inspired by Cousteau's documentaries when they were younger.

"He raised the consciousness of whole generations of people around the world with his documentaries," Michael Crosby, a scientist with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, said in a telephone interview from Silver Spring, Md.

"It's almost like a pyramid. He was the point, and the rest of us have branched out, and dramatically, by orders of magnitude, broadened the base of marine science. How many of us would have gotten into marine science if not for him, his books and his documentaries?"

Cousteau has been diving since he was 10. His first dive was in Lake Harvey, Vt., in the summer of 1920. He was spending the season away from New York City, where he and his parents lived briefly.

After returning to France, Cousteau graduated from the French naval academy and trained to become a pilot. He continued diving and exploring his other love — documentary filmmaking. His life's work was being decided in those years, without him knowing it.

The two interests may have remained hobbies if not for a near-fatal automobile accident he suffered at age 26, one that ended his dream of flying.

Doctors wanted to amputate his left arm, but Cousteau refused. Instead, he created a rehabilitation regimen that called for daily swims. To this day, Cousteau bears the scars of the accident — his swollen left elbow and a wrist that remains twisted because the bones never set properly.

The therapy had unintended consequences, as Cousteau writes in his 1953 book, "The Silent World," which has sold 5 million copies in more than 20 languages.

"Sometimes we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, to discard the old, embrace the new, and run headlong down an immutable course," he wrote. "It happened to me ... on that summer's day, when my eyes were opened to the sea."

He got married, served in World War II as a naval gunnery officer and was decorated for his involvement with the French resistance against Nazi Germany. In his free time, he experimented with military diving equipment.

IN 1943, COUSTEAU, with the help of a brilliant engineer friend named Emile Gagnan, invented the prototype of the aqualung, an underwater breathing apparatus that supplies oxygen to divers.

In 1950, he bought Calypso, a converted minesweeper, and sailed to the Red Sea — a voyage that led to the discovery of scores of previously unknown plants and animals and the publication of "The Silent World."

In 1955, Cousteau embarked on a 13,800-mile voyage around the world. In addition to filling the world's aquariums with rare plants and animals, he made a 90-minute film version of "The Silent World." It won the coveted Palme d'Or (Golden Palm) award at the 1956 Cannes International Film Festival and the Academy Award a year later.

COUSTEAU'S FAME skyrocketed. Time magazine put him on the cover in 1960. He received the National Geographic Society's Gold Medal in 1961 during a ceremony attended by President John F. Kennedy.

"The Living Sea" was published in 1963, and "World Without Sun" two years later. His film "World Without Sun" debuted in the United States in 1964. After that, in 1966, came his first hourlong ABC television special, "The World of Jacques-Yves Cousteau" and, two years later, "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

In 1977, the "Cousteau Odyssey" series premiered on PBS. Seven years later, the "Cousteau Amazon" series premiered on the Turner Broadcasting System. In all, his documentaries have won 40 Emmy nominations.

In the 1970s, he formed the Cousteau Society, an environmental group based in Norfolk, Va., dedicated to educating the world about problems such as industrial pollution, overfishing and reef decline.

Cousteau's crusade has cost him dearly in his personal life.

His son and heir apparent, Philippe Cousteau, was killed in 1979 in a seaplane crash; the elder Cousteau cannot bring himself to discuss the tragedy to this day.

Cousteau's other son, Jean-Michel, is a renowned conservationist in his own right. But a dispute over lending the Cousteau name to a Fijian resort has soured their relationship.

Some critics have questioned Cousteau's work, noting he does not have scientific training.

Robert Ginsburg, a University of Miami marine scientist who worked briefly with Cousteau in the 1970s, dismisses such talk. "It's irrelevant. He never pretended to be a scientist," he said.

"What he did incredibly well is inspire and stimulate people. He has done much more to encourage interest in the ocean than any one of us in hard science."

COUSTEAU, meanwhile, has no plans of slowing down. He is building Calypso II to replace the original, which sank off Singapore last year. Next year, he plans to study India's Ganges River, an ailing waterway worshipped by Hindus.

And he wants to tailor his conservation message to divers and children.

"I would like to turn the divers into soldiers of the water. Second, I would like to have the children of the world better educated," Cousteau said.

"We have to teach the children water is vital to survive and they have to take care of it."

Teaching truth about marriage may help end divorce crisis

By Emily J. Minor
N.Y. Times News Service

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead's at it again. First she stirred up a lot of emotion with her 1993 Atlantic Monthly article with the lovely title "Dan Quayle Was Right."

Now Whitehead, 52, is out there again, striking nerves on NPR's "All Things Considered" and NBC's "Today" show. The hullabaloo is over her new book, "The Divorce Culture" (Alfred A. Knopf; $24). She says we treat divorce too lightly.

We fail to prepare children for their marriages. "We're franker about sex than marriage," she says.

Half of today's marriages end in divorce, which is probably why we're blase over it.

And more important, we fail to be realistic about our own marriages.

"Anyone who's been in marriage for any period of time knows there are periods of time when you're quite unhappy."

Half of today's marriages end in divorce, which is probably why we're blase over it.

We glance unaffected at the section of Hallmark greeting cards, the ones designed for divorced dads to send their daughters.

We casually inspect the shelves of children's books with titles like "Daddy Doesn't Live Here Anymore" and "Will Dad Ever Move Back Home?"

Unhappy? Bored? We get a divorce.

Some divorce is inevitable. Whitehead knows this. But when that happens, when a marriage cannot be saved, she suggests we stop arguing over who gets the silkscreen prints and wicker furniture and start talking about the important things.

Things like money for college and what's the farthest away Daddy should ever move?

Things that have to do with the children.

Whitehead's readers usually react with anger. She is striking a nerve, talking about our families, our values, our personal right to choose. Readers call her a right-wing, stay-home mom with her head in the clouds.

Funny thing is, she's a liberal, a feminist, a "lifelong Democrat."

It's just that she's done the numbers:

- Half of our nation's children go through one divorce, then go through another when a parent remarries.
- Almost all divorced children suffer a loss of relationship with their father.
- Children whose parents divorce are two times more likely to have emotional problems.

Could it be that we dislike her because she's telling the truth?

Could it be that Dan Quayle was right?

Emily J. Minor writes for The Palm Beach Post.

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Clean sweep gives garden new life

By Lee May
N.Y. Times News Service

Having finally decided to clear my garden of fallen leaves instead of letting them lay and decay, I couldn't wait until spring; the cleanup had to come sooner. So, during a recent week, I gave myself to the task.

It was some of the hardest, dirtiest work I've done in a long time. Maybe since I dug out the dwarf bamboo. Or the ivy. Or the liriope. All those were difficult, but gathering what seemed like millions of leaves seemed tougher. The result, however, already has been strangely rewarding.

First, my family reacted as if, in clearing the garden of leaves, I had suddenly stopped eating spaghetti and tomato sauce with my fingers. Or going to the bank in my underwear.

Touring with me on Sunday, Lyn and our daughter, Leslie, heaped praise on the newly clean space. "I'm so glad you did this," said Leslie. "It's truly inspiring. And now I can see the plants."

Lyn said, "What a wonderful change you've made. Now the truth can be told: I had gotten to the point it wasn't fun walking in the garden with all those leaves piled up everywhere. You've made it fun again."

Well. You just never know what people are thinking. Even those closest to you. Here I was assuming they understood my natural gardening, leaving the leaves where they fell, forestlike. But no. All the while, they were hoping I'd clear the ground, so they could see what was growing in the garden.

After I got over the feeling that I was being welcomed back to civilization after a long absence, I had to concede the new look was better. The brown leaves could not compete with the dark loam as a background for the greens of the pines and the banana shrub and aucuba and all the other evergreens. Or for the coral-bark Japanese maples that seemed on fire above the newly visible black earth.

What a price I paid for this beauty. Admittedly, I did make it hard on myself; it had been too long since I did a total cleaning of the garden.

Meantime, leaves from our tulip tree and saucer magnolia had fallen like raindrops, as had those from neighbors' pecan trees.

But the greatest contributor by far is the giant tree next door, the pre-Civil War oak.

The most active tree I've ever seen, it petulantly spits down acorns by the barrel throughout the fall, gradually throwing off leaves at the same time and not going completely bare until after Christmas. This tree covers a whole lot of ground over a whole lot of time.

Of course, its thick growth and wide canopy make it a fantastic cooling machine in summer. Those who rake must do some backaching work in exchange for the benefits, however. A workfare oak, this is.

It and the rest of the trees had piled up enough leaves, seeds, fruit and other tree parts in my garden over the last several years to fill some 50 garbage bags. My compost piles now look like they're on steroids.

Using a tiny rake, I navigated small spaces, snaring piles of leaves. I scooped with a dust pan, with my bare hands, marveling at what I uncovered. Fiddleheads coiled to unfurl into fern fronds. Mint that had never died back. Hydrangea canes pushing through the earth already, along with peony and hosta.

Yes, a cleaned-up garden is a beautiful sight. Lyn thinks even the fish are liking the new look, swimming closer to the pond surface. I know the robins have been enjoying feasts of newly exposed earthworms.

Unfortunately, squirrels, too, find the clean space appealing. They cavort with more than their usual frenetic energy, digging and gnawing, their tails gesturing obscenely. But even these tree- dwelling rodents cannot make me a leaf-leaver again. I'm committed to clean.

Lee May writes for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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Love of outdoors can last forever

By John Flesher

HONOR, Mich. (AP) — Ever paused in the midst of a backwoods hunting or fishing trip, sighed contentedly and murmured, "I wish I could stay here forever"?

If so, Garry and Gloria Pierce have a deal for you.

On a ridge overlooking a trout stream in an idyllic northern Michigan wood, the Pierces and partner Arthur Stickles are developing a cemetery for the cremated remains of outdoor lovers.

"It's a final resting place for like-minded souls — hunters, fishermen, skiers, bird watchers, you name it," Gloria Pierce says. "We believe there are people who would want their remains kept in a setting that offers a spirit of eternal celebration of nature."

Brundage Wilderness Cemetery will be located in Benzie County, about five miles from the village of Honor. A century ago, the site was home to a tiny pioneer settlement and a stopover for stagecoaches making the 60-mile run between Manistee and Traverse City.

All that's left of the community are the graveyard of the Brundage family — homesteaders who arrived from New Jersey in the 1860s — and remnants of the dam they built on the creek to power their sawmill.

It's a quiet spot, nestled at the end of a two-track road surrounded by state forest. In winter, the only sounds are the moan of icy gusts whipping through snow-covered pines and the occasional whine of a distant snowmobile.

"It's beautiful up there — the air is clear and clean," says Dale Schultz of Muskegon, the first person to reserve a plot in the new cemetery. He has visited the area often over the last decade, hunting deer or just wandering the woods, savoring occasional glimpses of a coyote or fox.

"It's surrounded by state land, so you don't have to worry about being hemmed in by some high-rise building someday," said Schultz, 60. "You'll have peace and quiet forever."

The same thought occurred to Stickles, whose hometown of Interlochen is nearby. A longtime cemetery operator in the Detroit area, he now divides his time between Florida and Michigan.

Stickles, 74, learned of the old Brundage graveyard while attending local township meetings. He researched its history, visited the site and was captivated by its beauty and simplicity.

"I thought, 'Gee, this would be a great place for cremain burials,'" Stickles said. "It's not big enough for very many (casket) burials but it's perfect for cremains. Anybody can be buried here, but it strikes me as ideal for sports-minded people."



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Gloria Pierce, one of the founders of the new Brundage Wilderness Cemetery near Honor, Mich., is shown Jan. 20 beside the gravestone of the patriarch of the Brundage clan, who settled in the area in the 1860s. The new cemetery will be located in an adjacent clearing. It is designed for the cremated remains of outdoor lovers.

Many cemeteries have columbaria — vaults with niches for cremation urns — or grassy areas where cremated remains can be scattered, says Nick Verrastro, editor of American Cemetery, a trade journal based in Iselin, N.J.

"But I don't know of any other cemetery in the country that's been developed from scratch as a wilderness area for cremated remains," Verraastro said. "This, to me, is a first."

These days, more Americans are showing interest in cremation.

In 1985, just under 14 percent of the people who died were cremated, according to the Cremation Association of North America. A decade later the total exceeded 21 percent, says CAMA, a Chicago-based trade association for the funeral and cemetery industry.

If its projections are correct, by 2010 cremation will be used nearly 40 percent of the time.

"People are dying older and dying away from home," says Jack Springer, CAMA executive director. "They're growing up in Michigan but retiring to Florida or Acapulco and dying there without a lot of friends or family around.

"So they'll be cremated and in many cases the remains will be shipped back north to the family homestead."

Moreover, a growing number of people — especially the young and affluent — see cremation as ecologically correct. And older cemeteries are filling up, leaving little choice except cremation for people desiring burial in them.

But cremation raises the question of how to dispose of the remains — or "cremains," as the industry calls them. They're often described as ashes, but actually are purified skeletal fragments.

Some people leave instructions on where their cremains should be scattered — in the ocean, perhaps, or someplace on land that was especially meaningful during their lives.

"But a lot of people don't know what to do with them," Stickles said. "A lot of them just get thrown away ... or they end up sitting in closets."

He and the Pierces say burying cremains in a cemetery gives surviving relatives a place to pay respects.

Brundage Wilderness Cemetery will be a one-acre site adjacent to the existing Brundage family graveyard, in a clearing surrounded by white pines and aspens.

There will be space for 48,000 burial plots, each measuring one square foot and covered with 8- by 8-inch markers of bronze, granite or both. The cost of a plot, burial and perpetual maintenance is $250. The markers start at $250 for an individual or $400 for a couple but can be more expensive, depending on materials and design.

The cemetery also will sell urns, although many people will supply their own.

Stickles says the minimum one could expect to pay in the Detroit area for a traditional casket burial is $1,300 — and that includes just land and labor, not the coffin.

The Brundage grounds will be maintained with an eye toward preserving the surroundings, the Pierces say. Weeds and undergrowth will be controlled, but there won't be carefully manicured lawns or ornate memorials. Instead, the ground cover will be a mixture of grass and pine needles. Walkways will be lined with shredded tree bark.

The Brundage operators also plan to sponsor annual summer get-togethers for relatives of people buried in the cemetery.

"We'd like to have a local minister do a memorial service for all the people there, and afterwards have a picnic," Mrs. Pierce said. "It will be a time of gathering, to share mutual interests and tell fish stories and hunting stories and remember the happy times."

They expect the cemetery to be especially attractive to people in southern Michigan and neighboring states.

"If you're from the Upper Midwest, there's a certain magic about going 'up north' for vacation," Stickles says. "My point is, why not be there permanently."

Prevent big home repairs by doing little ones

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

A house may seem delicate and prone to maladies that take expensive expertise to remedy. It doesn't have to be that way.

"Even an uninformed homeowner can notice unexplained water or wet patches that indicate a leak, feel for drafts around doors and windows, or recognize wood that is soft to the touch," says Paul Spring, editor of Today's Homeowner magazine in New York.

"A few hours spent looking at the house and its systems can stave off household emergencies," adds Spring, "such as when the roof is leaking badly or four inches of water have collected in the basement."

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— Paul Spring
editor, Today's Homeowner magazine

Taking care of small repairs in a timely fashion will keep a house in good working order. But what takes precedence? "For most people, household repairs are tied to the seasons," says Mark Collini, Home Depot's district manager for northern New Jersey, in Edison.

It never fails in areas with harsh winters that customers arrive each fall with questions about weatherstripping and caulking, says Collini. And in the spring, deck repair, landscaping and lawn care queries predominate, he adds. In localities with fierce summers, such as Phoenix and Houston, caulking and weatherstripping projects are tackled in the summer because of the heat.

In any season, Spring advises focusing on areas that are critical to the whole house. "The greatest threat to your home comes from water — rain, snow, plumbing systems, moisture in the air," he says. "The roof keeps the weather out so it's the first thing to look at."

Leaks typically develop first at stress points such the flashing, where roof and house meet. Gutters that become clogged and downspouts that drain directly into the area around the foundation also cause significant problems. Yet fixing these problems is usually fairly simple, well within the abilities of amateurs or easily done by professionals.

Weatherstripping and caulking to keep heat and air-cooled air in — relative no-brainers — amply repay the time and money spent doing them.

The heating system is important enough to merit a regular inspection. "Get the heating company to come out and inspect the system and tell you what kind of life you have left and what maintenance you can do," Spring advises.

Inside the house, small maintenance chores may well stave off big jobs. Replacing a worn-out washer stops the irritating drip-drip of a faucet and also keeps the problem from getting worse. Before a plumbing valve or hose actually breaks, it usually shows signs of wear and can be replaced, thus eliminating the source of a potentially nasty leak. Caulking around tubs, sinks and toilets often prevents leaks that can lead to expensive repairs such as replacing parts of the floor.

Moisture problems in the home are on the increase because the high cost of energy has caused many people to seal their homes more tightly, Spring says. Something as simple as turning on the fan in the bathroom or putting a lid on the spaghetti pot when it is boiling can curtail rot due to the build-up of moisture.

Human nature being what it is, most homeowners probably will not arrange for a professional home inspection and then set up a regular maintenance and improvement program.

Not to worry. Sources of information include publications, videos, knowledgeable employees at home centers, and even a neighbor.

"A knowledgeable neighbor can often help a homeowner determine whether something is a little problem or a big one, and most professionals will come out to look at a potential problem and give an opinion without charging," says Spring.

Those who haven't learned how to do repairs at their father's knee are capable of learning.

"Dad called in people, but I do most of the maintenance chores in my own house," says Collini, who last year put in weatherstripping, caulked, checked out his home water and septic systems.

Although it's scant comfort to someone facing a whopping estimate for replacing the roof, the cost of owning and maintaining a home has risen less on average than the overall rate of inflation, Spring says. Inflation has risen about 3.5 percent a year, while costs in five key spending categories for the home have averaged an annual 2 percent rise.

Today's Homeowner developed the figures to track costs of operating and maintaining a private home. Property taxes and insurance have kept pace with inflation, or exceeded it in some localities. But the cost of items such as floor coverings, appliances and furniture went up only 0.9 percent between 1985 and 1995.

DEAR ABBY

Time, patience healed wife's wounded love

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to the woman whose husband had recently confessed to an affair. She signed herself, "I Love Him With All My Heart." She said she didn't know of any marriages that had survived an affair — and I want to assure her that there are many that have.



Van Buren

My husband and I had been married only four months when he got re-involved with a woman he had an affair with during his first marriage. When my husband broke it off, she got so upset she told her husband, and it was mayhem after that!

I told my husband that the affair had not changed my love for him, but it HAD deeply wounded me and affected my trust in him. I was willing to stay and work it out only if he was willing to go to counseling with me and work to earn my trust. He was more than willing, and we found a wonderful counselor who helped us achieve our goal — to heal and strengthen our relationship.

"I Love Him" expressed concern that her husband would grow tired of her pain. She's correct in that she does need someone else to confide in. Her pain is a very heavy load for her husband to carry alone, and the pitfall in confiding in friends is that they are usually not as objective as a counselor would be.

If I may offer a bit of advice, as part of a couple who has successfully navigated this trauma: Find a good counselor with whom you both feel comfortable, be honest with the counselor and each other, and be patient with yourself and your husband.

Also, if you have children, don't take for granted that you can shield them from your pain and stress. Make sure that they, too, have a counselor they can talk to. — STRONGER BECAUSE OF IT IN ATLANTA

DEAR STRONGER: That's excellent advice from someone who's walked a mile in her moccasins. Your maturity and perseverance in your marriage are to be admired. And so is your generosity in speaking out about such a personal matter.

DEAR ABBY: I am so happy that I asked you to help me find my deceased wife's relatives so that I could give them her family album. Because of your column, I was able to locate a man named Hemenover who was raised together with my wife by Mrs. A. Hemenover of 1300 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland. So I have dispatched the album to him. He is 80 years old. I hope he can identify some of the people in the pictures. I also came up with two great-grandchildren, and some valuable information about my wife's background, too. (She had told me almost nothing about her family.)

Abby, the C.I.A. should put you under contract!

The response of your readers was swift, gracious and sincere. From coast to coast, they sent information and offered their help and encouragement.

I have talked to several of the Hemenovers. Abby, you have fired up a great new interest in their family background — an amazing feat, and all in less than one month!

An observation: When my daughter suggested I contact you, she said, "Some people read sports, editorials, finance and funnies, but EVERYBODY reads Dear Abby." She was correct. So thank you very much for being there and bringing my search to a successful conclusion. — GAYEL CHEW, MEDFORD, ORE.

DEAR MR. CHEW: I have often said that my readers are the most generous and caring people in the world — and your letter illustrates that I wasn't exaggerating. I'm pleased that your problem was so quickly and happily resolved. Thank you for a dandy day-brightener.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, I was touched by a simple act of kindness from a stranger in a park.

I had gone to New York from California to visit my boyfriend, but by the third day, it was obvious that he didn't want me there.

Overwhelmed with pain and disappointment, I left his apartment and walked down the Manhattan streets, ending up in a park. I sat down and began to cry, thinking to myself, "Everyone says that people in New York don't care, and no one will notice me."

A few moments later, an elderly gentleman walked over and introduced himself. He said he had been sitting across from me, and asked what could be making me so sad. Through my tears, I poured out my heartbreak — I told him everything. He listened for a long time and then he spoke. "You are a beautiful woman. Your boyfriend doesn't realize what he has. Anyone who would treat you that way isn't worth your time." Then he gave me a hug — a long, wonderful hug.

This caring, genuine man was like a guardian angel. He gave me the strength to walk back with my head held high, talk to my boyfriend, and feel strong enough to leave the next day.

I will never forget the man in the park. Sometimes perfect strangers show more kindness than one ever expects. — B.J. IN CALIFORNIA

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'February Fantastique' honors Symphony Belles

Staff Reports

The 1997 Symphony Belles were presented during "February Fantastique," the ninth annual Gala Weekend of the Midland Symphony Guild.

This year the Senior Belles were presented Friday evening at a black-tie event in ClayDesta Atrium. LeMasquerade provided the music for the ball. Each Senior Belle has contributed many hours of volunteer service to the symphony and other organizations during her four years in the Belle program.

Saturday, the Freshmen Belles, who are beginning their four years of service, were introduced at a luncheon and style show featuring fashions from Skibell's.

The gala weekend is a fund-raising event for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale.

This year's belles are:

■ **Stacy Lillian Allen,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray Allen. A senior at Lee High School, she is a member of National Honor Society, a student council representative and a member of Lady Rebels varsity softball team.

■ **Emily Arizaga Armour,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer D. Armour III. An LHS student, she is president of Dixie Dolls Drill Team, member of the National Honor Society and on the executive board of the student council.

■ **Brooke Marissa Baily,** 17, daughter of Gary and Deborah Baily, attends Midland High School, where she is student council president, member of National Honor Society and a Texas Scholar.

■ **Heidi Anne Dobey,** 18, daughter of Michael and Kathryn Dobey, attends LHS. She is squad leader of the Flag Line, was awarded first place for Flag Solo at the 1996 West Texas Auxiliary Championship Contest in Lubbock, and is a four-year letterman in varsity band.

■ **Hilary Megan Essex,** 18, daughter of Gail Essex and David Essex, attends MHS. She is a member of National Honor Society and is an academic letterman and a Texas Scholar.

■ **Brianne Leigh Eben,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Eben. A student at MHS, she is a student council representative, a Texas Scholar and a two-year member of the varsity tennis team.

■ **Tanya Marie Eustace,** 17, daughter of Tom and Natalie Eustace, attends LHS, where she is a four-year academic letterman, a member of National Honor Society and a Texas Scholar.

■ **Kelly Ryann Feavel,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Feavel and attends LHS. She has been listed twice in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who Among American High School Sports, and is a four-year academic letterman.

■ **Angela Foster,** 18, daughter of Debbie Foster and the late Wayne Foster, attends Greenwood High School, where she is a four-year cheerleader who won the National Cheerleader Award and International Cheerleading Award, a class representative and a member of the Art Club.

■ **Stacy Marie Foster,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, attends LHS. She is a member of National Honor Society, LHS Chorale and Origin, and is a Texas Scholar.

■ **Kesha Lavon Garner,** 17, is the daughter of Linda and Chris Schmalz and Carla and Rusty Garner. She attends LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, a three-year academic letterman and an honor graduate.

■ **Katherine Marsha Geib,** 18, is the daughter of Marsha Jimerson Geib. She attends MHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, a four-year academic letterman and an honor graduate.

■ **Crystal Dawn Gilbert,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Smith, attends GHS. She is a varsity cheerleader, and a member of the girls varsity basketball team and Art Club.

■ **Paula Lynn Haden,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Paul Haden. She attends LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, a four-year academic letterman and an honor graduate.

■ **Natalie Lane Hall,** 18, is the daughter of Guy and Terry Hall. A student at MHS, she is cheerleader manager, boys' track team trainer and member of the yearbook staff.

■ **Laura Elizabeth Hamblin,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan C. Hamblin, is salutatorian of the 1997 MHS graduating class. She is a National Merit semi-finalist and president of Bulldog Band.

■ **Sarah Kathleen Hayes,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Hayes, attends LHS, where she is a National Merit Commended Student, is ranked eighth in her class and a three-year member of LHS' U.I.L. Literary Criticism academic team.

■ **Cassie Dawn Henkel,** 17, is the daughter of Billy and Tena Henkel. A senior at GHS, she is 1996 Homecoming Queen, four-year varsity cheerleader and a four-year letterman and All-District in varsity basketball and varsity volleyball.

■ **Saige T. Holder,** 18, daughter of Steve and Kay Holder, attends LHS. She has been nominated for a National Award for her work in student council, and is a participant in Teen Community Bible Study.

■ **Marci Suzanne Holland,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Holland, attends MHS. She is a two-year delegate to Model Organization of American States in Washington, D.C., is captain and three-year letterman of the varsity tennis team, and is secretary of student council.

■ **Jacquelyn Michelle Horne,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horne, attends LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society and a Texas Scholar, and has been listed twice in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

■ **Whitney Celeste Hyde,** 17, daughter of the Honorable and Mrs. John G. Hyde, attends MHS. She is involved in Junior Classical League, in which she is an officer and sweetheart for 1996-97, and member of the Computer Club and MHS varsity band.

■ **Barbara Allison Johnson,** 18, is the daughter of Sikes and Marion Johnson. A student at MHS, she is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, four-year academic letterman and an honor graduate.

■ **Suzanne Nicole Kerr,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Kerr and a student at LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, P.A.L.S. and Senior Girls Club.

■ **Sara Elizabeth Langford,** 17, daughter of Robert and Stephanie Langford, is a home-schooled student. She is completing her junior and senior years of concurrent classes at Midland College. She has played intramural volleyball and basketball for MC and has been a two-year member of the polo team.

■ **Allegra Nicole LeGrande,** 17, daughter of Greg LeGrande and Sylvia Drew, is a student at LHS, where she is a National Merit Commended Scholar, is ranked fifth in the 1997 graduating class and won the Bausch & Lomb Midland Science Award.

■ **Melody Amber Lemley,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lemley. A student at MHS, she was varsity football trainer, soccer manager and a member of student council.

■ **Sarah Katherine Luehring,** 17, is the daughter of Lawrence and Jo Ann Luehring. She is a student at LHS, where she is a two-year academic letterman, a Texas Scholar and a member of girls varsity basketball team.

■ **Lena Raegan Mabee,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guy Mabee Jr., is a home-schooled student completing her senior year of concurrent classes at MC. She is a member of Campus Ministries and Victory Campus Ministries at MC, and a counselor with Midland Boys and Girls Club Opportunity Camp.

■ **Jessica Louise Marshall,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, is a student at MHS. She is a two-year recipient of the Outstanding English Award, two-year member of National Honor Society and secretary of National Honor Society.

■ **Kelli Kristina Martin,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Martin, attends MHS. She is a two-year varsity cheerleader, member of the 1996 Homecoming Court and two-year academic letterman.

■ **Melissa Renee McGavran,** 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William McGavran III and a student at LHS. She is a member of National Honor Society, is student council secretary and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

■ **Jennifer Ann Merrell,** 17, is the daughter of Marsha Merrell and Jerry Merrell. A student at LHS, she is executive director of student council, a member of Senior Girls Club and a Texas Scholar.

■ **Emily Marie Miller,** 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael S. Miller. She attends LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, vice president and secretary of LHS orchestra and four-year member of the All-Region Orchestra.

■ **Allison Ann Mims,** 18, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Mims and attends MHS. She is a member of varsity band, Senior Girls Club and Texas Scholars.

■ **Heidi Jean Moore,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore II, is a student at MHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, student council and Science Club.

■ **Ronica Meera Pai,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vithal Pai, is a student at MHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, vice president of Science Club and member of U.I.L. math and science team.

■ **Stephanie Jan Parkinson,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Parkinson and is a student at LHS. She is student council vice president, senior class vice president and member of Senior Girls Club.

■ **Caitlin Clare (Cat) Pause,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Pause, is a student at LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, German Honor Society and an academic letterman.

■ **Lindy Shay Penick,** 18, daughter of Jerry and Carla Penick, is a student at LHS. She has been listed twice in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a Texas Scholar and is a member of Spanish Honor Society.

■ **Holly Joanna Pennock,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dois Pace of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. David Pennock of Dallas. A student at Andrews High School, she is a four-year member of varsity band and flagline, serving as Flag Lieutenant and Flag Captain, and has participated in theater.

■ **Sarah Ellen Ray,** 17, is the daughter of Christy Mallams. A student at MHS, she is a varsity cheerleader, member of student council cabinet and a member of National Honor Society.

■ **Evangeline Royer,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Royer. She is a student at MHS, where she is a two-year member of the varsity girls' golf team, a member of the MHS newspaper staff and member of Senior Girls.

■ **Amanda Michelle Smart,** 18, daughter of John and Martha Smart, attends LHS. She is a member of National Honor Society, a four-year academic letterman and a two-year varsity volleyball letterman.

■ **Jennifer Elaine Staley,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Staley, is a student at MHS, where she is a member of student council, a Texas Scholar and softball team manager.

■ **Alissa Jeane Sutton,** 18, is the daughter of Don and Lisa Sutton, and is a student at MHS. She is a varsity cheerleader, Senior Girls Club treasurer, and advertising editor for MHS newspaper.

■ **Christy Marie Trautman,** 18, daughter of Lloyd and Donna Trautman, is a student at MHS. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a member of National Honor Society and a three-year academic letterman.

■ **Casey Lane Turner,** 18, daughter of Randy and Debbie Turner, attends MHS, where she is National Honor Society president, a varsity cheerleader and student council officer.

■ **Kimberly Rae Vest,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Vest. She attends MHS, where she is a three-year academic letterman and a member of National Honor Society and Science Club.



The 1996-97 Freshman Symphony Belles introduced this weekend are: bottom row, from left, Julie Poage, Meredith Jumper, Melanie Mims, Linsey Robertson, Shannon Miller, Holly Kiehne, Katie Solmonson, Terry Lynn Hunt, Bonnie Lewis and Kate Watkins; second row from left, Dana Giles, Becca Beal, Stephanie Kidwell, Alex Gill, Myndi Davidson, Poppy Goodin, Lindsey Young, Haley Hightower, Emily Bettis, Ashley West and Lindsay Mills; third row from left, Emily Leeton, Kristen Vasicek, Cara Frisbie, Margaret Davis, Kristin Wilbourn, Katie Wallace, Sarah Howard, Sarah Cuevas and Elysse Burrow; fourth row from left, Katie Lea, Margaret Rendall, Katie Gilmour, Emily Statton, Elizabeth Webb, Ashlee Winkler, Susan Hochman, Whitney Bowlin, Sarah Bobo, Lindsey Leaverton and Candace Murrill; top row from left, Meredith Meyers, Amanda Black, Lindsey Wood, Amanda Wolf, Julie Jay, Melynda Meadows, Jade Jones, Amanda Harrison, Garen Glasscock, Nicole Dragisic, Charisa Fisher, Lauren Potter, Kathryn Burke, Andrea Long, Wendy Hallman, Anne Rucker, Rebecca Nobles and Dalyn Peters.

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...is best revenge

...live to tell a fantasy to my chil...

...their undeserved inheritance. ...under my creative shawl, reprisal ...

...girl, look at my hair darlings: live long and hard. When ... a crime (I'm starting any day now), ... will just be kicking in.

...The classy kitsch, having watched training films starring ... learned how to make her look younger.

...I can't wait to open up about the food. The furniture. The vacation photos. The kitchen.

...When I stay over at their houses, I'll crank on Barry Manilow really ... loud.

"Don't listen to the words," I'll scream, diving for the volume knob as they come into the room.

"I can't invite my friends over here," I'll say as I roll my eyes. "You embarrass me."

I'll chew with my mouth open and squeeze mashed potatoes through my teeth. They'll recognize that one.

If the dinner's really bad, I'll just rest my head on the table and groan. Time to do the dishes? I'll announce I have to go to the bathroom.

I'll stay out all night and not call.

Smooching out with the handsome geezer at the Senior Center, the one with all his teeth, would be juicy. Let them give the lecture about condoms and safe — what was it again?

Stealing liquor from their cabinets. Yes! I'll open their most expensive cabernet, drink two glasses, then leave it out all night uncorked. Right next to the leftover lasagna they spent all day making the day before.

After dessert, I'll toss empty grape stems back into the fruit bowl.

I can't wait to turn to my daughter from the passenger seat and say, "Don't drive me to the center looking like that. Put on some lipstick. What if the other daughters see you?"

And then, after I heard (OK, crawl) out of the car, I'll shuffle through the doorway without a backward glance or a "Thanks, dear."

I think I'll wear my faded baseball cap, backwards.

I know. I'll wear a low-cut top to Christmas dinner. With a print polyester skirt short enough to just cover my you know what. I hope you know what, because by then, I'll have forgotten.

A hickey would say a lot. And a tad too much make-up.

For my hair, I was thinking a fuchsia streak though the gray would look divine, especially with an antique nose ring. Perhaps, with an opal. And when would black nail polish ever be more appropriate? One last coup: I'll let them find marijuana in my top drawer and a lusty binder-paper note from that horny geezer I mentioned. Too cool.

Then, I'll constantly complain, "God, I am sooo bored."

Sigh. I just can't wait.

Examiner contributor Terry Norton, a free-lance writer in Marin County, owns an art gallery and frame shop in San Rafael. She is the mother of two.

Fashion accessories make about face

By Barbara DeWitt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Compacts, long associated with Old Hollywood glamour girls like Esther Williams, Rosalind Russell and Mitzi Gaynor, are one small accessory making a big comeback with all the interest in retro fashion elements, including veiled hats, furs and fancy cigarette cases.

The compact also made a guest appearance on last week's "Caroline in the City," while Madonna used one in "Evita." The '40s fashion influence has made its way into the mainstream, movies and TV.

"Think of it as the new status accessory, as compacts are not just about makeup," explained Julie Berman, spokeswoman for Estee Lauder cosmetics. "Estee always said it was very feminine to pull out your compact in public to check yourself out and perhaps add lipstick."

Estee Lauder recently introduced — and quickly sold out of — its new Zodiac line of compacts with astrological signs. The company also makes cat and heart shapes and rhinestone-studded models.

MANY OTHER cosmetics companies are doing the compact thing, too. From furs to platinum jewelry, the '40s influence is gaining, and that includes glamorous makeup that relies heavily on a perfectly powdered face.

You'll find numerous brands of decorative compacts. Even purse designer Judith Leiber has introduced Austrian crystal-covered compacts to match her pricey purses.

Leiber's compacts reflect the golden era of compacts when women went to jewelers — not cosmetic counters — to purchase a compact and bought refills at the drugstore, said Amy Fischer, archivist for Proctor and Gamble, which produces Max Factor and Cover Girl cosmetics and also the new Powder Puff 'zine for the makeup obsessed.

Sure, face powder has been around since at least since the 17th century, worn by the likes of Cleopatra and Queen Alexandra of France, but it didn't always have society's or the Food and Drug Administration's approval.

Talk about fatal attraction. If the lead and mercury in it didn't kill you, polite society shunned you for wearing obvious makeup, even into the '30s. Heavily powdered faces (and the accompanying Cupid's bow mouth) had a longstanding association with fast women and actresses, wrote Kate de Castelbajac in "Face of the Century," a book that traces the history of cosmetics.

According to de Castelbajac, face powder was the most common element in a woman's makeup and offered by most cosmetics companies by the '20s, sold loose in boxes and later in a less messy "compact" form. By the mid-'20s, department stores began furnishing expensive, personally blended powders at powder bars, and by the end of the '20s young women were taking their portable cosmetics — compacts — everywhere, including football games.

But it was Eva Peron, Argentina's unofficial queen, who turned the ritual into a Kodak moment. She often posed for the press while admiring herself in the mirror of a jeweled compact, a habit not missed by Madonna in the film, "Evita."

BACK IN AMERICA, the concept of makeup for the masses was the work of Hollywood makeup man Max Factor, who translated his heavy theatrical makeup into more natural, easy-to-apply cosmetics at modest prices at his Los Angeles plant. His first line was called Society Makeup, and he marketed it to the everyday housewife who wanted to look like a movie star, said Fischer.

"Women learned that this new powder evened the complexion and created a good base for cream rouge," said Fischer, and it was a forerunner of his still-popular Pan Cake creamy powder-based foundation, which he designed for Technicolor film and bright lights.

TO PROMOTE THE idea that his makeup had star-quality, Factor launched a print ad campaign featuring screen stars powdering their nose at fancy dressing tables. The ads ran through the '30s, '40s and '50s and included Joan Crawford, Claudette Colbert, Bette Davis, Rita Hayworth, Lucille Ball, Judy Garland and Mary Carlisle.

Makeup, when applied with a light touch, was gaining respect, and during World War I and II the U.S. government and polite society thought powder puffs and lipstick were not only ladylike but great morale boosters for women working in the factories while their men went off to war.

In the '50s, de Castelbajac said, women were back to more traditional roles as "goddess of the home, content in her role as accessory and impeccable social fashion object."

So she had plenty of time and money to create a perfect face through cosmetics that were now sold at department and drug stores at a variety of prices.

At first the powder puff was used discreetly for ladies' luncheons and big galas, but by the end of the decade no fashion-savvy woman left home with out her makeup carefully applied ... and her little gold compact tucked into her handbag.

And then somebody snapped the lid closed and compacts went out of fashion favor, along with girdles and gloves. Now, after 30 years of the moist, natural look in makeup, the "finished face" is back again, said makeup artist Bobbi Brown who added that this time around it's more user-friendly.

In Los Angeles to promote her new book, "Bobbi Brown Beauty," the author explained, "The right powder gives you a fresh, smooth finish, while the wrong type or shade will look cakey and make you look older."

THE RIGHT POWDER? Although many companies make translucent or colorless powders for all skin types, Brown thinks it makes most complexions look gray. She prefers a yellow-based powder, claiming, "Makeup artists have used it for years, but it's new to consumers."

Ditto on those washable fluffy puffs of yesteryear. Almost impossible to find in recent years, Brown has added them to her cosmetic line, and several small cosmetic boutiques such as the Body Shop now stock them — next to a fresh supply of compacts.

Makeup makes movie moments

By Barbara DeWitt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — There were plenty of films with powder-puff scenes in the '30s, '40s and '50s, and here are a few of our faves:

"The Postman Always Rings Twice": Rent the Lana Turner version to experience the seductive power of a mirrored compact. The little ritual of applying lipstick and checking her makeup is seen throughout the film.

"The Maltese Falcon" In this classic film noir mystery, Mary Astor, with those little stone martens (furs with faces) hanging over her shoulder, checks her makeup before her appointment with Humphrey Bogart as suave detective Sam Spade.

"Cinderella": In Disney's animated fairy tale, Cinderella gets makeup help from her fairy godmother, but her ugly sisters get a beauty boost from a dousing of face powder. Notice the big fluffy powder puff, also making a modest comeback.

"All About Eve": This vintage film stars Bette Davis and includes a great "girlie" scene in the powder room.

"How to Marry a Millionaire": Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell do a lot of primping in front of the mirror in this comedy.

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BELLES: Freshmen belles introduced at style show, luncheon

(From 9D)

■ **Jennifer Elizabeth Warren,** 17, is the daughter of Gordon L. and Cynthia E. Warren. At student at LHS, she is a member of student council executive board, a two-year student council member and a two-year basketball trainer.

■ **Casey Webb,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim F. Webb, is a student at MHS. She is 1996 Homecoming Queen, a two-year varsity cheerleader, where she served as squad captain, and was elected Most Friendly in 1995-96.

■ **Anna Hope West,** 17, is the daughter of Paul and Tammy West. She attends Midland Christian School, where she has been a member of Homecoming Court for three years, is the 1996 Homecoming Queen and a member of National Honor Society.

■ **Alison Ann Wilson,** 17, is the daughter of Deborah S. Wilson and John W. Wilson. A student at LHS, she has been a member of varsity girls' track team, varsity girls' cross-country team and Latin Club.

■ **Jennifer Diane Woodruff,** 18, is the daughter of William J. and Theresa T. Woodruff. She attends LHS, where she is a member of Spanish Honor Society, is a Texas Scholar and a member of Future Homemakers of America.

■ **Cathleen Annice Wright,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Wright. A student at MHS, she is a member of National Honor Society, a two-year letterman in varsity girls' track and a member of the girls' soccer team.

Members of the 1997 Freshman Belles are:

Rebecca Geneva Beal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer E. Beal; **Emily Amanda Bettis,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Bettis; **Amanda LeeAnn Black,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Black; **Sarah Kathleen Bobo,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bobo; **Whitney Love Bowlin,** daughter of Nancy E. Bowlin and Dennis Bowlin; **Kathryn Kaye Burke,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les F. Burke; **Elysse R. Burrow,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bakke; **Sarah Ann Cuevas,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Cuevas Jr.; **Myndi Noleen Davidson,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Davidson; **Margaret Landon Davis,** daughter of Mr. and Mr. Howard Scott Davis; **Lauren Nicole Dragisic,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dragisic; **Charisa LeAnn Fisher,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fisher; **Cara Anne Frisbie,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Frisbie; **Dana Michelle Giles,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Giles; **Alexi Jane Gill,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal M. Gill; **Katie Price Gilmour,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Gilmour; **Garen Brooke Glasscock,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Glasscock; **Poppy Elizabeth Goodin,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary C. Goodin; **Wendy Raye Hallman,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Hallman Jr.; **Amanda Elizabeth Harrison,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. Harrison; **Meredith Leigh Hayes,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Hayes; **Haley Dana Hightower,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Hightower; **Susan Rachel Hochman,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hochman; **Sarah Link Howard,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foy; **Terry Lynn Hunt,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn S. Hunt; **Julie Allison Jay,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jay; **Lindsey Jade Jones-McDiffitt,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. McDiffitt Jr.; **Meredith Lauren Jumper,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Berry and Rick L. Jumper; **Stephanie Lynn Kidwell,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Michael Conaway and the late Randy M. Kidwell; **Holly Kiehne,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Kiehne; **Kristin Brooke Knight,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Knight Jr.; **Kathryn Anne Lea,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Lea Jr.; **Lindsey Kane Leaverton,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark K. Leaverton; **Emily Elaine Leeton,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Leeton Jr.; **Bonnie Nicole Lewis,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike W. Lewis; **Andrea Linn Long,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey L. Long; **Melynda Hope Meadows,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Meadows III; **Meredith Blaker Meyers,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Meyers; **Shannon Elizabeth Miller,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Miller; **Lindsay Denece Mills,** daughter of Dennis K. Mills and Martha L. Mills; **Melanie Gayle Mims,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. David Mims; **Candace Michelle Murrill,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Murrill; **Rebecca Margaret Nobles,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Nobles; **Dalyn Lain Peters,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew D. Swierc; **Catherine Juliet Poage,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Don Poage; **Lauren Ashley Potter,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Potter; **Margaret Anne Rendall,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Rendall; **Linsey Jill Robertson,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Robertson; **Anne Barton Rucker,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hurta; **Katie Marie Solmonson,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry D. Solmonson; **Emily Elayne Statton,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Statton; **Kristen Vasicek,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Vasicek; **Kathryn Elizabeth Wallace,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Wallace; **Katherine Elizabeth Watkins,** daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David L. Watkins; **Elizabeth Ann Webb,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb; **Ashley Faith West,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul West; **Kristin Denise Wilbourn,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brent M. Wilbourn; **Ashlee Taylor Winkler,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Winkler III; **Amanda Jane Wolf,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wolf; **Linsey Michal Wood,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Terrell Wooten; and **Lindsey Ann Young,** daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Young.

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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Healthcare from your point of view.

Physician urges: Don't take antibiotics for colds

By Holly Taylor
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dr. Paul Barbarotto would rather let a patient leave his office angry than surrender a prescription for unnecessary antibiotics.

Like physicians across the country, the Castleton, N.Y. family practitioner sees patients who expect, even demand, antibiotics when sniffling and coughing their way through the common cold.

"The hardest scenario is the patient who has recently switched from another doctor and says 'My other doctor gave me antibiotics over the phone,'" said Barbarotto. "To me, it's malpractice to give someone antibiotics when you know they have a viral infection."

The drugs, he said, are completely unwarranted and useless with a cold, while the widespread and unnecessary use of antibiotics has spawned potent new strains of bacteria that can't be treated and can be fatal.

What's the difference between a cold and a bacterial infection that requires treatment?

Generally, a cold is a viral infection and its symptoms should pass in a week. With a bacterial infection, the symptoms will worsen over time if left unchecked.

Millions of Americans haven't gotten the message about antibiotics yet, and doctors often give in. One study found that antibiotics were prescribed 17 million times for colds in 1992.

On the heels of that study, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention began a national campaign 18 months ago urging physicians to dispense antibiotics more judiciously.

"What's driving this is the emergence of resistant bacteria," said Dr. Scott Dowell of the CDC. "When we began seeing 25 percent or more of the bacteria resistant to antibiotics in some places, it was the wake-up call."

Each time a patient takes antibiotics, he or she increases the risk of fostering a bacterial strain that requires more potent drugs — a kind of "superbug." At worst, newer, stronger strains of bacteria could render the entire antibiotic arsenal useless.

According to the non-profit People's Medical Society: "Bacteria have a unique self-preservation skill. When they are exposed to a dangerous substance, such as an antibiotic, they are able to mutate to make themselves immune to that substance. These resistant bacteria can then spread their resistance to other bacteria."

But if doctors know this, why are they still prescribing antibiotics for colds? Dowell said physicians admitted that they overused antibiotics because of pressure from patients, especially parents who wanted them for their children.

Parents said they "didn't demand antibiotics, but asked the physician for the best course," Dowell said.

It should be increasingly difficult to wrestle antibiotics from your doctor, but here's what you need to know:

- Most sore throats don't require antibiotics, but strep throat does. A throat culture can determine if strep is present.
- Try to ride out a cold. If the symptoms persist or escalate past a week, your doctor should examine you. Barbarotto looks for a persistent fever, ear pain and other aches that don't disappear over several days.
- Most ear infections, but not all, require antibiotics.
- When antibiotics are necessary, doctors should prescribe a drug that's potent enough to kill the bacteria, but no stronger. And, it's crucial that patients complete the full regimen of pills to kill the bacteria completely.
- To avoid infections, doctors say the best prevention is frequent hand washing and plenty of rest.

Fitness flagging? Get moving again!

By Kristin Eddy
N.Y. Times News Service

But you promised! You swore to yourself a month ago that it was time to get in shape, that somehow these wet, chilly weeks of winter were just the time to become motivated.

But if you're like most of us, that daily one-mile hike you started Jan. 1 has shrunk to walks between the kitchen and the laundry room, the stationary bike is really stationary, and the swimming workouts have been traded for a hot shower at the end of a busy day.

But guilt and good intentions aside, the experts stress that all of us need to get moving — and that it's never too late to get back on track. If you've failed to stick to last month's resolutions, it may be just that you're bored. Varying your exercises and incorporating everyday chores into your fitness routine are good ways to keep going.

Guidelines vary, but the surgeon general's recent recommendation is that everyone get enough activity, five days a week, to burn at least 150 calories a day. The good news is that this doesn't require an expensive health club membership or a daily heart-pounding run. Exercise can be as simple as 30 to 45 minutes of gardening or washing your car.

"What we see happen is that people set unrealistic resolutions and goals, and most of the things they set out to do take a great deal of time," says Holly Wolfe, director of health promotion at DeKalb Medical Center.

"If you know you need to lose 50 pounds, and you change your eating habits, that's a huge change," Wolfe said. "And if you try to work out three or five times a week, that's a lot to do at once. So people don't do either of them very well, they don't see the results and they give up."

The 1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health found that 60 percent of adults don't get the recommended amount of exercise, and one-fourth aren't active at all.

"Thinness is not equated with good health," says Mary Ann Hill of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. "Even moderate exercise has been proven to improve your health," she says. Benefits include reducing the risk of developing diabetes and high blood pressure, helping older adults increase mobility and elevating mood.

Here are a month's worth of activities to get you going again if your motivation has faded.

You should do a minimum of 30 minutes of each activity

Select 5 from any category

HIGH INTENSITY
(400-600 calories an hour)

- Jump rope: Break up the workout by jogging in place.
- Dance like a fool: Alone in your home, legs kicking, arms flailing, like the Steve Martin you were meant to be.
- Ride your bike: Take advantage of bicycle trails.
- Do step aerobics: Purchase a one-day health club pass or participate in a free tryout class.
- Really clean your bathroom and kitchen: Scrub all countertops, range hood, toilet bowl, grout and floor — with vigor!
- Baby-sit: Entertain a 2-year-old who wants you to pretend to be a bear and catch him.
- Box: Find a school gym with a punching bag or have a partner hold a thick, firm cushion (held firmly, head to the side).
- Run: Choose a pathway that's less crowded in cold weather.
- Hike: Climb a great hill carrying a 20-pound backpack.
- Lift and carry: Help someone move; volunteer to stack shelves at the Salvation Army; move furniture or storage items for an elderly neighbor.

MEDIUM INTENSITY
(200-400 calories an hour)

- Tap it out: Take a tap dancing class or rent an instructional video.
- Do the chop: Split and stack firewood.
- Play ball: Spend an hour in a batting cage practicing for the World Series.
- Belly dance: Learn in a class or play along to a video of "Zorba the Greek."
- Help build a home: Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (paint, saw, hammer).
- Skate: Take it to the ice, rent a pair of regular skates, or go for a ride on your in-line rollers.
- Shoot hoops: Play a game of pickup basketball — with as few people as possible, so you move more.
- Practice karate: Take an introductory lesson at a local studio.
- Walk: Go through the local mall three times, all levels, taking the stairs only.
- Play dodgeball: Do it with your teenager.

LOW INTENSITY
(100-200 calories an hour)

- Walk the dog: Or borrow your neighbor's.
- Fly a kite: Extra fitness credit for retrieving it from the tree.
- Garden: Pull weeds, rake leaves, mow the lawn.
- Police the area: Take a walk around your neighborhood and pick up trash.
- Spiff up the car: Wash and wax; vacuum the interior.
- On the floor: For variety, do stretching, sit-ups and easy push-ups (knees on the floor, ankles crossed behind you).
- Yoga: Try a class or video.
- Housekeep: Clean the gutters; wash the outside windows.
- Table tennis: Even if you can't keep it to Forrest Gump speed.
- Play darts: You'll lose calories, instead of adding them, if you aren't drinking beer at the same time.

Sources: The President's Council On Physical Fitness and Sports, American College of Sports Medicine, DeKalb Medical Center, Men's Fitness magazine, "The New Wellness Encyclopedia" (Houghton Mifflin, $19.95)

Study touts benefits of spartan diet to reduce heart disease

By Shannon Querry

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Heart disease patients who followed a celebrity doctor's strict diet and lifestyle regimen cut medical costs substantially and improved their conditions, a study found.

Dr. Dean Ornish's program may have lowered medical costs by up to $7 million over the last three years among the 507 patients enrolled in the national study, according to Mutual of Omaha, an insurance company which funded the study. The study, which was released Tuesday, was done on volunteers who needed bypass surgery or angioplasty. Most avoided the procedures after the Ornish program, the study said.

A separate analysis of heart disease patients insured with Mutual of Omaha found annual medical costs were $3,826 for Ornish participants vs. $13,927 for nonparticipants, USA Today reported.

Ornish calls for lifestyle changes, such as eliminating meat, chicken and even nuts, lowering fat intake to 10 percent of calories, exercising and learning to manage stress.

The payoff, according to the study, was that chest pain disappeared after a year in 65 percent of the patients who had it, and progression of artery blockages was stopped or reversed in 66 percent.

Some doctors have said that few people can maintain the tough regimen without the cheerleading Ornish, whose book made him a celebrity diet guru, looking over their shoulders. Furthermore, the same benefits can be obtained more easily with cholesterol-lowering drugs, they have said.

"You have to have a very motivated patient," said Phil Kibak, spokesman with the American Heart Association.

In 1993, Mutual of Omaha became the first insurer to provide coverage for the Ornish treatment program. The company also funds the data-collection program monitoring the results of the Ornish program.

His book, "Eat More, Weigh Less," was a best seller that helped Ornish command high fees for his services. He is the president of the nonprofit Preventive Medical Research Institute in Sausalito, Calif.

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 28-Feb. 3.

TUESDAY
1. Betty Sheeler, Jerry Williamson
2. Marianne and Buf Slay
3. Mary Hammond, Jimmie Penn
4. and 5. Tie: Jane Myers, Gloria Crites, Babe Griffin, Tip Branch

WEDNESDAY
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Sue Gardiner, Becky Kinsey
2. Buf Slay, Bob Baker
3. Leonora Slusher, Betty Reeves

EAST-WEST:
1. Nancy Andrews, Alan Copeland
2. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Brittain
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

THURSDAY
1. Jean Banks, Eleanor Kimberlin
2. Fern McGuigan, Mary Anne Ochs
3. Snookie Howard, Corrinne Recer
4. Bonnie Hubbard, Millowee Mills

FRIDAY
1. and 2. Tie: Marianne and Buf Slay, Sue Gardiner, Gloria Crites
3. Betty Sheeler, Jerry Williamson
4. Jane Myers, Betty Reeves

SATURDAY
1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Guida Dunn, Sally Whitely
3. Aggie Anguish, Sue Gardiner
4. Betty Reeves, Leonora Slusher

SUNDAY
1. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
2. Bob Baker, Richard Grady
3. Gloria Crites, Marie Morris
4. Ann Servatius, Laura Williams

MONDAY
1. Jimmie Branch, Betty Reeves
2. Lena Nichols, Lyle Kinsey
3. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
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Women's Care Update

by Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

GETTING YOUR DUE (DATE)

Estimated dates of delivery (EDDs) are usually calculated on the basis of several factors, one of which is the first day of a woman's last menstrual period. However, these calculations can be up to a month off, particularly if a woman's cycle is not regular. Thus, obstetricians rely on a variety of clues to fix the EDD more accurately as the pregnancy progresses. These clues include the size of the uterus, the height of the fundus (which is the top of the uterus, measured externally) the first time that the fetal heartbeat is heard, and the first fetal movement. When a discrepancy arises between these factors and the EDD, the doctor may well order an ultrasound, which employs a series of precise measurements to more accurately determine the age of the fetus.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Different plants need different nutrients

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Not all, but many of the plants grown in home landscapes and gardens need additional nutrients for good vigorous growth. Fertilizer products can supply these nutrients needed for proper growth.



Benge Frost

Sixteen nutrients are needed for plant growth and development; 13 of these are furnished by the soil and the other three come from the atmosphere.

Under natural conditions, such as in a forest, prairie or other natural habitat, plant nutrition is not a problem. Nutrients are recycled and a balance is maintained between plant nutrient needs, decaying organic matter and available nutrients. However, in the home landscape and garden, some type of fertilizer is usually needed for successful growth and production.

Fertilizers can be very confusing unless you know a few guidelines. The three numbers found on any bag or bottle of fertilizer represent the three major nutrients — nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, in that order.

The numbers tell how much of each nutrient is present as a percentage of the total weight of the fertilizer. For example, a 50-pound bag of 10-20-10 contains 5 pounds of nitrogen, 10 pounds of phosphorus and 5 pounds of potassium, or their chemical equivalent.

That only accounts for 20 pounds of weight. The rest of the fertilizer is simply an inert carrier or filler, such as sand, perlite or rice hulls.

Nitrogen is necessary for all vegetative growth — roots, leaves, stems, flowers and fruit. Among other functions, it is partially responsible for the green color of chlorophyll, and it is essential for the formation of protein. A nitrogen deficiency causes lower leaves to turn yellow. This is the nutrient that needs to be applied most and often. It is used in large quantities by plants and is easily leached or lost to the atmosphere if used incorrectly.

Phosphorus is essential for cell division, root formation, flowering and fruiting. It is also involved in the storage and transfer of energy vital to all growth processes. Consequently, a phosphorus deficiency causes stunted growth and poor flowering and fruiting. This nutrient is rarely deficient in a well-maintained landscape.

The role of potassium isn't well understood, but experience shows that it is necessary for proper growth. Potassium deficiency symptoms vary, but stunted growth and dark purple discoloration are symptoms in many plants.

Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are considered major nutrients because they are used in greater quantities that the other nutrients, and consequently become deficient quicker. We frequently need to add nitrogen and sometimes need to add phosphorus and potassium.

Since organic gardening has become a popular trend, let's learn what organic fertilizers are available. The following information will list the percentage of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) percentages; they will be listed in the same order.

Blood meal has a 10-1.5-0 ratio. Blood meal is rapidly available and ready for plant use, so use it at the correct rates and don't burn your plants. Use to side dress pansies this time of year.

Fish scraps have 9-7-0 and shouldn't be confused with fish emulsives, which are usually lower in nutrient levels.

Bat guano (manure) contains 6-9-3 and is mined from bat caves. Bird guano has 13-22-3 nutrient ratio and is normally mined from islands off coast. These are a little hard to find for sale.

Several different meals can be used. Raw bone meal has 4-22-0 and provides primarily nitrogen since the phosphorus is mostly insoluble and unavailable for plant use. Steamed bone meal has 2-27-0, which means it has more phosphorus availble due to the steaming action but loses some nitrogen. However, bone meal is very alkaline and should't be used in our high pH soils. Cottonseed meal has a 6-2.5-2 ratio, and is very useful in gardens and flower beds. It is very acid and can be useful in alkaline soils such as that in this area. Hoof and horn meal contains a good bit of nitrogen, 14-0-0, and if it is steamed, it is readily available for plant use.

Several manures can be utilized as an organic nutrient sources, including cattle manure (0.5-0.3-0.5), chicken (.9-.5-.8), horse (.6-.3-.6), sheep, (.9-.5-.8), swine (.6-.5-.4) and rabbit (2-1-1). Manures tend to be low in nurients but high in organic matter, so the real benefit comes from the improved soil structure that organic matter leads to. Manures should be used with care — never apply more than 50 pounds per 100 square feed of bed of composted or fresh manure in one growing season. They can be high in salt and create many problems if overused or used too hot, and can introduce serious weed problems. Composting, or at least aging, before using in the garden is a good policy.

Oyster shells (.2-.3-0) are very high in pH, so don't use on alkaline soil (such as ours) or your pH may go up even higher.

Peat, reed or sedge has 2-.3-.3 and is too expensive to be used as a fertilizer, but is excellent for soil improvement. Peats break down quickly in the soil.

Sewage sludge, 2-1-1, and activated sewage sludge, 6-5-0, are marketed through the nursery trade. These usually carry a precaution on their labels to be used on ornamentals only due to a slight danger of heavy metal accumulation. Sewage sludge is activated by adding a special microoganism.

Wood ashes contain 0-2-6, and are too high in pH to be used here. So dispose of them somewhere other than your soil.

Other forms of organic fertilizers are available, but these are some of the more common ones. Not all of them are widely available in retail outlets, so don't be too disappointed if you can't find them on a nursery shelf. Blood meal, bone meal, peat moss, cocoa shells, sewage sludge, manures and cottonseed meal are usually available.

Next time you need to add nitrogen or some other major nutrient to your soil, consider an organic source. Organic fertilizers give nutrients, improve soil structure and increase the number of beneficial microbes in the soil.

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The second session of the Spring Garden School will be 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Confederate Air Force Museum at Midland Air Terminal. The topic will be pruning. Nick Harrison, Texas Forest Service, will be the speaker.

Registration fee is $5 per household for the single session or $10 per houshold for all of the remaining Spring Garden Schools. Call (915) 335-3071 or 687-1351 for more information.

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'Sandwich dilemma' can cause massive heartburn

By Dr. Hap LeCrone
N.Y. Times News Service

Among the many challenges facing the baby boomer generation is the so-called "sandwich dilemma." This potentially stressful period of time during middle age arises when the necessity of satisfying the needs and demands of adolescent and young adult children coincides with the necessity of meeting the needs and demands of aging parents.

Parents know the needs of adolescent and young adult children are often time-consuming, financially demanding and complicated. But often, at the same time, these parents are having to cope with their own aging parents, who are undergoing physical and psychological changes that also can require time, effort and money. Those in the baby boomer generation need to begin thinking about the sandwich years and planning ahead, when possible, for these demands.

Here are guidelines that may be helpful in meeting the needs and demands of aging parents:

■ Adult children often make the mistake of trying to "take over" many of the decisions and elements of their aging parents' lives. It can start in minor ways, such as helping with decisions about investments or making inquiries on their behalf about transportation or medical needs. A problem arises when the aging parents begin to feel less and less able to make decisions without input and assistance of the adult children. This can create a dependency that is unhealthy and stressful and can culminate in a "shutdown" of the aging parents' decision-making abilities. A good approach in most situations is to offer to serve as an adviser or consultant without becoming the final decision maker.

■ Be cautious about becoming too involved in other areas of the aging parents' lives. Insisting that it is too much of an effort for them to physically exert themselves around the house, walk across a parking lot at the mall or climb a few steps can be a big mistake. Encouraging dependency can rush aging parents toward invalidism, which can be disastrous for both them and you.

■ Positively reinforce aging parents' discussions about positive events in their lives by showing interest in and applauding their initiative and effort. Letting aging parents capture your attention only by discussing their aches and pains, sadness and loneliness and their dissatisfaction in life leads them to perpetuate this kind of thinking and discussion.

■ Encourage parents to think about living environments where social interaction can be achieved on a regular basis.

■ Recognize that ageism in our society is a problem akin to other "isms" such as racism and sexism. For example, believing that your aging parents are too old to enjoy sex so don't need privacy can cause unnecessary intrusion in their lives.

■ Finally, don't take aging parents for granted. They are not automatically there to babysit, watch your house while you are on vacation or loan you money when you need it.

The sandwich years can be difficult and stressful, but they can also be challenging and rewarding with flexibility, pre-planning, and the proper perspective.

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Dr. Hap LeCrone is a clinical psychologist in Waco.

Club News

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Genell Emerson. Also attending were Beverly Acker, Peggy Brown, Tomina Clark, Virginia Earhart, Neva Garvin, Carolyn Harkrider, Pat Jay, Laura Morgan, Darla Pepper, Dovie St. Peters, Donna Snyder and Cel Wiginton. Ornaments and gifts from secret sisters were exchanged. Ms. Earhart gave a program on "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Tooney."

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the annual Soup Cook-Off in Stanton. Afterwards members, husbands and guests met at the home of Jim and Jeane McGilvray. Attending were Sue and Fisher Adams, Diana and Bob Henderosn, Nancy and Charlie McNerney, Suzy and Jim Arnold, Pat and Clarence White, Holly White, Stephen White, Barbara and David Adams, Rozann and Bob Milam, Ann Poteet, Keith Morgan, Beverly and Jimmy Brock, Pauline and John Heidel, and Jan and Les Acker, and guests Skip Hodges, Charlotte White, Kathryn and Rodger Burch, Jeanette and Huey Brooks, Jim Evans, Gaston and Donna Detweiler, Jo Stanco and Dick Blenden.

PYRACANTHA GARDEN CLUB

Pyracantha Garden Club met in the home of Jeanette Van Auken. Co-hostess was Norma Deimer. Mary Watkins presided. Gladys Mitchell read the collect; 13 members attended. Pat Adams was welcomed. District I annual spring convention was discussed. New officers are: Carolyn Epple, president; Marj Tyler, first vice president; Ms. Watkins, second vice president; Trudy Clinton, secretary; Marie Bond, treasurer; and Beverly Holmberg, historian. Program was a video on "Seeds for Tomorrow."

LT. BREWER CHAPTER, DAR

Lt. William Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the home of Mrs. D.L. McClurg for the annual George Washington Tea. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. W.E. Chapman gave a program on American history and introduced the chapter's winners of the American History Essay Contest: Hillander fifth grader Ellyn Caprara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caprara; Hillander sixth grader Landon Paige Vine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shelton Viney; and Abell Junior High School eighth grader Marshall B. Viney, son of Dr. and Mrs. Viney. Paula Beshers announced the Christopher Columbus Essay Winner, Midland High School sophomore Lindsay Hanlon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick E. Hanlon. The students read their winning essays. Guests were Mrs. Robert Ivy, Nona Aday, Mrs. John Caprara, Mrs. Shelton Viney and Mrs. Schmelzer from Hillander School. Hostesses were Mrs. H.Jack Naumann, Mrs. Samuel Bock, Mrs. R.D. Ftting, Mrs. Frances H. McGuigan and Mrs. C. Ed Prichard.

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB

Woman's Wednesday Study Club met at the Midland Woman's Club with Carol Page presiding. Members read "Collect for Club Women." The club's Christmas donation to story books for needy children was discussed. New officers are: Mrs. W.M. Hibbitts, president; Mrs. John Michael Talley, first vice president; Mrs. Raymond Monkress, second vice president; Mrs. Roy Jeter, recording secretary; Mrs. Nicholas Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Wilbur Rocchio, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Page, director to the woman's Club; and Mrs. Otice Helmer, alternate director. Mrs. George Glass moved that the slate of officers be accepted; Mrs. Helmer seconded. Carolyn Sowell gave a program on "Old Sayings, What Do They Mean?" Myra Glass and Elizabeth Faller were hostesses.

AARP

American Association of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, met. New officers are Raymond Smith, president; Margaret Vaughan, first vice president; Claudine Franks, second vice president; Aileen Oakes, secretary; John Atchison, treasurer; Olen Ashlock, Ruth Steward and Chester Hines, board members; and Darlene Brazell, Lana Duke, Rae Dunn, Art Shaw, Gertrude Kidwell and Willene Long, committee chairmen.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met at the home of Jane Mulloy with 19 members attending. Joanne Robertson and Sandra O'Brien were cohostesses. LaJuana Rathjin presided. Nominating committee — Dixie Osborne, Puff Aycock, Peggy Heineman, Mary Lou Hogan and Norma McGrew — was appointed to select next year's officers. Jeanne Wince Stone and Juanita Wollaston, founders of Trackers, gave the program.

COLONIAL DAMES, XVII CENTURY

The Dr. John Woodson chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, met at the home of Mrs. Solon P. Crain. Planned state conference and plans for the nominating committee were discussed. Ms. Jerry Atkinson gave a program on "Little Buckshot, Army Scout," about her great-great-grandfather. Carolyn Sowell was co-hostess. Farewell was offered to Mrs. Charles Debenport, who is moving to Tyler.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Midland County Historical Society met at Midland County Historical Museum. County Judge Jeff Norwood was speaker and appointed members to the Midland County Historical commission for 1997-98: Nancy R. McKinley, chairman; Mary Frances Beverley, Ken Dawson, Marvin Eastman, Elizabeth Faller, Geri Lilly, Pat McDaniel, James Mims, Bill Modisett, Naomi Moore, Jean Reid, Valerie Richardson, Chris Setzer, Carolyn Sowell, Theda Wadley, Francine Weaver and Eileen Welch. Mrs. McKinley discussed plans for Texas Independence Day.

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter DD, P.E.O. Sisterhood, met in the home of Maggie Artley with Sharon Bell as co-hostess. Ms. Artley gave a program on Founder's Day. Cindy Weibush was a guest.

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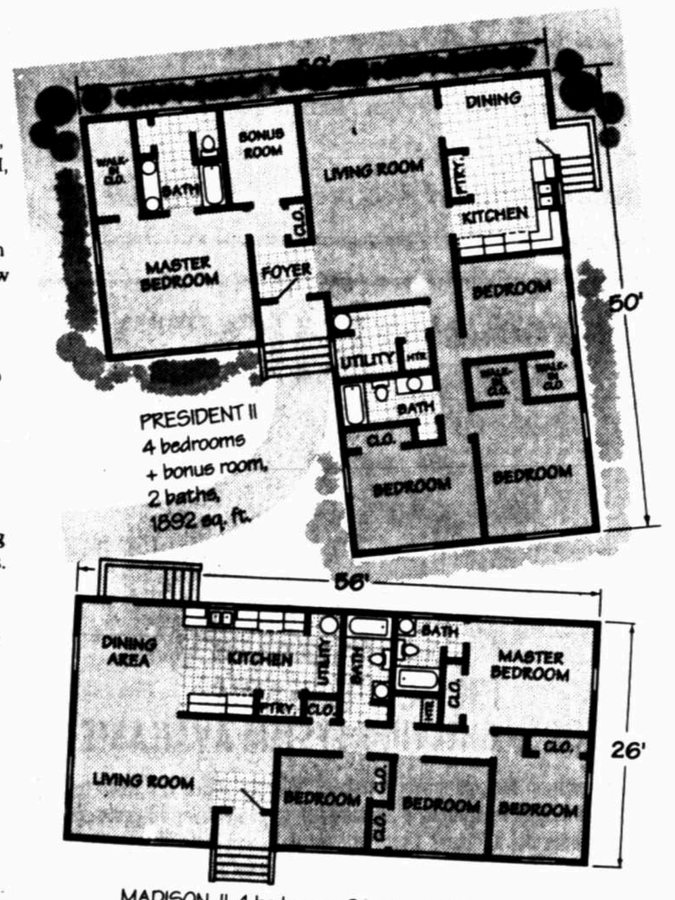
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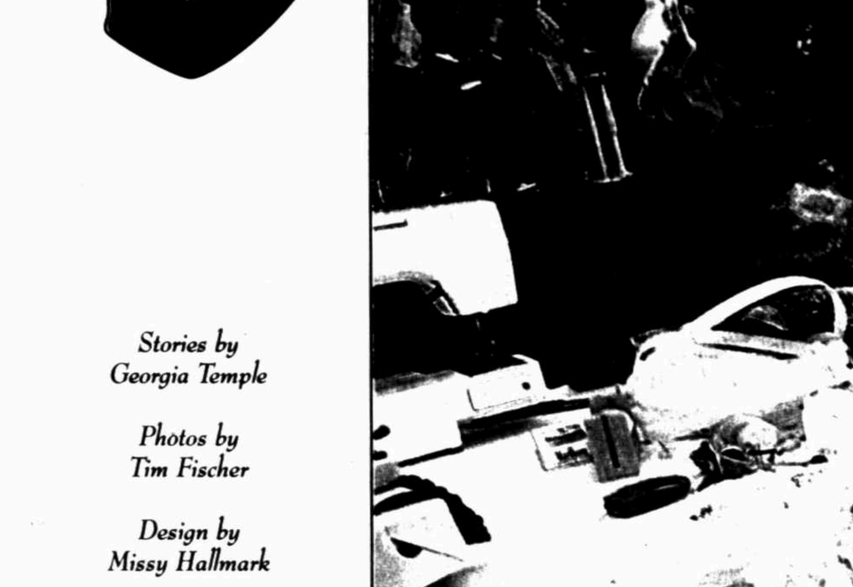


Stories by Georgia Temple

Photos by Tim Fischer

Design by Missy Hallmark

At right, Denise Larsen adds ruffles to a dress. Below, Ms. Larsen looks over some of the munchkin costumes for the upcoming play, "The Wizard of Oz."



Bright, lively and creatively designed costumes dance, march and twirl across the Midland Community Theatre stage during the run of the musical "The Wizard of Oz."

"We've got 22 Munchkins and they also play Snowflakes, so that's 44 costumes right there," said costumer Denise Larsen as she began adding up the number of outfits made for the musical. "Eight main characters — six of which have an Oz costume. And then 18 Ozians — the male adult ensemble — plus six (Flying) Monkeys and 10 Winkies — guards of the witch. Ninety two."

People of all ages are familiar with the movie version starring Judy Garland.

"It was not possible for us to recreate the MGM film version — there was just no way," Ms. Larsen said. "They have hundreds and hundreds of people working on their production. They had a year, two years to do this film. And we don't have that kind of time."

Six weeks. That's how long Ms. Larsen and MCT volunteers had to create the costumes that are drawing accolades during the show, which is on stage at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., through March 15. For tickets information call 682-4111.

"We needed to find other forms of inspiration to showcase what we were able to do in the time we had with the people we had," Ms. Larsen said. "I personally went to the bookstores and looked at different illustrations of that story. Everyone else started bringing in little tidbits.

"We know the movie version, but how have other people perceived this story? Through other illustrators' work and talking things out, we came up with our own vision."

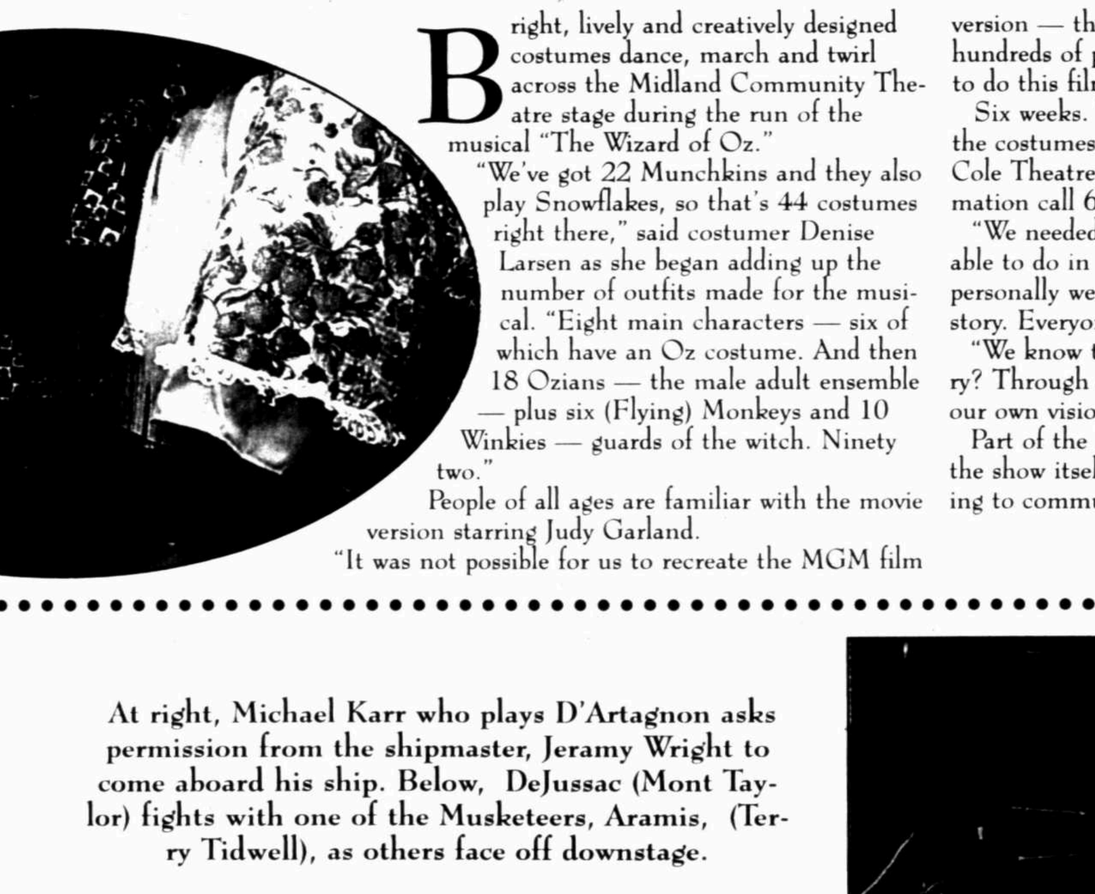
Part of the MCT design staff's discussion centered around the meaning of the show itself. "What was the bottom line — what this show was really trying to communicate," Ms. Larsen said. "It's about a child who grows up dur

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The Three Musketeers

At right, Michael Karr who plays D'Artagnon asks permission from the shipmaster, Jeramy Wright to come aboard his ship. Below, DeJussac (Mont Taylor) fights with one of the Musketeers, Aramis, (Terry Tidwell), as others face off downstage.

Photos by Tim Fischer



Swashbuckling adventure rides onto the Globe Theatre stage today when "The Three Musketeers" fight for honor and their queen.

"I love the story and was real familiar with it," said Michael Karr who plays D'artagnon. "It's a classic good and evil, try to win the girl, save the queen."

Many people are familiar with the latest movie version of Alexandre Dumas' classic story.

"It's a little different," Karr said of the play. "Not as many subplots. The story line is a lot simpler. The basic story is the same, but there are a lot of little details that are different."

Karr needed no time to decide which he liked better. "The play, of course." He laughed. "I wasn't in the movie."

Sword fights and acts of valor occupy the stage on the Odessa College campus at 2:30 p.m. today and Feb. 23 and at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. For reservations call 1-915-332-1586.

The play is being presented as part of the French Connection, a collaborative effort of six arts agencies, including the Globe of the Great Southwest, the Presidential Museum, Center Stage Theatre, Permian Playhouse, the Ellen Noel Art Museum and the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Inc. All are members of the Odessa Cultural Council.

Special performances and shows planned as part of the collaboration are, in addition to "The Three Musketeers": "La Cage Aux Folles," at Center Stage Theatre Feb. 28-March 22;

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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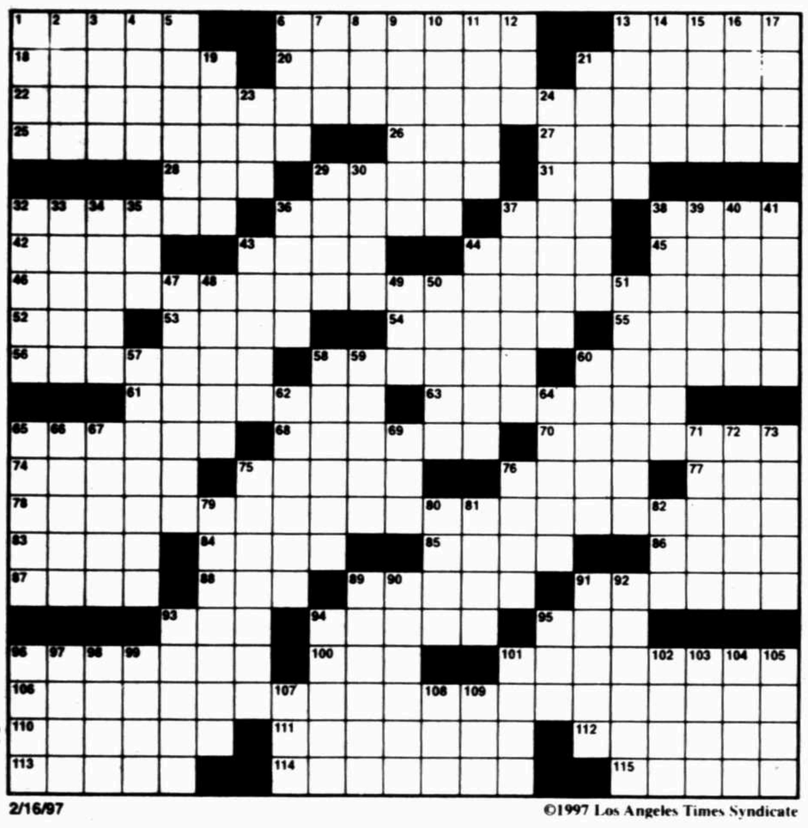
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ACROSS

1 Urban miasmas
6 Eugenia's title
13 Father of Russian realism
18 Puts in order, with "up"
20 Famous stone
21 Mannerly
22 Start of a seasonal verse
25 Terrier type
26 Three, in Torino
27 Sugar —: big spenders
28 Approves, briefly
29 Pay out
31 One — time: singly
32 Cower
36 Appropriately named author
37 Copy
38 "— and Away"
42 First-class
43 Crew need
44 Dog star
45 One of a 1492 trio
46 More of verse
52 Lance of the law
53 Stub —: trip
54 Ulan —
55 British tax base
56 Rather, e.g.
58 Last place
60 Dressing table
61 Anti
63 Land of leprechauns
65 Dorm buddy
68 Feline families
70 Veteran sailor
74 Noted Canadian physician
75 Left Bank river
76 A code we live by?
77 Classic lead-in
78 More of verse
83 — little: fib
84 Lap dog, briefly
85 Senator/ astronaut
86 63 Across, to bards
87 Just say no
88 Outs' opposite
89 "Lovergirl" singer Marie
91 Float out, as a flag
93 FHA concern
94 I.Q. test developer
95 Sour: Prefix
96 Reduce drastically
100 Antiquity, of yore
101 Aida's father
106 End of verse
110 — honorable: formal apology
111 French sculptor Aristide
112 Do a surgeon's job
113 Eleanor Roosevelt's column
114 Sweet girl of song
115 Hawaiian entertainer

DOWN

1 Plato's portico
2 Small starter
3 Wroclaw's fragrant river?
4 Donate
5 Veteran sailor
6 Shorebird
7 Bon —: witty remark
8 Oxygen tank abbr.
9 Like many apartments
10 For all time, in odes
11 Put in a piggery
12 Airline to Oslo: Abbr.
13 Role for Ingrid
14 Fetid
15 Caron/Jourdan film
16 Western Indian
17 "— Do It": Porter plea
19 Quench, as a thirst
21 Tableland
23 U.S. Open golf champ, 1994
24 Converting device
29 Milosevic, for one
30 El —, Texas
32 Uncle Tom's abode
33 Paper boy's path
34 Being pulled along
35 Society page word
36 Memorable Martha
37 Not on board
38 Releases from a grasp
39 Florence's Palace
40 Eastern church member
41 In a glib way
43 Univ. of Maine town
44 Rose essences
47 Dracula, notably
48 Overnight bivouac
49 Twofold: Abbr.
50 "Boola Boola" booster
51 Another name for Nana
57 By hook or by crook
58 Cherry red shade
59 Minneapolis suburb
60 Gentleman's gentleman
62 Talks
64 Stunning Sophia
65 Author Dahl
66 Davis of "Evening Shade"
67 Athletic actor Merlin
69 Dict. content
71 Stage orphan
72 Arrowsmith's first wife
73 Symbolic pole
75 Baseball's colorful Casey
76 Pearl Mosque location
79 Letter from St. Paul
80 Double curve
81 Bluster
82 Always, poetically
89 Toiler of the comics
90 Ultimate finish
91 Use elbow grease
92 Colored slightly
93 Intoxicating
94 "Zounds!"
95 First of a Latin trio
96 Circle width meas.
97 Award for "ER"
98 Grammar case: Abbr.
99 Home
101 Competent
102 Chan's exclamation
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: You can expect a lot more cooperation from family members. Your efforts to reconcile with someone finally pay off. Avoid mentioning old grievances. Summer will find you enjoying new professional prestige. Independent business ventures hold the greatest promise. Check employment references. Travel and romance will enhance each other next fall. You find a fresh source of inspiration. Look forward to a super winter holiday with your loved ones.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: tennis great John McEnroe, actor LeVar Burton, R&B singer James Ingram, actress Gretchen Wyler.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An intriguing conversation has you looking forward to a social event. Reach out to someone who seems shy. You and a newcomer could become fast friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are filled with energy and enthusiasm now. Try to fulfill your loved ones' wishes without going into debt. A private chat gives you new hope for a relationship. Keep secrets to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your powers of persuasion are almost magical today. Friends and relatives respond favorably to your suggestions. A business trip you take this week could prove highly profitable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A long-distance phone call will get the day off to a fast start. Speak up. Make sure your partner knows exactly what kind of help you need when preparing for a party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A gift or promise inspires you to try something totally different. Let a married couple sort out their differences on their own; offering to mediate could boomerang.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can save valuable time by getting right to the point. Presenting your ideas in a calm, reasonable way will convince others to listen. A child looks to you for a role model. Avoid angry outbursts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You benefit from befriending a vivacious newcomer. Avoid overindulgence in food or drink. A relative will become defensive unless you choose your words carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep any doubts you may have to yourself when discussing a plan with someone who likes to gossip. You could be pleasantly surprised if you give romance another chance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep in touch with a friend of the family who has offered to act on your behalf. Your ability to handle difficult people could lead to a job offer. A vacation suggestion merits further discussion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An attractive acquaintance could be uppermost in your thoughts. Avoid rushing headlong into a new relationship. When choosing a birthday or anniversary gift, be imaginative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Finding the right romantic partner may be a challenge. Say "yes" if friends or relatives offer to play Cupid. Someone who appears indifferent may be shy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You and your loved one are on the same wavelength today. Be considerate of a child's feelings. You will enjoy playing host to someone you have not seen for a while.

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PLAYING THE ODDS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠6 4 3
♡8 6 4
◇A J 6 2
♣K 7 3

WEST
♠9
♡Q 10 7 5 2
◇Q 10 9 5 3
♣8 6

EAST
♠10 8 2
♡A J 9 3
◇K 8
♣Q J 10 9

SOUTH
♠A K Q J 7 5
♡K
◇7 4
♣A 5 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♡

Successful declarers are, by nature, pessimists. They presume the worst is going to happen, and try to see if they can counter any unkind blows fate might have in store for them.

South's jump to three spades showed a hand of at least seven playing tricks and good spades. With three trumps, an ace and a king, North's raise to game was automatic.

West led a low heart and East's ace felled South's king. The heart return was ruffed in the closed hand, and declarer paused to take stock.

If trumps were 2-2, declarer could lose no more than one trick in each side suit — the fourth club could be ruffed on the table. And if spades were 3-1, all would still be well if clubs were 3-3 since declarer's long club would become established after surrendering a trick in the suit.

But what if trumps are 3-1 and clubs 4-2, as the odds suggest? Should declarer cash two rounds of trumps and find the suit doesn't break, then go after clubs, the game will be defeated if the cards lie as in the diagram. East will win the third club, return a spade to remove the table's last trump, then sit back and wait for the setting trick in clubs.

To guard against the actual distribution, both breaks can be handled quite simply. After ruffing the second heart declarer should draw only one round of trumps and then concede a club by playing low from both hands. After winning any return South draws a second round of trumps, cashes the king and ace of clubs to test the break and, when West cannot ruff, there is still a trump in dummy to take care of the fourth club.

Declarer's only losers are a trick in each suit except trumps.

PUZZLE ANSWER





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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 as well as many traveling exhibits on display. Those enjoying an adventure may take a ride in the simulator, located in the museum gift shop, and experience a ride in a World War I airplane; FILM SERIES: "Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II," shown through the end of 1996, 10am & 2pm, museum docent will moderate, Free, take an on-line tour of the museum at HTTP: //WWW.AVDigest.COM/AAHM/AAHM.HTML, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged.

Arts Assembly of Midland: FREE ACTING WORKSHOPS: KidsAct of the Arts Assembly of Midland brings in the Story Patch Players of Fort Worth, 12-3pm, every hour on the hour, Midland Park Mall, 5pm presentation, call 687-1149.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBITION: Light and Color Exhibit, a whirling kaleidoscope of light - holograms and laser beams, Feb. 22 through April 13, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Elliot Norquist Show, Sante Fe artist, through Feb. 16, EXHIBITION: Betsy S. Wiesenfeld, paintings, etchings, and stained glass pieces, February 22 through March 29, OPENING RECEPTION: Sat. March 1, 7-10pm, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

Globe of the Great Southwest: "The Three Musketeers," in collaboration with the French Connection, 2: 30pm, call 332-1586, Admission charged.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4556, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Wizard of Oz," 2pm, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Ansel Adams: An American Photographer, through March 2, And: Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists Series, Doug Sweet Paintings, through Feb. 23, And: "Under Starry Skies: Defining the Southwest," permanent collection; And: "The Search or Ancient Plainsmen: An Archaeological Experience", ongoing; And: The Collection, ongoing, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7: 30am-10pm, Fri. 7: 30am-5pm, Sat.& Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITIONS: 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: The French Connection: An Odessa Arts Collaborative, through May, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Virtual Unreality - Computer Art Exhibit, through February 21, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Midland Community Concerts Association: MUSIC: "Lenny Solomon Trio", 7: 30pm, Midland High School, call 682-1375.

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Presidential Museum: Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged..

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

West Texas Jazz Society: CONCERT: Randy Sandke Quartet, doors open 7: 30, concert 8pm, Randy is a trumpet player from NYC, Yucca Theatre, call 682-4283 or 563-1701 for information, members free, non-members $15, $10 extra per person for reserved seats, mail reservations to P.O. Box 10832, Midland (02).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Globe of the Great Southwest: DRAMA: "Three Musketeers," in collaboration with the French Connection, 8pm, call 332-1586, Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Wizard of Oz," , 8pm, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Globe of the Great Southwest: DRAMA: "The Three Musketeers," in collaboration with the French Connection, 8pm, call 332-1586, Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Wizard of Oz," 8pm, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 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.

What will Spin do when alternative music goes stale?

By Matthew Gilbert
N.Y. Times News Service

Spin has always revolved around the world of "alternative" music. Long before 1993, when Rolling Stone chucked its classic-rock trappings and started throwing bands like Pearl Jam and Hole on its cover, the 12-year-old magazine was pioneering the genre that would become the defining sound of the 1990s so far. The musicians that Spin wrote about were just this side of the indie culture, their T-shirts and torn jeans not entirely a fashion statement.

Now, of course, alternative music has gone through the all-American process, from peripheral scene to MTV-bred mass phenomenon and fashion statement to the cover of Time magazine to passe and waiting for a revival. It has shown the record industry plenty of money, but sales are slowing, and MTV has announced a change of direction away from alternative toward something — anything! — new. The March Spin suggests that the new Next Big Thing could be electronica, "an umbrella term being used to describe sample-based dance groups such as Prodigy, the Chemical Brothers, and Underworld." I don't think so.

But what will Spin do when its bread and butter becomes officially stale? As alternative matured, so did the magazine and its writing, which have gained significant influence on younger music buyers. Will Spin begin to feature movie and TV stars and Dennis Rodman-like celebrities, in the manner of Rolling Stone?

In the meantime, there's always U2, a band that Spin reminds us has "absorbed elements of electronica." On the eve of the March 4 release of U2's new album, "Pop," the March issue has a good piece by Ann Powers on "The Future Sound of U2." Powers charts U2's creative development over the years, from the band's "modern rock" sound of the 1980s to its current attempt to fuse "rock's aggressiveness with dance music's wide musical and emotional range." As the rock world reaches for something new, so does U2: "The sounds that a guitar is capable of creating are at this point cliche," says guitarist Edge. "The challenge is to find things you can do with the instrument that are not already used up."

Bono is particularly passionate in his words against alternative music, which, of course, U2 helped to create. "Is something authentic because it's in runners and a plaid shirt? Is it authentic because it has no ambition? If that's the case, give me the (expletive) plastic pants, and quickly."

Rolling Stone has always defined itself as being "not just about music, but also about the things and attitudes that the music embraces," as Jann Wenner wrote in the magazine's first issue. Is "The X-Files" embraced by music? Youth alienation meets Alien Nation? Drug-induced paranoia meets TV-induced paranoia?

Anyway, Gillian Anderson is on the cover but her interview is a light 1-pager in which she defines the difference between her and Scully, mentions her forthcoming dance single, and expresses some anger that her co-star, David Duchovny, makes twice her salary. The real interview is with Chris Carter, the show's creator, who admits that the casting of Anderson was a hard sell to Fox. Carterian wisdom: "Paranoia is a good thing. It creates smart people."



Jazz concert

Lenny Solomon plays Midland High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday. In his program, "A Tribute to Jazz Violin," Solomon pays homage to the giants of jazz and the jazz violin and to such composers as George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Duke Ellington, and Rodgers and Hammerstein. The concert is a part of the Midland Community Concerts season. For more information call 570-9112.

DESIGN: Costumers must understand play to create

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ing the course of the show. And it's that old adage — never know what you had until you are away from it. It really, truly is kind of a moral tale."

Certain costuming elements are the same as the movie.

"Dorothy's dress — I personally could not see how I could not use Blue gingham on Dorothy," Ms. Larsen said. "It's so embedded in our minds. I don't know how you could not have some people in audience a little disappointed. Audiences have certain expectations, too."

The Wicked Witch is in black due to "audience expectation," Ms. Larsen said.

What is different than the 1939 film version is the time period in which the action is set, which also alters the look of the clothing, including Dorothy's.

Instead of the 1930s ours is set in the 1890s, Ms. Larsen said.

"The shape of the dress is different. It has the puffed sleeves."

The "most difficult" costume was the Tin Man.

"I will never forget building that costume as long as I live." Ms. Larsen laughed. "It will live in infamy, in my mind anyway.

"This is not one of those shows you can go into storage and say, 'Ah, Tin Man's costume.' It took myself and April Scott — she's a friend of mine from college and I asked her to come in and please help me on this show — five days to get that thing built. Most of it was hand sewn."

In the 1939 MGM film version, Jack Haley, who played the Tin Man, couldn't sit down in his costume, said Ms. Larsen. "They had to literally lean him up against the board."

Live performances are quite different.

"Once the show starts, you can't take a break," Ms. Larsen said. "The man (Andy Salcedo) is certainly suffering for his art. We left the bottom of the canister open so air could come up. I didn't want to completely encase him in this giant foil barrel."

And what happens to the 92 costumes when the show closes?

"Hopefully we can rent them out and make some money," said Ms. Larsen, who has a bachelor of fine arts and a master of fine arts in theater with an emphasis in costume design from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

She joined the MCT staff in August 1995. She and her husband, Tod, have two children, Christian, 10, and Madeline, 7.

Ms. Larsen called costuming "a collaborative art form. You have to remember always that you are part of a collective mind. That there are other people working with you toward the same common goal, which is to put on a production.

"A painter creates a work of art on his own, and he shows it, and his name is signed to the bottom, and that's all there is. And he alone is responsible for that vision.

"But all you have to do is pick up a program for any show, and it is very clear that there were possibly hundreds of people responsible for that production — the actors, the technicians, the volunteers. There are many people involved behind the scenes, and you all share the glory."

It's also important for a designer to have an art background, Ms. Larsen said. "You have to have a sense for the visual, for the pictures created on stage."

Ms. Larsen has a minor in art. "One thing that has always remained consistent through my life is my ability to draw. And my interest in theater, that's always been consistent."

Understanding the play also is important in creating costumes, Ms. Larsen said. "A beautiful drawing — rendering — really doesn't mean much unless it is truly communicating something about the characters of the play. What the playwright's intentions were is very, very important."

Working as a volunteer in the costume shop doesn't require any specialized expertise.

"You don't need to have sewing skills to be a volunteer in the costume shop," Ms. Larsen said. "There's so many other things to do — craft work, making jewelry, hats, hand sewing. So many different things need to be done."

"The Wizard of Oz" has drawn more volunteers to the costume shop than any other production Ms. Larsen has worked on to date. The shop is located basement level at Cole Theatre.

"I hope we see a lot more volunteers wander down here," Ms. Larsen said. "At times, Cindy Berger, the design assistant and rental shop manager, and I get lonely. We love to see new faces."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

PLAY: Globe Theatre to present 'The Three Musketeers'

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"Imaginary Invalid," at Permian Playhouse beginning March 14; "A Concert of French Music," March 8 by the MOSC; "The Louisiana Purchase" exhibit already on display at the Presidential Museum; and "L'Ancien Regime," French paintings from the collections of the Sarah Blaffer Foundation, at the Ellen Noel Art Museum March 15-May 1.

Directing "The Three Musketeers" is Allan Jeter, a Globe board member who is making his directorial debut.

"I've been thinking about this for a long time, and I've been watching the other directors I worked for," said Jeter, whose wife, Wanda Jeter, designed the show's costumes.

When he was asked by other board members if he wanted to direct, he knew what his answer would be. "I wasn't about to turn them down. This was my chance.

"I still want to act, to go back to acting. I wouldn't want to give that up, but I like this, and I'll do it again one of these days. I enjoy acting way too much to give it up."

At first, Jeter was nervous. "I was a little afraid of it. What if I get in the middle of it and the creativity dries up? But it just keeps coming. We find something that works."

The hardest part of directing for Jeter has been the countless decisions the job requires. "Thousands of little decisions I've got to be making constantly. "I'm the final decision-maker. When you're an actor, you can do your part and kind of goof off a little bit."

As a director, "I have to pay attention all the time. Watch what they are doing. I can't relax unless (the actors) take a break. I have to take a break to go to the john.

"That's the hardest part. But I love the creativity of it — being able to visualize something and then talk to people and work with them until they get to what I've visualized."

For Midlander Chris England, "The Three Musketeers" represented an opportunity to be in a production set in a time period with which he is very familiar. England is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The group recreates the arts and crafts, clothing, and fighting styles that existed between 600 and 1600.

"We (the society) were doing the Renaissance Fair at the Globe and heard they were planning on doing 'Three Musketeers.' The recent movie was on my mind, and I thought, 'I could be Porthos.'" He laughed. "I knew without a doubt exactly what I would be cast. It's something about my character. Porthos is the biggest and strongest, and I'm 6-foot-4 and pick up Volkswagens as recreation. I look the part."

Karr, who has done "many shows" at the Globe and is a junior at Odessa High School, was inspired to become involved in this production because of the off stage "camaraderie.

"My best friends I've met through theater. And I plan to pursue acting as a career. Anything I can put on a resume doesn't hurt."

Friendship also drew Terry Tidwell, who plays Arimas, to the auditions.

"Two of my friends are in the play," said Tidwell, an Odessa native who attended Permian High School. "I was sitting around doing nothing, and one stopped by and said, 'Do you want to go audition?' I'd worked up here one time before — did props for 'Macbeth.'"

Although Tidwell was in a number of high school productions, a good portion of his stage experience was gained in Las Vegas, Nev., in a "small stage show" at the Rivera Hotel called "Professor Piper's Avant Garde: People in Concert." He was Professor Piper, the announcer for the vaudeville-style show.

Jaren Johnson, who plays Athos, also was in the Globe's production of "Macbeth." He played Macduff.

"I had a really enjoyable experience doing that and acting in this theater, the Globe, there's no other theater like it," said Johnson, who, under the name Peter Jaren, does the afternoon drive show for KBAT Radio. "It is an experience that very few people have. They had called me for some other performances throughout the year that I couldn't make. When I heard they were going to do 'The Three Musketeers,' I really wanted to be a part of it."

In addition, Johnson's stepson. J.R. Busby, 14, is in "The Three Musketeers." He plays the boy at the inn.

"I ran home and said, 'Do you want this?' And he said, 'Yeah.' So it's really a community thing, and in my case a family thing."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

At 70, Tony Bennett still draws young crowd

By Jonathan Schwartz
N.Y. Times News Service

Jimmy Durante once said to me that rock-and-roll was three chords, two of them wrong," Tony Bennett recalled.

In his nearly 50 years as a romantic troubadour, Bennett has been told all kinds of stuff. His conversation, unpretentiously anecdotal, is often surprising in its depth of show business wisdom. Imagine what he knows by now, this 70-year-old musician!

If he is passing judgment somewhere in his heart, he is doing so in silence and with regret.

It is this very heart that makes his singing accessible and profound, and though he does not present the music of the streets, his audiences are often youthful and always alert. If you have tickets for the sold-out shows at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, take a look around before the lights dim.

Those young and considerate faces were present on Feb. 3 when Tony Bennett gave a concert at the spiritually historical Apollo Theater in Harlem. As well, the 1,070 seats were equally divided between black and white, all of whom were there not only to embrace the singer but also to honor the ghost within his new CD, Billie Holiday, 19 of whose songs Bennett has chosen carefully.

Except for about 200 reserved seats, the prices were rolled back to the $8.50 charged the last time Billie Holiday played the Apollo in 1957 (if you're thinking $8.50 a bit high for the time, consider this: you got two comics, a movie and Lady Day).

Tony Bennett arrived at the Apollo at 12:45 that afternoon and spent the day giving one-on-one interviews, especially to television networks like CNN, whose producers walked him through the lobby and recorded his comments about the great black entertainers pictured in a vast mural on one of the walls.

You know who they are: Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Carmen McRae, Lena Horne, and a young and erotic Aretha Franklin.

On the street under the marquee that trumpeted his presence, Bennett was tenderly approached by the citizens of the territory. Autographs, of course, but more than that: a desire to tell him that they loved him, that they really (italics) listened (end italics) to his music.

"Man, you're the best alive," he was informed by a young passer-by in a Mets cap, a fellow perhaps 25 or so. In the gray afternoon light of 125th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, Tony Bennett accepted this gentle cascade of praise with his always genuine incredulity.

At 7:45 that evening, 15 minutes behind schedule, Harry Belafonte gave Tony Bennett an affectionate introduction.

Bennett's appearance provoked a standing ovation. Wearing a tuxedo and an immense bow tie, Bennett (as always) seemed surprised by the outburst.

"Hey, T.B.!" someone shouted.

"Go for it, man!" shot out from the mezzanine.

With only the pianist Ralph Sharon on stage with him at first, Bennett gave a superb recital of American standard songs. "The Best Is Yet to Come," "I May Be Wrong but I Think You're Wonderful," "It Had to Be You," "Autumn Leaves," "Solitude," "Old Devil Moon."

About 45 minutes later, with added bass and drums, Bennett included "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Just a Little Street Where Old Friends Meet."

As he began his luxuriously slow-tempoed "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," a voice from the balcony, a woman's voice, joyfilled, laid it out: "Take your time, darling," she advised.

Bennett, with a terrific smile, replied, "What do you think I'm doing?"

What he was really doing, throughout the evening, and what he has been doing through the years that stretch back to the only full Truman administration, was standing in front of what he calls "the public" with a head full of often poetic popular songs that he presents without affectation or synthetic emotion. He is a superb musician on a high technical level, and rich in melodic improvisation.

If it's true that Billie Holiday never sang a song the same way twice, it could lovingly be said of Bennett that he has seldom sung a song the same way once. This fascinating talent is, for the most part, obscured by the fact of his being Tony Bennett right in front of you, with "Rags to Riches," "Because of You," "Blue Velvet" and "San Francisco" to call upon. Hit songs for the ages, part of the buzz of 20th-century America.

But look at the chances he has taken through the years: the first major male singer to record an album with just a piano, the author of an entire album based mainly on percussion, the only major singer to release an album on which he does not appear on the very first song. And absolutely the only singer to tenaciously pursue excellence of material in the face of the obvious cultural collapse around him.

Tony Bennett's "Bennett on Holiday" uses no bass or drums, just piano, understated strings and an oboe or two, a configuration that gives the disk an intelligent new sound (its four out of four stars in a star-weary world of journals the country over speaks of its achievement).

At concert's end, one of the most prolonged standing ovations in recent memory brought Tony Bennett back on stage for as deep a "God Bless the Child" as Billie Holiday ever recorded.

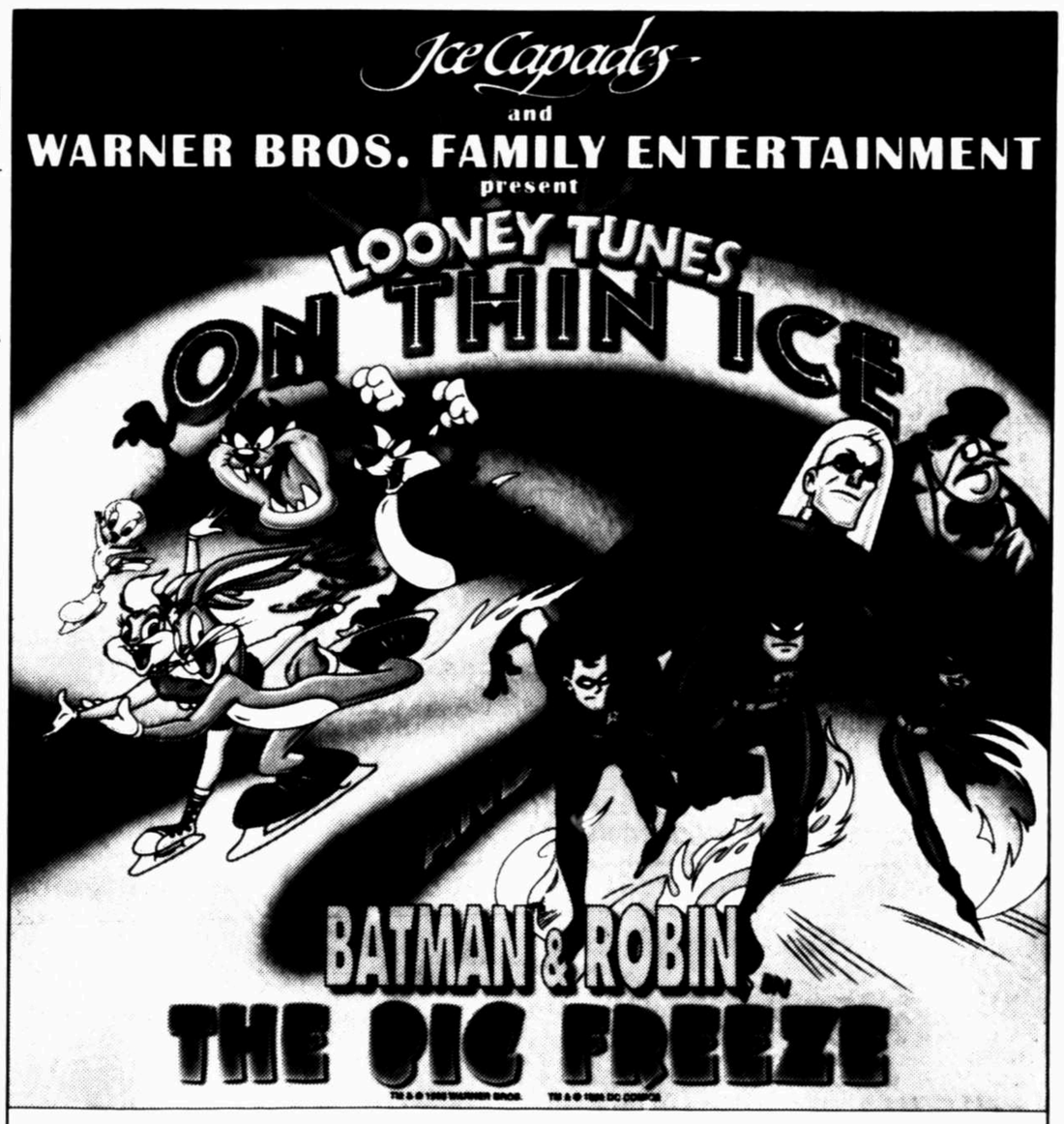
Bennett's second departure was equally bemoaned. The three musicians sat motionless, which gave the audience hope. Almost every single person in the Apollo Theater had something to cry out to the vanished singer.

When, quite suddenly, the trio disengaged themselves from their instruments and went away, a melancholy end began to sneak into the hurrahs, though not with sufficient strength to quiet the place for another two or three minutes.

Backstage, Tony Bennett was flushed, his remarkable bow tie just a little askew. "Wow," he said, to no one in particular.

And then, calling on a favorite word of his, he turned to Belafonte, who had materialized next to him.

"Gosh," said Tony Bennett.



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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Concert planned

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., will present a concert of chamber music featuring members of the Everest Quartet Feb. 22 and 23.

The Quartet performs at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Midland College campus, Allison Fine Arts Building. The concert will be repeated at 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa.

The program will feature Jeanne Preucil Rose, Stephen Rose and Joan Der Hovsepian performing music by Mozart, Dvorak, Prokofiev and Kodaly.

Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, $5 for students and free for music students. Tickets are available through the symphony office, 563-0921, or at the door.

Quartet to perform

The Randy Sandke Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

Sandke, who was born and raised in Chicago, is a trumpeter, composer and arranger.

Sandke was featured on Benny Goodman's PBS broadcast "Let's Dance" and on Goodman's final recordings. He played with Goodman until his death in June 1986.

In addition to recording with Goodman, Sandke has also recorded with, among others, Ray Brown, John Pizzareli, Al Grey, Dizzy Gillespie, Flip Phillips, Mel Torme, Doc Severinson and such entertainers as Woody Allen, Bill Cosby and Steve Allen.

As a composer, Sandke has received two NEA grants, and he has had pieces performed at, to name a few, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall and the Greenwich House in New York City.

The Midland performance is sponsored by the West Texas Jazz Society. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. WTJS members will be admitted free. Admission for non-members is $15. Students are $5. Reserved seating is $10 extra.

Drawings displayed

ODESSA — "Sophisto Series," an exhibit of drawings and prints by Barry Phillips the Younger, are on display through March 6 at Odessa College's Options Gallery in conjunction with the college's 50th anniversary.

The exhibit features 18 of the artist's works completed in 1986-87.

Phillips has received numerous awards for his work including a National endowment of the Arts regional fellowship from the Mid-America Arts Alliance and a Kimbrough Award from the Dallas Museum of Art. Individual works from "Sophisto Series" have been exhibited throughout the nation and 10 of the images recently were chosen for inclusion in the NEA Visual Artists Archive at the Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C.

Phillips joined the OC faculty in 1987 and currently is serving as art department chair.

The Options Gallery is located in the Learning Resources Center.

Lecture given

ODESSA — Midlander Virginia Rachal will give a free lecture on collage-mixed media at 2:15 p.m. today at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University.

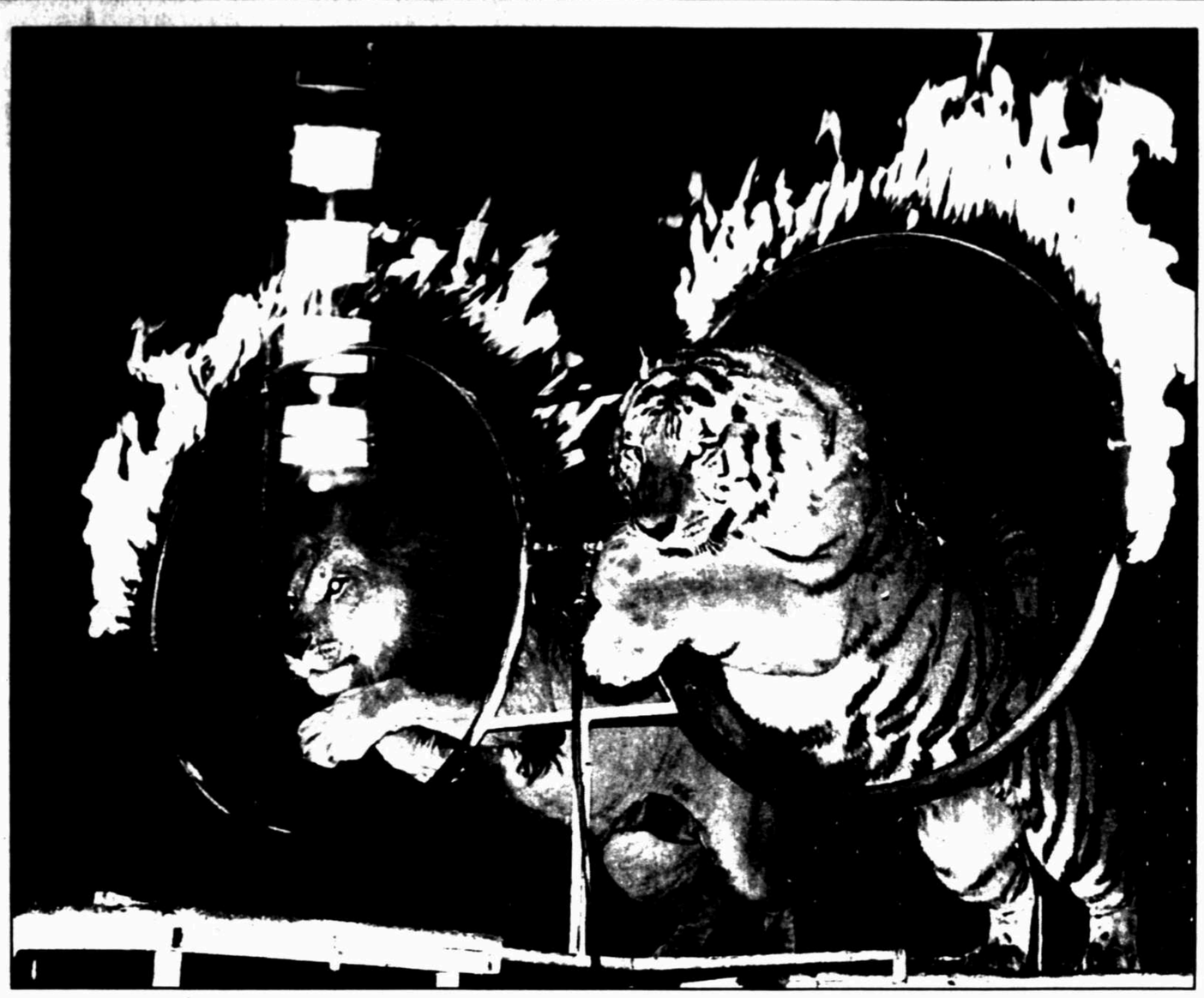
The program will include assemblage of diverse materials in two and three dimensions. There will be emphasis on using proper glue, adhesives and finishes to preserve the projects. Also, Ms. Rachal will give tips on developing creativity.

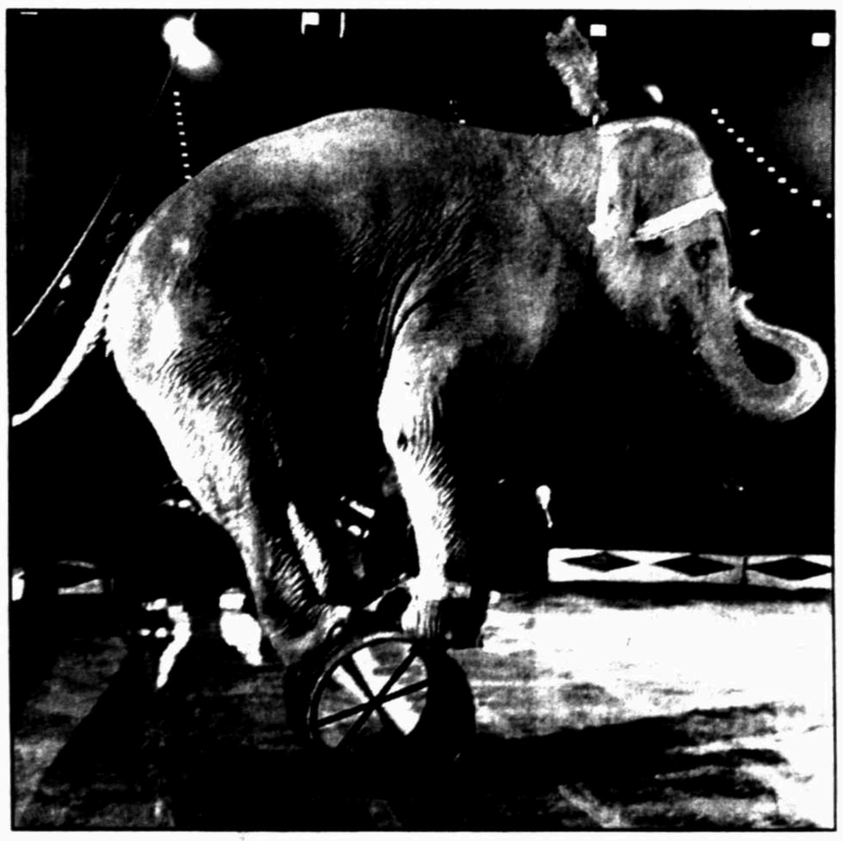
Her training includes two months in Mexico at the institute taught by Fred Samuelson as well as classes in watercolor, sculpture and art appreciation.

For six years, she worked as a volunteer at the Museum of the Southwest, decorating the opening of exhibits and receptions as well as the areas of the planetarium.

She formerly designed paint schemes and interiors for Mooney Aircraft and Mitsubishi.

For more information call 1-915-368-4657. Artists and non-artists are invited to attend. The program is sponsored by the Odessa Art Association.





Circus Gatti



Circus Gatti brings two and a half hours of entertainment in three rings to Midland College's Chaparral Center March 2 and 3. Show times are 3 and 6:30 p.m. March 2 and 4 and 7:30 p.m. March 3. The circus is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Tickets, priced at $10 adult, $9 seniors and military and $8 child, will be available at the door an hour before show times.

Ballet presented

Ballet Midland will present the Fort Worth Dallas Ballet here March 2 in a mixed-repertory program of works by George Balanchine and artistic director Paul Mejia.

An unusual addition to the program will be a selection performed with the Dixie Chicks, a country and western trio. The dancing to "All the Right Women" will remain classical but with a twist. The Dixie Chicks performed at, among others, the 1993 Presidential Inaugural Gala, the Grand Ol' Opry, a Dallas Cowboys' halftime show during the Monday Night Football telecast and Michael Martin Murphey's West Fest.

Curtain is at 2 p.m. March 2 at Lee High School Auditorium. Tickets, priced at $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and youth, may be purchased at the Midland Park Mall Information Booth. In addition, a ballet dance workshop for area dancers will be held March 1. For more information call 570-1116.

Artwork shown

Gallery 1114 is presenting the artwork of Betsey S. Wiesenfeld in March.

The show opens Feb. 22 and runs through March 29. The reception honoring the artist will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. March 1.

The work will contain paintings, etchings and stained glass pieces. Ms. Wiesenfeld received her bachelor of arts and master of art from the University of California at Berkeley. She taught history of art while completing her studies at the University of California. She conducted workshops and classes at Asilomar Conference Center and at Holy Names College, Oakland. At Holy Names she also taught art anatomy, the human figure and landscape painting. she has works in many private collections around the United States.

Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St., is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary art. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Performance set

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Blues Society is sponsoring Bob Kirkpatrick Feb. 28 at Sam's Bar-B-Que & Blues Alley Lounge, 220 N. Grandview. Showtime is 9 p.m.

Admission is $5 in advance and $7 at the door. PBBS members will be admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased at Endless Horizons, Sam's BBQ and CD Warehouse. For membership information call 1-915-332-7811 or 570-7171 or 699-0905. The PBBS is a Texas non profit.

Live broadcast

Alban Berg's "Wozzeck" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network. The broadcast will begin with at 12:30 p.m. with a pre-curtain feature and will be followed at 1 p.m. by the opera, which is performed without intermission. It will be heard locally over KCRS.

Falk Struckmann will be heard in his Met broadcast debut as the soldier Wozzeck, with Maria Ewing as his common-law wife Marie, Mark Baker as her lover the Drum Major, Graham Clark as the Captain, and Michael Devlin as the Doctor.

The conductor will be James Levine.

Works displayed

ODESSA — Works by artists Cristi Branum-Harper and Tom Griffard are on display through May 3 in an exhibition entitled "2x2: Two Artists, Two Media" at Proteus Gallery and Salon, 112 W. 5th.

Gallery hours are 8:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 580-4244.

Shrimpfest held

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum is hosting its 12th annual Shrimpfest Feb. 24 at Manuel's Restaurant.

This annual fund-raiser provides crucial funding for the facility's operations. The event features a meal and lively entertainment including celebrity waiters, who vie for tip donations, and the auction of unique aprons, hand painted by area artists and modeled by board members and celebrity volunteers.

Due to the overwhelming popularity three seatings are now offered: 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $18 for seniors, $25 for adults and $12.50 for those 12 and younger.

The menu includes Cajun barbecued shrimp, new potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, French bread, tea, wine or beer. The food is cooked and served by Art Museum board members, friends and celebrity waiters.

Corporate and individual sponsorship for Shrimpfest '97 include: Orion Pacific, Inc.; San's Club, Odessa; Dr. S.B. Haidacher, optometrist; I.C.A. Properties, Inc.; Ref-Chem Corp.; Ron Clifton Investment Advisors, Inc.; Westwood Medical Center, Midland; H.E.B. Food Stores, Odessa; Gail Etheredge-Woods, Interiors; Medical Center Hospital; and New Car Dealership Association.

Tickets may be purchased at Manuel's, 1404 E. 2nd, 1-915-333-2751; the museum, 550-3811, or from Ellen Noel Art Museum board members.

Show to open

ALPINE — The 11th annual trappings of Texas Fine Western Art and Custom Cowboy Gear Show will open the new Museum of the Big Bend as part of the annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering March 1.

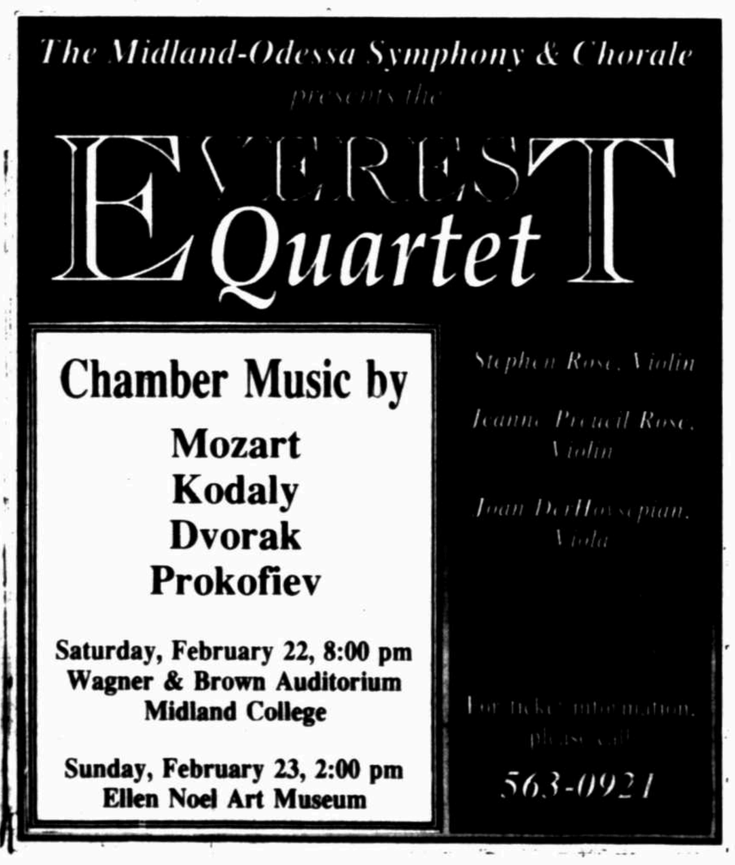
The museum, located on the campus of Sul Ross State University here, has moved to a new space — the recently renovated historic Lawrence Hall. The new museum gallery is located on the first floor of Lawrence Hall.

For more information on the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering call 1-915-837-8191.

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Actor, director still arguing like old friends

By Stephen Farber
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Some actors and directors seem to have a special chemistry at least as compelling as the on-screen rapport of certain famous acting duos: think of Billy Wilder directing Jack Lemmon or Sydney Pollack directing Robert Redford.

One of the most rewarding and long-lasting of these actor-director collaborations has been that of Jack Nicholson and Bob Rafelson. They have been working together for close to 30 years and recently teamed for a sixth time for "Blood and Wine," a crime story about a jewel heist that goes awry.

In "Blood and Wine," which opens on Friday, Rafelson returns to themes that he and Nicholson explored in two landmark movies from the early 70s, "Five Easy Pieces" and "The King of Marvin Gardens," which have been reissued this week in theaters in New York and Los Angeles.

In "Five Easy Pieces" Nicholson played a drifter alienated from his cultivated family. "The King of Marvin Gardens" focused on the relationship of two estranged brothers who are polar opposites — a rambunctious con man played by Bruce Dern and a shy intellectual played by Nicholson. In "Blood and Wine," set in Miami, he plays a negligent husband and father who is the romantic rival of his stepson. The film also stars Michael Caine, Judy Davis, Stephen Dorff and Jennifer Lopez.

"ALL THREE pictures deal with troubled families," Nicholson said. "And I happen to think that Bob is a lot closer to the truth in his take on these issues than something like 'Leave It to Beaver.' "

Nicholson's co-star in "Blood and Wine," Michael Caine, also appreciated the director's use of family dynamics to propel the plot: "What I like about 'Blood and Wine' is that within a 40s genre of film noir, it tells a 90s story of a dysfunctional family falling apart. Rafelson knows how to create tension out of human beings instead of special effects and stunts. His take on human relationships is very strange and very cynical."

It may have been a shared cynicism that first drew Rafelson and Nicholson together back in the 60s, when they used to notice each other at screenings held by the Writers Guild Film Society. "We would hoot at things that everyone else considered wonderful," Nicholson recalled.

At the time, Rafelson was writing and producing for television, and had helped create the successful series starring the Monkees. Nicholson was acting in horror and biker movies mostly produced by Roger Corman and was unable to graduate to more respectable, mainstream films. Bored with acting, he had begun to write low-budget independent movies.

TOGETHER NICHOLSON and Rafelson wrote and produced "Head," Rafelson's 1968 directorial debut, which starred the Monkees in a playful, surrealistic look at pop stardom.

"Jack had pretty much given up acting," Rafelson said. "But as we were writing 'Head,' he acted out all the parts, and I was staggered by how interesting he was to watch and to listen to.

"So I told him, 'I would like to do 10 movies with you as the star.' We laughed about this. For an out-of-work actor, it was a very pleasant fantasy that a director who seemed to be on the rise was going to devote his entire life to putting Nicholson up on the screen. I must admit that some of this enthusiasm came from a thick cloud of marijuana, but it turned out to be almost true."

"Head" was the first movie produced by BBS, a company formed by Rafelson, Bert Schneider and Steve Blauner that made small, iconoclastic movies. Their second production was "Easy Rider." Once again, Nicholson was hired to work on the production, but this time Rafelson and Schneider also gave him the supporting part of a lawyer who goes along on the motorcycle trip with the two heroes, played by Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda.

THE MOVIE earned Nicholson his first Oscar nomination and turned him into a red-hot commodity. He went on to star in the next BBS movie, "Five Easy Pieces," which defined the Nicholson persona in the classic diner scene in which he lambastes a waitress who refuses to serve him an order of toast.

Rafelson knew the actor well enough to release the qualities of sardonic humor and seething anger that his other films had barely tapped. Their personalities dovetailed. "Bob is contentious," Nicholson said. "So am I."

Richard Sylbert, the production designer who has known both men for many years and has worked on several of Nicholson's previous films, including "Carnal Knowledge," "Chinatown" and "Reds" as well as on "Blood and Wine," said the two had a combative but intensely symbiotic working relationship.

"Both Bob and Jack have a temper," Sylbert observed. "But I've seen how productive their arguments can be. There's a scene at the end of 'Blood and Wine' where Jack is thrown off a boat and tries to climb up on the wharf. Jack was worried that he couldn't physically do what Bob wanted him to do. So they reworked it. I haven't seen such an intense give and take between any other actor and director.

"THERE'S SOMETHING between Jack and Bob that I don't see with Jack and Roman Polanski or Jack and Mike Nichols or Jack and Warren Beatty. Jack is close friends with all of those directors, but his relationship with Rafelson is different. There's a secret language that they have because they know each other so well."

Caine, working with them for the first time, agreed. "They talk in shorthand. They have arguments that only close friends can have."

After "Five Easy Pieces" Nicholson and Rafelson worked together on "The King of Marvin Gardens" in 1972, on the steamy 1981 remake of "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and on "Man Trouble," a 1992 comedy that reunited them with the writer of "Five Easy Pieces," Carole Eastman, but misfired.

"I've never had so many people trying to control what I did," Rafelson said of that movie. "As a result, I didn't feel funny. I felt beleaguered. It was a joyless experience."

By the time they came to do "Blood and Wine," both Rafelson and Nicholson had been stung by changes in the industry since the heady days when they started making movies at BBS.

ASKED WHETHER "Man Trouble" had hurt his career, Rafelson replied bitterly: "What career? I don't have a career. It's been 15 years since I've been asked to direct a movie by a studio or a financing company."

Nicholson has also had his share of disappointments. While many of his contemporaries — Beatty, Redford, Clint Eastwood — have won awards for directing, he has been unable to sustain a directing career. Many of his recent acting jobs have been little more than cameos, and the few that he deeply cared about — like Sean Penn's 1995 film "The Crossing Guard" — were ignored by critics and audiences.

"It used to be, when there was such a thing as film criticism, that people understood that a film like 'The Crossing Guard' needed extra support," Nicholson said. "I do a lot of those kinds of movies, and they face incredible difficulties."

Some of those feelings of frustration and bitterness found their way into "Blood and Wine."

I set out to make a film that would release some anger and rage," Rafelson said. "For the amount of rage that I had roiling inside me, I hadn't been able to put it on film. So I decided to try to do that. I felt that the best place to locate it dramatically was in the family."

"BLOOD AND Wine" was conceived as a low-budget movie, but Nicholson's participation doubled the budget to $22 million. Over the years of their collaboration, Rafelson had seen Nicholson go from nonentity to superstar.

"But when we get on the set," Rafelson said, "there is still an adamant director, and there is still an adamant actor who doesn't like to be directed." He said crew members often stand on the side making bets about which of the two men will hit the other first.

"Bob and I have always argued," Nicholson confirmed, "but we're mature enough to know that it's a form of dialogue, not a war."

Seeming trivialities may trigger the most violent arguments. For example, the director and star differed over what Nicholson should wear during a scene in which he delivers a case of wine to a wealthy client.

"Jack hated wearing a suit in that scene," Rafelson reported, "and I insisted on it. I was trying to say something about the character, that he is overly fastidious when he goes to rich people's homes."

NICHOLSON ARGUED: "I was in my fifth or sixth week in Miami before I saw anyone in a jacket. The reason is that it's uncomfortable to wear. I still feel I was right."

Still, they poured their personal history into the film. Twenty years ago, Rafelson and Nicholson were driving in the mountains in Colorado when their Jeep flipped over, injuring both men. It became the inspiration for a climactic scene in "Blood and Wine," in which the car with Ms. Davis and Dorff overturns and Nicholson crawls inside the wreck to search her body for the diamond necklace he covets.

"That scene defines the picture," Rafelson said. "This guy is completely anguished that his wife is dying in the car, and at the same time he's not ready to give up his greed. Up to that point the character has been amoral, but when he searches his wife's body, reaching under her clothes and into her underwear, he has become evil. And I said to Jack, 'Don't try to make an evil character likable.' "

Some actors might shy away from portraying such a reprehensible act, but Nicholson said: "There's no point in doing a scene like that and tiptoeing around it. In fact, I'm so afraid they won't go all the way that I told the makeup guy to hide a little bowl of blood in the wreck, just to make sure it would be horrific enough."

Historical highlights for the week

Associated Press

Entertainment highlights during the week of Feb. 16 - Feb. 22:

70 years ago: MGM, Paramount, Universal, First National and the Producers Distributing Corp. agreed that they would wait one year before deciding whether to make "talkies." They also agreed they would use the same technology for making sound production.

40 years ago: "The Spirit of St. Louis" premiered at New York's Radio City Music Hall. James Stewart, who played Charles Lindbergh, was present at the movie's premiere.

And, for the first time, BBC-TV broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The "6.5 Special" was the first BBC program aimed at a teen-age audience. BBC-TV had previously not aired programs during that hour to allow parents to send children to bed without the potential disruptive effect of continuous television.

35 years ago: Richard Burton denounced "uncontrolled rumors" of a romance between himself and co-star Elizabeth Taylor on the set of "Cleopatra." They later married. At the same time, entertainer Frank Sinatra and dancer-actress Juliet Prowse announced that their careers prevented them from marrying. They never did.

And the producer of "A Walk on the Wild Side" switched the movie's premiere from New Orleans to New York after the city of New Orleans warned it would have agents present to determine if the film was obscene.

25 years ago: Pink Floyd premiered "The Dark Side Of The Moon" during a concert at London's Rainbow Theater. The album by that name was released a year later. It sold more than 20 million copies worldwide.

20 years ago: Fleetwood Mac released "Rumours," which had worldwide sales in excess of 17 million.

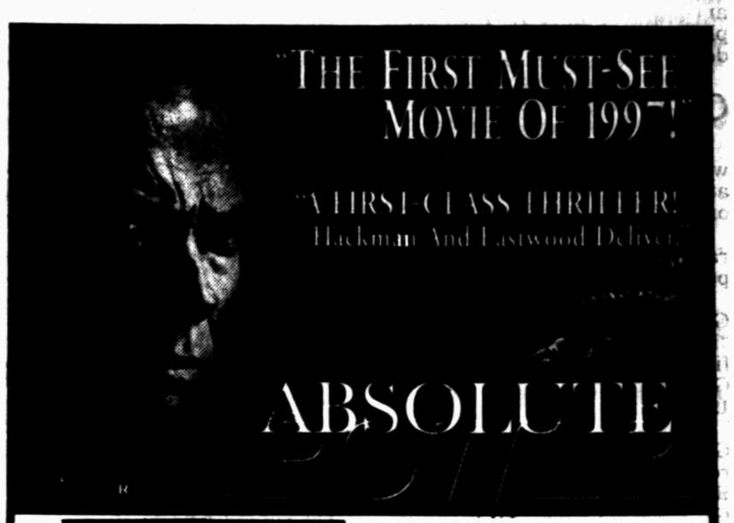
Five years ago: Country music star George Strait was named "George-of- the-Year" by a club of folks named George. George Club members started their tongue-in-cheek association when President George Bush was inaugurated.

One year ago: David Bowie, the

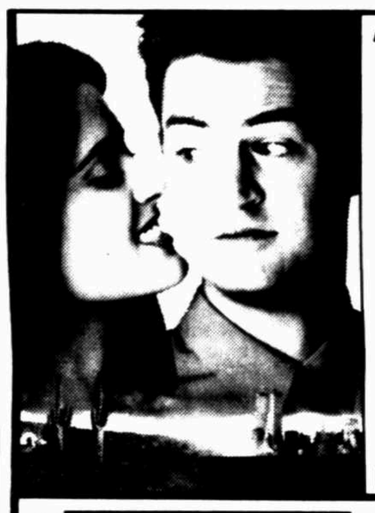
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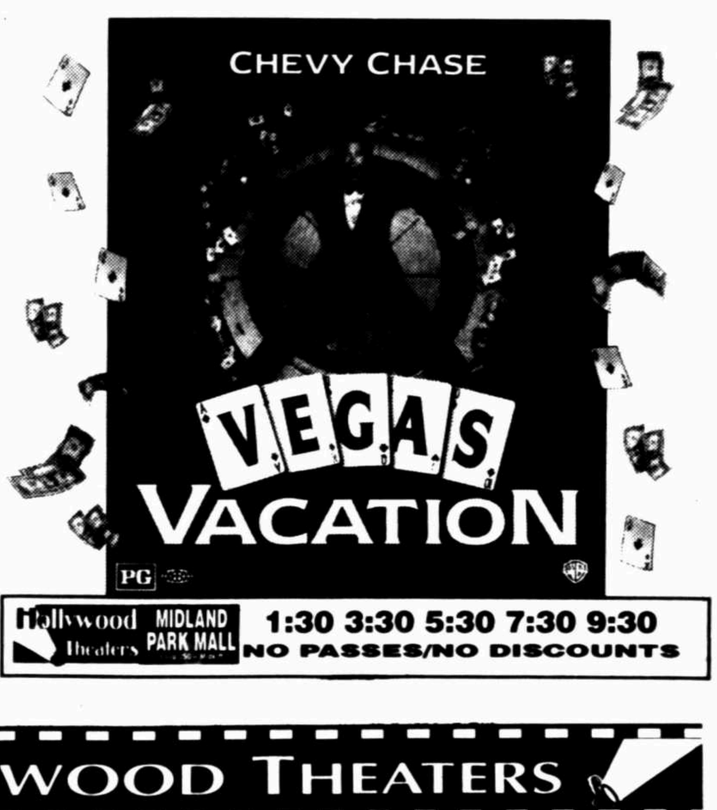

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Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, located in the Music City Mall here, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Also, Karaoke is on Sundays from 8 to 11 p.m.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mall hours.

February performances are David Trout, Feb. 17-22; and Toy Subs, Feb. 24-28. For more information call Chelsea's at 368-0949.

Paintings presented

The oil paintings of Jerry Romine are being presented in the lobby of Midland American Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave.

Romine is an active member of the Midland Palette Club and the Midland Art Association.

After retiring from the oil field, he wanted to capture, on canvas, the splendor of nature, said Romine.

He specializes in realism and paints portraits, wildlife, florals, seascapes and landscapes.

Jeab Green, one of his teachers in floral and landscape oils, will be conducting a demonstration and workshop at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave., beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 11-13.

Annual exhibit set

The Texas Watercolor Society's 48th annual exhibition will be held for the first time out of San Antonio, at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., from May 17 to June 22.

For the exhibition, 721 entries were submitted from across the country. From these, juror Katherine Chang Liu of Los Angeles, Calif., selected 91 works to hang in the exhibition.

The exhibition will have its opening reception and awards presentation at 6:30 p.m. May 17, with a dinner following. Awards will total at least $15,000 in cash and merchandise.

Performances set

ODESSA — The Kaleidoscope Company of the Permian Playhouse is presenting "Amber Waves" today, Saturday and Feb. 23 at the Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd.

All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and there are group rates available. The play is suited for younger children as well as young adolescents. For more information or to make reservations call 1-915-362-2329.

This drama, set in America's heartland, explores a yearlong journey of one family as they face the crisis of losing their family farm due to economic hardships.

Showing to close

A showing of works by artist Doug Sweet closes Feb. 23 in the Here and Now Gallery in the south wing of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Sweet's acrylic paintings inaugurate "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists," a new exhibition series at the Museum of the Southwest.

Artists scheduled for 1997 in addition to Sweet are Mike Hill, drawings; Kermit Oliver, paintings; David S. Gibson, photography; Susan Davidoff, drawings; and Richard Wood, paintings. A Meet the Artist reception and lecture is planned for each artist.

Many of the works in the exhibition are available for purchase. Purchases will benefit the museum.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Workshops set

Kids will be acting up in Midland Park Mall today when the Arts Assembly of Midland brings in the Story Patch Players for free acting workshops.

The 45-minute-long Kids Act workshops will start every hour on the hour today during Mall hours. All children are welcome.

A performance of "Star Factory '97," featuring all the children who participated in the workshops, is planned for 5 p.m. today.

Children will receive a free T-shirt. The workshops will be held in the space next to KayBee Toys.

Spring show set

Midland Arts Association Spring Show will be held at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., from March 1-April 13.

All entries will be received for the show March 1 at the Stables Gallery on the museum grounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry fees will be $7.50 per entry with a limit of three framed entries only.

Juror for the Spring Show is Carole Myers, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

A minimum of $2,500 in cash will be presented at the opening reception set for 7 to 9 p.m. March 7 at the museum.

Call the show chairpersons, Jan Williams, 699-6812, or Ann McCoy, 694-8434, for more information.

The program is partially supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Art on display

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's invitational digital art exhibit "Virtual Reality" is on display in the Third Floor Gallery through Feb. 21.

The project is supported in part by assistance from the Odessa Cultural Council, the UTPB Program Board, Forsight Computer Systems and the PC Solutions Group.

Chefs featured

BIG SPRING — Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" is set for Saturday.

The featured chefs will serve bites of their dishes from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the food samples are $7.50 for adults and $4 for children.

Food tasters will have an opportunity to vote on the "World's Greatest Chef." The winner will be presented with an award.

This is the fourth year for Big Spring's Heritage Museum to hold this event.

Photos displayed

An exhibition of more than 90 vintage photographs by master photographer Ansel Adams is on display at the Museum of the Southwest, 1715 W. Missouri Ave., through March 2.

Adams, born in 1902, produced a legacy of images of an untouched wilderness before interstate highways and motels existed. When Adams died in 1984, he left a rich photographic treasury from a 50-year career. The photographs in this exhibition, collected by Adams' ophthalmologist, Dr. Joseph W. Gray, provide a rich overview of Adams' career and include many of his most important works. One is "Monolith: The Face of Half-Dome," a well-known early work dated 1927.

The exhibition is sponsored in part by M. Elizabeth Locker. It is organized by the McNay Art Museum from the collection of Dr. Joseph W. Gray.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770. No admission is charged.

HISTORY: Highlights for the week

(From 5E)

former rock 'n' roll rebel, was presented with a Brit Award for "Outstanding Contribution to The British Music Industry." The then 49-year-old Bowie commented: "I don't think we should be paying homage to the past. I think we should be reinventing it." Michael Jackson was given a "Special Artist of a Generation" honor.

Spoken 10 years ago:

"Theater owners don't like my pictures because there's no time for the audience to get popcorn. So in 'Spaceballs' I'm throwing a love scene in the middle, and everyone under 20 can go to the concession stand." — Director Mel Brooks, commenting on his silly parody of "Star Wars." Brooks' film starred newcomer Bill Pullman as the space bum Lone Starr.

Spoken five years ago:

"It's a great award from a great country, from a great director." — Sylvester Stallone, accepting an honorary Cesar French film award from director Roman Polanski. Stallone, the epitome of Hollywood action films and a big box-office draw in France, was honored at the 17th annual awards in Paris.

Spoken one year ago:

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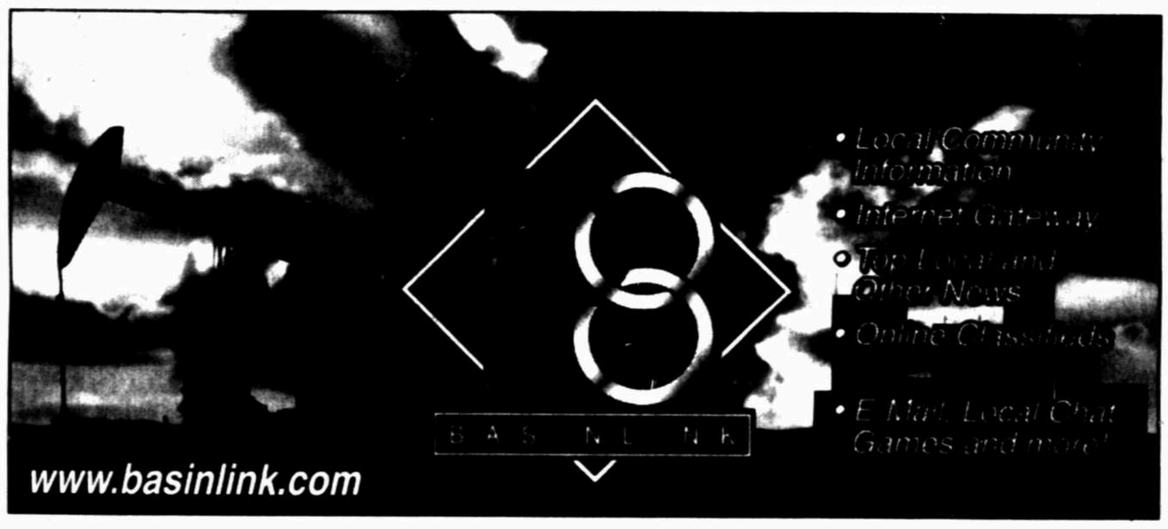
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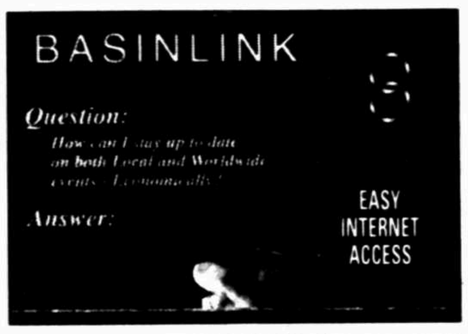
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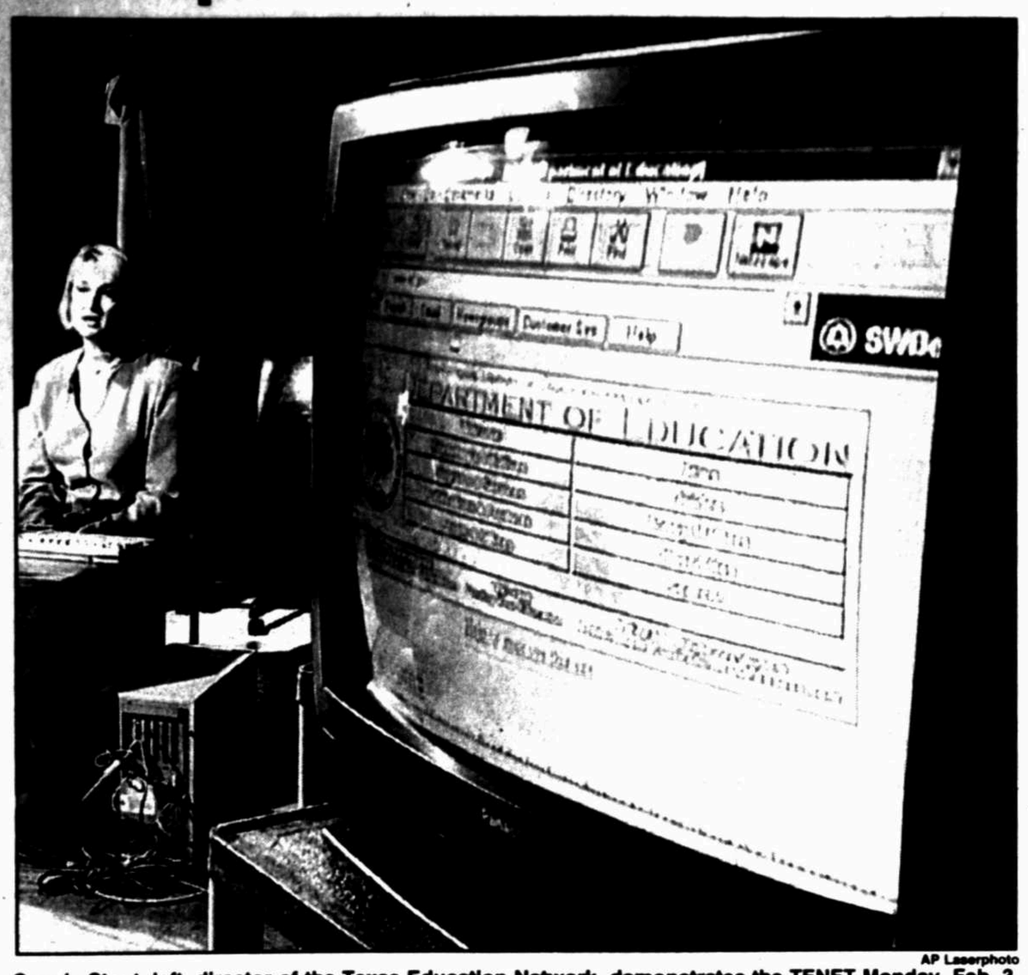
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Connie Stout, left, director of the Texas Education Network, demonstrates the TENET Monday, Feb. 3, in Austin, Texas. The network announced an initiative to provide low-cost high quality Internet service to Texas educators.

New service to provide inexpensive Internet access for Texas teachers

AUSTIN (AP) — There's a new school zone on the information super highway.

Most Texas teachers will be able to tap into the Internet for just $8.95 a month under a new program intended to replace a less expensive and lower-quality state-sponsored Internet hookup for educators.

"This initiative responds to requests we have received from educators who want easy, point-and-click, dial-up access to the Internet available from either home or school," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses in announcing the program.

"The Internet is becoming a vital tool that educators can use to keep their lesson plans current and lively," he said.

About 60,000 educators currently have access to the Internet through the Texas Education Network, or TENET, which is run by the University of Texas' Charles A. Dana Center. The cost is $5 annually for active teachers, and $25 annually for retired teachers.

Most dial-up TENET users now use a World Wide Web browser that doesn't allow users to view pictures. The new program, known as TENET Plus Southwestern Bell, is offered through a partnership with Southwestern Bell Internet Service.

It will make 300,000 teachers and other school employees eligible for dial-up Internet access including graphics-based web browsers.

TENET Plus, which is being phased in and isn't available to retired teachers, costs more than the previous program but less than the $19.95 charged by many other access providers.

The $8.95 cost covers 100 hours of Internet access a month.

The service will be started as a pilot this month and in March by 250 people who are experts in education and the Internet.

Beginning March 31, educators in Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth can sign up for the TENET Plus Southwestern Bell service. Educators who don't already have a TENET account must apply for one before signing up for the expanded service.

Educators in the Houston area can start signing up April 16; and those in Amarillo, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen, San Antonio and Waco, after May 1.

TENET Plus Southwestern Bell will become available in Midland, Odessa and Wichita Falls in June; in Abilene and Longview in July; and in Beaumont in August.

That covers all the cities served by Southwestern Bell, and an estimated 91 percent of Texas campuses.

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Students get serious about sex education

By Karen Avenoso
N.Y. Times News Service

NEWTON, Mass. — No, they're not nervous, insist the ninth graders in Norman Hyett's classroom, as they shuffle, twitch and fidget. They learned about ejaculation eons ago when they took reproductive anatomy, or "plumbing" as it's called around here, back in sixth grade.

But the giggles start as soon as Hyett utters the 'S' word: "Let's start our first day together by going over what we will cover in this sexuality course."

Asked to write why everyone's eyes are suddenly glued to the floor, one girl scribbles the headline, "Why it's Uncomfortable to Talk About Sex." Her top reasons: "We're in a co-ed group; it's embarrassing; this is school!!!"

Talking about sex in school is nothing new, but in Newton, where all ninth graders, except those whose parents object, are required to take "Sexuality and Health," it's obvious that times are changing.

No longer do students watch flowery films about menstruation produced by Kotex. Instead, they view a videotaped episode of the television show "Party of Five" in which a teen-age character weighs whether to have an abortion.

Although the 4-year-old course was initially controversial, only about 10 out of 375 ninth graders at Newton South High have opted out this year. Public health experts consider the Newton curriculum, designed by local counselors and teachers, to be one of the best in the nation. School officials here urge abstinence, but they also discuss prevention as well as teen-age parenting, adoption and abortion. Their argument: If students don't learn about sex in a safe, intelligent way, they'll learn about it from uninformed friends or, worse, by trial and error.

"Before we learned about them here, things like STDs and getting someone pregnant didn't seem like something that could happen to you," said Matt Roop-Kharasch, a 14-year-old who just completed the sexuality course. "Now, you know you've got to be realistic."

And whether or not students apply their knowledge, it's clear that they absorb a lot here.

At the beginning of each class period, Hyett and Newton South's seven other sexuality teachers hand out index cards for students to ask private questions. The cards come in by the stacks in the early sessions.

Most of the questions reveal genuine confusion about the facts of life.

"What are the chances of becoming pregnant by oral sex?" "Does using more than one condom help contain the sperm?" "Do people still have sex at age 55?"

But as the course continues, the questions slow down and are often asked out loud.

In a recent end-of-term class taught by Gwen Smith, students talked openly about what they would do if they, or their partners, got pregnant. Instead of slinking down in their seats, afraid that Smith might call on them, Sarah Thomas and Eric Smookler bounded up to the front of the room to act out an exercise about "saying no."

Most of the curriculum is dedicated to helping students avoid diseases and unwanted pregnancies. But the lessons also include stress-related issues such as gender roles, sexual harassment and healthy communication skills.

For a lesson about body image, Hyett introduces the Barbie and Ken dolls he keeps on his desk. Clad in skimpy, metallic bathing suits, these plastic toys are part of the media images that make teenagers so insecure about their bodies, he explains. If Barbie were a real woman, he points out, she would be 6 feet tall, 100 pounds and have a 14-inch waist and 42-inch chest.

Smith helps students write make-believe letters to a harasser and encourages students to talk about the grief they have felt when friendships or romantic relationships ended. When they talk about heated topics, she urges them to use "relationship-building language" and treat each other with respect.

"I want kids to leave this class feeling that just because this is high school doesn't mean sex has to happen," Smith said. "But if it does, it should happen in the most informed and loving of situations."

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Networking Breakfast set

Help for Small Businesses is the topic of the monthly Networking Breakfast set for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Cost is $5 payable at the door.

The Networking Breakfasts are sponsored in part by the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center and the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Call 684-4100 for more information.

NET test information

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Cost of testing is $16. Call 685-4504 to reserve a time for a computer. A ticket from a Health Sciences faculty member must be presented at the time of testing. Persons interested in any of these programs should call 685-4600.

McCormick Gallery show

Sul Ross State University Faculty Exhibition is now on display in MC's McCormick Gallery.

The exhibit will continue through March 18.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m.,Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m.Sunday.

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New health program helps meet growing demand for medical records technicians

■ MC's new health information technology program was begun after local hospitals approached the college to provide trained technicians for this growing profession.

By Rachel Sparks

As Midland College continues to expand course offerings, the health sciences division has added a new course, health information technology.

The program includes three different branches, an associate degree and two certification plans.

The programs train students for jobs in hospitals, insurance companies, law firms, physicians offices, rehabilitation centers and many other jobs.

"The graduate will maintain, organize, analyze and generate health information for patient treatment, reimbursement, planning, quality assessment and research to ensure quality health care through quality information," according to the program summary.

"There has been a very positive response to this program," said Nancy Shaw, division chair of health sciences.

Health science and computer skills are a major part of the curriculum. There is currently no application process but one will soon be implemented, Shaw said.

Students also must pass a national exam for certification given by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

AHIMA is an outside body that looks at the program and gives its stamp of approval that the students and the program have met the minimum standards.

Health Information Technology was added to the MC curriculum after it was suggested by hospitals.

"We were approached by hospitals to look into the programs," Shaw said.

The MC board of directors approved the program in August. The program is state funded and the student contact hours are reimbursable, according to Shaw.

The director of health information technology is Cheryl Mitchell, whom Shaw calls "a great asset."

"She is wonderful," said Shaw, "She came to us from Westwood Hospital where she was the director of the hospital records area. She helped in the development of the program, classes and accreditation."

According to Mitchell, the American College of Surgeons reported doctors were concerned about files containing too little information on surgeries.

Hospital personnel need accurate and complete records. This created the need for medical technicians, originally called medical librarians.

"Medical records technicians are one of the fastest growing areas of employment," Shaw said.

"In 1995, the Bureau of Labor Statistics identified medical record technicians as an area that would be providing the most new jobs with an increase of 61 percent and that it is expected to grow much faster than average," Mitchell said.

The field has grown to 93,000 employed nationally, and by the year 2000, Texas alone will employ 6,050.

Not all medical directors work in the hospital. Thirty-two percent work in the hospital while 68 percent work in doctor offices, nursing homes and government agencies, Mitchell said.

Nursing students learn about jobs at 'special day'



Licensed Vocational Nursing Director Susan Jones visits with several of the more than 200 students and healthcare providers who participated in "LVN's Are Special Day" at MC Feb. 7. "This is a time to show students that LVN's are special to the healthcare field," Jones said about the event that helped students learn about potential jobs.

Health care, Spanish, investments begin

The next class in **Truck Driver Training for Class A Commercial Drivers License (CDL)** begins March 3, and registration for the class is going on now. The six-week, 240-hour course consists of 80 hours in the classroom and 160 hours of road and range driving, with new classes starting every four weeks. Call 570-4767 for more information.

Continuing Education courses beginning the week of Feb. 24 are:

Automated External Defibrillators will be taught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is $30.

CPR Health Care Renewal will be taught from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is $20.

Defensive Driving Taught in Spanish will be offered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Alfred Berosa is the instructor and the fee is $25.

EMT & Paramedic Refresher will be taught from March 1 through May 31. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is $33.

Advanced Investments will be taught from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 25 through April 8. Van Pearcy is the instructor and the fee is $39.

Quilting II will be taught from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 27 through April 10. Jean Roberts is the instructor and the fee is $37.

Spanish II, Conversational will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 27 through April 17. Jan Vernon is the instructor and the fee is $52.

Psychiatric Diagnosis & Treatment of Elderly will be taught from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. Jacqueline Brick is the instructor and the fee is $15.

Self Defense will be taught from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Oscar Jimenez is the instructor and the fee is $10.

Spanish for the Health Care Professional will be taught from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Jan Vernon is the instructor and the fee is $30.

For more information about these and other Continuing Education classes, call 685-4518. For information about **Defensive Driving** courses, call 685-4518 or 560-2400, ext. 2806.

Registration for **College Classics**, Midland College's continuing education program for those 50 years of age and older, continues in the Midland College Continuing Education department.

Students may register for Session II that runs from March 3-7 and March 17-April 4, and Session III is planned for April 7-May 2. Students may enroll in as many courses as the wish for $25.

For more information, call 685-4518.

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Pulitzer Prize-winner McCullough to be first speaker in lecture series

Biographer, historian, lecturer and teacher David McCullough will be the first speaker for the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series (DDLS) at Midland College. He will speak at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

McCullough's appearance will inaugurate the 25th anniversary celebration of Midland College. The DDLS was established to bring nationally known speakers to Midland College.

McCullough's *Truman*, a work of 10 years, has been called a "masterpiece of American biography." The book was a national bestseller and spent 43 weeks on the *New York Times* bestsellers list.

McCullough received the Charles Frankel Prize from President Clinton and the National Endowment for Humanities for his.contributions to the humanities. He is the winner of the National Book Foundation Distinguished Contributor to American Letters Award, twice winner of the National Book Award, twice winner of the prestigious Frances Parkman Prize, and he received an Emmy Award for his work in Public Television.

To millions of television viewers, he is known as the host of the award-winning PBS series, "The American Experience," and as the narrator of such distinguished documentaries as LBJ, The Donner Party, and The Civil War. For his work in the "Smithsonian World" series, McCullough received an Emmy Award.

Because of limited seating, tickets, distributed free of charge, will be required for this event. For more information about obtaining free tickets, call 685-4526.

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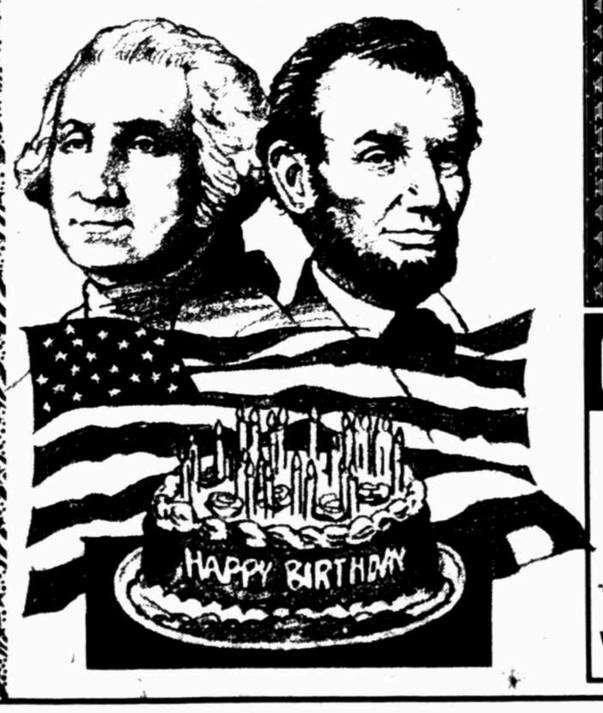
More than 400 high school students from across West Texas will be on campus next Feb. 21 and 22 for the regional Vocational and Industrial Arts Club of American (VICA) competition. VICA competitions at MC will include welding, automotive, drafting and electronics.

The goal of VICA is to prepare students for the workforce. After years if having the contest rotate from high school to high school, Midland College will be the permanent site of this regional competition.

Students from Monahans, Pecos, Kermit, Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Alpine, Seminole and San Angelo will attend. For more information, call Curt Pervier at 4511.

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Smaller classes, crowded schools

Parents, teachers, children find downside to downsized classes

By Julian Guthrie
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — At San Francisco's Lakeshore Alternative Elementary School, 40 wild pixies — otherwise known as kindergartners — are packed into a single classroom with two teachers for five hours a day.

One of the students, 5-year-old Max Wallace, describes the environment in a word: "Noisy."

His mother, Marybeth Wallace, isn't so laconic. She wants to know, "How is any instructional time supposed to take place when there are 40 5-year-olds in the same room?"

Six months after Gov. Wilson launched his program to reduce class size in the state, offering $666 per pupil to schools that reduce kindergarten through third-grade classes to no more than 20 students per teacher, the report card is decidedly mixed.

While some students seem to be thriving with the extra attention from teachers, several parents complain that the program was slapped together with such haste that in some cases children are faring even worse than before.

And education experts warn that there's no evidence that reducing class size will improve the dismal performance of California schools.

"The bottom line is that class-size reduction is an extremely expensive measure that is unlikely to produce gains in academic achievement," said Indiana State University education Professor David Gilman, regarded as a national expert in class-size reduction programs.

"It's a feel-good program. But if you take time to look at states across the country and compare class size and achievement, the relationship is zero."

For Wallace, the program was a dream that became a nightmare.

"We were told the school would get portables by October; it's now January, and there are no classrooms. I feel like the district has sold us a bill of goods," said Wallace, who works as a staff liaison for Parent Advocates for Youth. "My son is certainly not benefitting. My son is worse off this year."

In East Palo Alto, at the James Flood Science and Technology Magnet School, sixth-grade teacher Roseann Layne also questions the benefits of smaller classes that are using every availble space in her school.

The computer lab was needed as a classroom, Layne said, so the library became the computer lab. Now, students are unable to use the library, which Layne considers a vital resource.

Juggling kids and jamming them into any open room is a primary side effect of Wilson's program.

In San Francisco, administrators at Cesar Chavez Elementary School turned the library into a full-time classroom for third- through fifth-graders. The cafeteria also serves as a part-time classroom. Even a bathroom has been transformed into a teachers' book room.

The rush to find space has had a ripple effect in Santa Clara County, where five school districts recently informed the county Board of Education they would need to take back an estimated 50 rooms currently leased out to day care providers and private schools to accommodate smaller classes.

One World Montessori School in Cupertino, with 235 kids from preschool through sixth-grade, lost its lease in the former Eaton School.

"The Legislature had not a clue as to the tempest they'd stir," said One World's administrator and founder, Rebecca Keith. "I can assure you, this is going to be a major problem for a lot of kids, parents and educators. There is nowhere for these kids to go."

Employees are another concern. Districts have scrambled to hire teachers — many of them inexperienced — to staff the extra classrooms.

Julia Koppich, an education consultant and former UC-Berkeley educator, said she was concerned about "the extent to which underprepared individuals are being hired as teachers so there can be an adult body in the classroom."

The state will have to hire at least 20,000 new teachers over the next three years to staff the extra classes, according to Robert Salley, with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

With just one year of teaching experience in Massachusetts, Karen Glants, a third-grade teacher at the James Flood Science and Technology Magnet School, said she had decided "on a whim" to apply for a teaching job in California.

"I called the school, and they asked me to fax my resume that day," Glants said brightly. "They called the next day, we did a phone interview, and I was hired."

NOT EVERYONE'S unhappy with the program.

At Montclair Elementary School in Oakland, teacher Jeanne Mulgrew is delighted that for the first time in her 29-year career, she has only 20 students in a class.

She said she was now able to give individual attention to the three or four children in her first-grade class who needed extra help.

One such student is first-grader Tony Barrera.

"Last year, we were told we should hold Tony back," said his mother, Maria Barrera. "If it hadn't been for the smaller classes, Tony would've stayed behind the other students. Now, he's right up there reading with the rest of his class."

Gail Kaufman, communications director at the San Francisco Unified School District, defended the program but conceded there had been problems.

"The demand for portable (classrooms) has been tremendous," Kaufman explained. "Certainly, the model we're striving for is 20 kids in one classroom. We believe that smaller classes will help provide the necessary foundation for kids."

Academic performance in California's public schools has nowhere to go but up. Last year, California tied with Louisiana for last place in a national ranking of fourth graders' reading scores.

> ***'How is any instructional time supposed to take place when there are 40 5-year-olds in the same room?'***
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> — Marybeth Wallace, mother of kindergartner Max Wallace at Lakeshore Alternative Elementary School in San Francisco

An exhaustive report, released this month by Education Week newspaper, gives California a D-minus grade for overall "school climate."

"One of the conclusions of this report is that simply reducing class size is not enough," said Lynn Olson, Education Week's senior editor. "You can't pick one detail, whether it's class size or a longer school year, and assume that's going to turn a school around."

Olson said four factors are important: setting standards and establishing tests that measure student achievement; having teachers who are committed to high-quality teaching; creating a school climate that is conducive to teaching; and the amount of money spent on education and how it is used.

Last year, California ranked 41st of all states in funding per student, spending an average of $5,313 on each of its 5 million students. Wilson's billion-dollar class-reduction program should bump the state to 38th this year, said Jim Wilson, director of fiscal policy for the California Department of Education. According to the California Department of Education, 851 out of 895 eligible districts in the state are participating in the program.

For the 1997-98 school year, state Superintendent Delaine Eastin and Wilson are pushing for the class-size reduction program to include all students, kindergarten through third grade, at every school. Currently, first- and then second-grade classes received funding priority, followed by either third grade or kindergarten.

An estimated $488 million of the new $64.4 billion state budget plan will be earmarked for expanding the program.

An official evaluation of the class-reduction program isn't in the cards — at least not in the near future. That's because the governor didn't earmark any funds for staff to track test results from participating schools, according to Cathy George, a consultant with the state Department of Education.

"We're working to get money put into the budget for an evaluation," George said. "Until the money is provided, it won't occur."

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MAKING THE GRADE

Names of some seventh grade students who were on the honor roll for the third six-weeks were inadvertently left off the recent list provided by Midland Independent School District. These students are: **Allison McLane, Jennifer Milam,** and **Kristen O'Donnell**.

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Nona Davis and Michael Carrasco have been chosen as the Midland Rotary Clubs student of the week. **Nona**, daughter of Wayne and Kathy Davis of Midland attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include NHS, Optimist Club, PTA essay contest, UIL solo contest, Who's Who among High School Students, Student Council, and homeroom representative. **Michael**, son of Sam and Kathy Davis of Midland, attends Midland High School. His Honors and activities include Who's Who among American High School Students, Lettered in Academics, National Honor Society, Class Favorite,and participated in Duke University's talent search.

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Midland resident **Terrie Seybold,** a junior majoring in psychology at the University of Texas at San Antinio, was chosen to be listed in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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Tyler Junior College has released the area students that achieved the President's Deans list. Area student **Brandon Lang** of Midland was named to the honors list for academic achievement in college credit courses during the Fall 1996 semester.

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West Texas A&M University has released their Dean's and President's List. Among them were area students, **John Barton, Nathan Cooley, Kimberlee Davis, Deborah Dunn, Tamarie Hawkins, Javier Martinez, Amy Powell, Eric Rogers, Travis Self.** Among these students, Hawkins and Self earned President's list recognition.

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West Texas A&M University anounces area graduates. **Courtney Jacobs** and **Jason Reece** both of Midland. Jacobs recieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work, Reece recieved a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

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Furman University anounces the Schools Dean's List for Fall term 1996. **Arch Bell**, son of Ruth Bell of Midland, and the late Francis Bell, was named to the Deans List's.

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The University of North Texas named area student **Stephanie Winn,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winn of Midland, to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars. Stephanie was a 1996 graduate of Lee High School.

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Sara Guenthner and Kira King were named as Midlands Downtown Lion's Club Students of the week. Sara, daughter of Orson and Judy Guenthner of Midland, attends Midland High School. Guenthners honors and activities include Academic Honors, Honor Graduate, Texas Scholar, All American Scholar, Who's Who among America's High School Students, Science Club, Student Council and numerous others. Kira, daughter of Curtis and Betty King of Midland, attends Robert E. Lee High School. Kings honors and activities include National Honors Society, 2 year Who's Who Among American High School Students, I division at UIL solo and ensemble, 4 year academic letterman, All-American Scholar, National Honors Society, D-FY-IT and numerous others.


Davis


Feavel


Guenthner


King


Powers

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Kelly Feavel and Rachel Powers have been chosen for Februarys Outstanding Girls by the University Graduate Woman of Midland. Kelly, daughter of David and Michelle Feavel of Midland attends Lee High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who among American High School Students andTexas Scholars. Her Honors include Academic letterman, Outstanding Academic Athlete and numerous others. Rachel, daughter of David and Lois Powers, attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include, second place in Dare Essay, Who's Who among American High School Students, All-American Scholar, Speech and Drama, Student Council, National Honor Society and numerous others.

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Tarleton State University has released the names for the A Honor Roll. Among them were area students **Wendi Skelton, Chandra Rodriguez,Carrie Myers** from Midland, and **Kelly Harrell** from Stanton.

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Elizabeth Noble, the daughter of Kathryn and Ray Noble, was named to the President's honor roll list at the University of North Texas in Denton. She is a 1993 Lee High School graduate.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Four Trinity School teachers were named to the fourth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 1996. Honorees are **Richard Catania**, French teacher and chairman of the foreign language department; primer teacher **Pat Freeman**; Head of Lower School **Mary McFadden,** and **Mary Rulla,** Upper School mathematics teacher and chairman of the math department.

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Davelyn Griffith, eighth grade English teacher at Abell Junior High School, has recently been published in "The Professional Ideabook for Teachers."

She wrote her article entitled "A Writing Project That Spans the Years" when she attended the New Jersey Writing Project last summer. Ms. Griffith based the article on lesson plans she developed during her years of experience as a teacher.

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Jackie McMillan, teacher at Anson Jones Elementary, recently attended a session hosted by AIMS (Activities Integrating Math and Science) Education Foundation in Austin. McMillan and other national AIMS trainees met to plan methods to ensure that AIMS sessions offered to Texas students match the expectations of the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), and to determine ways AIMS can broaden its scope of service to provide a more systemic support system across the state of Texas.

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The continuing Education Department at Texas A&M University at Galveston proudly presents a new concept in educational summer programs, Talented and Gifted Summer Programs, Community and Youth Education. The 1997 curriculum has been increased considerably and will provide an in-depth experience for students entering grades 8-12 in the following professions and will meet the TAC guidelines for the Distinguished Achievement Program: Veterinary Medicine, Emergency Room Medicine/Trauma, Robotics/Tinkertoy Engineering, SeaScapes/Art, Photography, Computer Animation/ multimedia, Marine Bio Technology Oceanology, Marine Biology, Advanced Photography of the Big Bend Area.

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The University of Texas at Austin is hosting an areawide weekend fair on March 23 to showcase higher education's efforts to support children and their caretakers. University Childfest will feature an array of exhibits, demonstrations, and other activities scheduled for 1-5 p.m. in the Frank C. Erwin Jr. Special Events Center. The committee also needs volunteers to serve on the various committees. For more information, contact Rosalie Ambrosina, Childfest chairwoman at (512) 471-6204,or email : rambrosino@mail.utexas.edu.

EDUCATION POLICY

The Midland Reporter-Telegram publishes information on upcoming school-related events in the Education in Brief section and announces high and college academic achievements in the Making the Grade section.

All articles are edited to Associated Press style. Deadline for any articles is Monday at noon for publication in the following Sunday education edition. Items will be published on a first-come-first-serve basis as space permits.

The Making the Grade section honors local students, and former area students attending universities. Head-and-shoulder photographs may be submitted with articles for Making the Grade honorees. Photos are not used for dean's list announcements.

Band and cheerleader competition results are published as they are received. Photos are published of All-State students and cheerleaders winning sweepstakes trophies, or state or national awards.

Academic district and regional awards, and state-qualifiers are published. Photos and stories are published for state and national award winners only, as space and time permits.

High school end-of-the-year award night honorees, junior high school honor roll lists, and high school National Honor Society inductees and Duke Talent Identification honorees are published as they are provided by local schools. Who's Who Among American High School students are published twice a year as a group, and are not published individually. The Reporter-Telegram does not publish United States Achievement Academy recipients.

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Small companies work with schools to prepare children for jobs in 21st century

CHICAGO (AP) — With outdated labs, teachers who have never worked outside the classroom and graduates who can't keep jobs, schools are looking to corporate America for help.

And more than 150,000 mostly small companies are answering the call.

They're cooperating with local districts on school-to-work programs, which try to prepare teens for jobs in the global economy of the 21st century. The help is coming just in time, said Phillip Jackson, director of inter-governmental affairs for Chicago's public schools.

"You have to know computers and computer technology to be an effective auto mechanic," Jackson said. "But in the auto classes, instead of state-of-the-art equipment, we have wrenches and hammers."

Business has noticed the deficit

BellSouth Corp. discovered students in Atlanta who wanted to be graphic artists didn't know the most useful software, while people who wanted to be technicians in Key West, Fla., didn't know enough math and science to be trained.

So the telephone company began a school-to-work program that takes students into the field and proves the connection between homework and work.

School-to-work initiatives are designed to improve the quality of all future workers — not just the 75 percent of high school graduates who don't go to college, said J.D. Hoye, director of the National School to Work Office in the Department of Education.

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EDUCATION

SCHOOL BRIEFING

Honorees named

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce reinstated its program in January of naming outstanding students and teachers of the month. The first honorees chosen this year are Virginia Bowman Cox, a sixth-grade teacher at Pease Elementary School, and Brandon Lee Riddle, a student at Goddard Junior High School.



Cox

Ms. Cox has been a teacher for 21 years and grew up in Longview. She earned a masters of education administration from University Without Walls at Prairie View A&M University, and a bachelor of science degree from East Texas Baptist University.



Cox

Brandon, 13, is the son Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riddle. He is a volunteer in a program to feed the homeless.



Chili supper set

Mary Hahn plans to assist parents of band students in cooking up a half of ton of chili for a March 1 event, she said, adding "and that's not even counting the beans."

Chili will be served all day at Midland High School March 1, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will showcase MISD secondary school bands and orchestras with continuous entertainment. The 28th Annual MISD Band Concert/Chili Supper will benefit the band students (more than 1,200 are enrolled in grades 7-12). Cost of a chili meal is $5. Refills are $1 a bowl.

San Jacinto Junior High School Band will play at 11 a.m., followed by the Abell Junior High School Band at 11:30 a.m., Goddard at noon, Alamo at 12:30 p.m., the Lee High School Orchestra at 1 p.m., and the MHS orchestra at 1:45 p.m., the Lee Jazz Band, 3 p.m.; Lee Freshman High School Band, 3:45 p.m.; MFHS Band, 4:30 p.m.; Lee Symphonic Band, 5:15 p.m.; the Midland Symphonic Band, 6 p.m.;Lee Honor Band, 6:45 p.m.; and the Midland Honor Band, at 7:30 p.m.

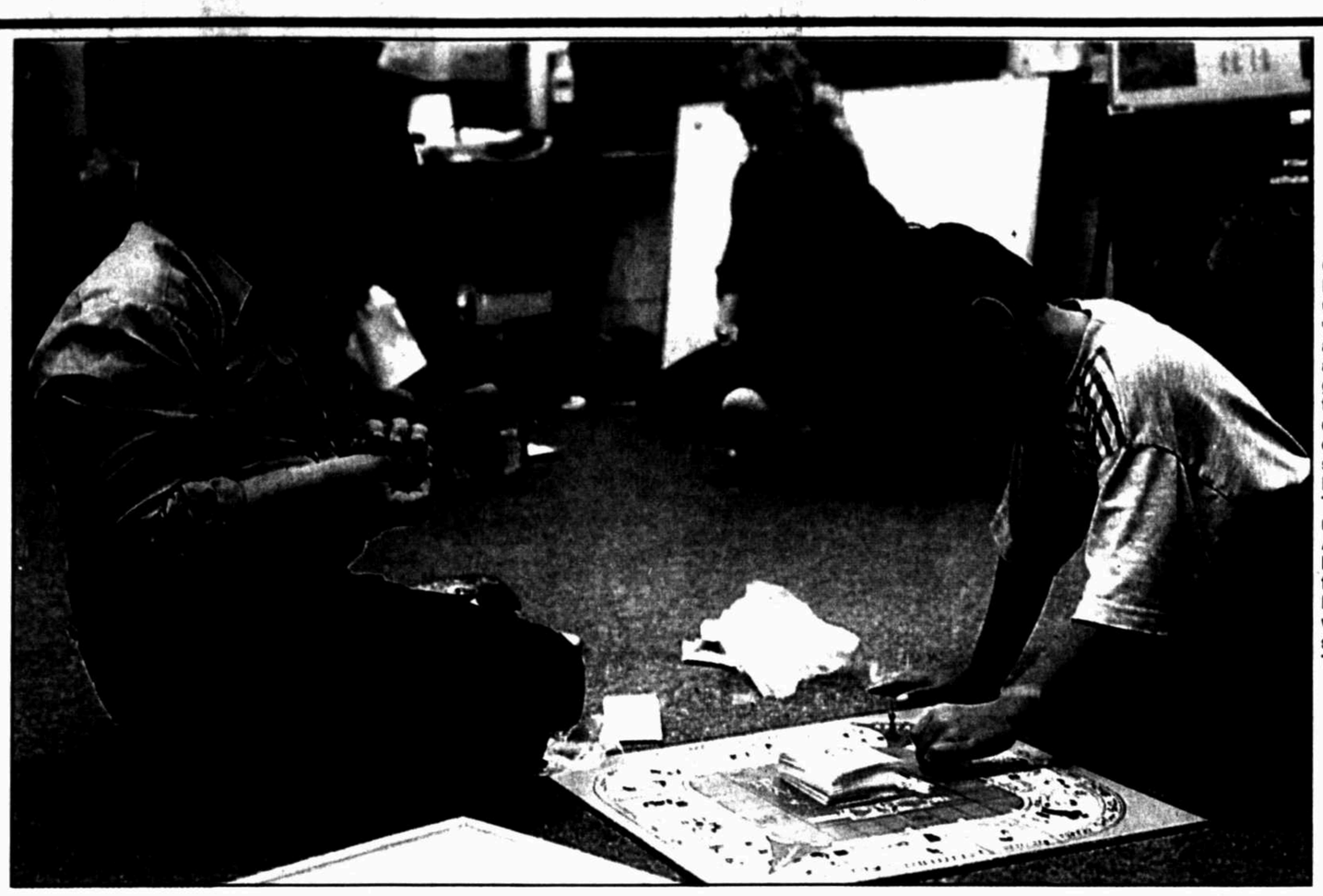


Focus on families

It's not your mother's Future Homemakers of America program. The 51-year-old organization has recently announced a stronger focus on the family, rather than on just the homemaker. More that stitching fabric and stirring food in cooking pots, the new peer-education program for youth teaches young people communications skills that can help them improve their own family relationships.

FHA President Johnnie Mosley, 17, said, "My generation is paying dearly for family discord; teens are getting pregnant, running away, turning to drugs, even joining gangs just to find a substitute for a supportive family life," he said. "But America's youth does have the power to overcome the societal obstacles of the '90s.'FHA is also not just for women, with more than 20 percent of its membership being men. The program also trains students in money and time management, and character building. For more information on the program call (703) 476-4900.

EDUCATION PAGE EDITOR
MYRA LEE SALCEDO



Claude Spindle and Andres Barragan, left, play "Fact or Opinion," a board game where students have to answer questions as being a fact or opinion. In background is third-grade teacher Kay Lynn Hernandez working with other students on their reading skills. Teacher Shannon Damin, below, helps out Teresa Carrera with her multiplication problems as Alyssa Barton waits with her hand raised. Damin is a fourth- grade teacher at Lamar Elementary School who helps students after school preparing for the TAAS test.

Young 'Einsteins' a brilliant idea



Photos by Tim Fischer

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Some Lamar Elementary School students are saying "yes" to staying after school for an extra emphasis on academics. Youngsters stay an additional hour twice a week in the Young Einstein Students (YES) program.

The program gives extra attention to third- and fourth-graders with skills they need to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test.

On a recent afternoon youngsters in Kay Lynn Hernandez's class sprawled on the floor playing board games.

"But it's more than board games," the teacher said. "They are performing TAAS objectives while having fun. One group is working on reading for details, another on looking for context clues and the third group is focusing on drawing conclusions."

Ms. Hernandez said, "Most of these students just need a little push to be successful."

Fellow teacher Shannon Damin agreed. "These students were targeted for the program because they were so close to mastering the TAAS skills, based on scores from last year. They just need a little extra help."

Her students nibbled on goldfish crackers while they worked on math probability skills. Ms. Damin said her students "get a double dose of reading and language."

"Our hope is to have the YES program across the cluster," said Lamar counselor Ron Moss. "Washington Elementary School has already started a similar program, and we hope it continues when students get to Bush."

Moss said students volunteer for the program. "It's for those students who are close to being successful and need an extra edge. We sent home notes to the parents asking: 'Does this sound like something that would benefit your child?' "

Parent David Gibson, visiting Lamar while his son was working on math problems, said he could see an improvement in his son's self-confidence. "Being in a smaller group really helps him," Gibson said, noting his son, a fourth-grader, also participated in the program last semester.

"My kid is like me," Gibson said. "He can do the work, but he has other things on his mind. He benefits from concentrating on one (subject) area in a smaller group."

Moss said four teachers at Lamar operate the program. "The number of students interested determined the number of teachers," he said, noting Title I federal funds pay the teachers.

Moss said it's too early in the program to measure test results. But Lamar administrative intern (assistant principal) Connie Thomas said, "We are seeing results in the positive response from parents. Third- and fourth-grade teachers also say the students are doing better in their classes. We feel good about the program."

MS. HERNANDEZ said teachers have thanked her for the gains they see in their students' skills. "Other teachers tell me the kids in the program are just soaring in class," she said. "It's exciting for me to see the difference and how self-motivated the students become. These are the kind of kids — as a teacher — that you pray to have every day. Sometimes, all they need is a little extra explanation or more time to work something out."

The teacher said students enjoy learning tasks in the form of games. "With games, there's the little bit of extra motivation in thinking: 'I'm going to win,' " she said.

For Ms. Hernandez, preparing for the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions involves extra time. "It's a little extra work for me, but so rewarding," she said.

Gibson said, "I give the teachers a lot of credit for their concern for the students. The YES program was a brilliant idea."

As for the students, when asked in Ms. Damin's class if they liked staying after school for more work, they gave a resounding "Yes!"

Lunch Under the Stars





Students rewarded with Entertainment

Long Elementary School fifth-graders, above, Stasile Martin, left, and Kimberley Vandiver, right, giggle while examing a wig passed around by local actress Vickey O'Neal, right. Ms. O'Neal presented a program on Midland Community Theatre's annual Summer Mummers melodrama and theatre arts as students dined "Under the Stars." The program rewarded students with the best grades in language arts for the past six-week grading period.

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6 PM. Dinner will be served.
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Breakfast 7:30 am.
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520-9206
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$500 REWARD! Missing Cat. Grey Tabby female cat, 5 months, declawed, totally short hair. Cessna/ Neely area. All shots. 520–3080.

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FOUND: set of keys. Call 694-4193.

FOUND 2 DOGS: female Boxer. Also a 1/2 Shar-Pei puppy. Call 682-6636.

FOUND: set of 7 keys in parking lot of 112 S. Loraine. Call (915)570-7200 8- 5 Monday-Friday.

LOST German Shepherd, male needs medication. Please call 683-2694 Home, Office 570-1561, Beeper 560-0285.

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LOST Cat- gray female tabby. De- clawed, long hair. Wearing collar. Fairmont Park area. (915)689-2029.

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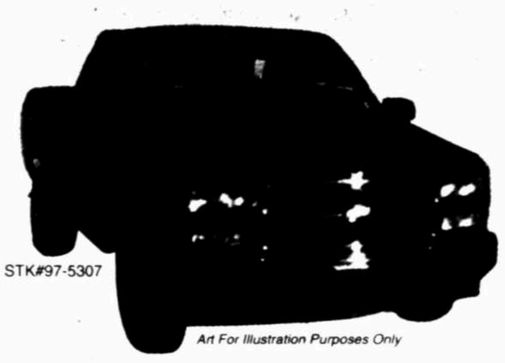
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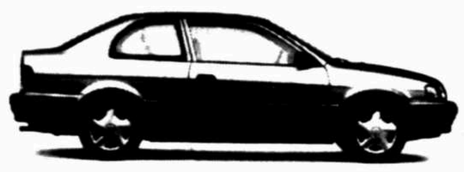
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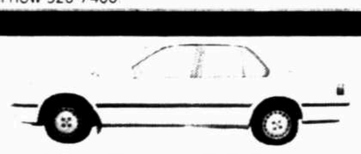
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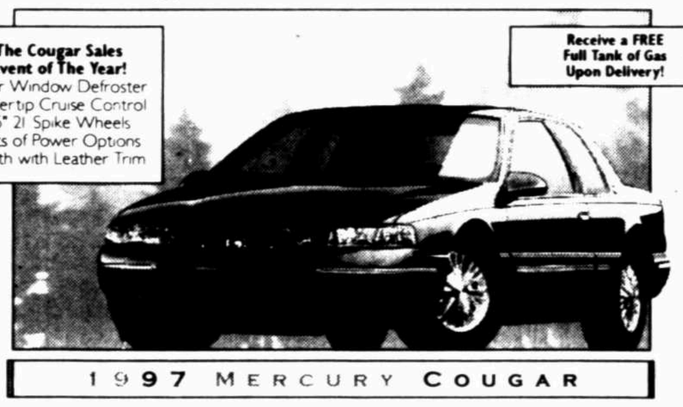
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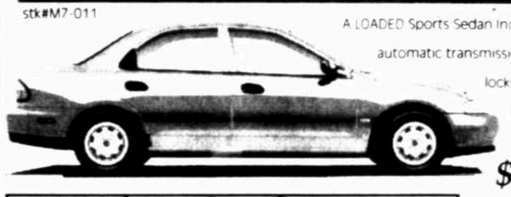
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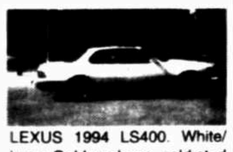
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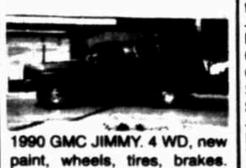
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Good wages, paid weekly, 40 hour week guarantee, quarterly safety bonus, medical insurance available, 401K retirement plan and paid vacation after one year. Location of employment Bryan - College Station, Texas.

REQUIREMENTS:
CLASS A/CDL driver license. Be at least 25 years of age for drivers. Be able to pass current D.O.T. physical regulations. Experience with oil field winch trucks and hauling of oversized loads beneficial.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
409-823-1904-
800-725-1904

CLASSIFIED FAX #!
682-6999

Please include the following information:

★Full name and address ★Billing phone number
★Phone number of person placing ad
★Start date ★Classification

Fax ads are subject to normal deadlines. We reserve the right to edit, properly classify or decline any ad.

Elsa, Tami, Pam, & Brandi are available to help you with all of your advertising needs.

310 General Help Wanted

LAUNDRY

Stanton Care Center has a full-time position available for a dependable individual to join our team as a Laundry Worker. Experience is preferred, but we are willing to train the right individual. Contact Alvin Baker, Stanton Care Center, 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, TX (915)756-2841. EOE

310 General Help Wanted

DELIVERY

$7/ HOUR !!!

Mr. Gatti's now hiring delivery drivers for part time nights. Drivers average $7/ hour or more with flexible scheduling. Applicants must be 18 or over, insured, and have good driving record. Apply in person at Mr. Gatti's 3250 W. Cuthbert.

310 General Help Wanted

EVENING SALES LEADER
Age 18 and up
The Midland Reporter- Telegram has openings for outgoing people with a neat appearance and an insured vehicle. You will be involved in subscription marketing with probable weekly commissions of $225 to $450 for approximately 25 hours. You will not be delivering newspapers. Evenings and Saturday mornings are best times to visit homes signing up new readers for our newspaper. We offer you a start-up guaranteed income with proven training to help you be successful.
Call Mr. Irvin, 682-5311 or 1-800-542-3952.

STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 16 & UP, AND OTHERS-
You can earn $50- $150 per week plus prizes and fun outings. We will train you to visit homes signing up new readers for the Midland Reporter- Telegram. No newspaper delivery involved. We provide transportation from your home and return. Evenings and Saturday mornings.
Call Mr. Irvin, 682-5311

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

TOWN & COUNTRY FOOD STORES

COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

If you are looking for better job and career opportunities, you should be talking to us. We are hiring energetic, ambitious, career oriented personnel to join the Town and Country Team. Great Opportunity for Sales Associate & Store Manager Trainee. We offer an excellent variety of benefits including health insurance, paid sick leave, paid vacation, retirement plan, and stock purchase plan. 95% or more of all shifts have two people or more on duty. Apply at any of the following locations.

#93 2622 Rankin Hwy. #207 4508 N. Big Spring
#107 3115 Garden City Hwy. #122 2109 S. Midkiff
7100 W. Hwy. 80 - Midland

An Equal Opportunity Employer Pre-employment drug testing required.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

310 General Help Wanted

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Midland Reporter-Telegram

STILL PAYING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Turn your early morning hours into extra income.
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has the following routes

Available Now!

Ranchland Apts.*
Illinois & Thomason Dr.

As with all newspaper distributorships, this opportunity requires a 7 day a week commitment (when you go out of town, you must arrange a substitute for yourself) and it is early morning work.
Newspaper distributorship provide great supplemental income for anyone willing to work early morning hours. These routes require a small deposit.

Apply in person or call Gilbert Silva, 687-8810.
Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
or Call 687-8810

**This Larger Route Receives A $25 Check Every Friday.

310 General Help Wanted

Crossing Guard
*** Alternates***
Alternates needed for School Crossing Guards. Split shifts & minimum wage. Call (915)697-6710 for appointment.

CAREER PATH TEMPORARIES

310 General Help Wanted

GENERAL
GIRLING HEALTH CARE INC
Home Care Attendants
needed in Midland and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For information call 1-800-665-4471, (915) 643-5604.

310 General Help Wanted

DRUG SCREEN COLLECTOR

Office Manager, Big Spring location. Apply in person 1115 Andrews Hwy, Suite 4, Midland, Texas.

FEB 16 1997

Restaurant

We're now recruiting hourly employees for both day and night time positions. Rosa's Cafe is one of the premier Mexican food concepts based in West Texas. We offer flexible hours to help with your school scheduling, along with these are other great benefits:

- Health/Dental/Life Insurance
- Prescription Drug Card
- Paid Vacation
- Credit Union
- Special Employee Discounts



Applicants must be costumer-oriented, and self-motivated.

Drug Screening Required!!

Apply in person between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily at any Rosa's location in Midland or Odessa.

T-H-E MERIDIAN Apartment Homes

4400 N. Holiday Hill Rd.

We're looking for experienced professionals to join our team. Benefits include health/medical insurance, 401K, Paid holidays & vacation.

Apply in person only:

*** ALL LEVELS MAINTENANCE**
*** GROUNDSKEEPER**

Must pass background investigation & drug screening. EOE.

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310 General Help Wanted

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Manpower Temporary Service seeks individual to perform a variety of manual work done primarily outside. Employee must be able to perform sustained work of a physical nature that may require lifting up to 45 pounds. Must have valid drivers license, steel toed boots, hard hat, and Social Security Card.

MANDATORY DRUG TESTING

Please call 628-2119 for appointment.

FULL/ PART TIME. Need 2 Midland Angels Fans for tele-sales positions. Apply only to our office at the Airport. 2807 Earhart (Airborne Express Building).

DRIVERS/OTR
*Teams & Singles
*No Northeast
*Guaranteed Home Policy
*No Touch Freight
Minimum 23, 1 year OTR
CDL with HazMat

Paschall Truck Lines, Inc.
1-800-848-0405 EEO

ASSISTANT APARTMENT MANAGER. Experienced- To $11 plus medical. Resume, 1907 Tarleton, Midland, Texas 79707, Attention Manager. FAX 689-7846.

AUTOMOTIVE- Need motivated, energetic individual to help run our tire stores. Please apply at Peerless Tyre Co. at 2804 W. Wall.

BANKING. Full TimeTeller position open at Western National Bank. Submit applications at 500 W. Wall or fax to 915/332-4192. EOE.

CASHIERS with experience to work part time. Apply in person at 2210 N. Big Springs, Midland, Texas.

COPY SERVICE- full time position, 8 am- 5 pm. Bring resume or pick up application between 8- 5 Monday- Friday at 2304 N. Big Spring, #C.

COUNTER PERSONNEL needed. Snowwhite Laundry & Cleaners. Experience helpful but not required. Apply in person only, 303 S. Terrell. No phone call please.

CRUDE OIL Driver wanted. Must have Class A CDL with Hazmat. Call 1-800-375-6586 or 683-5002.

DELIVERY DRIVER

needed for medical equipment company, experience a plus. Must have excellent driving record. Requires heavy lifting. Applications can be filled out at 501 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday 2-17-97 and Tuesday 2-18-97. No phone calls please.

DELIVERY DRIVER- Must have high school diploma & good driving record. Excellent benefits including paid vacation, retirement, health insurance and opportunity for advancement. Apply in person, Hughes Rentals & Sales, 2305 N. Big Spring, Midland.

DEMONSTRATORS

California Fever

Were looking for 12 people over 18, free to travel the US to demonstrate a new product for Vertex Industries Inc. No experience- Will train. Transportation and accommodations furnished while traveling. Travel resort areas: California, Las Vegas and New York with unique young business group. For interview call Monday-Wednesday, 10 am to 5 pm only 694-7774 ask Mr. Downey.

DIRECT CARE Staff- in group home. Flexible shift work required. Apply M.A.R.C., 2701 North A St., Midland. High school diploma/ G.E.D. EOE.

DOOR MILL- Person needed to work. Experienced preferred. Apply in person 1701 W. Industrial.

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310 General Help Wanted

DRIVER NEEDED. Waste Management a solid waste collection company has job openings for qualified truck drivers in the Midland/ Odessa area. All applicants must possess a valid CDL Class A or B license and be able to pass a DOT physical examination and drug screen. Garbage collection experience is preferred but not required. Full- time position with excellent benefits. Applications will be taken starting February 11, 1997. Please apply in person at 3501 W. Industrial, Midland Texas. E. O. E. M/F/V/D

DRIVERS- Staying busy! Line haul, flatbed. Benefits available, guaranteed earnings. (800) 749-1181, 563-0464.

BEAUTY

Put your caregiving skills to work at Saddleridge Lodge- an Assisted Living Community that has the following opportunity available:

BEAUTICIAN

Licensed/ Contract Opportunity

Qualified candidate will have relevant experience and a compassion for the elderly. Apply in person:
Saddleridge Lodge
1808 W. Loop 250 North
Midland, TX 79705 EOE

Saddleridge Lodge
Retirement & Assisted Living

FULL- TIME Desk Clerk needed. Evening and weekends. Apply in person 3808 W. Wall.

RETAIL- Full- time, Tuesday thru Saturday. Bring resume to: Ruby Madison's, #10 Oakridge Square, 2200 W. Wadley.

GENERAL

MIDLAND PARK LANES
American Recreation Centers

JOIN OUR TEAM!!!
Part Time Positions Available Now!

Customer Service Reps
Food Service and
Reception Desk Personnel

Apply in person only, (No phone calls please) 5320 W. 250 N. E.O.E.

GENERAL & Light Industrial Laborers needed. Express Personnel Services, 111 S. "B" Street, 570–8666. Never a fee.

GENERAL- Raindance Car Wash now accepting applications for all positions. Must have good driving record. Apply in person 1103 Andrews Hwy.

GENERAL- RAPIDLY expanding janitorial maintenance company seeking to fill part- time and full- time positions. AM or PM hours. Salary DOE. Will train. Guaranteed hours. Supervisors needed. 563–1112.

HELPER- Furniture restoration shop needs helper to repair, sand, move, rebuild and strip furniture. 570–8281, 602 E. Co. Rd. 132.

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PHONE PROS

Full-time pay/part-time work. Evenings & Saturday A.M. hours. Set appointments for free security systems. Base pay + bonus.

570-8890

HOTEL. La Quinta Inn is now hiring room attendants. Experience preferred but not required. Apply in person only: 4130 W. Wall Street.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED: Honest, dependable, hard working. Every Friday, 9 am- 4 pm. References required. Call 684-8219, after 4 pm.

JANITORIAL Supervisor- supervising 9- 10 employees, payroll, ordering, flexible 40-hour week, gas allowance, bring resume to 15 Smith Rd. Suite 1100, Interim Personnel, 570-7002. No fee!

JOBS AVAILABLE. General labor, car detailer. 15 Smith Road Suite 1100, Interim Personnel, 570-7002. No fee!

SALES- position available at Midland Wal-Mart Store. All night grocery stockers. Full time, 10 pm- 8 am. Apply Monday 9 am or 2 pm in layaway.

LINEN ROUTE Salesperson needed. Good driving record required. Honest, dependable. Apply in person only, Snowwhite Laundry & Cleaners, 303 S. Terrell.

LAUNDRY

Relief position available. Must be able to read & write English and have GOOD REFERENCES. Apply in person

ROCKWOOD MANOR
2000 N. Main

DISTRIBUTORS- HELP NEEDED to distribute brochures. Must have auto liability insurance. Please call 570-8248.

LEASING AGENT- 2 + years experience, customer service, send resume and salary history: Attn: leasing Agent, P.O. Box 50153, Midland TX 79710.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL positions will soon be available. Hurry in to get your name in the bucket. Safety equipment, home phone and reliable transportation required. Applications taken Monday- Friday 9 am sharp! EnergiPersonnel, 4400 N. Big Spring, #202. Re/Max Building.

Maintenance part- time for small apartment complex. Send replies to: Box A-35, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MAINTENANCE PERSON for after hours work on apartment units. Pay commensurate with ability. Call for appointment, (915)682-2423.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. Apply at 602 N. Baird, Suite 200.

MAINTENANCE- full charge, 92 units. Must be experienced in all areas of maintenance and A/ C Certified. Pay commensurate with experience. Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 520–0023, 4201 Andrews Highway.

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MERCHANDISER

experienced, to service accounts, build sets, and assemble, lift furniture for area retail stores. Part time. 800-514-9121 extension 5226.

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MOTHER'S HELPER- for 4 year old 2 evenings per week and occasional Saturday. Must have own transportation and references. Some light housework. Must be 18 or older. Call 634-7459 leave message or evenings 570-1745.

OFFICE- Still looking for office personnel. To find out more, call the best boss in town, 620-1525.

OIL FIELD WELDER- Must be certified and have experience and cutoff. Call 682–2217. 2302 Garden City Hwy.

OIL FIELD- Wanted experienced Oil & Gas Well Production employee. Send resume to: Box E-01004, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OIL FIELD. Growing oilfield chemical company seeking delivery /service rep immediately. Must have clean driving record with minimum Class B CDL with HAZMAT endorsement. Good salary, quick raises for right person. Benefits include insurance and 401K. Applicant must be honest, dependable, drug free, and have transportation to and from work. Send resume to: Box 06002, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OPTICIAN needed, with frame styling, edging, and dispensing experience. Mail resume to 2101 N. Midland Drive, #8, Midland, TX 79707. No Walk ins.

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*DRIVERS- **EXPERIENCED OR INEXPERIENCED**
North American Van Lines has O/O openings in their Relocation Svcs. Div. **Tuition- free training*!** Tractor purch. prog., no trailer maintenance expenses, pay for perf. plans. **1-800-348-2147 dept. P88**
*Subject to certain conditions.

PRE- BOARD Screeners- Globe Aviation Services, Inc. now hiring. $4.75 per hour. Midland International Airport. Free training, uniforms furnished, free parking, health plan available. Students, retirees, homemakers, others welcome. Apply at security checkpoint Week days only. No phone calls please.

PROPERTY SUPERVISOR

needed for supervising multiple apartment properties located in West Texas. MUST have on-site apartment management experience. Prior supervision preferred. Must be willing to travel. Salary based on experience & skill level. All applicants confidential! Send resume to Supervisor, 4410 79th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

RENTAL AGENT needed. Must be well groomed. Typing required. Apply at National Car Rental, Midland International Airport.

RESTAURANT MANAGER TRAINEE- $22K - $30K
$50K + in 2 + years.
Texas Positions:
1-903-463-9690.

RESTAURANT- Now hiring for Prep Work- Day hours. Apply in person, JIB'S Family Dining, 3316 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT. Chinese Kitchen now taking applications for Cashier only. Apply in person 4316 W. Illinois.

RETAIL SALES Clerk wanted. Experience helpful. Apply in person, Service Drug, North "A" & Scharbauer Drive.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN Trainee- Malone Business Systems has an opening. Experience on copiers and other office equipment a plus. Salary DOE. Call (915)570-8239.

SHOP HAND. Full time shop hand needed for logging trailer maintenance. Must be High School Graduate and speak English. Good communication skills a must. Must pass Drug Test. Must be in good physical shape. 40 plus hours /week. Come by 10000 Goode St. for job description.

TELEMARKETERS needed. No experience, will train. Start today! Flexible hours. 684-6399.

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310 General Help Wanted

SPA TECHNICIAN/ Maintenance/ Delivery. Must have pickup, hand tools, electrical and plumbing knowledge, clean driving record and auto insurance. Drug testing required. Apply in person: Morgan Buildings & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E., 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland.

SWITCHBOARD Operator- 40 + lines/ extensions. Word/ Excel for Windows, ABRA preferred, customer service, public relations. Bring resume to 15 Smith Road Suite 1100, Interim Personnel, 570-7002. No Fee!

TEACHERS- First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center seeks part- time teacher and teacher assistant. 683–0851.

TELEMARKETERS needed part time evenings, Monday through Friday. $5 to $7 per hour. Eagles Lodge (behind Rogers Ford.) 697-1533.

TELEMARKETERS
Work at home

Earn up to $500 weekly selling a long distance service, over the phone. Paid training. Call

800-842-1409

TRUCK DRIVER INSTRUCTORS needed. Call for appointment 570-4767.

WAREHOUSE PERSON. Partech seeks honest and hard-working individual for warehouse position. Knowledgeable of shipping and receiving operations. Forklift experience. Class "A" Commercial drivers license required. Apply at Partech, 4501 S. County Rd. 1310, Odessa, Texas 79765.

WORK TODAY... GET PAID FRIDAY!

Positions open daily for dependable people to do general labor work. Must have own phone and reliable transportation. Call today!

OLSTEN STAFFING
683-5677

YOUTH SALES CREW MANAGER

You can earn a steady $400- $600 weekly supervising teenagers and young adults. They canvas door to door signing up new customers for the Midland Reporter- Telegram. No delivery is involved. Evenings and weekends are preferred hours. You must have a large, insured vehicle. The ability to communicate and provide sales leadership to teenagers is essential. We will give hands on assistance to assure financial success, with a start-up guarantee.

Call Mr. Irvin, 682-5311 or 1-800-542-3952.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Excellent Benefits

Pecos County Memorial Hospital
P.O. Box 1648
Fort Stockton, TX 79735

Phone: (915) 336-2241
Fax: (915) 336-8640

Call or send resume' and references to:

Human Resources Department.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES

The Fort Stockton Nursing Center, a modern, high quality 120 bed nursing home, needs a DON. Long term care experience preferred. Excellent staff in place. Salary and benefit commensurate with experience. If you are a qualified Registered Nurse, please fax your resume to: (915) 336-8870, mail to: FSNC, 501 North Sycamore, Fort Stockton, TX 79735, or call Larry J. Voegtle, Administrator, at (915) 336–7631. EOE.

RN- Full or Part time needed for small home health company. Must have home health experience and be willing to work as a team player. Call 915-756–3259 or send a resume to Martin County Home Health, P.O. Box 1530, Stanton, TX 79782.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Seminole Hospital District of Gaines County presently has a position open for a chief financial office. Preferred qualifications include a bachelor's degree in accounting or healthcare administration, and prior experience as a CFO or COO of a health care organization. Strong background in management of accounts receivable, information systems and strategic planning. We provide an attractive salary and benefit package.

Send resume and salary history to:

Shirley McCoy
Memorial Hospital
209 N.W. 8th
Seminole, Texas 79360

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HEALTHCOR, INC.

Respiratory Therapists

If you enjoy working in fast paced, flexible environment using state of the art technology to manage patient care, we may have a position for you. HealthCor, the largest home health company in the Central/Southwest U.S. is looking for quality professionals, for the following position.

Full-Time Respiratory Therapists needed for home care company. At least one year home health care experience or one year critical care experience is required and be willing to work after hours and weekends. Dependable transportation, current Texas drivers license and some lifting is required. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills a must. Current licensure and registration necessary.

Competitive Salary/Benefits. Please send resumes to HealthCor, Inc., Attn: Lucy Ayala, CRTT/RCP - Office Manager, 409 W. 5th, Odessa, TzX 79761 FAX (915)333-8015.
EOE

DIRECTOR OF NURSING

$3,000 Sign On Bonus

We are seeking an experienced RN professional, who knows and loves long term care, to oversee the daily operations of our nursing department. Candidate must have at least two years successful supervisory experience and be familiar with federal/state regulations. We offer an attractive salary and benefits package in an atmosphere of supportive care givers. Interested candidates please call Tammy Johnson at (915) 586-6665, or send resume to:

Kermit Healthcare Center
School Street
Kermit, TX 79745

EOE

RN POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed JCAHO accredited acute care facility has immediate openings for registered nursing personnel on a full-time, part-time or PRN basis in all areas, all shifts including a house supervisor.

We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package, including 401(k) retirement.

Please submit resume to:

Personnel
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Or FAX To: (915) 263-6454

Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between the hours of 7 am and 9 pm and returned at the same place during the same hours. EOE

"No Phone Calls Please"

WEST TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM GLENWOOD HOSPITAL

UTILIZATION REVIEW SPECIALIST

Immediate opening for full-time Utilization Review Specialist. Must be an RN. Coordinate the utilization review process; assist in performing admission and continued stay reviews; liaison with medical staff and other clinical departments. EOE. Salary DOE. Send resumes to West Texas Behavioral Health System, 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706, Attn: Human Resources.
Application deadline February 21, 1997.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

EMS EMT-INTERMDIATE
Job Order 93040-0125EP

The City of Austin's third service EMS system, with over 60,000 calls per year, is seeking career -minded EMT -Intermediates and Paramedics for full -time EMT -I positions. Our all ALS systems serves a community of over 675,000 with a city /county response territory of 1100 square miles.

Successful applicants will possess a strong desire for clinical experience, a passion for out- of- hospital medicine and aspire to advance our profession through research.

Austin EMS offers an excellent benefit package.

For applicant and qualification requirements contact Jane Lingo at (5112) 477-6182. Application deadline is 12:00 noon on Friday, March 14, 1997.

An Equal Opportunity /Reasonable Accommodation Employer.

MEDICAL INSURANCE Clerk for doctors office- Immediate opening. Computer skills, Medical Manager, WordPerfect, Quicken necessary. Experienced insurance filing required. Monday through Friday 10 am- 5 pm. Please fax resume plus salary requirements: 683-6161.

PART- TIME Receptionist Assistant needed for Dental office. Mornings Monday- Friday. Send resume to Box F-46, Midland Reporter- Telegram, P. O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

*MEDICAL
EXTENSIVE
HOME HEALTH

Service is seeking experienced RN for home visits. Full time employment with great benefits and excellent salary. Apply in person or mail resume to:
Medical Arts Hospital
1600 N. Bryan,
Lamesa, TX 79331
Attn: Personnel

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST/ CERTIFIED

MIDLAND/ODESSA AREA

Hospital setting-Diverse patient load CFY'S welcome to apply.

OUTSTANDING SALARIES!

800-378-6825
Texas Therapy Management

• Medical Billing Clerk •

Insurance billing clerk for eye center. Must have experience in Medicare, Medicaid and insurance electronic billing. Salary DOE. No fee. Bring resume to Fran on Monday.

Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas

OFFICE MANAGER needed for physicians office. Must be knowledgeable in all aspects including: billing, collections, insurance, and Medical Manager computer software. Send replies to: Box 6004, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.C. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702..

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*REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

Seeking a high caliber Registered Dental Hygienist. Great opportunity for **financial advancement, professional growth,** and the **respect** you deserve as a knowledgeable care provider with a **sign-on bonus.** Preventative care is paramount to us. Submit resumes in confidence to: Box P-06006, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Administrator

Medium sized, rapidly growing comprehensive Home Health Agency located in Midland, Texas is in need of an Administrator. Position reports directly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. This individual will be responsible for the total operation of the company. Previous Home Health, JCAHO, Medicare, Medicaid and managed Care experience required. Agency is totally comprehensive, providing Nursing Services, Private, Medicare and Medicaid, Psychiatric, Pediatric and Cardiac specialties, Respiratory Therapy, DME and Pharmacy. Excellent base compensation, bonuses, health insurance benefits, participation in 401(k), sick leave and vacation. Please send resume and salary history to Personnel Director, Infusion Plus Home Care, 501 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 9701 or call John D. Bray at 915-561-8183.

BUSINESS ASSISTANT. Dental office seeking polished professional for multi task position, answering phones, scheduling appointments, handling billing and collections. Must have a pleasant attitude and be detail oriented. We offer personal recognition and financial rewards for the right team member. Call (915)682-0786 for interviews.

CERTIFIED FOOD Service Supervisor- experienced in therapeutic diets for residents of long term care facility. Call (915)943-
2741 ask for Doris Martin.

DENTAL OFFICE Personnel Needed!
Excellent Permanent Positions/ Salary DOE
Dental Receptionists
Hygienists, and Assistants
Experience/Training Necessary
DP Personnel (915)682-0033
Never a Fee!

DENTAL
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY with recognition for contribution and growth potential! **Registered Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants/ Technicians, Office Managers, Front Office Staff**. Call Jane at (915)333-4901.Experience preferred but not required for all positions.
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HEALTHCARE

Put your caregiving skills to work at Saddler dge Lodge- an Assisted Living Community that has the following opportunity available:

Physical Therapist Contract Opportunity

Qualified candidate will have relevant experience and a compassion for the elderly.
Apply in person:
Saddleridge Lodge
1808 W Loop 250 North
Midland, TX 79705 EOE

Saddleridge Lodge Retirement & Assisted Living

HOME HEALTH Billing Specialist Excellent opportunity, fast pace growing home health agency seeks highly motivated individual to do all aspects of home health billing including private nursing, workers comp, all types of insurance including Medicaid and Medicare. Experience with all types of electronic filing a plus. Successful candidate must be a team player and capable of working well in a dynamic environment. Familiarity with: JCAHO requirements a definite plus. Excellent salary and benefits for the right experienced individual. Send resume to: Infusion Plus, Attention Ellie Kantor, 501 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax to: (915)620-6675.

LVN

COME JOIN THE BEST!

New competitive salary, paid insurance with prescription card, vacation every 6 months. Our staff is great to work with & stable. If you are dedicated to QUALITY CARE and have good nursing skills, please apply in person.

ROCKWOOD MANOR
2000 N. MAIN

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MEDICAL
Nurses Unlimited

Managed Care is seeking RN's and LVN's for Staff Relief Positions. Please send resumes to: Nurses Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 4534, Odessa, Texas 79760. Attn: Human Resources Dept. E.O.E.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST with experience for busy clinic setting. Must be experienced and have computer skills, type 65 wpm, etc. Fax resume and salary requirements to: (915)520-5890.

MEDICARE NURSE

(Coordinator)

Terrace Gardens Nursing Facility located at 2901 W. Ohio, Midland, Texas has presently an opening for a Medicare Nurse RN. This position requires a Texas License RN, a highly motivated person eager to endeavor the field of Medicare. this position is currently a 16 hour a week responsibility with anticipation of expanding into a full-time position. If you are motivated and a team player, we would like to speak with you. Contact Doug Wallace RN DON or Benny Gibbs Administrator at the above address.

Come Grow With Us...

Hendrick, the first name in healthcare, offers a wide array of opportunities for nursing professionals with a current Texas license.

Hendrick Medical Center has full-time positions available in the following areas. *Previous experience in the specific area preferred.*

LVNs

Cardiac Interventional Care Unit
Oncology Unit Mother/Baby Unit

LVN Bonus: We offer $2,000 for LVNs with 4 or more years of current acute hospital experience. Qualified candidates must be reliable and consistent in attendance and dedicated to providing quality patient care.

Hendrick provides competitive salaries and excellent benefit packages. For more information on employment opportunities, please call or send your resume to:

Hendrick Medical Center
Attention: Human Resources
1242 North 19th St.
Abilene, TX 79601
(915) 670-3181
(800) 933-2289

EOE and Smoke-free & Drug-free environment

HENDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

MIDLAND ODESSA MEDICAL
Healthcare Partners

Midland Odessa Medical Group is currently seeking qualified candidates for:

LVN
Full time and PRN positions available in Midland and Odessa.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR
Novell, AIX and Implementation experience required.

PRACTICE MANAGER
Internal Medicine and Nephrology office seeking experienced. Medical Practice Managers.

RECEPTIONIST
Previous medical receptionist experience preferred, must be bilingual.

M.O.M. offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package.

E.O.E.

Apply direct Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am or 2:00pm-4:00pm or send resume to:

Midland Odessa Medical Group
Personnel Department
600 N. Marienfeld, Suite 370
Midland, TX 79701
FAX (915) 620-6643

PRIMARY DENTAL CLINIC

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/SCHEDULER

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311 Medical Help Wanted

OFFICE MANAGER- Interim Health Care of Midland is seeking office manager. Administrative experience required. Medical experience helpful. Salary negotiable with experience and education. Fax resume to 1-806-797-6694 or call 1-800-791-7007 if you have questions.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Attn: Human Resources
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UNIX SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

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JOB #11631

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Closing Date: Open until filled.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience.

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) 767-2311 or 1-800-621-0793

INTERNET HOME PAGE: jobs.ci.lubbock.tx.us
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The successful candidate will have experience in analysis tools, TCP/IP, and programming across platforms. A general knowledge of Unix, Novell and/or NT operating systems is required. Interested candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Management Information Systems, or closely related., and five to seven years of cross platform programming experience, using Oracle as the database engine.

Closing Date: Open until filled.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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Medium-sized, oil field service company with proven domestic growth headquartered in Permian Basin. Currently expanding into international operations. Responsibilities include all phases of accounting, banking & finance, financial, controlling cost, and financial reporting. Previous controlling experience a must. CPA required; MBA helpful but not required. Experience in oil field service a plus. EOE. Salary resume and salary history to Box F-50, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Human Resources
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Texaco E&P Inc. has an immediate opening for a Production/Operation Engineer in the Odessa Operating Unit located in Odessa, Texas. Qualified applicants will possess:

- BS or MS in Petroleum Engineering or related field
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If you work effectively in a team based organization, have a proven history of achievement and seek the opportunity of applying your technical skills in a growing and innovative energy company, send your resume to Texaco E&P Inc., 2626 JBS Parkway, Bldg. D, Odessa, TX 79761 or fax your resume to (915) 550-2474. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Resumes must be received by March 7, 1997.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

ENGINEER TECH: Must be highly proficient with well completions, downhole equipment & researching well files. Windows computing a plus. Contract ONLY! Full-time/ Part-time/ Retired/ Others. Resume: P.O. Box 80292, Midland, TX 79708.

GENERAL

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Reply to:

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P.O. Box 2005
Andrews, Texas 79714

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Phillips Petroleum Company, Odessa, Texas, has an immediate opening for a Geophysicist with 8-15 years geophysical experience with a strong geology background. Experience in the Permian Basin preferred.

Will work in a team environment planning and implementing geophysical projects and integrating information with reservoir engineers and geologist to characterize reservoirs.

Experience must include development mapping experience and 3D seismic interpretation. Should be proficient in the use of Landmark interpretation products: Seisworks 3D, Stratworks, ZMAP+ at a minimum. Should have the ability to build models integrating geophysical and geological data to tie to 3D seismic. Should have familiarity with 3D seismic survey design and modern seismic processing techniques and their proper application. Should have a good understanding of seismic inversion and experience in its application.

Candidates must have a B.S. in Geophysics (M.S. preferred) or an M.S. in Geology or Geological Engineering. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package. Qualified applicants should submit their resumes postmarked no later than February 28, 1997, to:

Phillips Petroleum Company
Attn: Rita Adams
4001 Penbrook
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312 Professional Help Wanted

PRODUCTION GEOLOGIST
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312 Professional Help Wanted

ENGINEER: Gas Compressor packager is seeking experienced engineer. Must have ACAD skills, along with ability in designing compressor packages. Electrical control experience a real plus. Company has SEP and insurance program (medical, dental, optical) in place. Salary based on experience. Please send resume and salary requirements BEFORE 2/ 24/ 97 to P. O. Box 3309, Odessa, TX 79760. Attention: Jack.

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ENGINEER

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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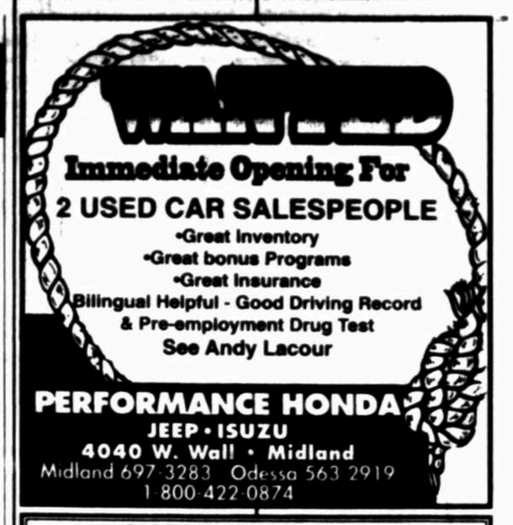
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AUCTION INCLUDES • *Western Wear Inventory* • *Men's Big & Tall Clothing Inventory* • *Store Fixtures & Displays* • *Video Store Inventory, Fixtures & Equip.* • *Vehicles ('86 Dodge 1/2 Ton PU, '88 Ford Tempo, '87 Toyota Tercel, '80 Audi 5000, '84 & '89 Chev. Cavaliers, '85 Buick Riveria, '84 Chev. Suburban, '85 Dodge Diplomat, '88 Ford Ranger Supercab, '82 Honda Civic, '88 Isuzu Impluse, '92 Mercury Cougar, '85 Olds Cutlass, '82 Olds 98, '89 Olds Calais, '89 Plymouth Voyager, '91 Cadillac 4-Dr. Seville, '88 Chev. Aero Van, '89 Chev. G-20 Van, '89 Dodge Van, '91 Dodge 4-Dr. Dynasty, '89 Ford Aerostar, '90 Ranger Supercab, '92 Hyundie Elantra, '89 4-Dr. Continental, '90 Transport Van, '89 Grand Am and More)* *Vehicles added daily and subject to change.* • *Boats ('72 Quechito 16' w/'72 85HP Evinrude, '78 Glastron 17' with 140i HP Evinrude w/Galvanized Trailer.*

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79705

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79705

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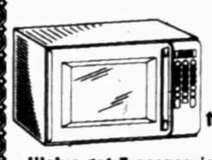
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"Michael" huge, neutered male adult, handsome black coat, friendly, easy going, loves to play.

"Xena" petite snow white, spayed, female, likes to run and play.

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LOST 2 /9/ 97: White and orange English Pointer. East loop 250/ East County Road 60 and North County Road 1150 area. Leather and radio collars. Reward. A. J. Brune- Days 686-6476, evenings /weekends 685-1840.

505 Livestock & Poultry

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590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is requesting sealed proposals for the construction of the tennis center and street lighting additions. Bidders may obtain bid documents by contacting the Project Architect: Mr. Michael George, AIA, Rhotenberry Weilen Architects, 1102 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701. Bid documents will be available February 12, 1997. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM, March 11, 1997 at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Room 453. The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is an AA/EOE.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids for Athletic Equipment for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #7A-0001 addressed to Mr. Tim Whalen, Athletic Director, Midland Independent School District, 615 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 11:00 a.m. CST, February 25, 1997. Bids will be publicly opened and tabulated at the Memorial Stadium Athletic Office at the above listed time. Bid specifications and bid forms may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1041.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE MIDLAND REST AREA ON IH 20 (5 MILES WEST OF MIDLAND) MIDLAND COUNTY, MIDLAND, TEXAS
CONTRACT NO. 067XXR1015

Sealed Proposals for installation of irrigation system at the Midland Rest Area located in Midland County on Interstate Highway 20 (5 miles west of Midland), will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 11:00 am, March 3, 1997 and then Publicly opened and read.

Bid proposals and specifications will be available at the office of Robert Watts, 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, Texas. Telephone Number 915-333-9193.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

To Unknown father and to all whom it may concern, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of (20) twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Rosemary Lee Glaze, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Midland County, Texas, on the February 7, 1997, against **UNKNOWN FATHER OF TOMMY LEE FORD**, Respondent, numbered 31,979 and entitled "In the Interest of TOMMY LEE FORD, A CHILD." The suit requests to terminate the parent child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

BIRTHPLACE: Midland, Texas
BIRTH DATE: APRIL 28, 1988

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Texas, this the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1997.

Vivian Wood
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County

By Mickey McBee, Deputy

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR ADDITION TO SECTION MAINTENANCE OFFICE ON 8201 HWY 385 CRANE, CRANE, TEXAS COUNTY
CONTRACT NO. 067XXR1014

Sealed Proposals for Addition to Section Maintenance Office located on 8201 Hwy 385, Crane, Texas to be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 4, 1997 and then publicly opened and read.

Bid proposals and specifications will be available at the office of Arnulfo Valdez, 3901 E. BI 20, Odessa, Texas 79761. Telephone Number 915/333-9296.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) invites all interested not-for-profit tax exempt agencies, organizations, or government entities to submit bids to provide Concrete Services. All services will be used by the Department's direct delivery staff to meet identified client needs.

The primary responsibilities of the Concrete Services selected under this offer will be:

A. Purchase goods and services needed by clients of the Department, such as:

Housing, utilities, transportation, personal care items, and household items, etc.

B. Provide payments as requested by the Department's staff to selected vendors within 48 hours of the request.

C. Be available, via fax, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accept referrals.

D. Maintain and keep detailed records to support all transactions.

Reimbursement to the Contractor will be delayed by up to 60 days and the Contractor may not charge an administrative cost for operating this program. The selected contractor may be paid a cost in the form of a percentage of a salary based on the time and effort required for the program.

There will be two contracts awarded for this service.

One will serve TDPRS Region 2, a 30 county area around Abilene. The maximum available for this contract is $10,020.00.

One will serve TDPRS Region 9, a 30 county area around Midland /Odessa. The maximum available for this contract is $11,489.00.

Additional funding may be made available from time to time.

A copy of the bid form, the contract, and the plan of operation may be obtained by contacting:

Juanita Peña
TDPRS Contact Technician
2525 N. Grandview, Suite 100
ODESSA, Texas 79761
(915)368-2684

The deadline for submitting a bid to provide this service is February 24, 1997 at 4:30 P.M.. All bids will be reviewed based on cost and experience providing this or a similar service. Contracts will be awarded effective March, 1997.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids for Food Service Paper Goods for 1997 -1998, Bid #7F-0004 addressed to Mrs. Patricia Mouser, Director of Food Service, Midland Independent School District, 801 S. Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 1:30 p.m. CST, March 17, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1525.

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(Maintenance Project)

CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: Thermoplastic Pavement Markings, Control No. 6001 29 001, Estimate $14,230. No Bid Guaranty. Placement of Metal Beam Guard Fence, Control No. 6005 28 001, Estimate $32,600. Bid Guaranty $700. Sweeping Highways, Control No. 6010 23 001, Estimate $90,000. Bid Guaranty $1,800. and Repaint Steel Bridge, Control No. 6011 89 001. Estimate $25,000. No Bid Guaranty; in the Odessa District will be received at the

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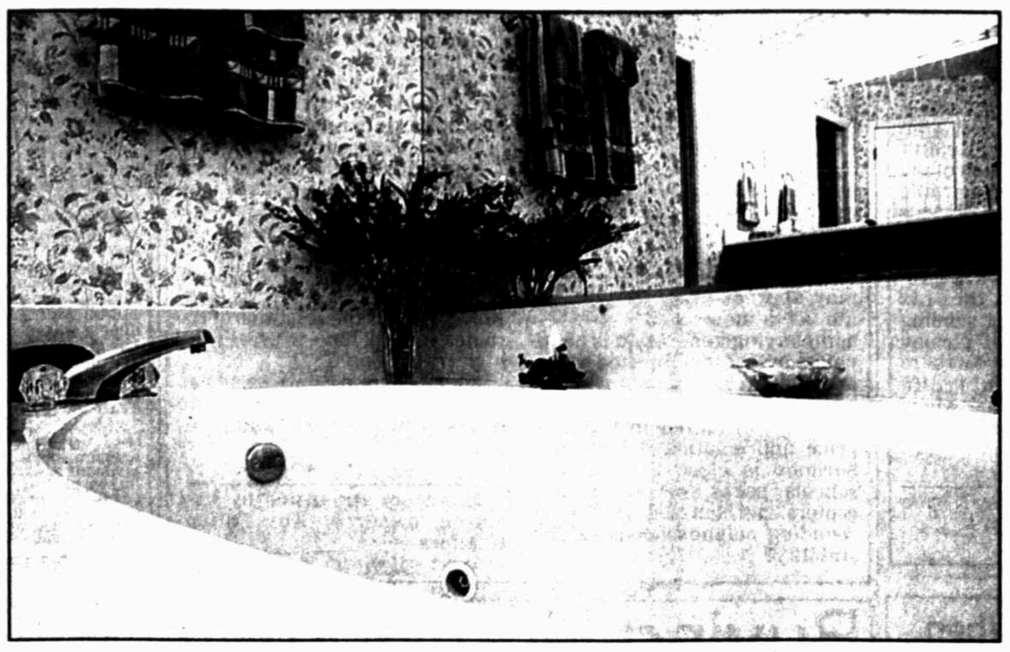
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A SUBTLE ELEGANCE

The open house, which will be held this afternoon, is the perfect opportunity to view this attractive family home in northwest Midland. Set on a corner lot in a quiet cul-de-sac it is more affordable than many, so-called, 'premium' homes, this house at 3700 Bermuda Court has many of the same features seen in larger houses but at a fraction of the cost.

The three bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms provide plenty of space for a family but it is the master suite and the family rooms which really distinguish the property.

With its sunken, step-down bathtub, theater style lighting and sweeping lines the bathroom is a great example of good, functionally elegant design. The whirlpool tub and wooden bathroom cabinets are the perfect additions to this great room.

The accompanying bedroom is also well proportioned and matches the bathroom perfectly.

The heart of the house however is the large family room which is really a combination of entryway, formal rooms and den. The room has a slightly rustic touch thanks to the brick, corner fireplace which provides the room's focal point. It is complemented by the richly-hued, built-in cabinetry which serves as the entertainment center and library for the suite. A sizable wet-bar adds a luxurious touch to the room.

With its detailed spotlighting and ceiling details this is a large friendly room that could be as formal or as cozy as needed.

The dramatic front elevation of the home is reflected at the rear of the home by a neat lawn and garden. Craftsmen might be pleased to not that there is a large workshop on the property. Those concerned with aesthetics will be pleased to note that you can't see it: The workshop is buried underground.

For more information about this home, which is listed for $118,500, either stop by the open house between 4 and 5:30 this afternoon, or call the listing agent - Betty Hicks. She can be reached at the Kay Sutton, Realtors offices at 570-8200.



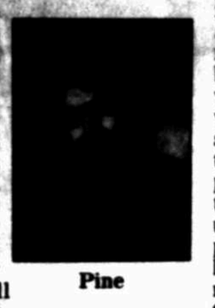


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Technology Speeds Up Buying/ Selling Process

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 the 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 achieved then we 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 these modern miracle machines work in their business but when we stop to think how it was in real estate without them we shudder. Driving down the street you see many people on the telephone, some of 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 story submitted by Norma Pine, Chaparral Realtors.

Location, Location, Location

Location has always been the single-most important real estate purchasing consideration. Location is a significant factor in the following:

- Determining property value.
- The possible return on your real estate investment.
- How much you will enjoy your next home.



Sutton

Neighborhoods often experience cycles in property values. A community's historical residential areas may appreciate as a new homebuying generation is captivated by the established grace and charm.

A new home development may also be considered in terms of price appreciation if its neighborhood is close to shopping, schools, parks and recreational centers, and churches. Do the surrounding neighborhoods exhibit stability?

Buyers who want to evaluate potential neighborhoods for the following:

- Are yards well maintained?
- Is there a good balance in neighborhood population -- are there older people as well as children?
- Is the neighborhood low-crime and secure? Look for neighborhood watch indications.
- What is the noise pollution factor? What is the proximity of public transportation such as airports or school playgrounds and parks?

If you have children, the quality of the school system is a major consideration. Are your children small and is a neighborhood school essential to you?

Access to major thoroughfares is important. How near is your work? What is the condition of the routes you will have to use during high-traffic hours?

Your local real estate agent can help you select the location to match your specific qualifications.

This story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Kay Sutton, Realtors.

What Does Your Realtor Mean When ReferringTo Closing?

Answer: A closing is the meeting where title and money are exchanged between the seller and the buyer, and the sale of a home is finalized.

At the closing all the progressive steps in buying a home - from the acceptance of the offer, title search, home inspection, buyer's loan application to approval, etc. - come together in a final transaction. The documents are ready to sign, the buyer is ready to hand over the purchase price, and the seller is ready to transfer title - and the keys!



Jackson

Usually held at the offices of a title company, the closing takes less than an hour, and sometimes less than 30 minutes. The meeting is always attended by the buyer, usually the seller (although his or her signature can often be obtained in advance), the brokers and/or attorneys, and, of course, the title company representative, who acts as the intermediary for the seller and buyer in the transaction.

What goes on during the closing? First, the buyer reviews all the loan documents, which describe the loan amount, payments, and itemization of closing costs, including impounds for tax and insurance, etc. If everything is as it should be, the buyer signs the loan papers. Next, the buyer reviews and signs the title documents, making sure the deed is recorded as desired (joint tenancy, tenants in common, community property, etc.).

By the time the closing is held, the title company has already conducted a title search and verifies that the title is held by the seller, and that no liens are held against the property. If there are any obstacles or other conditions that could potentially undermine the sale of the property, the title company will tell the seller about them (in writing) at the closing.

Assuming, however, that the funds are in order, the deed is correct, and the title is clear, the final step is the disbursement of funds to the seller for the purchase price of the home, and the presentation of the keys to the buyer. The buyer may also receive a refund for overpayment of closing costs, which were paid out of his or her deposit check.

What should a buyer be prepared to bring to the closing? That's easy: everything. The buyer should bring all documentation relating to the transaction, including a canceled check for the deposit paid with the offer, just in case the title company or lender asks for it unexpectedly. The title company should already have the loan funds in its possession, but the buyer needs to bring a cashier's or certified check for the purchase amount minus the loan amount (that is, the down payment).

Ideally, the closing will go through "without a hitch." Some delays - such as in receiving loan funds from the lender or an error in the loan documents - are unpredictable and, therefore, uncontrollable. Other delays, however, can be avoided if they are anticipated and, if possible, resolved ahead of time.

This story submitted by Bill Jackson, Owner of Prudential Adobe Realtors.

Buying Hud Homes

HUD Homes are sold by Real Estate Professionals that have been certified to market properties owned by HUD. HUD is the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. A home becomes a HUD home when a lender is forced to foreclose on an FHA insured single family home, townhouse, or condominium. When the buyer can no longer make payments, the lender files a claim under FHA to have HUD pay the balance due on the mortgage and assume ownership of the foreclosed property.



Robles

HUD properties may be purchased by qualified buyers without regard to the buyers race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status. HUD may pay legitimate financing or closing expenses for the buyer. HUD homes are sold "As Is" and are sold to owner occupants as well as investors. They are sold on a sealed bid basis submitted by a certified Real Estate Professional. HUD will accept the best net reasonable offer it receives.

There are normally two catagories of HUD Homes. They are new listings and extended listings. New listings are those that have never been listed before, or have new terms. These are made available for a 10-day offer period. Full price offers received by 1:30 p.m. of the opening day are opened at 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

If no offer is received following a public sales offer opening, a home automatically becomes an Extended Listing offer. Extended listings are accepted daily and are usually reviewed by the following workday. Notification of acceptance is generally made withing 48 hours.

For additional information on how to purchase a HUD Home see a Certified Real Estate Professional.

This Story submitted by Roger Robles, Owner of Robles Real Estate.

PROGRESS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

Midland Reporter-Telegram OUTLOOK 97

Look for Part Two of our OUTLOOK '97 this Sunday, February 16th.

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AMELIA-Buyers Begin Here! 3BR/2BA, 14x42 workshop, owner ready to sell		$39,900
LOUISIANA-Charmer!! New paint, wood floors, corner lot 3BR/2BA/2LA		$59,000
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AINSLEE-Three wishes, quality, convenience, comfort! 3BR/2.5BA/2LA		$69,000
CO. RD. 1130-Get Outta Town! 3BR/2BA Greenwood, 1.5 ac, livestock stalls		$76,900
STANOLIND-[illegible]ality + 3BR/2.5BA/2LA Spectacular with loads of updating		$79,500
LAVACA-Puttin' on the Ritz-[illegible]on shutters, waincoting, enclosed patio, shop		$79,900
DENTCREST-Life's better half starts here w/pizzazz in this 3BR/2BA in Fairmont		$87,500
SUNSHINE-Incredible, 3BR/2BA/3 car garage -- a true knockout w/good looks		$99,500
PINEMONT-Make your own selections - Ripplinger home - 4BR/2LA in Fairmont		$120,000
RUSTIC-Absolutely, positively the best buy in GTN--New 3BR/2BA		$129,900
RUSTIC-Large 4BR garden home--choose your plan, light and bright and NEW		$135,900
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CHAPEL HILL-Should be on magazine cover -- it's gorgeous, 2FP	NEW LISTING	$154,900
LOS ALAMITOS-Fantasize in MBR bath with FP, whirlpool tub. 4BR/3BA beauty		$155,000
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ALMEY-Announcing the birth of a brand new 5BR+ study, Mike McPherson home		$233,000
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LANDS AND LOTS

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LOTSA LOTS 7 MOBILE HOME LOTS	$8,500
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TWO COMMERCIAL LOTS, great location on Rankin Highway	$21,500
PRIME ACREAGE fronts FM 307, in Greenwood school district, 80 ac.	CALL OFFICE FOR DETAILS

For additional information, always call the "Home town team!"

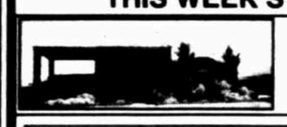
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2203 GULF AVE-3BDR/2BTH	3-5
3607 WADLEY AVE.-3BDR/2BTH	3-5
3300 WEDGEWOOD-3BDR/2BTH	3-5
3314 WEDGEWOOD-2BDR/2BTH	3-5
3903 WESTMINISTER-3BDR/2BTH	3-5

NEW LISTING

806 BOYD AVE-2BDR/1BTH	$40,000
807 W. LOUISIANA-2BDR/1BTH	$17,500
3506 ROOSEVELT-3BDR/2BTH	$44,950
5303 BRAZOS-3BDR/2BTH	$75,000
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RESIDENTIAL

CHESTNUT-3BDR/1BTH Reduced	$15,000
CRESTGATE-4BDR/3.5BTH	PENDING
DALLAS-3BDR/1BTH	$19,750
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GOLF COURSE-3BDR/2BTH Pool	$155,995
HAYNES-2BDR/2BTH Duplex	$99,950
ISLAND DR-4BDR/4BTH Reduced	$359,900
LAFAYETTE PL-3BDR/2BTH Townhouse	$135,000
NEELY-2BDR/2BTH Duplex Reduced	$39,900
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TERRELL-3BDR/1BTH	VRM G
RIDGEMONT	PENDING
SHANDON-4BDR/2.5BTH	$94,900
SEABOARD-Two story 4BDR/3BTH	$159,900
STANOLIND	PENDING
SUNCREST-3BDR/2BTH	SOLD
WADLEY-3BDR/2BTH	$89,900
WEDGEWOOD-2BDR/2BTH	$112,000
WEDGEWOOD-3BDR/2BTH	$110,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

433 ANDREWS HWY. OFFICE LEASE	$800.00
3411 ANDREWS HWY	$150,000
2110 TENNESSEE	$47,500
2112 TENNESSEE	$47,500
GARDEN CITY HWY-Office/Warehouse	$25,000
1500 GARDEN CITY HWY-1800 SQ. FT. shop	$25,000
DAYTON RD-Possible owner finance	$54,900
3106 KENTUCKY	$70,000
3838 WEST WALL	SOLD
ANDREWS HWY-High traffic location	$125,000
3103 W. FRONT	FOR LEASE
#26 VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER-2 Story office suite	$199,000
305 E. TEXAS	$325,000
1701 COTTONFLAT RD	$89,500
211-213 E. TEXAS	REDUCED $225,000
3405 W. I-ALL	$59,950
CR 129 -1 1/2 acres with building	$167,000
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2800-2804 CESSNA Each lot	$15,900
IH-10 & HWY 285 FT STOCKTON 31,500 sq. ft. Lot	$150,000
CO. RD. 150 E-10 areas Owner fin. 20% down 5 yrs	$16,000
E. COUNTY RD 62-2BDR/1BTH Mobile home	$15,000
2832 LAKE CO. RD. 252-3BDR/2BTH	$49,900
"A" & MISSOURI vacant lot behind old Exxon service station	$12,000
BRIARWOOD & HOLIDAY HILL ROAD	$250,000
RANGER ESTATES-11.85 acres	$20,000
RANGER ESTATES-7.45	$15,000
AIR PARK AND SMITH ROAD	$19,500
COUNTY RD 118-several lots at $5,000 each	CALL OFFICE
3838 WEST WALL-5 acres at 1.25 per sqft	PENDING
BIG SPRING & CORPORATE DR. 1.50 per square foot	CALL LISTING OFFICE
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Texas Department of Transportation, until 2:00 P.M., March 18, 1997, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals, plans, and specifications will be available at the District Office of: Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas, 79761, (915) 333-9140. Usual rights reserved.

CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR (4) CLASSROOMS AT THE SHEFFIELD TYC CAMPUS

Iraan, Texas 79744-0486-The Iraan -Sheffield Independent School District will be accepting sealed bids for the construction of four new classrooms at the Sheffield TYC Campus.

Specifications and additional information may be obtained from the school district administration office 100 S. Farr, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Any bids received after 2:00 pm, Wednesday, February 26, 1997, will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Bids will be recommended at the regular meeting of the Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D. Board of Trustees at the School Administration Building, 6:00 pm Monday, March 3, 1997.

The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or all or part of a bid, waive minor technicalities and accept the bid to best serve the interest of the school district.

Bids should be addressed to:

Bobby D. McCall
Superintendent
Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D.
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Iraan, Texas 79744-0486
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

To Unknown father and to all whom it may concern, Respondent:

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Texas, this the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1997.

Vivian Wood
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County

By Mickey McBee, Deputy

REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **RENOVATION OF 3RD FLOOR PATIENT ROOMS** of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Specifications may be secured at the office of Rhotenberry Wellen Architects, 1102 West Texas, on or after Monday, February 10, 197. A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, February 24, 1997 in the Auditorium (Room E-18) of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center at 3:00 P.M.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #271-020697 ENCLOSED".

Under no circumstances will faxed bids from bidders be accepted.

All bids must be received in the Office of the Materials Manager by 12:00 p.m., THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997.

Bid opening will be at 3:00 P.M. in Room E-12 (Human Resources Classroom) Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, on Thursday, March 6, 1997.

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ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JULY 6, 1997.

All bids will remain confidential until after the Board of Directors has met and voted an award. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the Purchasing Office according the the policy/procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

CONSTRUCTION OF STADIUM PRESSBOX

Iraan, Texas 79744-0486-The Iraan -Sheffield Independent School District will be accepting sealed bids for the removal of the old press box and construction of the new press box.

Specifications and additional information may be obtained from the school district administration office 100 S. Farr, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Bids must be received in the school district administration office not later than 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 26, 1997. Any bids received after 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 26, 1997, will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Bids will be recommended at the regular meeting of the Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D. Board of Trustees at the School Administration Building, 6:00 pm Monday, March 3, 1997.

The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or all or part of a bid, waive minor technicalities and accept the bid to best serve the interest of the school district.

Bids should be addressed to:

Fax It! 682-6999

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Superintendent
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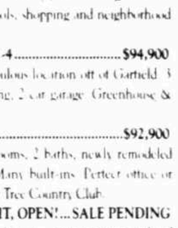
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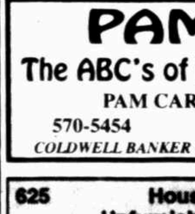
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SPONTANEOUS AND FUN
Divorced white female 30, brown/ brown, loves dancing, romancing, movies, walks, sunsets, outdoors, some sports, and having fun. Seeking white male 25-40, open, honest, with similar interests, and friendship first. ☎3357 (exp4/6)

COUNTRY GIRL
Single white mom, 44, 5'7", enjoys dancing, country music, rodeos, fishing, lakes, mountains. Seeking cowboy, 30-50, for relationship or friendship. Must like children. ☎3356(exp 4/6)

EX-MODEL, PART-TIME STUDENT
Full-time mother. Single white female, 35, seeks emotionally stable, financially solvent, older gentleman, 37-55, for dating, monogamous relationship. ☎3352(exp 4/6)

COWBOY WANTED
Single white female, 20, seeks romantic, tall single white male, 21-27, enjoys country-western dancing, movies, time together. Must be financially secure, with no kids, wonderful sense of humor. Friendship/possible relationship. ☎3253 (exp3/30)

PURE COUNTRY
White cowgirl, 22, 5'8", enjoys horses, country music, rodeos, dancing, camping, sports, country living. Seeking similar interests, in tall, down-to-earth, secure white male, 20-32. ☎3252(exp3/30)

PROFESSIONAL
Attractive, white Christian female, petite, 38, enjoys nature, the arts, golfing, my child. Seeking single white Christian male, non-smoker, degreed professional, 33-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎3153(exp 3/23)

NEW FRIENDS
Attractive blonde, blue-eyed professional female, mother of one great kid, seeks attractive white professional male, 33-43, for movies, dinners, church, keeping fit, friendship, laughs. ☎3148(exp 3/23)

DARK AND LOVELY
Attractive black female wanting tall, dark, lovely male. Enjoys skating, walking, movies, nice dinners. I'll be waiting. ☎3146 (exp3/23)

SWEET & SINGLE
Single black female, enjoys reading, movies, dancing, concerts, and dining out. Seeking honest, truthful, dependable single black male, financially stable, who enjoys children and social gatherings. For relationship. ☎3145(exp3/23)

LONESTAR LADY...
slender, white female, long brown/ brown, early 40s, seeks her Romeo: attractive, caring, fun-loving, single white Christian male, 38-46, as companion for dinner, dancing, movies, plays, sports, barbecueing, or just bike riding. ☎3042(exp 3/16)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Mother of one, blonde/blue, 29, enjoys dancing, outdoors, and homelife, seeks white christian male, 30-35, for possible relationship. Smokers ok. ☎2993 (exp 3/9)

NICE ATTRACTIVE WOMAN
18 year-old Christian blonde, 5'1", 98lbs, broken engagement, child due in July. Looking for serious man, 20-25, for good relationship, possibly marriage. ☎2992(exp 3/9)

CREOLE BEAUTY
Single Creole female, 26, brown/ brown, enjoys dancing, reading, movies, long walks. Seeking romantic single or divorced white professional male, over 6', under 40, who enjoys the same. Smokers and drinkers ok. ☎2990 (exp3/9)

FRIENDSHIP DESIRED
Single white female, 42, 5'4", 130 lbs, auburn/brown, enjoys dancing, food, exercising, walking, movies at home, children. Seeking honest, attractive single professional male, 42+, non-smoker, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎ 2883 (exp3/2)

NEW LOVE
Fun-loving, single white female, 39, 5', 100lbs, brown/ brown, enjoys the outdoors, music, all kinds of excitement, seeks single or divorced white male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎2882(exp3/2)

EASYGOING
Single white female, 34, 5'2", 115lbs, seeks single or divorced white male, 34-43, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎2574 (exp2/23)

BIG BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
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FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Attractive divorced white fe-male, early 30s, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks athletic, attractive white male, 32-42, who enjoys socializing, working out, kids. Non-smoker preferred. ☎2624(exp3/2)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Single female, 49, black/ brown, enjoys reading, television, studying. Seeking single white or Hispanic male, 45-49, non-smoker, must be soc-iable and have similar interests. ☎2580(exp2/23)

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RENT- TO- OWN- $495 month. 915 Holly, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet/ paint/ roof, fence, 100% remodeled, immaculate. Low as $900 down. Easy 9.9% owner finance 10- 30 years. Free call!!!! 800-637-4823. Bad credit/ first time buyers OK.

REDUCED PRICE!!! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ceiling fans, covered patio, storage. 1103 Delmar, $39,900. 697–6370.

BY OWNER: Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, large storage. Recent tile, paint, roof. $38,000. 915-520-6447.

720 Homes for Sale

PRICES SLASHED- Save A Lot! 2 Bedroom only $25,000. 3 Bedroom only $30,000. Hurry before it's too late! Call Mary Maddoux, (915)694-2920, Chaparral Realtors.

REDUCED $86,900. Very nice 3 Bedroom, 2 bath large living area, 2 car rear entry garage in Fairmont Park Addition. Landscaped, large shed, great fireplace. Built in microwave and other amenities. Open House Sundays 2 -4. 4404 Gleneagles Drive. 520–5309. Can be seen anytime by appointment.

RE/MAX of Midland at Mission Square. Call 682-8820.

4707 BOWIE- "Established Neighborhood" West End near Loop, by owner. Completely remodeled; new carpet, ceramic floor and wall tile, crown mold, custom cabinets and beveled edge tops. 3 bed, 1 bath + stylish den! Priced to sell - low 40's. 682-2384.

3605 SHELL. So close to Lee High School you can't believe it! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, central heat/ air. Great condition. $625 monthly, $500 security deposit. Call Century 21 Midtex Real Estate, (915)689-0021, ask for Marva Dean Willis.

4515 CRENSHAW. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. Close to Loop 250 and convenient to downtown Midland. $650 monthly, $500 security deposit. Pets accepted at the owner's discretion. Call Century 21 Midtex Real Estate, (915)689-0021, ask for Marva Dean Willis.

720 Homes for Sale

1410 W. INDIANA- by owner. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. Moved to Lubbock... must leave kitchen remodel etc. half finished. (806) 762-4148 for appointment. -Open Sundays- no contingencies please.

BY OWNER. Fabulous 4 bedroom home in coveted Fannin area. Interior totally redone! New carpet, ceramic tile, wallpaper, wood blinds and more! Spacious floorplan- lots of storage. Large yard with great trees. $104,500. (915)694-5569.

BY OWNER: Greentree North; 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath. Beautiful pool & spa, plantation shutters, water well. $297,000. 697-1411.

4306 NELSON RD. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Convenient to Loop 250 and all shopping. $800 monthly, $500 security deposit. Pets accepted at the owner's discretion. Call Century 21 Midtex Real Estate, (915)689-0021, ask for Marva Dean Willis.

HUD/VA HOMES
Low Down Payment!

1613 Shell	3/2/2	$86,000
3517 Imperial	3/2/2	$71,000
4505 Meredith	3/2/2	$57,000
1100 Mogford	3/2/2	$56,950
4312 Roosevelt	3/2	$48,000
206 N Dewberry	3/2	$46,000
4406 Parkdale	4/2	$43,000

Open Weekends-Call Anytime
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720 Homes for Sale

HUD/VA

405 W. Nobles	3/1/0	$12,000
3209 Thomas	3/2/1	$23,000
4088 Camelia Dr	3/1/0	$25,000
3117 Delano	4/2/1	$36,000
4406 Parkdale	4/2/0	$43,000
206 N. Dewberry	3/2/1	$46,000
4312 Roosevelt	3/2/0	$48,000
510 Brownwood	3/2/2	$54,000
1100 Mogford	3/2/2	$56,950
4505 Meridith Pl.	3/2/2	$57,000
4304 Nelson Rd.	3/2/2	$65,000
3517 Imperial	3/2/2	$71,000
1613 Shell	3/2/2	$86,000

VERY LOW MOVE-IN COSTS! Some Nothing Down!
AZTEC REALTY 520–7653

★ 414 SWEETBRIAR- By owner. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of extras. Updated & in move- in condition. $59,900. Appointment only, 520–6504.

REMEMBER **Grandma's House? You'll love this 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. New paint, fresh carpet. No credit check. Owner carry. Only $39,900. To set up appointment, Call Chris Beckett, 699-7161 or Norma Pine, 682-0662. Owner Agents.**

725 Condo Townhouses

NEW CONSTRUCTION! 3612 Mission Court; quality built 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, all brick, low maintenance, quiet, established neighborhood. $79,500. 684–8756.

725 Condo Townhouses

BEAUTIFUL Townhome. Godfrey/Andrews Hwy area. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, bonus room, 2 car garage, security, fireplace, sprinklers, new hot water heater, all electric. 3612 Tampico. 570-7999.

730 Suburban Property

✔ GREENWOOD Beauty. Over 2100 sq. ft. for under $60,000. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths. 6605 E. County Road 98. Can be shown anytime or Call 685-3460.

GREENWOOD. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3 1/2 acres. Barn, fenced, underground sprinkler system. $25,000 below appraisal! $112,000 firm. Serious inquiries only. 685–3532.

✔ GREENWOOD- Next to School. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1994 doublewide. 10 x 12 storage building, large covered porch. 570–0770.

RIDGE HEIGHTS; large 4 bedroom, 2 living/ study, formal dining, double garage, $97,900. Agent, 684–7788.

ASSUME OUR Loan! 8 acres, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas, 2 water wells, fenced. $46,000. Call 689-9730.

CUTE! CUTE CONDO! 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, washer/ dryer, kitchen appliances, fireplace. $10,500. Will finance. Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors.

740 Out of Town Property

FREE INFORMATION for those interested in owning spectacular 2 to 5 acres in the Hill Country near Wimberley, San Marcos, Canyon Lake & Guadalupe River. Call toll-free for information, 1-888-842-5263, ext 1853.

TERLINGUA AREA- 8' X 38' Remodeled Park trailer with Attached 15' x 38' Adobe Room. Large covered patio, storage building, some furniture, extras. $25,000 negotiable. Please call (915)371-2368.

750 Lots & Acreage

FOR SALE: nice lot, located on GreenTree Blvd. 100 x 120. Priced under $20K. Call 686–1968.

40 HILL COUNTRY Acres, SW of Menard. Fronts County Road. Great hunting/retirement. $725/ acre. Term. (210) 257-5564.

760 Farms & Ranches

150 ACRES, West Texas, Sanderson. Scenic views/ canyon, Easy access. Mule Deer. $970 down, $189.87 a month. Steve (210) 697–0168. Se Habla Espanol.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!! Deer, Quail, Dove, 45 minutes south of Midland. 645 acres. $150 per acre. Will carry some paper. Call (915) 682-2527 or (915) 687-5639.

760 Farms & Ranches

256 ACRES, $700 per acre, all or part. Callahan County, Texas. Live oaks, red oaks, creeks, turkey, deer, quail. 90 acres CRP. Owner finance. (972) 771–5739.

NO REASONABLE Offer will be refused if you have the cash. 20 Acres, great water well, pecan trees, irrigation equipment, paved road, etc. Call 915-366-0068.

480 Acres, irrigated farm, North Reagan County. Make Offer. James Seidenberger, 5061 County Road 146, Stamford, TX. (915)773-5023.

GARDEN CITY- 4 Sections or 1,178 acres improved pasture land, home, large metal barn, farm land. 30 Minutes to Midland. Lockhart Real Estate, (210)234-3415.

BRADY- 805 Acres, nice home, great hunting, corrals, barns, hunters cabin, minerals, small lake. $575 per acre. Concho County- 894 Acres, near Paint Rock. Over 1 mile of year round creek, superb hunting and fishing, some minerals. $475 per Acre. James Long Real Estate. (915)597-1581.

237+ ACRES between Midland and Odessa on FM 1788. Located 2 miles North of Hwy 191. All fenced, excellent water, 2 wells with 1 small tank. Super nice roping arena. 200' x 300', 30 x 150' catch pens at rear of arena, 25 x 25 cabana with cement floor, attractive entrance lined with cedar stays and cattle guard. Asking $1,000 per acre. Will consider owner finance. Call (817)965-7670.

770 Resort Property

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OPEN HOUSES

1:30-3:00 2903 Northtown Pl.
Great home, Great location and Great Price! Decorating allowance of $1,000. Lots of new. From Midkiff turn east on Haynes Dr. Turn left (north) on Whitney, to Northtown Place. Shown by Becky Penney. Call 684-5881 or 520-8091.

1:30-3:00 3210 Travis
Start your home ownership here in this adorable & immaculate 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with beautifully decorated & spacious living & bedrooms, oversized (17'x25') 1-Car garage and nice covered patio. Just $33,950. Shown by Les Carnes.

2:00-4:00 5500 Hillcrest
New lower price! Almost 3200 sq. ft. 4br/3 ba, guest & master both sequestered. 3 car garage, lots of tile, Berber carpet, 7 mos. old-still under builders warranty. Shown by Wanda Gressett.

2:00-4:00 4703 Leisure
Soooo much new! 3 br/2ba/2 living areas (enclosed patio) formal dining, brick fence, water well for yard - Owner anxious! Shown by Eula Heine.



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NEW LISTINGS

NEELY -4 br/3.5 ba, fp, very spacious floor plan, large back yard ... $119,912
FANNIN - 3 br/2 ba, fp new kitchen cabinets, unusual floor plan-no maintenance ... $98,500
WADLEY #61- Newly painted 3 br/3 ba, fp & access to pool. Great location ... UC
DARLING COZY COUNTRY - 2 br on 5 acres, horse stall/barn - Gardendale ... $88,435
MCDONALD -Darling 3 br/2 ba, fp, formal dining. New carpet allowance ... $62,500
N. BIG SPRING -Office space, high traffic, completely remodeled ... $424/mo

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

CUTHBERT - Heart of Old Midland, pool, 5 bd /2 la ... $495,000
FM 307 - 30.39 Acres. Residence w/ pool, arena & barns ... $295,000
SHADY OAK CT - Spacious 3 br/3 full & 3 half ba/2 la/2 fp, lrg cedar lined closets ... $215,000
E CO RD- 120 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, fp, pool, barns, pens, orchards & more ... $210,000
HILLCREST - Custom 4 br in Grassland Top Qual. thruout. Still under builder's war. ... $205,000
S CR 1200 - 5.7 acres 4 br/3.5 ba, 2 la, 2 fp, ... $200,000
DAVENTRY - Lovely 4 br/3 ba/2 car garage. Quality everywhere ... $173,500
PINE - Fantastic Town home w/ 5 br/3 ba/2 la/2 car gar., fp, bonus room/shop ... $159,900
CROWLEY -4 br/3 ba with all the amenities. Home Warranty ... $137,900
KESWICK -3 br/3 ½ ba/2 la/3 car garage, his & her bath ... $130,000
HUNTINGTON - 5 br/3 ba, sun room, trees, & more. Fannin elementary ... $124,976
CASTLEFORD-Great house in Polo Park-3 br/2 ba/2 car gar., approx. 2000 sq.ft. ... $119,000
PRINCETON - 4 br/2 .5 ba w/all the amenities, pool, ***Reduced from $122,500 to*** ... $112,500
BELLECHASSE -3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, pool & hot tub, large rooms. Owner ready to sell! ... UC
WINDSOR - Need office in home? Lovely 3 br/3 ba/2 car gar., gorgeous POOL ... $107,500
NORTHTOWN PL - Price reduction, decor. allow. 4 br/2.5 ba, lots of updates ... $107,000

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

E CO RD 139 - 3 br/2 ba w/ 2 acres ... $97,000
CO RD 3625/STANTON - 4 br/3 ba/2 la on 2 ac., ... $91,900
MARINOR CT -3 br/2 ba, 2 la, formal dining, RV pad & great workshop!!! ... $89,900
EDGEMONT - 3 br/2 ba, fp Fairmont Addition ... $89,900
TERRACE - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, workshop or office & many extras. FHA appraised ... $88,000
CINDY - 2-story 3 br/ 2 ba, Wydewood cutie!! On cul-de-sac ... $88,000
WADLEY #34 Awesome Town Home! Lrge liv. area & master, great kit.,lrge patio ... $85,000
GULF-3 br/2 ba/ 2 la/swimming pool. ***OFFERS PLEASE*** ... Great Buy!! $85,000
HARVARD - 3 br/3 ba/2 la/2 car gar. Owner anxious ... $84,000
LANHAM - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, 24X24 workshop, new carpet, AC ... $82,000
W CR RD 130 - 2-story house w/10 acres, fenced & irrigated. FHA/VA appraised ... $82,000
BRUNSWICK- 2 br/2 ba, 2 car garage, fireplace refrig ... $79,900
N. "I" -3 br/2 ba/2 la/ 2 car garage, pool - NQ Assumption!! ... $77,500
LOUISIANA - 2/3 br - 1 ½ ba, 4 car garage - HW-POF- ... Only $76,500
STANOLIND - 4 br/3 ba - large backyard. Home Warranty ... ***Reduced to*** $74,937

OHIO - Lots of room!! 3 br, 2 ba, nice kitchen, large walk-ins, extra storage ... $64,950
PRESTON - 3 br/2.5 ba Town home, 2 la, fp, bonus room, hot tub in garden room, ... UC
S CR 1185 - 4 br /2 ½ ba/ 2 acres/ 4 addnl. ac available ... ***Reduced again! Now*** $58,500
LEISURE- 3 br/2 ba, large den/water well ... ***Reduced from $58,500 to*** $54,900
SENTINEL- 4 br/2 ba, fp, fresh carpet and paint throughout ... $49,900
ERIE - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, fireplace, wet bar, freshly painted ... $49,000
S CO RD 1220 - 2 br/2 ba, large workshop and storm cellar on approx 3 acres ... $48,000
COUNTRY CLUB -SUPER 3 br/2 ba ... ***Just Reduced to*** $48,000
CUTHBERT - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, vinyl, paint, roof, FHA appraisal ... $47,000
CARPENTER/STANTON 3 br/1 ba - new paint in & out. Updated kitchen & bath ... $43,500
KANSAS - Triplex! Put your money to work ... ***Just Reduced*** $38,950
CUNNINGHAM - 3 br/1 ba/ 3 car gar., 2 lots. Home Warranty ... ***Just Reduced*** $38,949
ANETTA - Cute 3 br, 1 ba with a/c- New on Market ... $35,000
TRAVIS - 2 br/1 ba, immaculate, energy efficient, updates abound ... $33,950
TANNER -3 br/1 ba, 2 fp, enclosed carport, new paint ... $30,000
MARIANA - 3 br, over sized gar., all appliances stay w/house, lots of new & extras ... $28,990
S CO RD 1206 - 2 br/2 ba/2 car garage, decks front & back, new carpet ... $27,900

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND VACANT LOTS

VERSATILE BLDG - Almost 2 acres ... $275,000
N BIG SPRING-5 Acres, zoning comm. ... $155,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring ... $150,000
10 ACRES , middle of Greentree North ... $150,000
W. LOUISIANA - FORMER PROFESSIONAL OFFICE - ZONE 0-1 ... $82,500
ISLAND- Lot for sale on golf course in Greentree ... $60,000
W. LOUISIANA- Very good location with a super nice building ... $40,000
E NEW JERSEY- 2 bldgs, 2 lots w/well, for SALE or LEASE ... $28,900
S HWY 349- 4 AC, 1 AC w/well ... $24,850
SINCLAIR - Lot sq. ft. 10146, electricity, water, fence, pecan trees ... $20,000
N CR 1135 - Fully developed, water, septic, 50 fruit trees, etc ... $14,900
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.5 acres) - ... $13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres) ... $13,000
LOT on CO RD1806 ... $12,500
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) - ... $12,000
TEJAS- 1 Lot on 2 ½ acres, Ranch Estates- ... $9,500
FRANCES - 24 ac, lot sq. ft. 10500, zoned for commercial ... $5,350
S- 1788 -63+ acres Commercial or Industrial, ... Price Reduction !! Acre/$3,500
W. SHANDON - One lot ... $3,250
W. SHANDON -Three lots ea. ... $2,950
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RIDGEFIELD ... UNDER CONTRACT
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HEARTLAND ... UNDER CONTRACT
RIDGEMONT...New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Shutters ..... $ 167,900 2240
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MELVILLE ... UNDER CONTRACT
KENSINGTON...**REDUCED**: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq. Mstr .. $ 124,500 2268
DOWNING.....Skyline Terrace: 4 bd-3.5 ba-1 liv ..... $ 122,500 2290
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BERMUDA.....Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv .. $ 118,500 2284
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WHITMAN.....Whitehead Const: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 115,950 2208
CUTHBERT.....2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2+Ac. Pecan Orchard ... $ 114,900 2204
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BELLECHASSE ... UNDER CONTRACT
TENNESSEE....Wonderful Condition: 2/3 bd-2 ba-2 Fpl ... $ 88,750 2209
RIO GRANDE....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2 car gar $ 86,534 2217
DENGAR...Duplex: 3bd-2ba-1 liv(Dwn)+2bd-1ba-l liv(Up) $ 84,500 0302
TENNESSEE.....**"Old Midland"**: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 84,300 2205
GLENEAGLES ... UNDER CONTRACT
SPENCE.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 83,500 2286
CLAREMONT.....Good Floor Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 83,000 2238
HARVARD ... UNDER CONTRACT
FLOYD.....New in Fairway Park: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 81,500 2255
FERNCLIFF.....Large Living: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 79,900 2291
WESTERN ... UNDER CONTRACT
GLENEAGLES...Closing Costs-Hm Warranty: 3 bd-2 ba $ 76,800 2290
SPENCE.....New in Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 76,744 2288
SPENCE...New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options $ 76,244 2286

DEBBIE COVE.....Clean & Fresh: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 75,000 . Ad 2257
LOUISIANA ... UNDER CONTRACT
CASPER....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors . $ 74,744 2251
MISSOURI....Historic Museum Area: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv ..... $ 74,500 2228
FLOYD..New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors ..... $ 74,244 2255
WYLEA ... UNDER CONTRACT
LOUISIANA...Nice Home/Great Location: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv $ 71,500 2200
LINDORA ... UNDER CONTRACT
SPENCE....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors . $ 70,225 2286
TREVINO...Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can See Model $ 68,225 2288
SPENCE.....Whitehead in Nortgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 67,704 2286
RIO GRANDE....New Whitehead Home: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv .. $ 67,704 2263
GRAHAM.....New Construction: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 66,704 2256
STOREY....**REDUCED**: Totally Updated ! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv $ 65,000 2226
EVERGLADE (Odessa) ... UNDER CONTRACT
GRAHAM.....Fairway Park: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors ... $ 64,704 2256
CANADIAN.....Nice Northgate Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 63,500 2214
BEDFORD ... UNDER CONTRACT
GOLF COURSE.....Flagstone Fireplace: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv .. $ 56,000 2223
SWEETBRIAR ... NEW LISTING ... $ 53,500 2245
Lots of Improvements: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2 Car Garage
CROCKETT.....Good Condition: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 49,900 2203
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CENTURY.....**REDUCED**: 3 bd- 1 ba-1 liv- Fireplace ..... $ 39,900 2265
ROOSEVELT.....Nice Home: 3 bd; 1 ba; 1 liv ..... $ 37,500 2261
ST. ANNA (Stanton) **REDUCED**:.Mob.Hme-Near Schools $ 36,000 2246
KEITH ST.....**REDUCED**: 3 bd-2 ba-Fireplace ..... $ 33,900 2260
WASHINGTON.....2 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Great Yard/Wtr Well ... $ 33,500 2276
RAYMOND ... UNDER CONTRACT
DELANO ... UNDER CONTRACT
CHEROKEE.....**REDUCED**: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-1 gar ..... $ 29,000 2249
CHECOTAH.....**REDUCED**: Mob.Home: 3 bd-1.5 ba ..... $ 25,000 2239
AVONDALE ... UNDER CONTRACT
THOMASON ... UNDER CONTRACT
ROOSEVELT ... NEW LISTING ... $ 20,000 2230
Beginner or Investor: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv
BOULDER....2 Condos: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace....each $ 18,000 2237
N. LEE.....Nice Beginner Home: 2 bd -1 ba -2 liv ..... $ 17,500 2210

SUBURBAN PROPERTIES

S. CO RD 1200....Fine Country Living: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv ... $200,000 Ad 0303
S. CO RD 1218.....Apprx 20 Ac: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Wkshp ... $198,500 2220
S. CO RD 1314.....Beautiful 2 Story: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv $110,000 0304
E. CO RD 160 ... UNDER CONTRACT
WESTMOOR (Odessa) .. NEW LISTING ... $ 95,000 2242
Lots of Uses: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Extra House-Apprx 6+Ac.-Trailers
E. CO RD 140.....Huge Metal Shop: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..... $ 75,000 2287
W. CO RD 140.....4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 1 Ac ..... $ 71,000 2215
E. CO RD 104 ... NEW LISTING ... $ 69,900 2270
Great Greenwood Location: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Master-Apprx .5 Ac.
E. CO RD 107 ... UNDER CONTRACT
E. CO RD 104....**REDUCED**: Grnwd - 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv ..... $ 66,900 2252

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CUTHBERT ..... 1 Lot ..... $ 800
JAX ..... 2 Lots ..... $ 800 ea
HAMBY ..... 12 Lots ..... $ 1,500 ea
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MIDWAY COUNTRY EST....9 Lots ..... $ 4,000/ac
ALAMO DR ..... 2 Lots ..... $ 4,500 ea
GARDEN LN ..... 2 Blocks ..... $ 4,500 ea
BOWIE DR ..... 1 Lot ..... $ 4,500
NEELY ..... 3 Lots ..... $ 5,000 ea
DOUGLAS ... UNDER CONTRACT
S. CR 1065.....Mob.Hm.Allowed ..... $ 18,000
SCHARBAUER & "I" ..... $ 21,000
N. CR 1130 ..... Apprx 25 Ac ..... $ 30,000
E. CR 307 ..... Apprx 21.5 Ac ..... $ 39,800
Greenwood School District
WHITMAN ..... Apprx 11 Ac ..... $ 130,000
W. CR 2950.....Martin Co. Apprx 667 Ac $ 220,000

COMMERCIAL

WILLEYS.....1 Lot-Zoned MF ..... $ 550
CALIFORNIA.....1 Lot-Zoned C-3 ..... $ 700
WOLFCAMP CIR ... 2 Lots ..... $ 20,000
THOMASON.....Barber/Beauty Shop ... $ 52,500
N. LAMESA RD ..... Zoned IP3 ..... $ 125,000
I-20.....Ind. Park;Apprx 19 Ac ..... $ 255,000
I-20.....Ind. Park;Apprx 22 Ac ..... $ 295,000

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1:00 - 2:45 P.M.
5112 Rio Grande
4 bdrm - 2 bath - 1 liv - 2 car gar
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2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
4504 Island Drive
5 bedroom - 3.5 bath - 3 living
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3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
5010 Whitman
4 bedroom - 2.5 bath - 3 living
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2.5 ACRES AND excellent bldg. location, 1 block to MMH.

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SMALL FULLY equuipped beauty shop in Stanton. May owner finance. $24,000. Building and equipment.

1104 W. WALL 1500 sq. ft. office for lease. $500 month.

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4807 Pine Meadow - Reduced!
One-of-a-kind 3BR, 2.5BA, 2 liv, sunken living, custom kitchen $159,900

#9 Hialeah
Saddle Club Estates...5BR, 2 liv, 2 din, 2 FP's, pool/cabana $299,000
4901 Rustic Trail - Reduced!
Mediterranean style, 4BR, 3.5BA, 2 liv, built-ins, Fabulous!! $254,000
3102 King Richard's Row
Stunning custom! Over 2500 sqft of PIZZAZZ! 3BD, 2.5BA $139,900
2703 Caldera
New Const., 3BR, 2BA, formal dining, high ceilings, seq. MBR $105,000
4906 Spy Glass Circle - Reduced!
Vista West beauty on corner/cul-de-sac with 3BD, 2BA $96,500
2511 Castleford
Gorgeous townhome! 2BR, 2BA, atrium, hobby room, Updated! $89,900
2405 Princeton
Great location! Master suite has fireplace, jacuzzi, sauna, new carpet. $79,900
4114 W. Bengar
Excellent condition! New listing has 3 BD, 2BA, 2 gar! $59,900
3811 Sunecrest - Reduced!
Wonderful location for this 3BD, 2BA home with 2 car garage! $54,900
3516 W. Louisiana - Reduced!
3BR, 2BA, 2 dining or 2 living, nice home, quiet location $53,500
2800-A Pecos - Reduced!
Great 3BD, 2.5BA, low maint., patios, fireplace, high ceilings $53,000
3106 Storey - Reduced!
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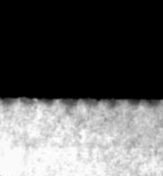


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✓ ON MORNING GLORY in Gardendale - 5 AC, MH hook-ups, 2 WW, 3 Septic, pipe fencing, pipe framed stalls -- Will divide. Great water & soil $80,000
✓ ON BUTTERCUP in Gardendale -5 AC, 3/2 5+ ..... UNDER CONTRACT
✓ 2503 COUNTRY CLUB Excellent potential, but over-looked ..... UNDER CONTRACT

✓ NEW LISTING ✓
3006 MEADOWBROOK
4/2.5/2+ Light, Bright, Open in warm palelneturaI tones. Huge kitchen with island & loads of storage, 2 back yards, 2 patios, above ground heated pool, workshop, sequestered master with fireplace!! Unique, updated style, quiet street in the middle of everything!! $124,900



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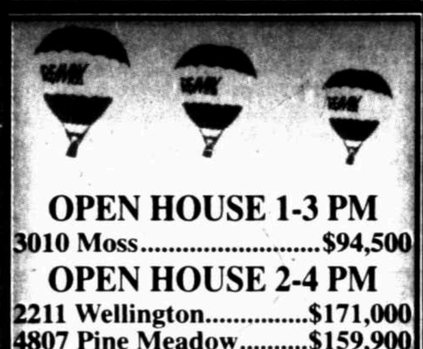
GREAT HOME SITES

9808 S. CO. RD. 1218-10 acres at Skyranch, deep sandy soil, large homes in the area $21,500
S. CO. RD. 1213-2.5 acres located at Skyranch, good deed restrictions, pretty view of surrounding homes $7,500
PRIVATE ROAD 2801-3.02 acres located 4 miles West of Stanton, on North side of I-20, Nice homes in the area $5,500



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NEW LISTING! $69,900 will get you this pampered and pretty 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with refrigerated air, fireplace, 2 car garage in Wydewood area. Call Today!
WANT IT ALL FOR $105,000? Here it is! 4 bedrooms, formal dining, 2 fireplaces, wet bar, pool, rear entry garage, cul-de-sac in north Midland! Perfect? You Bet!!
LOOK WHAT I FOUND!! $97,000. HUGE 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 fireplaces, pool, cabana guest house and wonderful covered patio with hot tub. This home is on Gulf with big trees!



OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM
3010 Moss $94,500

OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM
2211 Wellington $171,000
4807 Pine Meadow $159,900
3709 Dentcrest $105,000
5116 Rio Grande $74,900
4717 Boulder $72,500
4821 Ric $56,000

NEW LISTINGS
4702 Richmond $199,900
4419 Tanforan $199,500
6405 Sequoia $174,500
5609 Highland $152,000
2519 Neely $122,500
3606 Springmont $122,000
10905 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $119,900
1803 Ward $87,900
2100 Woodlawn $73,000
4821 Ric $56,000
501 W. Cuthbert $41,500
3602 Fairmont $37,000

PRICE REDUCTIONS
4901 Rustic Trail $254,000
3516 W. Louisiana $53,500
2412 W. Louisiana $43,500
3406 W. Storey $35,000



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SPACE & CONDITION!! 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths. College area, better see this one. Owner Serious $114,900
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FOR YOUR SWEETHEART! 3/2/2 formal dining, great room w/fireplace & out-of-this world master $75,000
SPACE GALORE! Over 2700 sq. ft. - 4/3, 2.88 acres - you'll be delighted $45,000



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BEAUTY, WARMTH & VALUE! Tip-top shape, den overlooks beautiful backyard. Super kitchen, king-size master, so much for your money, Stanton $59,900
NO SECOND LOOK NEEDED, low maintenance. Updated & ready to move into. If you need BIG bedrooms, this is it. Wonderful kitchen, spacious den, 2 BR 2 1/2 BA $64,500
IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER...IMMACULATE, 3 br, 2 ba, 2 la. Everything has been done...fantastic kitchen, loads of windows, gorgeous! Walk to schools! $89,900
A HARVEST OF FEATURES, for an unbelievable price. State of the art kitchen, fantastic master suite, all rooms are enormous, low maintenance, yet 30x30 workshop, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Yes, all of this for only $99,900
TWO FOR ONE PRICE. Main house 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA. Guest house 1 BR, 1LA, 1BA, nice kitchen! Wonderful area! $99,900
SOUGHT AFTER AREA, 4 grand bedrooms, 3 BA, 2 LA, FD, wonderful kitchen, high ceilings, lots of tile. Hurry! $191,900
ESSENCE OF ELEGANCE! 5 bedrooms, 2 LA, FD, wonderful floor plan. Quality build Woodruff home. Call now to see! $244,900

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GOOD DEAL!!!! If you want a good deal make an offer on this 3 bedroom, corner lot. Good investment property. This little home needs you to fix it up. Call and ask for Lavonne Johnson for all of the details.
HIGH TRAFFIC COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Large building on the Andrews Hwy. Call me for a special showing and see all the traffic that would come to your new business. $79,900.

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HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

BESIDES MT. VERNON ITSELF, Washington might prefer this 2 story home in Greentree. Comfortable modern kitchen overlooks spacious dining and living area. 4 BD -2 upstairs, MBR with sitting area, fireplace downstairs, 4th room can serve as study or bedroom. Beautiful view of golf course. Call to view $249,900
HAIL TO THE CHIEF A beautiful home among beautiful homes on a quiet cul-de-sac in Polo Park. 4 bedroom, 2 living area. Paul West custom featuring brick tile floors in kitchen & family room $199,900
IF NOT THE WHITE HOUSE Choose this lovely home in Greentree. 5 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA, has a unique floor plan. Kitchen has island and great cabinets. Pretty wallpaper and tile. Make an appointment to see today $197,500
HONEST ABE KINDA DEAL is packed with favorites. 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA, located in Grasslands. Popular floor plan, plantation shutters, pretty colors. Extra parking area. A must to see to appreciate $169,900
LIKE WASHINGTON HIMSELF, I cannot tell a lie about this great 2 story home. 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA. Quiet cul-de-sac location. Separate formals, family room, picturesque delight $119,900
FAVORED BY FOUNDING FATHERS Beauty still alive in this 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 spacious living area home with new carpet and tile. Sequestered guest suite. Large backyard with a storage building. Call to see $117,900
PRESIDENTIAL QUALITY celebrate their birthdays and come see a real memory maker! When you choose this spacious 2 story home. 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA. Lovely back yard with game pool. Make an appointment to see $116,900
PRESIDENTIAL SWEET and how sweet it is. Very spacious and open patio home offers, 3 BD, 2.5 BA, a huge living area and great country kitchen with island. Sauna, study and private patio area. Call today to see $113,900
ABE SAID, "FORGET THE CABIN" once he saw this 3 BD, 2 BA, 1 LA home. Comfy country kitchen. Screened porch. Fenced back yard with fruit trees, Centrally located $49,900
CHERRY TREE VALUE Price is chopped low on this 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA home. Separate double garage can be used as a workshop. Corner location on 2 lots. Call today for your personal showing $32,000
WEST COUNTY ROAD 118 2 acres, septic system, water well, and outbuildings. Great Mobile home site $17,500

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A GREAT FOUR BEDROOM HOME, that is nice and neat, and ready to be moved into. Two car garage.
A GREAT HOME built by Bob Tinney located in Northgate, three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage. Great kitchen.
SOMEONE WILL BE THE LUCKY BUYER of this great home located close to Midland College. It is a super buy. So don't miss calling about this home.
A SUPER HOME located in Grassland. Beautiful tile floors, four bedrooms, formal living, and formal dining. Beautiful backyard.
A GREAT HOME with three bedrooms, two baths, two living areas, a wonderful hot tub room. Covered porch, and patio. Beautiful yard.



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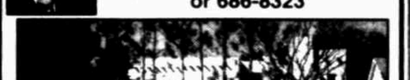


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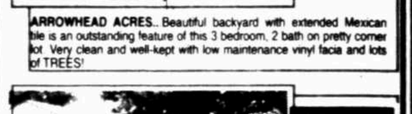


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NEW LISTING!!!...Country living in the city best describes this 3 bedroom, 2 bath with separate studio and guest quarters. Home has saltillo tile, plantation shutters and many updates. Set on 2.75 acres with 3 barns, corrals, in-ground trampoline, fishpond and much more! $199,500


$89.900
WADLEY HEIGHTS...Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath has huge family room w/built-ins, formal dining, bay window in breakfast and tons of storage. Don't miss the beautiful backyard with covered porch, redwood deck, fountain gazebo AND hot tub!


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DELLWOOD...Get all excited about your year to come in this roomy 4 bedroom, 2 bath with 3 living areas! Just a little TLC will give you a home you can love AND live in. Bank owned-will look at all offers!

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TRINITY ESTATES...Fabulous 4 bedroom beauty in coveted area has all the extras including in-ground pool and spa, automatic sprinkler system and security system. Jewel-tone colors and gorgeous wallcoverings throughout, 2 living areas + formal dining, 3 full baths $144,500
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CRESCENT PLACE...Superior in style and originality, this 2 story 3 bedroom home has formals plus study and bonus room upstairs, gorgeous pool and spa, wonderful gardens and courtyards and a spectacular central atrium. Don't miss this beauty!! $280,000

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2 STORY BEAUTY 3 BR, 2.5 B, huge seq. master, Big kitchen $109,900
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OPEN 1-3

905 GOLF COURSE — Cynthia Brown — 63,900
Seller will pay all Buyer's closing costs with Full Price Offer!! What a Buy!

3903 CONROE CT. — Michelle Hardin — 73,000
Perfect! Move-in condition, lots of new, high ceilings, sprinkler system & more!

4607 TAMMY COVE — Patti McClung — 78,500
Adorable 3BR with all the bells and whistles! You'll love this one!!

1423 VENTURA — Pat Paxton — 119,900
Hands down the best TH around! 3 big bedrooms and large living/dining room! Super!

OPEN 1-2:30

4802 ISLAND DR. — Donna Omar — 329,000
5BR plus study, 2 double-sided fireplaces, island kitchen on the course.

OPEN 1:30-3:30

4200 KNIFFEN — Jane Wheeler — 145,000
Wonderful 3BR/2BA in Skyview. Super barn and pool! Come see!

OPEN 2-3:30

3202 HAYNES — Jon Short — 146,500
3/2 1/2/2 TH w/parquet floors, skylights, lots of glass and gorgeous patio. Must see!

OPEN 2-4

4208 RUSSELL — Jana Tucker — 75,900
Super 4BR w/hardwood floors, high ceilings, skylights, separate dressing areas in master bath. (Dir: West off Norwood from Parker Elem)

3603 APOLLO CT. — Jerry Holt — 117,000
New 4BR in Crestgate. Dir: Midkiff North of Loop to Caldera; West to Gateway & North to Apollo.

5613 GREENRIDGE — Sandra Kile — 182,500
Spacious, open & light. Unusual floor plan w/seq. den & guest suite. Extra nice!

waOPEN 3-4:30

4302 DAWN — Donna Omar — 138,500
4BR/3BA/2LA, sequestered guest suite, fresh paint, cul-de-sac, hot tub and gazebo!

OPEN 3-5

4603 DENGAR — Michelle Hardin — 81,500
Wydewood beauty w/so much new. Extra big LR & seq. master, sprinkler system too!

OPEN 3:30-5

4312 LEDDY — Martha Manulik — 44,000
Great for the Money! 3BR/2BA, water well, 2-car and central air.

2516 NOEL — Pat Paxton — 105,000
What a wonderful 2BR TH w/a master featuring fireplace and sitting area!

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

LONOKE-Great low maintenance TH, security system. High ceilings 99,750
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA/2LA, great backyard w/2 99,000
HARVARD-Not the usual! Spacious 3BR w/3FP and guest house 99,000
CRESTWOOD-Patio style TH: Small backyard, low maintenance front, 3/3 97,000
WOODLAWN-Great 3BR with separate guest house. Prime location! New roof bing installed 94,500
CUTHBERT-Expansive not expensive! 3 or 4BR in Old Midland. 3 baths, TLC shows 93,500
BEDFORD-Location, location, location. Old Midland home w/loads of charm! 89,900
SHANDON-Lots of new, large shop, extra parking. Must see 89,900
IMPERIAL-4BR/2LA/2-Car garage. One year home owner warranty offered 87,400
HARVARD ... 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors and lots of windows 89,500
FRONTIER-Darling 3BR in Fannin Terrace. Beautiful drive-up and backyard 84,500
LAVACA-Get comfy by the FP in this larger 3/2 in N. Gate. Too good to last! 84,000
MOGFORD-Extra special. Very well kept, nice living areas and beautiful yard, new carpet & tile 79,900
SHANDON-3BR/ 2 1/2 BA w/lots of storage. Detached 2-car garage w/shop 79,000
TAMMY COVE-Darling 3BR in Wydewood Addition. Loaded with extras, too many to name so call 78,500
BRAZOS-Wonderful 3BR/2BA, 1LA, 2 fireplaces, non-qualifying 78,300
RUSSELL-Immaculate 4BR near Parker w/hardwood floors, much appeal, built-ins, much new in past year 75,900
WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location 75,000
WESTERN-Reduced! 3BR/2LA, craft or workshop in back, mature landscaping 74,900
CONROE-Super Northgate - completely updated! Rasnick built in 1986 w/so many amenities 73,000
SPARKS-Beautiful home in Old Midland. Lots of storage and great landscaping 72,000
CONCHO-2 story contemporary, 3BR/2BA, AC/heat, saltillo tile floors, workshop area in garage 69,900

CUTHBERT-4 or 3BR, FP in big MBR, formal dining and formal living 69,900
STANOLIND-Super nice 3BR w/spacious rooms & water well for yard 69,900
DENGAR-Spacious 3BR/2BA/2-car garage storage building. Lee, Alamo and Rusk schools 68,000
RUIDOSO-Terrific 3/2 wih lots of updating, storage shed, and great deck 68,000
LANHAM-Non-qualifying assumption. 3/2, large covered patio, established area 67,000
CUTHBERT-Country living in town, over 2400 sq ft, 3 or 4 bdr, huge den with fireplace 66,900
SHANDON-Great 4 bedroom in Fannin. Needs updating, but priced to sell 65,000
PROVIDENCE-Convenient location for nice 3BR, good plan, ready to sell 65,000
SEABOARD-Great 3 bedroom home with 2 living areas and large trees 64,000
GOLF COURSE-Owner wants fast sale and considering paying buyer's costs 63,900
STANOLIND-Large house for little money! 3BR/2BA/2LA 63,500
BAUMANN-"Dont cramp your style" in this immaculately updated 3BR/2BA home 63,500
SPRUCE-3BR/2BA, energy efficient home 61,900
SHANDON-Springtime fresh! New carpet & paint, great location 61,900
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000
GOLF COURSE-Quaint home, lots of charm - park-like backyard is a definite plus 59,900
DENGAR-Fannin Addition. 3/2/1. "Huge" kitchen/dining. Extra 3-car parking slab 59,900
BOYD-Delightful 3BR with lots of storage, open kitchen/den, 2LAs 59,900
PALMER-Terrific 5BR/2BA home in Fairway Park 58,500
BOEING-Recent paint and carpet in affordable home in convenient location 58,000
NEELY-3BR/2BA, fresh paint outside and some inside, pretty yard 57,000
WADLEY L14-Enjoy peaceful, low maintenance living. 3/2, bring offers 55,000
LOUISIANA-"Old Midland" cottage, 3BR, wood floors, guest house - 1BR, kitchen & bath 54,900
CUTHBERT-Must see to belive this super property! 54,900

BARKLEY-Wonderful, updated and pampered! 3BR/2BA/2 garage 53,000
STONYBROOK-Nicely affordable, brick 3/2. Great living room w/fireplace - plus 2 c. garage 52,900
STANOLIND-Generous repair and decorating allowance. Roomy 3BR/3LA, convenient location 51,000
MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA 49,900
PARKDALE-Available for HIP program, updating, new carpet & paint, huge MBR 49,500
DEWBERRY-Loads of extras!! Low maintenance yard, extra parking in front 47,500
BAIRD-Beautifully redone w/lots of charm, good floors, skylights, nice plan 45,500
SHANDON-Value in the land, adjacent to land on Wadley, across from Clay Desta 45,000
LEDDY-So affordable! Great 3BR/2BA, water well, 2-car garage. Clean & shiny 44,000
RIC-Why pay rent? You can afford to own this buyer's dream! 3BR/2BA, updated completely 43,900
IDLEWILDE-Spotless 2/2 condo. Newer heating/AC 39,900
KENTUCKY-Wonderfully updated home, 2LA, hardwood floors, garage and workshop 39,500
CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 38,500
THOMAS-WILL YOU BE THE ONE to own this lovely 3BR/2BA! Lovely yard 36,500
ILLINOIS-Great buy for a 3BR/2BA. Repairs completed - can move right in! 35,500
COWDEN-Perfectly charming 2BR/1BA. Possible owner finance 35,000
KENTUCKY-Well maintained 3BR w/lots of closet space. Cute, cute 31,000
CANYON-Lots of new. Thermal windows and ceiling fans in every room 29,900
JACKSON-2BR house plus bonus corner lot 20,000
CUTHBERT-Owner anxious, Old Midland home, priced to sell 17,000
TYLER-Spiffy little white one bedroom cottage. Won't last long 8,000

$100,000-$200,000...BEAUTIFUL HOMES YOU'LL WANT TO SEE! CALL TODAY!

TEAKWOOD-Fabulous 4BR home in Greentree, enormous room! Outstanding kitchen 189,000
EDGEBROOK-Like new! 4/3 w/2LA & 3C garage. Plantation shttrs. Large mstr w/Jacuzzi tub 184,900
GREENRIDGE-Spacious, open, light 4BR/3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, high ceilings, 3-car garage 182,500
CASTLEFORD-Tremendous quality! 4/4 1/2, 3FP, gourmet kitchen. Unique features abound in this one 175,000
HUMBLE-Lots of space for large family. 4BR + office, wood floors under upstairs carpet 169,900
ASHWOOD CT-Grassland beauty under construction. This one has it all. 4/3 1/2BA, 2LA, great quality 169,900
KNIGHTS PL-Good floor plan, 3 separate bedroom areas. Country kitchen, 1 large LA, 2 patios 168,000
COLEMAN-traditional charm, hardwood floors, pretty decor 165,000
ASHDOWN-Lovely TH in Saddle Club South. 3BR/3 1/2 BA. Style & space! 155,000
LAFAYETTE PL-Lovely New Orleans style 2-story townhome. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths 149,900

HAYNES-Beautiful TH w/3/2 1/2/2. Parquet floors, skylights, mirrored walls. Must see this fabulous home 146,500
STONELEIGH-"There's no substitute for style" 4BR/3BA, 3-car garage Polo Park beauty 142,000
KANSAS-Beautiful home in Old Midland that has been totally redone 141,900
CARDINAL-Historical home with lots of unique features and charm located on 3 acres in city limits 140,000
STUTZ-Spacious 4BR (master suite), all walk-in closets, 3LAs, one year home owners warranty offered 139,900
DAWN CIRCLE-Great 4BR/3BA. Lush landscaping, outside hot tub 136,500
DYER-Contemporary, unique 4BR, upstairs - downstairs, cul-de-sac, 3-car garage 134,900
CRESTGATE-Lovely Crestgate 4BR w/sparkling pool, french doors, vaulted ceilings and built-ins 128,500
TENNESSEE-Unique & lovely Old Midland. Could be 3BR, guest qrts w/bath, replaced all elec., sprinkler sys 127,500
TIMBER LANE-Extra special 4/3/2. New roof and AC. High ceilings, nice tile, carpet and paint 126,500

PINE-Light and spacious townhome in wonderful location. Lovely courtyard 125,000
MEADOWBROOK DR-Exceptional 4BR. Beautiful landscaping, fabulous 'great room' 124,800
FOXBORO-3/2/2 traditional beauty. Clean, neat nice in Meadowpark Addition. Small yard 122,900
VENTURA-Lovely Wallace townhome across from park. Lots of updating! 119,900
RIDGMAR-Lovely curb appeal, great space, 4 BR and bonus room. Come see 119,500
LAFAYETTE-Elegant TH in secluded neighborhood. Private courtyard, wonderful amenities, competitively priced 119,500
PINE-Updated 3BR Wallace townhouse. Replaced carpet, new paint, new kitchen counter tops and flooring 117,500
BRIGHTON-Live in style w/gleaming tile, shutters, sumptuous master, 2 private yards. Many extras. 3/2 110,500
MAXWELL-Super condition! 3BR/2BA/2LA, big rooms! Like new! 109,900
KANSAS-First class remodeled, quality home. Old Midland, mature trees, 3/3/2 107,000
WESTERN-Deluxe 2BR TH w/all the bells and whistles! Beautiful 107,500
NOEL-Totally charming patio home built around center courtyard. All rooms huge! 105,000
NORTHTOWN PL-Wonderful patio home! Seq master with FP. Spacious patio 102,000

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COUNTRY CLUB-Fantastic "Old Midland" home. Quality throughout with wonderful amenities 329,500
ISLAND-Green Tree North, 5BR + study, 4FP, water well, 2 covered patios 329,000
BAYBROOK-Fabulous James Morris Construction. Rare 5BR, 3LA dream home 310,000
BAYBROOK-Exquisite one-owner home - better than new! Outstanding extras including workshop or 3C garage 297,500
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SADDLE CLUB-Incredible space and charm, 2-story, five bedroom 270,000
BAYBROOK-Fabulous Bill Brown. 4BR/4BA w/beautiful landscaping. Master w/fireplace 269,900

SADDLE CLUB-Stunning 2-story, great master with 2 baths, study, super sunroom, pool and tennis court, now 260,000
DOUGLAS-JJ Black contemporary - enormous master w/fireplace & sitting area, 5BR/4BA, 3LA, guest house, pretty courtyard w/putting green 249,900
ISLAND DR-Gorgeous Bill Brown custom on course at GTN. Approx 1/2 acre. Ask about buyer incentive 247,500
NORTH "L"-Warwick addition. New paint, carpet, plantation shutters. Smashing custom home 230,000
HEARTLAND-Mark Payne delight, quality flows through this lovely 4BR/3BA/3 garage w/3FP in Grassland. Don't miss all this for 225,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Fabulous custom one-owner home, light, bright, immaculate, wonderfully maintained 200,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

EDINBURGH-Horse lovers home. 4BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, study, big barn 265,000
5 MINUTES NORTH OF THE LOOP-Enjoy sunsets, the city skyline from this wonderful retreat or building site. Charming 2/2, bunkhouse, barns, w/shop, 5 acres 225,000
W. CO. RD. 58 1/2-Wonderful large country home at the edge of town. 5.57 acres w/pipe fences. Cozy 185,000
S. CO. RD. 1213-Large home, pool, 2 barns, workshop and 10 acres 185,000
S. CO. RD. 1120-5 pastures, 6-stall barn plus 4BR/2BA home, $8000 Below Appraisal 176,000
E. CO. RD. 98-Quality new construction in Greenwood's Stoneridge 168,900
N. CO. RD. 1244-WOW! 3/3 1/2/2, Lots of new. Barn, pens, den with 2nd FP, bath, loft 162,500
KNIFFEN-Wonderful 3BR/2BA, 1.25 acres. Gameroom, pool & dog pens 145,000
S. CO. RD. 1083-Greenwood 4/5BR on 1 acre. Totally remodeled, approx. 3400 sq. ft. Residential or Commercial 115,000
CO.RD 2000-"Stanton Schools" N of Hwy 80, W. of Stanton, 14 acres, 3/2½/2LA , 3 ga 89,900
ELKINS-3/2/1, Brick custom built, one-owner on 20 acres 89,000
MILLER ROAD-Owner says "Give It Away". 10+ acres and house. Gardendale farmette 85,000
E. CO. RD. 106-Greenwood Addition! Super nice 3BR on 1/2 acres. Much new in last 2 years 78,500
E CO. RD. 120-4BR/2BA, double-wide mobile home on approx. 9+ acres. Extra hook-ups 65,000
E. CO. RD. 90-Perfect 3BR/2BA suburban property-fenced 54,900
W. CO. RD. 116-2 story on .79 acres, 3BR, 2 living, needs work 50,000
S CO. RD. 1131-Greenwood, DB wide, 3BR/2BA/2-car garage on 2.3 acres w/inc. producing property 50,000
E. CO. RD. 144-3 acres, 3/2 mobile home, pecan trees, fenced & cross-fenced. "Worth the Money" 37,500
E. CO. RD. 130-Greenwood 2BA/1BA mobile home on 2.66 acres; w/garage blt for an 18-wheeler 25,000
W. CO. RD. 137-Foreclosue sold"as is". 3 BR/2BA manufactured home on lot 19,900

DUPLEXES/RENTAL INVESTMENTS

COLORADO-5 rental units, great return 60,000
SIESTA LANE-Great investor property. Well-maintained duplex near Midland College 59,000
COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency 39,500
KANSAS-Updated duplex with both sides rented; conveniently located to shopping 24,750
CONDOS-Great living or investment in several fine condo developments, call today for those nice properties on Boulder, Neely, Eastridge Road 9,900-21,000
TYLER-Nice income producing duplex-1BR each side 20,000

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

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 LANE-Three 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000
D-Lovely landscaped lot in Old Midland 59,500
INWOOD CT-Executive lot inside Loop 54,900
GREENTREE-Select from 6 spacious lots to custom build your home 35,000-47,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-4 deep lots suited to a large w/pool etc. Last estate lots on Rustic 35,000
OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available 30,000
MAIN-New houses under construction across the street to the east. Excellent opportunity for builder 28,500
GREENTREE BLVD-Great Green Tree location 20,000
HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well 15,000
CO. RD. 1156-One plus acre lots. Well and septic, owner financing, moderate restrictions starting at 12,800
GOLF COURSE, NEELY-Build in the heart of the city! Super lots 7,500-10,000
GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates 6,500
CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package ..... 6,000 each
VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,850-35,000

SUBURBAN ACREAGE

40 ACRES JUST MINUTES NORTH OF MALL-Super Improvements including home, barns, water 345,000
FM 307-Prime acreage in Greenwood 178,800
FM 150-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities 160,000
ACREAGE-12 acres high on a hill overlooking skyline - fenced 120,000
CO. RD. 144-8 acres with owner financing available 40,000
FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing 38,500
CO. RD. 144-3.65 acres with owner financing available 25,000
FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together 20,000
CO. RD. 52W--3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance 15,000
CO. RD. 90-Several 4-5 acre sites, call for details 10,000-13,000
CO. RD. 1156-1 to 1 3/4 acre lots with owner financing available, mobile homes allowed 12,800-16,000
CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland 12,000
S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing 9,900

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

FOR LEASE-Single office to 2650 sf downtown, park at door, bills paid ..... CALL
MAIN-14,000 sq. ft., tile building, retail/warehouse, etc. Near downtown ..... CALL
DAVIS RD-Full super nice 14 space Mobile Home Park on 4.4 acres includes 6 nice owned rentals & 3 BR house. 4 wells, 2 carports each ..... CALL
INDUSTRIAL PARK-44,000 SF shop + office - Loop 250 & IH 20 395,000
COTTON FLAT RD-20 acres, 14 mobile homes leased. Good income, 5WW 169,500
RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000
MICHIGAN-DOCTOR'S OFFICE,. One block from MMH, 2900 sf and 1000sf 85,000/30,000
COPUS-Trailer park w/26 spaces. Owner will consider financing 75,000
ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED 70,000
TERRELL-Great potential for restaurant, dance place, etc 68,300
BIG SPRING-8 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance 68,000
WALL-Really nice small office bldg, 6 rooms, kitchen & bathroom facilities, recent paint & carpet 53,000
MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office 52,000
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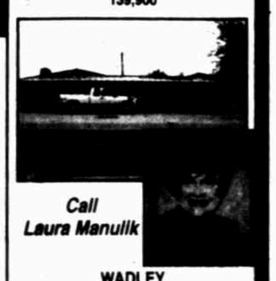
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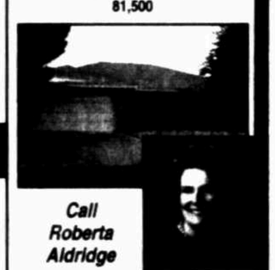
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Seven top banks optimistic about growth for rest of 1990s

By Joe Dominey

Midland sounds like an exciting place to live and do business during the rest of the '90s, judging by the sentiments of seven top local bank officials. Chief executives and managing officers used superlatives such as "best ever," "strong," "excellent," "very good," and "outstanding" to characterize 1996 and the years remaining until 2000. Projections for Midland and the Permian Basin ranged from 10 to 15 percent annual growth, compounded.

What's driving this unanimous optimism? Stable but higher oil and gas prices, the lack of surplus oil-field equipment, rising energy demand worldwide, growing cash flow among independent oil producers, a rapidly diversifying local economy, and the combined Midland/Odessa Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, to name a few.

BANK ONE

Joe Andrews is president and chief executive officer at Bank One, with its main offices at 2301 W. Wall St. and a branch at 3209 Courtyard Drive.

Andrews characterized 1996 as significantly better than '95.

"We had a 40 percent growth in loans and 8 percent in deposits," he reported.

"This increase was due primarily to the energy sector, which saw a greater demand for loans for the acquisition of oil and gas properties.

"Secondarily, we made a lot of working capital loans for general business needs, and the usual accounts receivable, inventory and equipment loans," Andrews explained.

When comparing February '97 to February a year ago he described loan demand as "very strong," as a result of higher energy prices compared to a year ago.

"1997 is going to be another strong year. It will be very competitive for customers among the banks. I expect it will be a good but tough year," he predicted.

He observed that many oil and gas producers are easing up on property acquisitions and are going back to exploratory drilling.

"Long range, I feel that oil is going to drive our economy for the next 10 years. I'm very optimistic for the Permian Basin and Midland. It's going to be an opportunity for the banks, and we plan to be a player in the market."

Bank One will be getting back into an area it had discontinued about two years ago when it reinstates its investment service. Customers will be able to buy and sell securities through either Bank One location in Midland.

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK

One of two locally owned, independent banks in Midland, Community National Bank serves southeast Midland and the downtown area from its main office at 601 E. Florida Ave., and northwest Midland from its branch in San Miguel Square, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. In March it will open its second branch at 1609 N. Midland Drive, which will serve west and southwest Midland.

President and chief executive officer, Robert D. Southerland, has been on the banking scene in Midland since 1968, and has weathered the ups and downs of the oil economy. Right now he is enjoying one of the ups.

"In '96 we had quite a growth. Assets were up 14.6 percent and deposits were up 16.8 percent over the previous year. Our loan portfolio grew 37 percent. It was an excellent year, and frankly, 1995 was also a pretty good year," Southerland reported.

He is looking forward to opening the new branch. "It will offer full service, with commercial lenders, new accounts, CDs, safe deposit, six drive-ins for commercial and general customers. We'll have a new ATM (automated teller machine) at that location. Later next year we may expand ATM service to other locations."

Community National has its own niche. Instead of targeting oil and gas producers, it serves ancillary businesses such as trucking companies, well servicing, and suppliers.

"Our core business is business lending, focusing primarily on real estate—commercial, residential, construction and development. Our senior commercial lenders are Jeb Hughes, who specializes in real estate lending, Bill Stovall, who specializes in professional and executive segments, and Charles Danley, who specializes in agriculture and the oil-field service business," Southerland said.

"Our real estate development and construction projects have a lot of visibility right now. We've got two projects at opposite ends of Wadley — a residential development near Trinity Estates, and a commercial development near ClayDesta."

Southerland's outlook for 1997: "We're predicting it's going to duplicate last year. We expect a 15 percent overall bank growth and over 15 percent in loans. Our strategic plan has projected the bank will become an $80 million bank, or larger, in assets by this time next year."

Midland's strong economic growth is due to several important factors, Southerland said.

"Some of these are, the oil industry is celebrating a price increase, that's the nitty gritty fact. This means an increase in our customers' deposits allows them to spend more money to buy, drill, develop existing properties, and purchase additional equipment.

"This results in a domino effect that filters throughout the entire local economy."

Looking longer term, Southerland sees three or four segments of the economy leading growth.

"Midland's economy is, in my mind, dependent on three major areas. First, oil and gas — the cash flow economy. Second, retail. Third, medical and health services. The fourth major segment is government growth and spending. Everything else kind of feeds off those four sectors.

"The last factor that's not too big now, but could grow, is government — the public schools, city, county and state governments."

He added that the service industry, which includes financial, legal, accounting, and general business services, would be another strong area of growth.

"Doctors are moving to Midland, primarily because of the real estate values and attractive lifestyle here.

"Unless we get crazy again with the 'boom' mentality (and I don't think that will happen) we should continue to grow 10 to 15 percent a year for the foreseeable future," he speculated.

"We have made great strides in the '90s and the scale of growth has been unbelievable — and it's sustainable and absorbable. In 1980-87 it wasn't. We now have about 650 houses listed for sale on the multiple listing service. Back then it was over 1,400. It's a sellers market, the shopping centers are filling up, class A and B office space is tight, we're building commercial additions. The apartment house sector is not, and that's as it should be."

What is the implication for a locally owned community bank?

"As for Community National, through 2000 I believe we'll grow at a steady 15 percent continued pace, not quite doubling to somewhere in the $135 million range. That's without us trying to force growth. That's pretty good for a local independent bank."

MIDLAND AMERICAN BANK

John Grist, president and chief executive officer at Midland American Bank, has spent his banking career in Odessa, Lubbock, and Midland since graduating from Texas Tech. He presides over the larger of two independent, locally owned banks remaining in Midland.

Grist noted that Midland American had an exceptional increase in assets during 1996.

"This was partly attributable to our acquisition of Stanton National Bank, which added $21 million to total assets. We had $192 million in assets at year-end. Nevertheless, there was a 23 percent growth in assets without the Stanton acquisition."

Why such an impressive growth? "West Texans generally prefer to do business with an independent, locally owned institution Without trying to be self-serving, our slogan is 'the friendly West Texas way of doing business,' and that's the way we operate," Grist said.

He said that loan demand in 1996 was very good. The bank posted $115 million in loans, representing a 27.7 percent loan growth over '95. "We're fairly aggressive in the loan arena; however in January '97 we saw flat loan growth."

He said that economists are predicting a flat year for the national economy — somewhere in the 2 percent range.

"The energy industry tends to be contrary to the national economy. I believe the Permian Basin will remain strong. We think that exploration will continue at a fairly aggressive clip," Grist said, noting that bank has a high percentage of deposits loaned out.

"Right now we have between a 67-70 percent loan to deposit ratio. That is very high."

He said that the bank's business falls into three broad segments. Oil and gas accounts for about 25 percent. Consumer lending is about 22 percent, and the remainder is comprised of commercial and real estate.

"We've put an added emphasis on energy. Having a petroleum engineer on staff has helped our thrust. We also have some seasoned bankers in commercial lending."

Are any new services planned?

"We're looking at new technological services, but presently have no plans for physical plant expansion. Home banking is lurking right around the corner, and we're looking into that from a cost standpoint. We've installed Telebank. Customers can use PIN numbers to do transfers, make loan payments, and so forth. We have ATMs at Wadley and Midland Drive, our new branch that opened in 1996."

Grist is pleased with the diversification that is taking place in the city's economy. "I'm privileged to serve on the board of the Chamber of Commerce. We all have seen the explosive growth of retail and restaurant trade, which is an indication of diversification in our economy. Now people don't have to go to Dallas or elsewhere to shop."

He observed that Midland has become a trade center for surrounding communities. "We're becoming a leader in the new retail economy."

His projection is for 10 percent growth in bank assets this year. "We think interest rates are going to be fairly flat, so we're taking a conservative approach in our projections."





Above is the groundbreaking for Texas National Bank's remote on Midland Drive and Loop 250. At left is the Bank One remote on Midkiff.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

NATIONSBANK

NationsBank Midland is the largest among Midland's seven banks. Through expansion and acquisitions it has become a nationwide banking organization with 2,500 banking centers in 16 states.

Larry Holden, Midland Banking Center president, characterized 1996 as an excellent year in both commercial and consumer banking.

"We are seeing an increasing tendency on the part of our customers to take greater advantage of the full assortment of products our $230 billion company offers. On the commercial side, this includes oil and gas loans of all sizes, capital and long-term debt issues, treasury

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"Consumers made our new PC Banking product one of the most successful new services we have ever provided. We have been especially gratified by a high number of individuals who established new relationships with NationsBank during the year because of the involvement of our employees in the community and a desire for personal service with bankers they know," he said.

"Credit quality is excellent and we experienced solid loan growth. Our merger with Boatman's Bancshares has been completed, resulting in a major expansion westward."

He cited an analysis of the Midland market that indicated solid growth in the Midland economy. "Our customers are also very optimistic about our community and share our feelings that Midland is an excellent place to live and work."

Holden reported that NationsBank is the market share leader in nine states including Texas and New Mexico.

"In the West Texas area, the merger gave us a substantial presence in Amarillo, entry into the San Angelo and Pampa markets and a much larger operation in El Paso. Our New Mexico customers will appreciate our banking offices in Roswell, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and the rest of the state," he said.

Much of NationsBank's core business is concentrated in the energy sector. Frank Stowers and Dale Wilson, vice presidents, manage NationsBank Midland's Energy Finance division, one of five such offices system-wide.

"Sustained higher commodity prices have encouraged independents to reexamine and increase their drilling budgets along with continuing to look at strategic purchases," Stowers said.

Stowers said a notable example last year involved longtime customer Costilla Energy Inc. The Energy Finance division provided a $210 million financing plan.

Wilson outlined the components. "With the assistance of various areas of NationsBank, Costilla completed a plan that included the acquisition of additional oil and gas properties with financing provided by NationsBridge, a $100 million public debt offering led by NationsBanc Capital Markets Inc., a $60 million initial public offering led by Prudential Securities and a $50 million senior bank facility led by NationsBank."

On the consumer services front, Jane McCrary, Midland Banking Center manager discussed expansion into northwest Midland.

"Beginning this month, NationsBank customers in Midland will enjoy the added convenience of using our Northwest Midland Banking Center located at 4300 N. Midland Drive. The Northwest Midland Banking Center will provide a full range of banking services for our consumer customers including consumer loans, new accounts, savings and investment choices, and teller services in the lobby and drive-thru," Ms. McCrary said.

She pointed out that an ATM is available at Cornerstone Shopping Center at north Midland Drive and Loop 250. NationsBank also operates a branch at 4309 N. Garfield St.

'A lot of our customers are starting to borrow again. They're using cash flow to invest first. They've definitely learned the lessons of the '80s.'

— Wayne Merritt
president, chief executive officer of Norwest Bank

NORWEST BANK

Wayne Merritt is president and chief executive officer of Norwest Bank, which operates three branches in Midland — the main facility downtown, the ClayDesta office, and the northwest branch at 4307 N. Midland Drive. Corporate offices are in Minneapolis.

Merritt has spent his entire banking career in Midland, starting in 1971 with the old First National that closed in October 1983. He went on to organize United Bank, which subsequently merged with Texas Commerce Bank. He then joined Texas National Bank, which merged with Midland National Bank, which in turn was bought by Norwest.

He characterized 1996 as a very good year. "We experienced exceptional growth in deposits, from $375 million to $391 million. Our earnings were up 15 percent over the previous year. It was very solid growth."

Merritt said that loan demand was steady.

"A lot of our customers are starting to borrow again. They're using cash flow to invest first. They've definitely learned the lessons of the '80s," he said, referring to the bust that put many service companies and operators, as well as a few banks, out of business.

"It's been great watching our customers succeed. Some of our best customers started out with loans of $25,000 to $50,000. Now they're our major customers."

He said that Norwest's customers are very optimistic about the outlook, which can be substantiated by a survey of Chamber of Commerce members, done by Norwest in conjunction with Midland College.

"The results were almost off the chart ... 71 percent of the chamber members said '97 would be 'better' or 'much better' than '96. What we found interesting was the energy sector was even more optimistic than the whole. Seventy-five percent felt profits would be better, opposed to 60 percent on the entire survey," Merritt said.

He observed that the role of Norwest Bank in providing financial services has evolved into something quite different than during years past. "Our core business has changed over the years. Our business is now becoming a financial services company. Certainly we offer a full range of banking services — checking, loans, savings. But we're also providing investment services, including a discount brokerage, along with financial planning and trust services. You can manage your own money or we can manage it on your behalf."

He said that Norwest is the largest originator of home mortgages in the country.

Other areas Norwest is expanding into include venture capital, leasing, and bond underwriting. "It's interesting to see our bank evolving into a 'one-stop shop.' It's sort of like Wal-Mart ... our customers want the convenience of one-stop shopping."

He said that new banking services fall into three areas. "One, we've doubled our small business staff. Two, we're adding staff to our retail centers at ClayDesta and the northwest branch. And three, we've started a new subsidiary, Norwest Energy Capital, Inc. It's what sometimes is called a mezzanine lender. Its purpose is to provide capital to the oil and gas operator that doesn't fit the standard banking deal. his is picking up speed — we've reviewed $60 million in proposals in the last six months."

He said that Fortune magazine recognized Norwest as No. 1 in customer service among financial services companies in the country.

Norwest's outlook for '97 is optimistic but tempered by expected price volatility in the energy sector. "Energy demand worldwide has grown from 60 million to around 72 million to 73 million barrels per day. That demand translates into significant drilling. It looks to us the biggest part of our growth and activity will come from the energy sector."

Merritt said that Midland-Odessa is one of the key energy centers in the country.

"I believe we're entering the golden age of independent oil and gas operators, who will benefit from the lessons learned over the past several years."

As for his outlook for Midland, Merritt recalled the accomplishments engendered by community-wide "Objectives for Midland" programs undertaken during the '70s and '80s. "The objectives programs were a terrific way to focus on all of our strategic assets such as quality health care, education, government, infrastructure, the arts.

"I'm really encouraged about the new airport, expansion of the hospital, and the new (Westwood) hospital. I hope to be encouraged by the school bond election (on March 1). We need to knuckle down and pay for it."

While Midland-Odessa has come a long way in higher education over the years, Merritt believes there is a critical piece missing. "One thing I would wish for over the next 10 years would be a graduate school of some note. We have to provide upper-level graduate education, perhaps specializing in the sciences and oil and gas. Communities that expect to compete and grow must provide first rate educational opportunities," he concluded.

TEXAS COMMERCE BANK

Ed Jones is president and chief executive officer of Texas Commerce Bank, with Midland offices at two locations downtown — the main bank at 400 W. Illinois Ave. and the private bank/trust services offices at 500 W. Illinois Ave., plus a branch at 1030 Andrews Highway. He also supervises Texas Commerce branches in Odessa and San Angelo.

Jones called 1996's results very favorable when compared to 1995. "Our operating margin was 33 percent, or $12.8 million. Loans were up 31 percent, increasing by $74 million to a total of $340 million."

He said that deposits increased by 3 percent, ending the year at $265 million.

The bank's customer base is fairly evenly divided. About one-third is oil and gas related businesses, another third is commercial, and the remaining third is consumer accounts, he said.

"Our outlook — we expect to see activity increase 10 to 15 percent in the Permian Basin. This will principally be driven by higher hydrocarbon prices, generating more business activity," Jones said.

"Significantly, the oil industry here has no used inventory or excess capacity." He indicated that as drilling activity picks up, business activity will be stimulated down the line.

"Our long-range outlook is that the Permian Basin economy will grow 4 to 5 percent per year. This is approximately one-half to 1 percent faster than the state

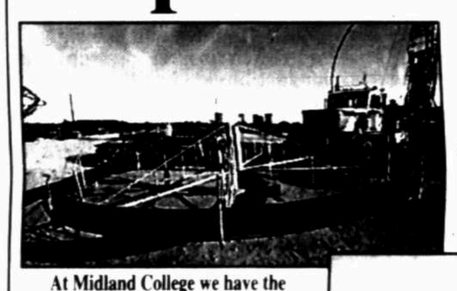
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Midland looks to future with loop as major source of city's revenue

By Alice Ashmore

Loop 250 is to Midland what the strip is to Las Vegas — a glitzy line of attractions that draws people and their dollars from near and far.

What began, initially, as a way for drivers to avoid the traffic snarls of going through town has developed into a major source of revenue and entertainment for the community.

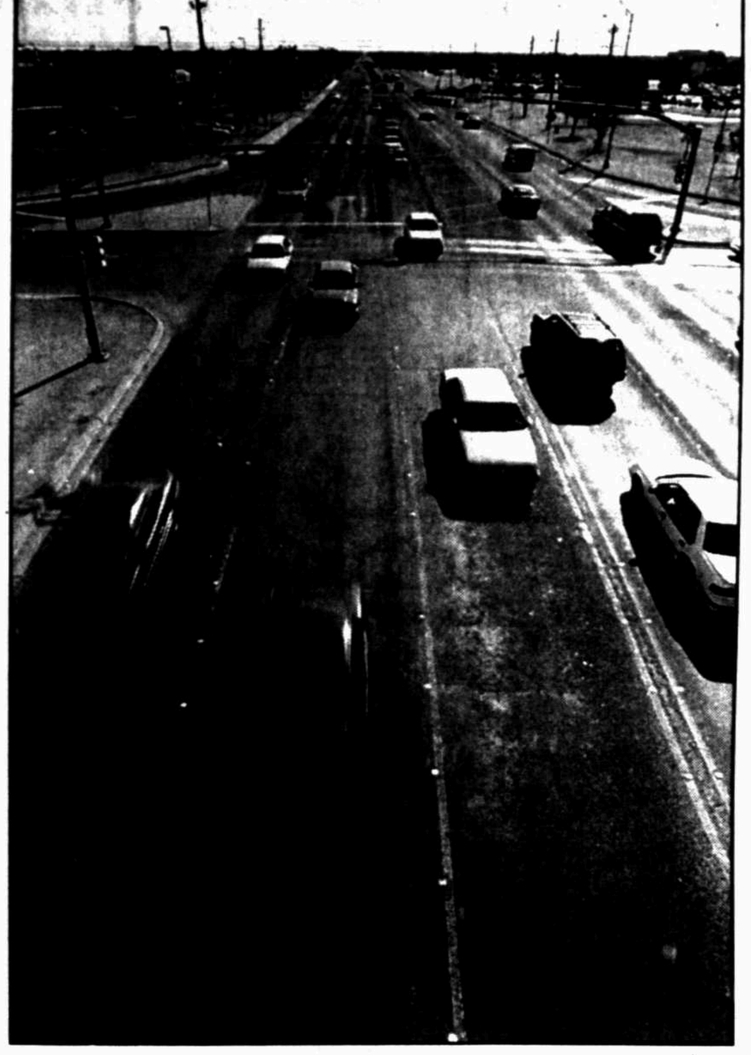
Lee Culver, president of the Midland Board of Realtors, characterizes the development around Loop 250 as "phenomenal."

"There has been a pent-up demand for restaurants and services in Midland."

Midlanders will have more restaurants and stores to look forward to in 1997, according to Mayor Bobby Burns, who calls development of the loop one of his "pet projects."

"When I ran for mayor, that was one of the things I talked about, truly making Midland a regional retail center."

Burns said that previous mayors and city councils had turned down offers from the Black-Eyed Pea and Target to locate along the loop. At that time, land by the loop was zoned for residential development.





SEVERAL NEW restaurants to tempt consumer's taste buds will add to the variety of eating establishments already along the loop. Ruby Tuesday's "a Bennigan's type restaurant" is planned next to the Outback Steak House, and an IHOP — International House of Pancakes — is to be built in front of Best Buy, Burns said.

Restaurants opening along the loop are making money at a record-breaking pace. "Outback broke the record for openings in Texas; On The Border had the second-best opening in the nation of all restaurants in the Brinker company, which also owns Chili's. Black-Eyed Pea also had the second best opening in the nation," Burns said.

Texas Restaurant Association records show that Midlanders eat out more per capita than any other city in Texas. "People's eating-out habits have clearly changed," Burns said.

Major retailers who have committed to new Loop 250 locations include a Home Depot, to be built next to Target; and Big 5, a major sporting-goods chain based in California, which plans to locate by Circuit City.

"About a dozen different stores are in the works," Burns said.

The retail development expansion is not expected to end anytime soon, he said.

"I still think we will see significant growth around the loop. We don't just have a limited economic pie — we have the ability to expand."

WHEN ASKED if Loop 250

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BANKS: Loan demand continues to grow

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of Texas is expected to grow," Jones predicted.

WESTERN NATIONAL BANK

Western National Bank falls into the locally owned, independent category but is headquartered in Odessa. In addition to its Midland bank, WNB has three banking locations in Odessa and one in Kermit.

According to J.D. Faircloth, senior vice president at Western National's Midland facility, "1995 was a very good year for WNB, but 1996 was even better."

He noted that for 1996, WNB reported record earnings, an increase of 8.7 percent over 1995, and its equity capital at the end of 1996 increased to approximately $26 million.

"WNB continues to be ranked by a national bank rating service in the top 10 percent of all banks in its peer group, in the region and the entire United States," Faircloth reported.

WNB's loans at the end of 1996 increased 7.3 percent to $105,891,000, as compared to $98,726,000 for 1995, and total assets increased 10 percent to $178,020,000, as compared to $161,862,000 at the end of 1995.

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— J.D. Faircloth
senior vice president at Western National's Midland facility

This rate of growth is also reflected in WNB's deposits, which aggregated $148,413,000 at year-end 1996, an 11.7 percent increase over the comparable 1995 amount.

"The Midland facility opened its doors in March 1995 and turned a profit after three months and has remained profitable ever since, the former Midland mayor observed.

At Dec. 31, 1996, loans at the Midland facility totaled $8,985,000 and deposits increased more than 200 percent to $7,793,000.

"Loan demand at WNB remains strong and is primarily related to small-to-medium sized business loans and loans to individuals. At the end of 1996, WNB's regulatory loan limit was approximately $4 million," he said.

"Accordingly, WNB is confident it can meet the loan requirements for most medium-sized business entities in the area."

He said that WNB plans to strengthen and expand its corporate cash management services during 1997 and will continue to evaluate expansion opportunities.

"WNB's outlook for 1997 is very positive due primarily to the improved oil and gas prices and our strong local retail sector. We believe that both Midland and Odessa will continue to attract major national retail businesses as a result of joining of Midland and Odessa into a single Metropolitan Statistical Area for demographic purposes."

He said that WNB concurs with Ray Perryman's economic forecast — that Midland/Odessa should continue to see steady and continuous growth for the next several years.

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Southwestern Bell has technology to provide whatever customer wants

By Lana Cunningham

Listening to a detailed talk about telecommunications is about as exciting as hearing someone explain each process involved in building a highway. But just as paved highways have been important in linking cities and people, telecommunications is fast becoming Midland's instant hook-up to businesses and the world.

The latest telecommunications systems are attracting companies to a city once considered remote. At the same time, these companies are getting some of the top service in the country provided locally. It also means the latest technology is available to the increasing number of home-based businesses.

"Whatever a customer wants, we have the technology to provide it," said Linda Basham, Southwestern Bell area manager/external affairs - Midland. "We are a delivery system of information. We have systems that can go head to head with any of the metro cities in the state. Our network is not much different here than the major cities in the state such as Dallas, Austin, Houston or San Antonio."

It's a delivery system that will slide Midland companies into the next century with the ease of turning a page on the calendar.

That delivery system includes fiber-optic and digital capabilities.

Fiber, which serves as the backbone of the Bell network in the Midland-Odessa area, sends signals at the speed of light and carries more signals per cable than conventional copper wire.

Midland's Southwestern Bell also has high speed-high quality ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network).

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For the person whose business is based at home, a high speed ISDN data circuit can be provided, according to Guy Andrews, Southwestern Bell area manager/external affairs - Odessa. "ISDN is an advanced technology which allows customers to use voice, data and graphics communications equipment simultaneously over existing telephone lines. An ISDN line brings fully-digital, high-speed data service to the home at a very affordable price."

One of the most popular uses of ISDN is for Internet access, according to Andrews. ISDN lines transmit data at 128 kilobits per second, Andrews said, allowing them to interface directly with computers. For example, an ISDN line can receive a 3 megabyte graphics file in 7.2 minutes compared to a traditional telephone line use a 28.8 modem that requires 30 minutes.

Fiber service is full routable to wherever the customer needs it. That helped attract one of the country's largest telemarketers to the area — SITEL, which is taking up 18,000 square feet of office space. "This is no back-room operation," said Andrews of the SITEL branch that works with a major national insurance carrier.

"Diversity is so important to the economy. SITEL is one of the first truly diverse companies we have attracted to this area, and it would not surprise me if we do not become one of the telemarketing capitals in the nation. We have the work force for it, and the cost of doing business here is less than if you were in a large city."

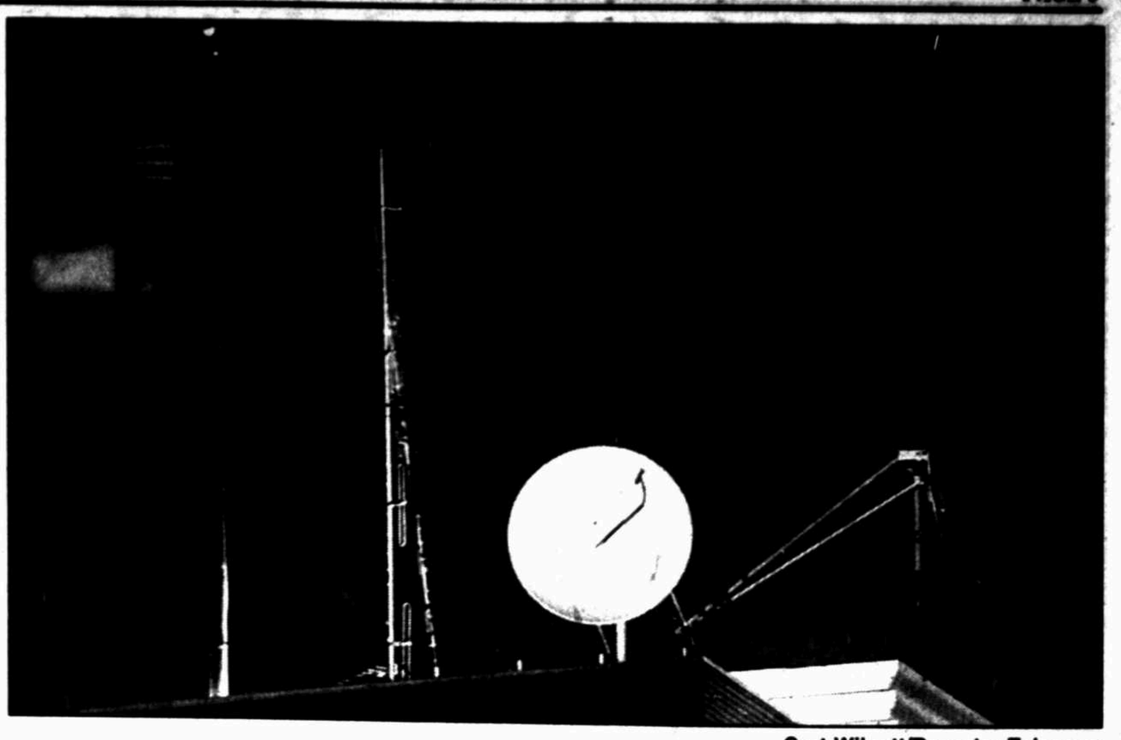
"If you need fiber, we'll bring it to you," Ms. Basham said. "We can also deliver a lot of the new technologies over traditional copper cable."

Another network feature that enables businesses to keep operating even when a phone cable has been cut somewhere is a SONET ring, she added. This fiber ring loops around the city and is self-healing when cut, allowing service to be re-routed.

And when it's wireless that people want, even Southwestern Bell is growing in that area, according to the two managers. "The home area in Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems in which Midland-Odessa is included is one of the largest in the country. There's a wide area you can call without long distance charges, which ranges from Eastern New Mexico to the Panhandle and east to the Dallas-Fort Worth area," said Ms. Basham.

Even with state-of-the-art equipment and technology, the cost of local service in this area is lower than most of the United States, the managers said. Southwestern Bell's recent purchase of Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell has placed the Midland-Odessa office in a strategic central location. "The merger also extends our service area and makes new types of services and technology available," Andrews said.

And the customer service is among the top in the country. "It's the West Texas work ethic," he said. "I'm amazed at what our customer service technicians will do to ensure that our customers are provided with top quality service. We're local, and that's one of our best advantages. With 35 customer service technicians and 260 employees in Midland-Odessa, there are plenty of Southwestern Bell people you can deal with in the community."



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Above are the telecommunication dishes in downtown Midland.

FUTURE: Loop is high-speed alternative

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expansion has hurt established businesses in town, Burns said, "I think anytime you have expansive growth, you have winners and losers. But before the loop we had winners and losers too."

Shoppers from around the region are spurring economic expansion, he said. "In some stores, as much as one-third of the business is from out-of-town."

Customers are coming from area towns like Lamesa, Andrews, Seminole, Big Spring, Monahans, Fort Stockton, and are bringing their money with them to Midland.

The tax revenue generated by the development is fueling growth within the city as well. "The increase in sales tax revenues will pay for a lot of parks," Burns said. He estimates the development of the loop has added $200 million to the city's tax base.

NEW CONSTRUCTION on the roadway itself also has made the loop a nearly non-stop, high-speed alternative for Midlanders on the go.

Construction on the main lanes of Loop 250 began in the late 1980s and has progressed in several phases, according to Glen Larum, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Current construction includes the main lanes and overpasses between Interstate 20 and Andrews Highway, and from west of Garfield Street to Big Spring Street. Both phases are scheduled for completion this spring.

Mike Chetty, TxDOT area engineer for Midland, estimates completion of the phase between Thomason Drive and Highway 80 within a month. The main lanes over Thomason Drive were opened to traffic in late January, Chetty said. "The fourth phase, between Garfield and A streets is about three months away," he said.

Robert Mills, 53, a machinist for VDS Racing Team Inc., uses Loop 250 for part of his eight-mile daily commute. Mills is pleased by the construction of main lanes between his home in northwest Midland and his workplace on West Highway 80.

"They've done a wonderful job" I think it's made the commute safer, smoother and a lot more enjoyable."

MILLS ESTIMATES the addition of the overpasses has shaved about five minutes off of his driving time to work.

Pat Long Weaver, 37, a local attorney, has a slightly different opinion about the safety of the loop.

"In general, the development of Loop 250 has greatly benefited Midland. But I am extremely displeased with the merger site at the loop and Garfield. It appears that people are confused as to who has the right-of-way and this has led to a number of accidents."

"We have had people comment about that to us," Larum said.

He said that the city reduced the speed on the frontage roads to 45 mph to help reduce the merger problems.

"As people become more familiar, and go through a period of adjustment, then we will have an improvement in traffic," he said.

LARUM SAID that he was not aware of an increase in accidents because of merger problems.

Midland Police Department records show a total of 266 accidents in 1996 along the portion of the Loop 250 stretching from Big Spring Street to Wadley Avenue. Seventy-seven accidents, or roughly 29 percent of those occurred at the Garfield location.

Although completion of the Garfield Street overpass is expected to alleviate some of the merger problems, Burns said, "I'm surprised that the aren't more accidents — it's very choppy out there. Right now it is a mad mingling of traffic."

The sixth phase of Loop 250 is to be contracted in August, Larum said. "The current plan calls for main lane construction from west of Highway 349 — Big Spring Street — to just east of Christensen Stadium at Lamesa Road."

Completion of that section was targeted for 1999, he said.

Chetty sees the Loop 250 project as a stimulus for growth in northwest Midland. "It sure does seem to have caused a lot of people to move there," he said.

IN AN effort to make Loop 250 blend in with its neighboring residential developments, new construction techniques and landscaping have been used to make the highway more attractive. "At TxDOT we felt that if we are going to contribute to the community, we feel it should blend in with the existing development," Larum said. "The paver-stone is a retaining wall — it actually serves an architectural purpose," he said.

Chetty explained that the paver-stones replace the austere concrete slab retaining walls used in earlier highway development. "One of the things we are proud of is the amount of landscaping and paver-stone used to make it look nice."

Although some criticism has been voiced over tax dollars being spent on the loop's landscaping, Chetty said the cost is a fraction, about 5 percent, of the $20 million in completed construction costs.

"I've heard very few negative comments about the landscaping, but is seems the ones that we have heard have been high profile," he said.

AS MIDLAND stretches and grows toward the 21st century, Loop 250 will continue to grow with it. To the east of Midland, where the loop narrows down to two-lane traffic, and pastures stretch for miles, right- of-way purchases are under way and frontage roads are being planned, Larum said.

Burns expects even more. "I think Midland will continue to grow — we are talking now about a second loop to go around the city."



Midland-Odessa's combined SMA attracts business to Permian Basin

By Lana Cunningham

"Midland is in the middle of everywhere," is the way Mark Thomas prefers to view this city of 100,000.

At first glance, Midland may appear to be in the middle of a desert. In reality, it stands at the core of the New West concept with forward thinking, a cosmopolitan air, a good place to do business and a warm, sunny climate.

Add to that the ingredients of being family-oriented with a small-town atmosphere and churches on every street corner, and businesses will grow here, contends Thomas, economic development manager for the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Midland, in fact, has been growing into a regional center the past two years as retail businesses have flocked to the Tall City. The key to pulling in the stores, according to Thomas, was combining with Odessa as one Statistical Metropolitan Area (SMA).

What planners for retail stores look at is a book that lists the country's top 200 retail markets, Thomas said.

BEFORE THE two cities combined their SMA, Midland was listed at 350. After the merger, the SMA put Midland and Odessa at 179 overnight.

"It was like creating a city out of nowhere," he said. "If you are not in the top 200, forget it. You can not sell these people hard enough to come here."

Even though Midland listed a higher than average effective household buying income (EBI) of $34,927, it wasn't enough "to pull a chain store into the area. But that number tied to 250,000 population is enough to support a store's operations," he said.

Total retail sales figures from the year before combining the cities into one SMA and the year after reflect a jump in increased sales. Midland's total retail sales in 1992 were $921.8 million. The following year the combined SMA listed total retail sales of $2,100.2 million, according to figures provided by the chamber. And the figure has continued rising as retail stores have poured into the area. For 1995, total sales had increased to $2,312.3 million.

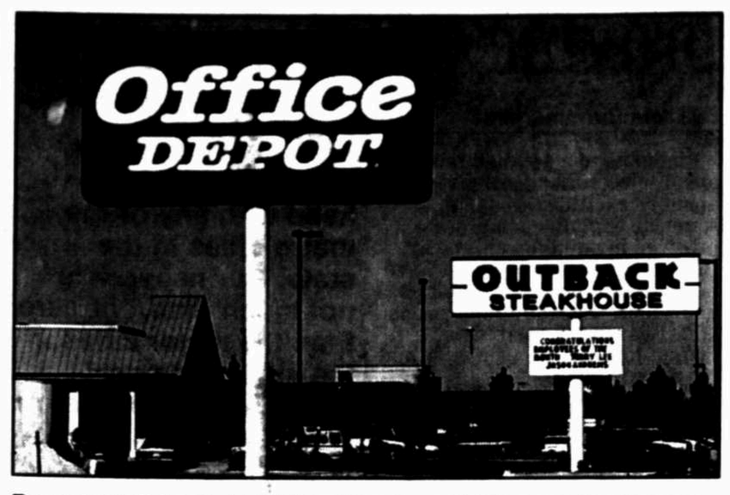
At the same time the combined SMA occurred, work was under way to complete Loop 250 around the north side of the city. With utilities and roads in place, land was snapped up by chain stores. In the past two years, some of the new businesses that have opened their doors include Best Buy, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Office Max, Office Depot, Lowe's, Builders' Square, H-E-B, Talbot's, Outback Steakhouse, The Olive Garden, Black-Eyed Pea and On The Border.

THESE ACTIONS have lead to a "regionalization" of Midland as a shopping center, according to Thomas. More than half a million people from 27 counties in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico are turning to Midland for their shopping. "It's changing the shopping pattern of people in surrounding communities. A few years ago, people in Big Spring would have gone shopping in Lubbock, and now they're coming to Midland," Thomas said.

Growth in West Texas will continue, according to economist Ray Perryman. The chief executive of The Perryman Group reported in late 1996 that the Midland-Odessa metropolitan area should expect a growth rate of 2.7 percent annually over the next five years. His study also predicted an employment growth of 1.8 percent annually.

Thomas said that the city's population has increased, housing values are going up and the manufacturing employment sector is stabilized.





Recent retail boom in Midland has brought in such businesses as Best Buy, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Office Max, Office Depot, Lowe's, Builders' Square, H-E-B, Talbot's, Outback Steakhouse, The Olive Garden, Black-Eyed Pea and On The Border.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

"Being a combined SMA has changed the way the rest of the world looks at us. We continue to do basic work to keep our manufacturing community healthy and diversified," he said.

WHILE OIL and gas remain king in the manufacturing sector, other businesses are thriving and expanding. Jacobs Electronics moved here about five years ago from California with seven employees and today employs more than 100, Thomas said. Don-Nan Pump and Supply has expanded and Teraco continues to thrive. "We are growing into a healthy diversified manufacturing base," he said.

Although oil and gas are still the top employers, ownership of oil and gas properties is going to local operators. "Parker & Parsley Petroleum USA is a local independent company that is the largest oil and gas company here. When the wells were owned by the major companies, the dollars flowed out of Midland. This is a big change. Now it's in local hands," Thomas said.

With new technology such as CO2 recovery and 3-D seismic work, the oil and gas industry should remain strong in the Permian Basin, he said.

Meanwhile, the chamber's economic department is working to attract more diversified business to Midland. Again, because of the combined SMA, the chamber can point to an area work force of 121,500 people. Teleservicing, such as customer service centers that use an 800 number, is one business the chamber is targeting.

AND THAT'S where the city's positive features come into focus. He cited lower cost of living, cleaner air and lower crime rate. There's less driving time to and from the office, which translates into more time for family, fun and personal achievements.

Figures compiled by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association show Midland's cost of living is 92.8 percent, while Dallas is listed at 98.3 and Houston at 95.4 percent. Cost of housing is 75.5 percent; Dallas is 93.6 and Houston 86.9 percent.

Mountains and snow-skiing are less than a five-hour drive away while Dallas residents must drive 13 hours. For the golfer, Midland offers several courses, both private and public. "You can even buy a house on a golf course and not break the bank, unlike California," Thomas said.

"Midland is a unique place — it's not like other communities of this size. We're not really lacking in anything."

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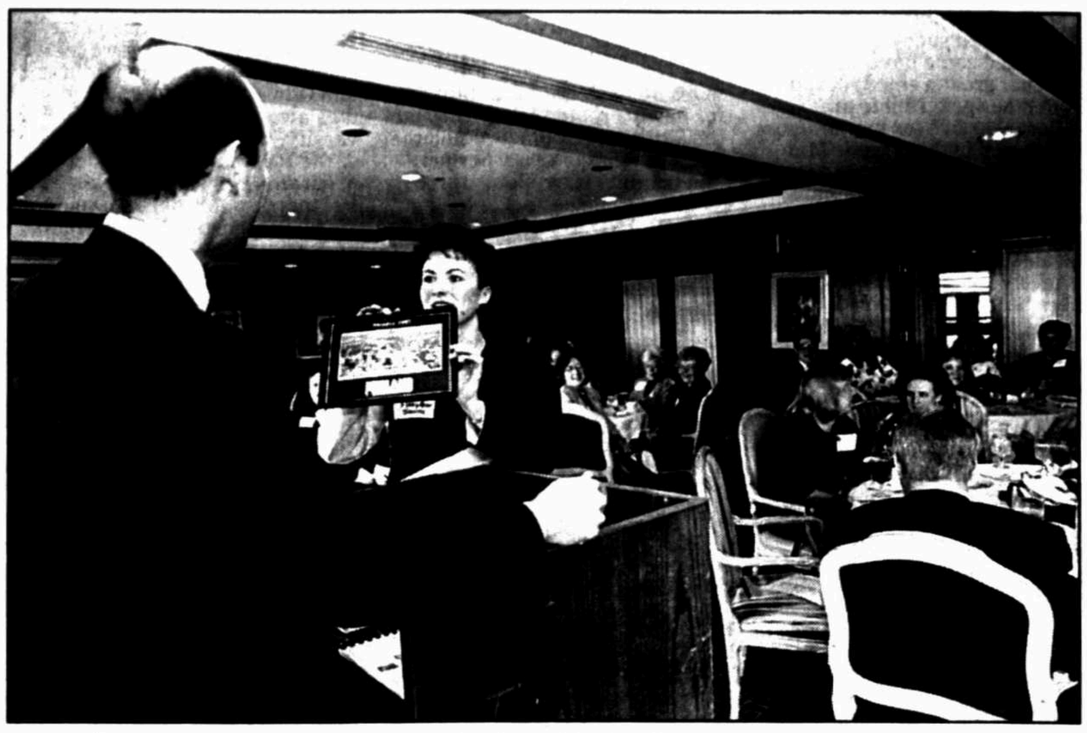
Chamber works to keep existing businesses healthy, recruits new industries

By Johnnye Montgomery

"When manufacturers consider moving into an area, they first look at other manufacturers already there, to see what their health is. If they get a feeling that things are happening, then they are much more likely to give that place a second look," said Mark Thomas, economic development manager for Midland Chamber of Commerce.

With the recent rush of retail to fill the space along Loop 250, Midlanders suddenly see their city in a different light. But the change has been coming since the 1980s, he said, when office space and land once occupied by oil operators became readily available at a reasonable price, and the Midland business community began actively seeking more diverse neighbors.

Midland's economic development department gathered experts and specialists to smooth the process for newcomers. They coordinate meetings with public and private sector representatives, make arrangements for site and building tours, assist with finding financing alternatives and public sector assistance programs, provide utility, labor force information and competitive analyses, and coordinate training of labor forces when needed.





Above, Bruce Partain and Mary Ann Smith do a skit showing members how to recruit new members at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon. At right is a job fair held at Midland College's Chaparral Center.

Photo above by Joe D. Williams Photo at right by Curt Wilcott

HE SAID other factors beneficial to business in Midland are already in place: an enterprise zone offering tax abatement and other incentives, a foreign trade zone, and ad valorem taxes that went down in 1995. Total property taxes depending on location, don't exceed 2.6 percent of assessed value and Texas has no personal or corporate income tax. Franchise tax is $2.50 per $1,000 in capital and surplus, or 4.5 percent of earned income, whichever is larger. For firms located within the city limits, there is also a 7.75 percent sales and use tax.

In the last 10 years, Midland's plentitude of space, labor and low-cost natural gas and other commodities has attracted a variety of new businesses. Manufacturers now located in Midland include Texas Instruments, Midland Certified Reagent, Teraco Inc., Jacobs Electronics, Tom-Cat USA, Fuel Harvesters Equipment Inc., Automotive Industries, Hirschfield Steel, American Toy Co., Barnmaster and Eyal Manufacturing Inc.

These manufacturers and others have found that Midland is business-oriented, with both city and county governments responsive to their needs.

Midland serves as a regional center for finance, health care, manufacturing, agriculture and professional services, Thomas said. There are more than 7 million square feet of office space, with facilities available both downtown and in office complexes throughout the city. Industrial land and buildings are also available in locations convenient to rail and truck transportation.

THERE IS no shortage of labor, he said. The Midland/Odessa metropolitan area boasts a population of approximately 240,000 with a labor force of 100,000. People from surrounding towns in the Permian Basin augment the city's labor force.

Yet, the availability of plants and labor notwithstanding, no business is an island, especially in today's competitive climate. Even with the magic of multimedia, after all is said and done on the Internet and the World Wide Web, when the electronic handshaking is over, the business of business is still conducted by people.

And therein lies Midland's greatest asset: the men and women who work side by side to make the community commercially successful.

Bruce Partain, the chamber's Communications/Membership Manager, explained that a little-known chamber focus for the past few years has been on building relationships within the community, and on helping existing businesses to stay healthy while recruiting new industries.

To help existing businesses stay healthy, the chamber sends out visiting teams consisting of a chamber staff person and a volunteer with some expertise in the industry of the firm they visit.

Partain said the visitation is low key. "We go out and say, 'How are things going?' and 'Would you like to expand?' and 'If this happened, could you expand? Could you hire more people?'"

With all the emphasis on diversification, the Permian Basin still is the home of more than 20 percent of the nation's crude oil and natural gas reserves. Energy will always be a vital part of Midland's economy.

THOMAS SAID that oil companies, both major and independent, have worked with the chamber to improve the business community, and in turn have benefited. He said the energy business has also changed the way it operates.

"The concept of major oil operators as harvest companies has changed (since the 1980s). They're no longer in a spiral-down mode. Arco Permian is a good example. They hire locally, and look for deals with local independents, putting the welcome mat out, which has made lots of good things happen in Midland," Thomas said.

"The best way to quantify all this, is that we're continuing to grow. The mix of our (business community) has become increasingly diversified. When (businesses) look at what's happening in our area, they like what they see. We hope to continue with that."

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Building availability, low cost, labor force, attract manufacturing

By Ellen Hopkins

Midland manufacturing firms have enjoyed success over the years, and some have seen phenomenal growth since relocating from other geographic areas. A major incentive for manufacturers located in this area is Midland itself, specifically the incentives built into the community such as an available labor force and a market of nearly 250,000 people in the surrounding area.

According to local officials, there is a synergy in Midland among the manufacturing firms in which their diversity has become an asset and they conduct business among themselves.

Among the benefits for manufacturing firms are available buildings and industrial land, a low cost of doing business, reliable utilities and ample water supply, more than 7 million square feet of office space and the international airport, those officials point out. And for some, Midland's proximity to Mexico is an advantage.

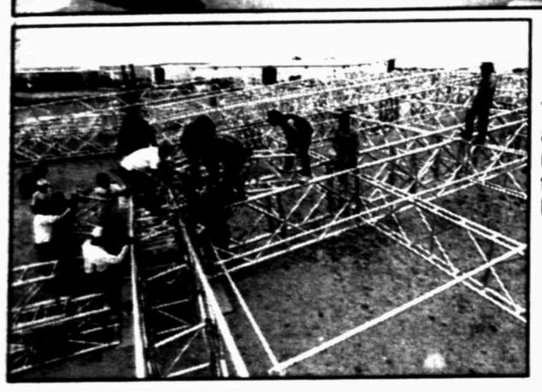
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A major up-front benefit of locating in Midland is the lack of sales tax on machinery and equipment, officials note. The city offers a tax abatement program for new manufacturing, wholesale and distribution based on investment. The cost of real estate in Midland has been significantly less than other states like California and Oklahoma.

In addition, they add that the city's overall business climate is right for growth and the city is continually seeking ways to aid manufacturers and to increase their profitability. The local Chamber of Commerce has a highly developed system to maximize the benefits of several state and federal programs for companies doing business here. The Texas Smart Jobs Fund provides up to $2500 in grant funds for newly created jobs. Through the Skills Development Fund the state pays up to $3,000 per job and training is available through Midland College.

MIDLAND IS fortunate to also have certain foundations in the area that assist in training grants for students. Businesses can access training at two junior colleges — one each in Midland and Odessa — and are just minutes away from a four-year university, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Federal programs include Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and the Worker Opportunity Tax Credit.

Manufacturing firms locating in Midland have moved here for the long term because of the intangible qualities the community has to offer, local officials insist. Midland is a cosmopolitan city and residents enjoy the cultural opportunities available here. The city is comfortable to live in with its clean streets, well-maintained parks, and safe atmosphere, officials say.



Tomcat USA is a growing manufacturing firm in Midland.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

The Diversity of Midland Manufacturing Firms

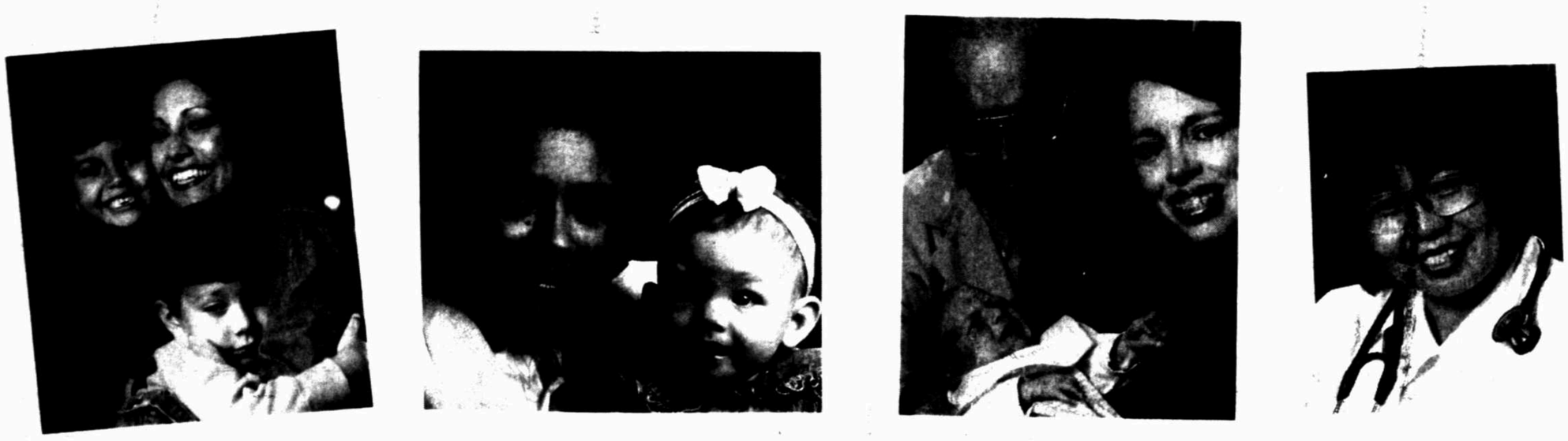
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TWC works to provide Midlanders immediate employment

By Deborah Ward

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The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) works hard to keep Midlanders working. This newly created organization, undergoing a transition from the Texas Employment Commission that was abolished in June 1996, is a combination of TEC and 25 other state employment and training programs.

A local work-force board was certified in December. The board consists of representatives of the business community, state agencies, community organizations, and labor.

"The idea is that the local board will have control and know where the money is needed, what services need to be rendered," according to Jackie Moseley, area manager for the Texas Workforce Commission.

"The objectives of the local work-force board will be to provide business and industry with well-trained workers in highly skilled jobs. The Texas Workforce Commission offers high-tech electronic bulletin board service for job seekers. The TWC Direct BBS system can be reached via modem 24 hours a day, and is available at no charge.

The database contains job listings for government, private sector and interstate businesses. Other information available includes how to apply for a job, how to file for unemployment insurance benefits, current labor market statistics, appeals and policy manual, and Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

TWC's veterans counselor gets the job orders as soon as they are taken.

The TWC also administers the Trade Adjustment Act, which is a training program for people who have been laid off from jobs in an industry that has been affected by imports, including the oil industry.

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Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee works to bring these new jobs to the area, and hopefully we will be able to train people and place them in jobs the business community needs," Ms. Moseley said.

MORE MIDLANDERS are working today than a year ago, she said.

In December the rate of unemployment for the Odessa-Midland MSA was 4.5 percent, down 1 full percent from 1995, which was 5.5 percent. Ms. Moseley explained that seasonal adjustments occur in January when Christmas workers leave the work force.

The total combined labor force in Midland is 50,331 persons; employed, 48,155; unemployed, 2,176.

JOB SEEKERS are encouraged to use the computers at TWC's office.

"When an employer places a job order with us, we ask them if they would like to have the job posted on the electronic bulletin board," Ms. Moseley said. "These job listings include employer name and address, job description, salary, necessary qualifications."

If an employer wishes to remain anonymous, the job opening can be listed with a TWC "job number" and applicants must be screened before referral.

A special placement counselor is available for veterans. "By law, there is a preference on jobs for disabled veterans, Vietnam-era veterans, and other veterans," Ms. Moseley said.

"WE HAVE worked with literally hundreds of people — often highly paid engineers and clerical workers who could not find jobs in the oil industry. Through this act, a lot of them have been retrained for work in other areas through Midland College, Texas Tech and OUTPUT," Ms. Moseley said.

The Trade Adjustment Act is a federal program and covers up to two years of training and relocation expenses if applicants find a job out of the area, or transportation expenses to job interviews out of town.

TWC also offers a job search seminar. Job seekers will learn interviewing techniques, including resume preparation. "This seminar is almost essential," Ms. Moseley said. "Job search techniques have changed drastically in the last 10 years, and the approach has to be a lot more aggressive."

She explained that because TWC's resources are diminishing, like similar agencies nationwide, it is important that one of the services offered to applicants is "to learn how to help themselves."

TWC'S STAFF consists of 15 people, down from 19 a year ago. These 15 people took 11,518 claims for unemployment insurance. During the U.S. Department of Labor reporting period of July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996, more than $5,000,000 was paid in claims for unemployment insurance to Midland County residents. During this program year, the Midland office placed 2,666 individuals on jobs and filled 3,455 job openings, 379 positions filled by veterans.

Representative of high-tech changes, unemployment claims can now be made by telephone.

TWC staff works aggressively to assist new companies moving into the Midland labor market. They often set up an application acceptance and pre-screening location at the employer's site, as they did with Builder's Square and Outback Steakhouse. Ms. Moseley said that TWC has staffed approximately 30 businesses in this manner during the last three years.

Because TWC deals closely with employers, representatives learn what qualities they wish to find in applicants. "I think dependability, reliability, and a good work ethic counts for a lot," Ms. Moseley said. "We find a lot of times employers are willing to train a person for a job if that person has a good track record, stable employment history, and can provide some assurance he or she will be at work every day on time.

"We generally find that most people cannot afford the luxury of undergoing a year or two of training; they simply can't drop out of life," Ms. Moseley said. "The majority of people aren't looking for training, they're looking for immediate employment. That's mainly what we try to provide."

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Midlanders work to make dream of indoor arena a reality

By Joe Dominey

The vision of a group of Midlanders to build the state's largest indoor arena for horse shows, livestock events, rodeos, fairs, and other events may become reality as early as the spring of next year and generate a huge inflow of tourist dollars.

Dr. Robert L. Cobb, Joe Anderson and Candy Cowden conceived the idea of the West Texas Expo Center a few years ago, and in August 1995 set up a non-profit corporation to make their dream a reality.

The dream is to build a huge multi-use indoor arena inside a 600-foot- long building, an outdoor arena of comparable size that can later be covered, an exhibit hall/banquet facility, a Western Heritage Museum, a parking area for recreational vehicles, stabling for 400 horses, a small arena for local events, and a park with playground, bandstand and barbecue pits.

THE ESTIMATED cost is in the $2.5 million to $3 million range.

Cobb, a Midland veterinarian, serves as president of the organization. "Midland does not have a facility for major shows, and we have to schedule around the weather. The Midland County Arena simply isn't big enough."

West Texas Expo Center has a lease-purchase arrangement with the city of Midland for acquisition of 128 acres west of Loop 250 between Interstate 20 and Business 20.

Presently, the 11-member board is soliciting grants from local and state foundations. Preliminary responses have been encouraging, but Cobb said that the group is waiting on the boards of the various foundations to meet.

There are three phases of support necessary to meet the financial goal — local foundations; state foundations and large companies; and the Permian Basin communities to be served by the expo center.

"IT WILL take the support of the local foundations to get a 'domino effect' going, then the state foundations should help us," said Cobb, who recently returned from visits to outside foundations.

Meanwhile, architectural drawings will go on display in local banks. The design was by Midland architect Walter F. Pate, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the endeavor.

Another 30 citizens serve on an advisory panel to help with coordinating various resources and organizations that will further the project.

KWES-TV has donated production of a promotional video, Community National Bank and NationsBank are among the first cash contributors, and several fund-raising events are scheduled.

"We're having a golf tournament this year, equine events, we raised $4,000 at Wal-Mart with an event, and we'll have brick sales for contributors of $100 or more," Cobb said.

DONORS WILL have their names inscribed on bricks that will be on display at the center.

"The main beneficiaries will be the children of our area," Cobb said. "We're hoping to serve the 4-H Clubs, the FFA, and the Boy Scouts. The Cerebral Palsy Center has discontinued its winter equestrian program, which has been a form of therapy for their kids. We will be their winter home where they'll expand their workshops."

In addition to equestrian and livestock events, the West Texas Expo Center will also be a venue for car shows, arts and crafts fairs, cowboy poet readings, and other performance events.

"Best-case scenario, we could open early in '98 if we begin construction next fall. It's a six-month project."

The West Texas Expo Center is expected to draw large crowds, benefiting local restaurants, hotels, motels, and shopping centers.

Among those endorsing the project are the city of Midland, Midland County Commissioners, the Convention & Visitors Bureau of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and the Hotel/Motel Association.

"THEY ALL have helped in an advisory capacity and supported our efforts," Cobb said. "But we have to have the financial support of the foundations to make it happen."

Anyone wishing further information may contact Cobb or Meg Farrington at his veterinary office, 682-6405, or write to the organization at P. O. Box 216, Midland, Texas 79702.

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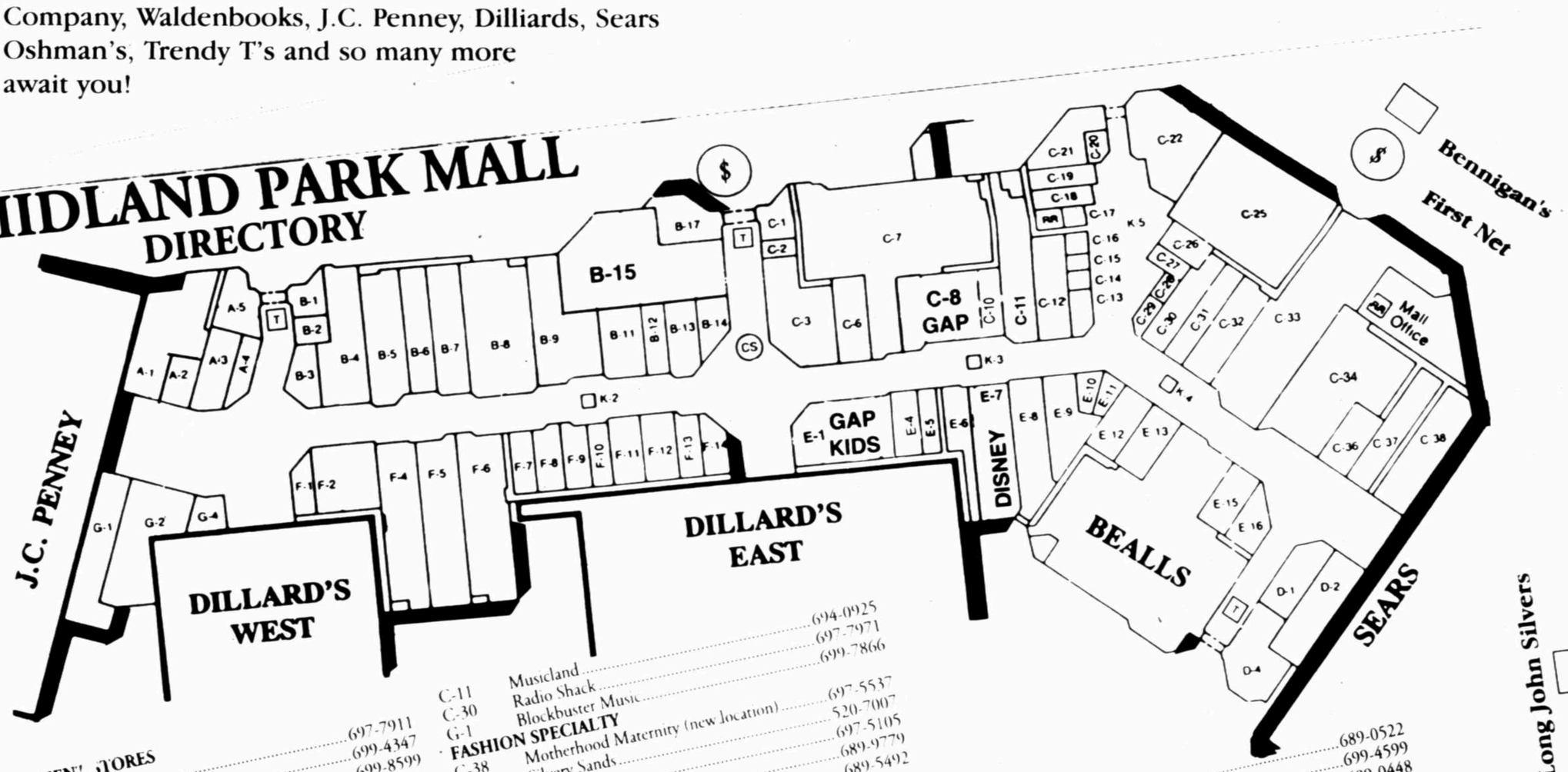
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You can easily get where you want to go for recreation from Midland

By Johnnye Montgomery

Seen on a Midland bumper sticker: "Of course God meant for Texans to ski. That's why he gave them Ruidoso." Midlanders are serious about recreation, whether it's in snow, or otherwise, taking to the skies and highways to do what they love best.

In Midland, you're at the hub of a wheel that can transport you to the vacation or weekend spot of your dreams no matter what your interests are.

GETTING WET With 12 lakes within a 150 mile radius of Midland, Midlanders fish, waterski and sail regularly. There are six local bass clubs in the area, and one in five Midland homeowners owns a boat. Except for Lake Amistad, with a capacity of more than 64,000 acres of water, most lakes near Midland are fairly small, ranging in acre volumes from about 500 acres at Balmorhea to O.H. Ivie's 19,000 acres, but they offer an array of recreational opportunities both on and off the water, with campsites both full-service and primitive, picnic areas, biking and hiking trails and scenic attractions.

Balmorhea State Park offers the biggest outdoor swimming pool in the U.S. Fed by San Solomon Springs, the pool is host to other swimmers besides the human variety. Take your scuba diving gear and head for the deep waters to view the fish face to face.

Or if you like getting wet the hard way, there is river rafting-the only way to see the Rio Grande's most spectacular canyons. Rent boats or find guides at Lajitas or Terlingua, deep inside the Big Bend National Park, where Texas curves down and dips into Mexico before coming out and upward toward El Paso.

SUNRISE, SUNSET For those visitors to the Big Bend whose bathing suits never get wet, there is hiking, biking, bird- and wildlife-watching, and the never-to-be-forgotten sight of the early morning or late evening sun over the desert terrain. Take your mountain bike, or rent one, or arrange for a guided bike or horseback trip at Lajitas.

Wear a backpack. Take your camera and plenty of films, and binoculars, and most important, two or three or four bottles of water.

BIG BEND CHILI If your pleasure has more to do with people than scenery, Big Bend is still the place for you, especially the first weekend in November, when chili aficionados and other wild-eyed mavericks congregate at Terlingua for the World Championship Chili Cookoff. Take your own sleeping accommodations or book a room early at Lajitas, and get there on Friday to watch the cooks roll in and get set up. The cook-off happens on Saturday.

If Big Bend is a bit too big or too far away for you, there are similar wilderness experiences to be had closer to home. For a real mountaintop experience, try Guadalupe Mountains National Park, home to Guadalupe Peak, the highest peak in Texas at an elevation of 8,749, and its twin, El Capitan, elevation 8,085. Hike to McKittrick Canyon, an ecosystem composed of limestone formations and creek rock, where juniper, pinon pine, madrona and sycamore stand in a setting so lovely it will take your breath away.

WONDERS DOWN UNDER If you prefer your scenery underground, there are three spectacular caverns created by rainwater and limestone into an underground wonderworld that continues to grow and change — at about an inch per century. All less than three hours' drive from Midland, Carlsbad and Lechuguilla Caverns are across the state line near Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Sonora Caverns is at Sonora, just off I-10 south of San Angelo.

WONDERS ABOVE Like stars? Take the road past Balmorhea to the Davis Mountains, where the McDonald Observatory sits atop Mount Locke, and you can use one of their telescopes to observe the lights of galaxies in a silence broken only by the distant calls of whippoorwills and coyotes, and the hum of the facility's equipment.

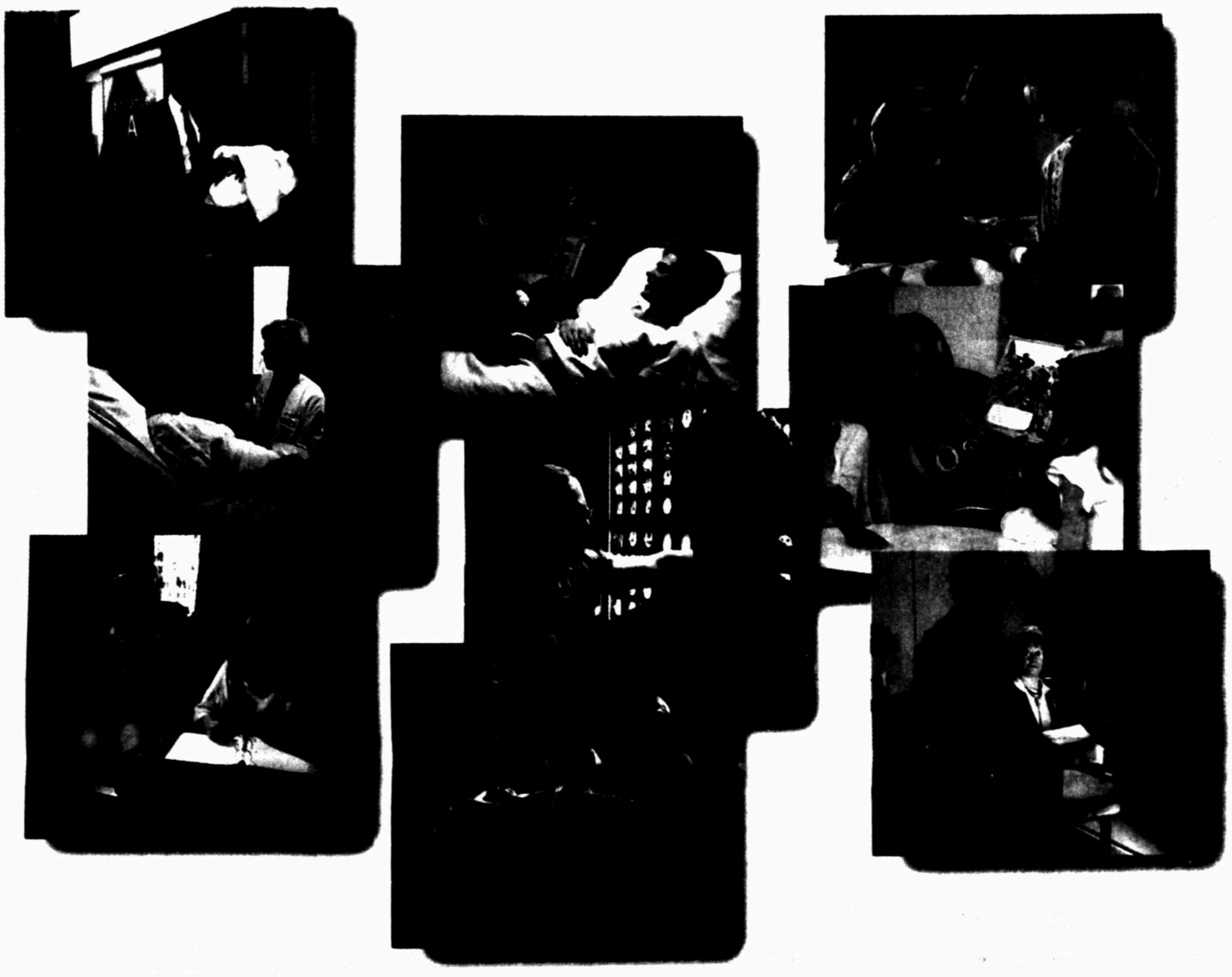
SAND AND TINY FORESTS Still closer to home is the Monahans Sandhills State Park, just off I-20 between Odessa and Monahans, where the shape and size of the landscape changes from moment to moment. Take a sand surfboard, or rent one at park headquarters. But watch your step—you may be treading on one of the park's thousands of scrub oak trees, most growing to a height of two inches to two feet, which make up the largest tiny forest in the U.S.

TAKE TO THE AIR You can also test the friendly skies first hand — or maybe headfirst. Skydivers, or would-be skydivers, gather at the Stanton Municipal Airport every weekend around ten, and jump. For more information, call 684-JUMP.

STAY WITH THE PLANE Midlanders preferring to stay in the plane until it lands, can take advantage of the more than 50 flights per day out of Midland International Airport (MAF in airline terminology) to take long weekends or vacations in Las Vegas, San Antonio, Disneyland, or Dallas or some other such vacationland.

STAY AT HOME, PLAY AT HOME There are those, however, who prefer to have their recreation come to them. In Midland, you can have it both ways. The Midland Chamber of Commerce calendar lists several major spectacles, sporting and art events each month that bring visitors to town. Here's a sampling of some of the favorites. a more complete list, contact the Midland Chamber.

March 1: Permian Basin Doll Artisans 10th Annual Show March 13: Midland Community Concerts features Sherry Overholt, soprano and Lee Velta, baritone. April 5: Larry Logan's Harmonica Magic with Midland/Odessa Symphony & Chorale April 12: Open cockpit day at the Confederate Air Force at the American Airpower Museum. April 13: Opera and More in the Park at Midland Center May 2-4 Cinco de Mayo Interna' nal Soccer Tournament May 3: Cinco de Mayo Parade May 16-18: Celebration of the Arts, with dance and music performances, fun run, art and craft exhibits, foods. June 1-8: Ranch rodeo, Midland County Exhibit Building Every Thursday in June/July: Summer in the City, with various performances, activities and foods, downtown. Summer Sundays: Lawn concerts on the grounds at Museum of the Southwest August 15: Big Band Gala of Midland/Odessa Symphony & Chorale August 22-23: McLaren Comedy Competition Festival August 23: Round Ball Classic Volley Ball Tournament September 5-7: Septemberfest, Arts, crafts, foods and entertainment at Museum of the Southwest October 4-5: Confederate Air Force Airsho 97. A spectacular celebration of WWII aircraft in the air. October 25-26: Permian Basin Balloon Festival. November 1: Cub Scout Pushmobile Race. November 20-23: Festival of Trees. December 1: Side Street Strutters for Community Concerts.



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Doctors join forces to keep costs down, assure quality

By Eileen Wilks

People are worried about health care. As the bulge in America's population made by the baby boomers slides into middle age, many people are questioning the cost, the quality, even the goals of America's health-care system. How can costs be kept down? Should there be controls? How much government involvement do people want? What role will HMOs play?

On Jan. 1, 1996, 64 of Midland's physicians answered these questions in their own way by forming the Midland Odessa Medical Group.

"The marketplace has changed and is changing," said Dr. Shelton Viney, chairman of the group.

"Putting this group together allows us to maintain local control while providing top quality medical care."

A business' first year is always difficult and Dr. Viney talked about some of the problems they faced, what they've accomplished so far and what their goals are.

Group practices are common, but no one in the country had ever attempted to merge so many individual practices before, he said.

Viney said he's proud "that we exist at all. Imagine that you're in the oil business. Now imagine bringing together 64 independent oil operators and making a unit of them. That's what the physicians in this group have managed to do. They've become a unit."

The average attrition in a venture of this sort, Viney said, is 10 percent to 25 percent. Two of the group's 64 physicians chose to leave during the first year, but seven more have already been hired.

The doctors in MOM are as much employees as the nurses, receptionists, and other personnel, Viney said. The collective practice is run by a management company created by MOM and headed by President Tyler Artz.

Many factors persuaded these doctors to join forces in record-setting numbers. They wanted to keep costs down for the patients and themselves. They wanted to create "one-stop shopping" for medical care in the two cities. But Viney's overriding concern is typically Texan: a stubborn insistence on independence.

HMOs are spreading across the country. The doctors belonging to MOM want local physicians to remain independent in their decision-making.

"The only advocate a patient has is his or her physician," Viney said.

"Insurance companies have to answer to stockholders. They have to respect the bottom line. Hospitals have to observe the bottom line, too. Physicians must keep the personal contact with patients."

The medical group practices what it preaches concerning the importance of choice. MOM doctors refer outside the group when appropriate; they consult and receive consults from doctors throughout the Midland-Odessa medical community, Viney said.

The advent of MOM last year sparked several other managed-care groups in the area, a fact that Viney regards as a sign of healthy competition.

Competition is one aspect of choice. The medical group favors competition and the availability of choice in hospital care, too.

The physicians in MOM don't expect to see their own costs go down for another two or three years, because of high start-up costs, but some patients may begin to see savings once the two centralized medical care buildings are ready.

The idea behind "one-stop" medical care is to gather a number of specialists and ancillary services, such as X-ray and laboratory services, in one place.

Ground-breaking is scheduled for the Odessa facility in about three months. The Midland buildings, on Cuthbert Avenue, will undergo extensive remodeling in July or September.

In the Permian Basin's future, Viney would like to see more emphasis on preventative care, with rewards given for good health habits. He hopes more companies will involve physicians in creating health plans for their employees.

"What we're about in Midland-Odessa is freedom. We believe in freedom of choice for the patient, for the physician. It's the basis of good health care."

Midland's hospitals provide latest technology

By Ellen Hopkins

Midland's medical community is constantly growing and changing, providing West Texans with the latest technology in a convenient and caring atmosphere. The city is home to two full service hospitals, two rehabilitation hospitals and a myriad of health clinics and medical service providers.

In addition, Medical Center Hospital, Odessa Regional Hospital and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Odessa, Martin County Hospital in Stanton and Permian General Hospital in Andrews are part of the area's health-care providers. Other hospitals are located in neighboring towns of Big Spring, Crane, Kermit, Lamesa, McCamey, Monahans, Rankin and Seminole.

Memorial Hospital and Medical Center was founded in 1947 and has undergone continuous change in its commitment to stay on the cutting edge of medical advancement. According to officials, the 335-bed complex, and 18-bed Emergency Department, has more than 150 physicians on staff providing medical care to the community while the hospital maintains a not-for-profit emphasis.

A full range of surgical services, including a dedicated cardiac operating room, catheterization laboratory and full staff of cardiac care specialists, are part of the hospital's HeartCare Program. New surgical suites, opening in late 1997, will continue Memorial's tradition of state-of-the-art services.

Radiology services, from diagnostic radioscopic and fluoroscopic X-ray to nuclear medicine, are available including magnetic resonance imaging.

A number of outpatient settings provide services such as The Community Health Care Center for Pediatric Services, which saw more than 25,000 patients during 1995. The Community Health Care Center for Women's Services provides prenatal care and Memorial's Family MedCenter provides preventive care to a previously under served segment of the population. Outpatient options also are offered at Memorial's Surgi-Care Center and at Diagnostic Imaging Associates.

Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital is a 30-bed inpatient and outpatient facility offering intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy. In addition, respiratory therapy, rehabilitative nursing, nutrition, clinical/neuro psychology, social work, recreational therapy among others are provided using an interdisciplinary team of professionals under the medical direction of a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist. Additional occupational and physical therapy are available at the Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion adjacent to the hospital.

Westwood Medical Center is a 101-bed private hospital with five operating rooms, three special-procedure rooms and a staff that includes more than 150 physicians representing more than 30 specialties. The facility also offers medically related retail space and is connected to the Medical Office Building.

Designed with the patient in mind, the 1995 opening of Westwood highlighted its "Hospitel" — a group of rooms designed for family convenience or for out-of-town patients needing a place to stay the night before a scheduled surgery.

The hospital's Same Day Surgery Unit has 12 private rooms and the Inpatient Surgical Unit has 27 beds, including seven private rooms that overlook the hospital's skylighted mall.

The Birthplace contains seven

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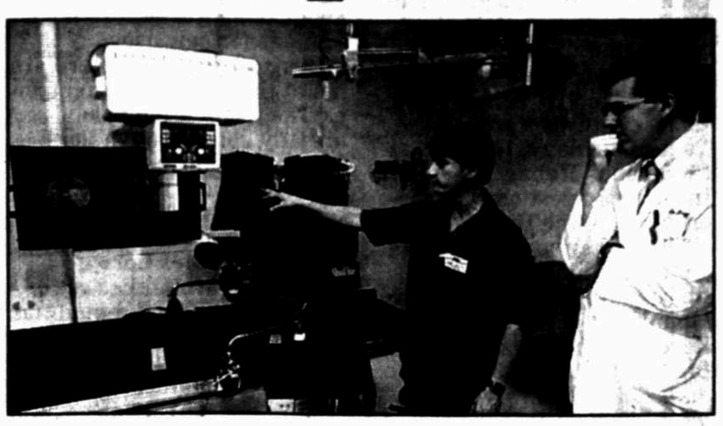
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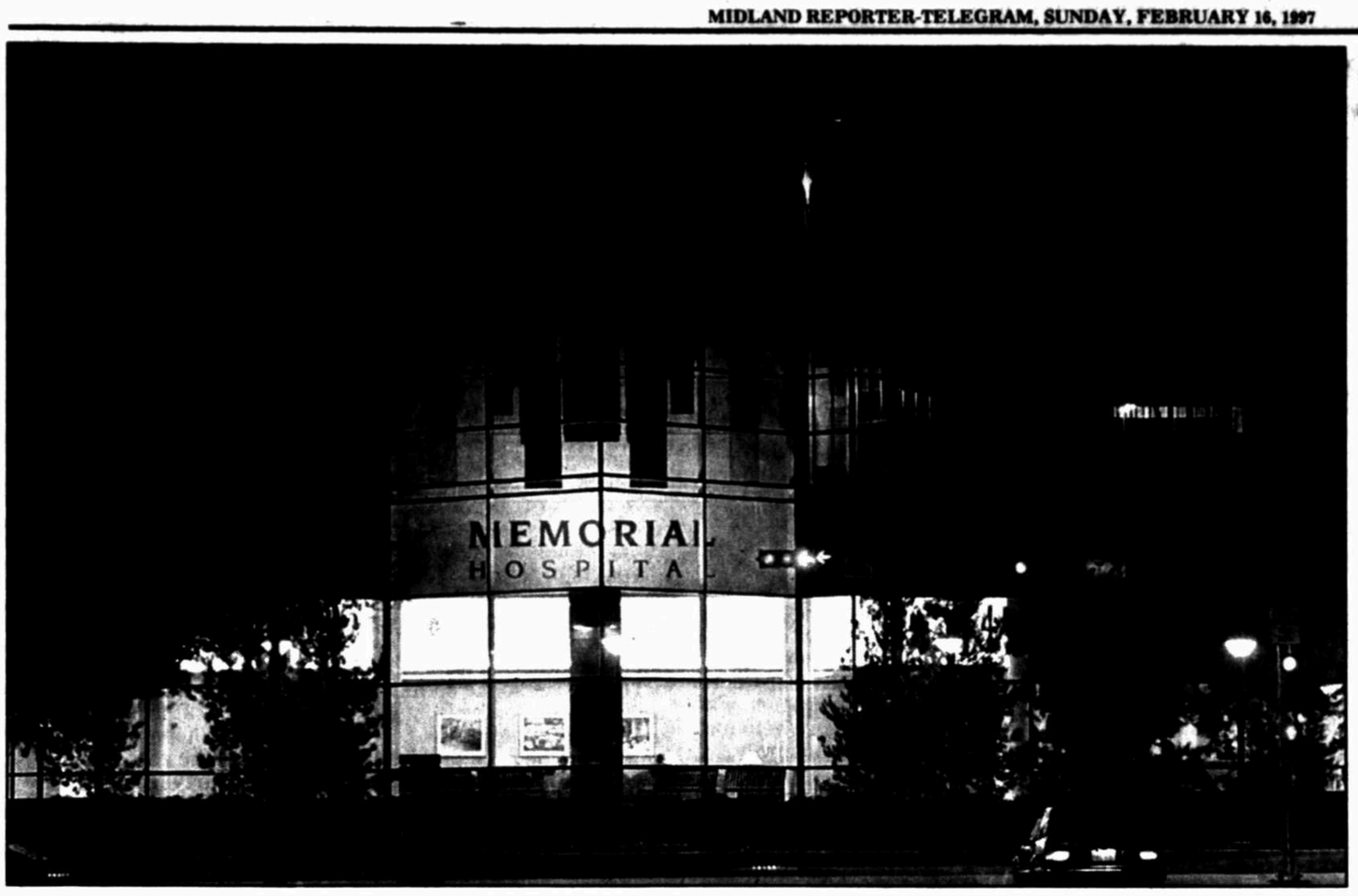
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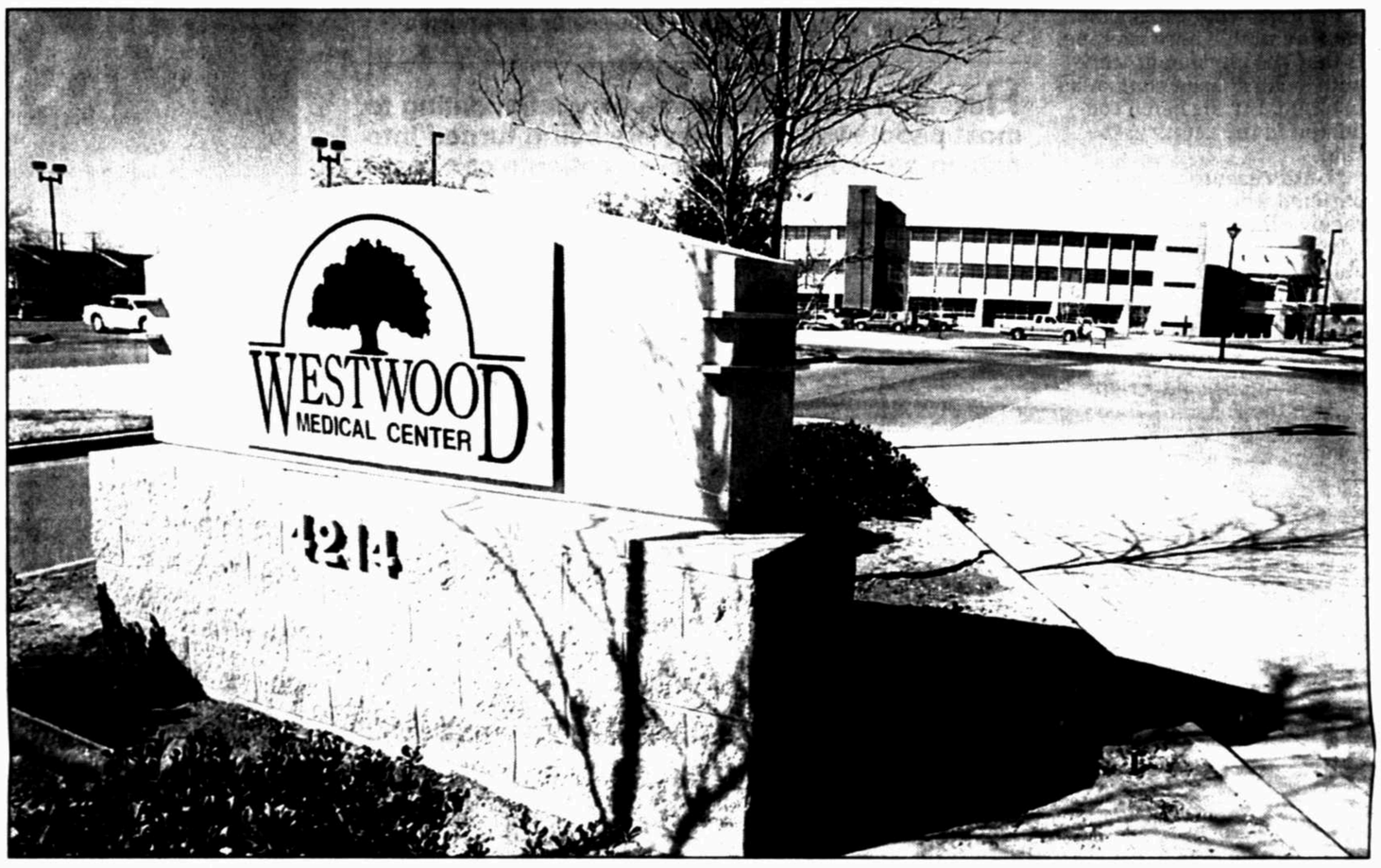


At left is the front of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Below is a look at Westwood Medical Center. Above, a radiologic technologist at Memorial shows off machinery in the cystoscopy room. At left top to bottom, sightseers line up to tour one of the ambulances that Memorial Hospital purchased with donations from the hospital auxiliary. They also peer into one of the new ambulances. At bottom is a look at a heart by-pass.



Photo at top right by Brian Adamcik

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CARE: Midland's medical community is constantly growing to meet needs

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labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms, along with seven private postpartum rooms and two surgical delivery suites. The Birthplace cares for patients beginning with prenatal classes and continues through delivery to a follow-up home visit by one of the nursing staff.

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is equipped with a computer-linked continuous monitoring system for patients in ICU. It also allows remote monitoring of up to eight patients outside of ICU.

Westwood's outpatient departments provide inpatient services as well. The Imaging Center provides mammography, X-ray, CT scanning, nuclear medicine and angiography. The Cardiopulmonary Department specializes in heart and lung testing and treatment, and the Physical Therapy Department cares for ailments from wounds to rehabilitation.

Nurses, therapists, dietitians and others comprise Westwood's Home Health Department bringing health care to the home setting. In addition, PromptCare is a 24-hour a day diagnosis and treatment center located in the Medical Office Building.

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Cancer patients can get advanced treatment programs at Allison Cancer Center

By Vidya Srinivas

When it opened in 1979 with funds from a generous endowment, it was a modest facility to take care of cancer patients. Today, the Allison Cancer Center has grown into full-scale cancer treatment center that offers area residents comprehensive care at home.

The center is a part of Texas Oncology, PA and Physicians Reliance Network Inc., the largest oncology provider in the United States.

The center serves the Midland community as well as surrounding areas including, Monahans, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Andrews, Lamesa, Big Spring. Among the more than 2,000 patients who visit the Allison Cancer Center each month, some come from as far off as Hobbs and Lovington, New Mexico.

The treatment offered at the Allison Cancer Center compares with that of any large cancer treatment facility in the country, said Shelly Porsch, the special projects coordinator.

Perhaps what makes the care available here exciting, is that the physicians work with several drug companies in clinical trials being conducted in the country, she said.

"Until recently, cancer patients who wanted to receive the newest and most advanced treatments available had to seek care in a major metropolitan city."

Now, thanks to these trials, patients get the benefit of some of the most advanced treatment programs right here in the Permian Basin, she said.

The new drug therapies made available because of the trials are not only beneficial to the patients who come here, but they have a broader impact on the treatment of cancer. The research provides data to the FDA that it needs to approve these medications for new uses.

Drug trials offered here are not at the basic research level. The medication has already gone through the experimental rats and petri dish stage, and its effects are ready to be studied on humans, said radiation oncologist, Dr. James Corwin.

"The research takes established situations and modifies them. You're adding new drugs, while comparing one regimen to another."

This helps physicians establish which drug works better in a certain situation, he said.

Research protocols can be very intimidating to most people who fear they are being turned into human guinea pigs. However, patients can rest assured they are not being forced into a program against their wishes, Corwin said.

These programs are offered to people who do not respond to standard treatments. Patients are screened by a research committee and are offered all the possible options available to them. With the help of the physician they decide whether or not they want to participate in the trial.

The patients' well-being is the primary concern here. "They are told the risks up front," Ms. Porsch said. "... if they are part of a clinical trial that does not improve their condition ... instead it gets worse, it is stopped immediately."

Allison Cancer Center is part of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, a national organization of health-care professionals whose primary goal is to improve cancer treatment through research. As a result, the center has access to the latest clinical trials and has been able to expand its program, she said.

The center has added a research nurse and research assistant to help keep tab on the studies being done.

To cope with the easy and larger accessibility to drugs, the center opened a pharmacy. Pharmacist Brad Stanford was added to the staff to mix drugs for chemotherapy. Previously, this function was performed by qualified nurses, who have now been relieved of this duty to take care of patients. The pharmacist also fills in prescriptions that center patients need.

Major cancer centers around the country treat more than just the disease and the Allison Cancer Center has extended its support system to include more help for the patient and his family.

A licensed social worker, Angela Peterson, facilitates several support groups and also works with patients on an individual basis. The center has introduced two new support groups — Caregivers for family members and friends who participate in patients' care, and For Men Only, a discussion group for male cancer patients.

Other support groups include Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group and a bone marrow transplant group. The "I Can Cope" class, aimed at newly diagnosed patients and their families, is offered three time a year. This free course, cosponsored by the American Cancer Society, provides participants practical information about cancer, its treatments, side-effects, feelings, intimacy, sexuality and social issues.

To help serve the community better the center is undergoing several structural changes. The need to establish a comprehensive care unit has brought medical oncologists, Drs. David Watkins and David Snyder, into the main building.

The facility is also connected to Midland Memorial Hospital through an indoor corridor, which gives both the patients and the physicians easy access to the facility.

The additions of the building presently in progress will increase the parking space which, Ms. Porsch promises, will be more than the present amount. A feature that will not be visible from the outside but will add a lot of cheer to the inside, are two courtyards. One will have a herb garden with a fountain donated by patients families. The other one is being turned into an area with bistro tables and chairs. The courtyards will provide a peaceful environment for patients' visitors and center staff.

Administrator Beth Ann Muehlbrad hopes every one who visits the center will utilize the courtyards, "to celebrate life, enjoy nature and relax under West Texas skies."

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By Johnnye Montgomery

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With the development of the loop, the list of franchises has expanded from fast food to the higher-end eateries we used to patronize in Dallas or Houston or such. Do the loop tour and you'll see the familiar outlines of Denney's, Red Lobster, On the Border, Black-Eyed Pea, Olive Garden, Outback, and Golden Corral, to mention a few, while throughout the town, there are a host of options both old and new, for the aficionada of Chinese, Tex-Mex, Cajun, German, Italian, barbecue, seafood and down-home specialties.

EYE-OPENERS

It all starts with breakfast. And the quickest way to find your preference is to follow your nose. No matter what part of town you're in, you'll be struck by the tantalizing scent of sausage, doughnuts, sweet breads and eggs every morning, wafting out from small family restaurants, fast-food places, doughnut shops, panaderias specializing in Mexican breads, breakfast franchises. From bagel shops, inviting you in, to grab a roadie, or if you have time, to sit and listen to the morning conversation.

There is much to be said for the standardization and quality control of franchises and chains, especially when it comes to food to start the day. Midland has a wealth of them, and they are easy to spot, all over town. But Midland also has homegrown restaurants where a big part of the fun of breakfast lies in getting to know the cook, the servers of food, and the folks at the table next to you. Here are a few:



Reporter-Telegram file photo
A family eats in the cafe at Barnes and Nobles on Loop 250.

THE SPOT — in the basement at 223 West Wall Street, is where the downtown crowd have come for years. Standard breakfast fare while you catch up on the news from the street.

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HONEY & MARY'S family restaurant, at 2907 N. Big Spring, Opens at 7 a.m. Pancakes a specialty, but southerners can get grits with their breakfast here.

THE BAR, 606 W. Missouri, is famous for prime rib — and oysters on the half-shell. A block from downtown, it's a favorite with the office crowd.

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BARBECUE

The taste is in the smoke, they say, and West Texas mesquite makes the world's best smoke. Midlanders appreciate their barbecuers and treat them with care. When a local city councilman who owns a barbecue restaurant was sidelined with a heart attack recently, the mayor, city manager and other dignitaries donned aprons and did their duty to keep the barbecue coming until the restauranteur was on his feet again. Here are a few of Midland's barbecue places:

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MR. BROOKS' BARBECUE, 501 E. Texas Avenue

JOHNNY'S BARBECUE BUFFET, 316 N. Big Spring

THE GRANADA CLUB & RESTAURANT, 3312 W. Wall Street.



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A waiter takes a tray out from the kitchen at The Black-Eyed Pea on Loop 250.

Mall adds tenants to meet growing demands of basin

By Tanya Gentry

The city of Midland is continuing to grow and meet the demands of its population. Last year several big chains opened stores in Midland Park Mall. Stores like Victoria's Secret, The Disney Store, and The Gap for both adults and children.

Will more big-name companies be joining them this year? According to Sylvia Hernandez, mall marketing director, the answer to that question is "yes."

"Our leasing personnel, both local and regional, are still working on some strong national tenants to come in," Ms. Hernandez said.

In addition, she said that two restaurants may be joining the eateries at the food court.

Victoria's Secret, one of the new stores, is a designer lingerie store. It also has a variety of bath gels, soaps, lotions and perfumes. Victoria's Secret has more than 700 stores across the country.

"I like the fact that we have a nice lingerie shop such as Victoria's Secret here in Midland, so I don't have to go all the way to Lubbock to find what I want," said shopper Mrs. Eddie Young.

The Disney Store is stocked with merchandise bearing images of the classic characters — Mickey, Minnie, Pooh and the gang. The store offers everything from key chains to jackets.

"The Disney store is a nice place to shop; it has a lot of good products; some of the products are pretty expensive, but some are somewhat reasonable," said shopper Lee Ann Hanson.

The Gap, both for kids and adults, offers a wide variety of casual clothing that can be worn for work or play.

"The staff at the Gap is friendly and ready to help; their dressing rooms are clean and all their merchandise is neatly stacked," said Erika Rougeaux.

The mall also has added three other stores: Trade Secret, Freidman's Jewelry, and Bath and Body Works.

With more than 60 stores, 15 food services, and 13 other services, the mall has something for everyone, from greeting cards to cellular phones. There is shopping for the entire family.

Ms. Hernandez said that having a mall in this area is very important because it gives the local community a place to shop that they are pleased with.

Midland Park Mall "has a strong combination of traditional tenants that have always been here, as well as local stores. Plus, we have added some strong national tenants that have helped to create a special draw to the mall and to keep Midlanders shopping in the basin, vs. taking a two-hour drive or an hour hop on the plane," she said.

It creates a sense of pride for the local management team because they like hearing people say they love the mall and don't have to go to Lubbock anymore, she said.

She said they hope to continue to work with the community and to host community events, and have people take advantage of the many mall uses. She said they also would like to continue to add new stores and enhance their selections.

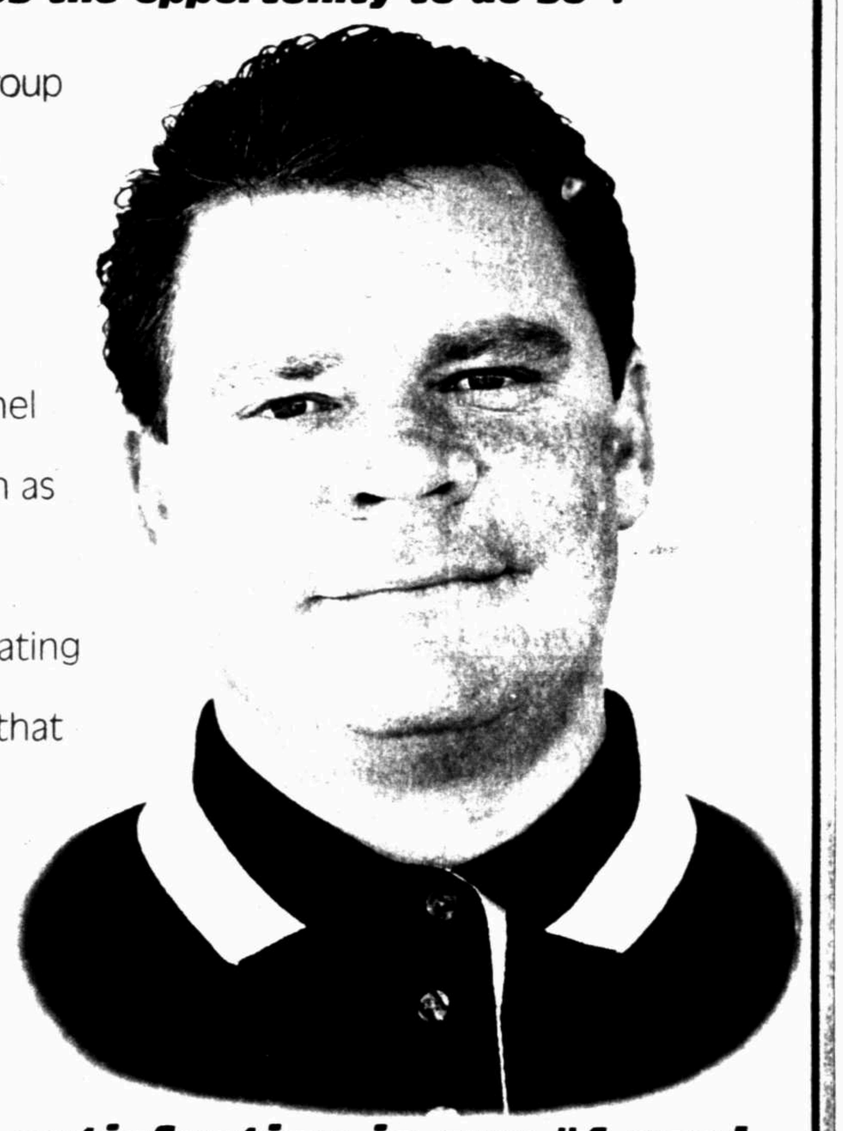
"We plan to have different contests each month providing the customer with an opportunity to win something so they will feel Midland Park Mall is a good place to shop," she said.

The mall has worked with Midland Travel and Midland Fitness center in the past to give customers a chance to win trips and exercise equipment. Ms. Hernandez said she also hopes to work with the Midland Angels again this year.

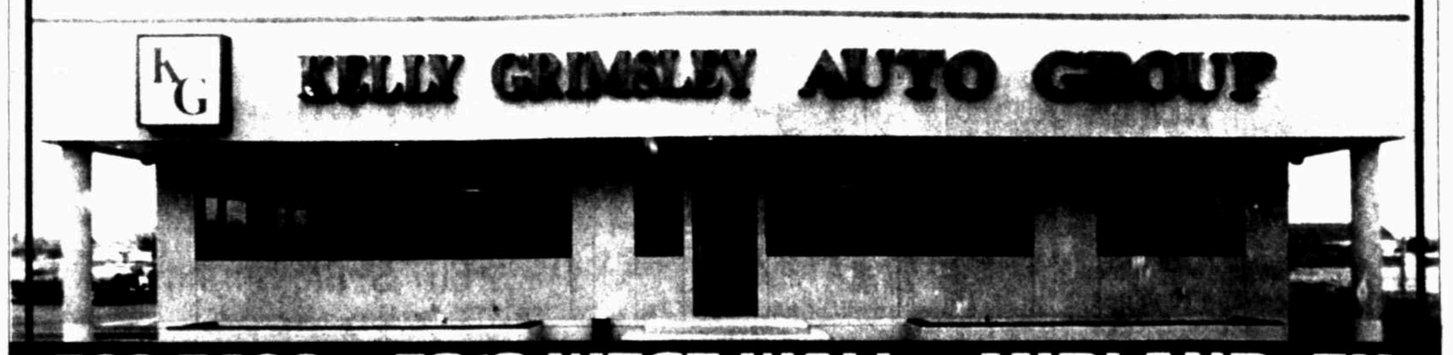
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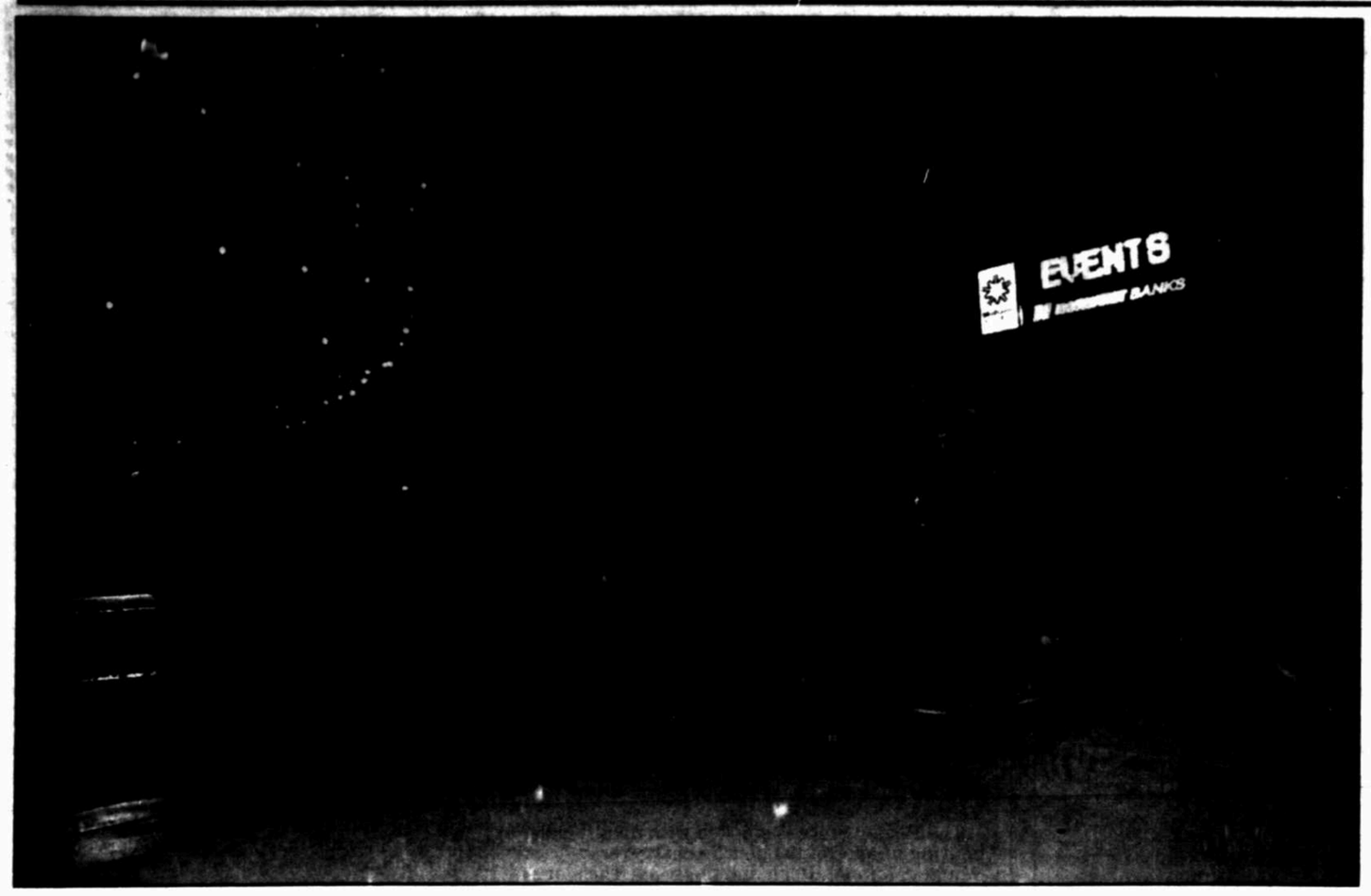
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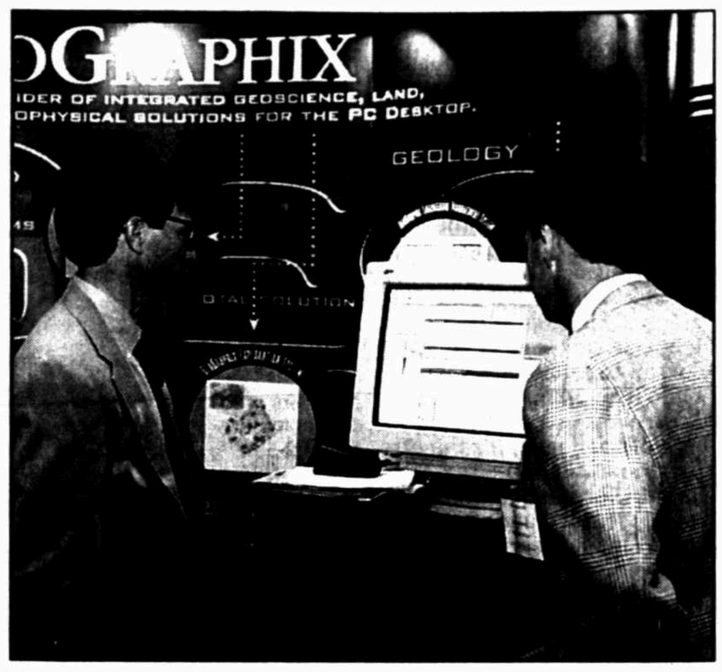


Working with visitors

At left is the Midland Center, where many city activities and conventions are held. Below is an oil and gas convention and at bottom is the Hilton where conventions are held and many visitors stay. At bottom left is a geological convention.

Photos below and at bottom left by Tim Fischer

Photos at left and at bottom by Curt Wilcott



Chamber bureau works with visitors, brings conventions, sporting events to Midland

By Lana Cunningham

Where can I eat? What can I do? And where can I shop?

These are the three most-often asked questions by a tourist anywhere or by new residents unfamiliar with their surroundings.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau hears them more than once a day, and they're ready with answers. For their fiscal year 1995-96, which runs Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, the bureau received 45,021 requests for just such information about Midland.

"These are people who have called us or mailed in a request card. They specifically want information on the city," said Shura Lindgren, director of conventions/visitor development for the chamber.

This is only a small function of the department that works to attract conventions and sporting events to the Tall City. In the past few years, this bureau has played a major role in successfully building Midland as a convention city or a major stop on the road of athletic tournaments.

"We can provide more reasonable rates and personal service," said Ms. Lindgren of Midland as a convention site. "If you're going to a large city and you're one in 300 conventions, what are you going to get as compared to Midland where

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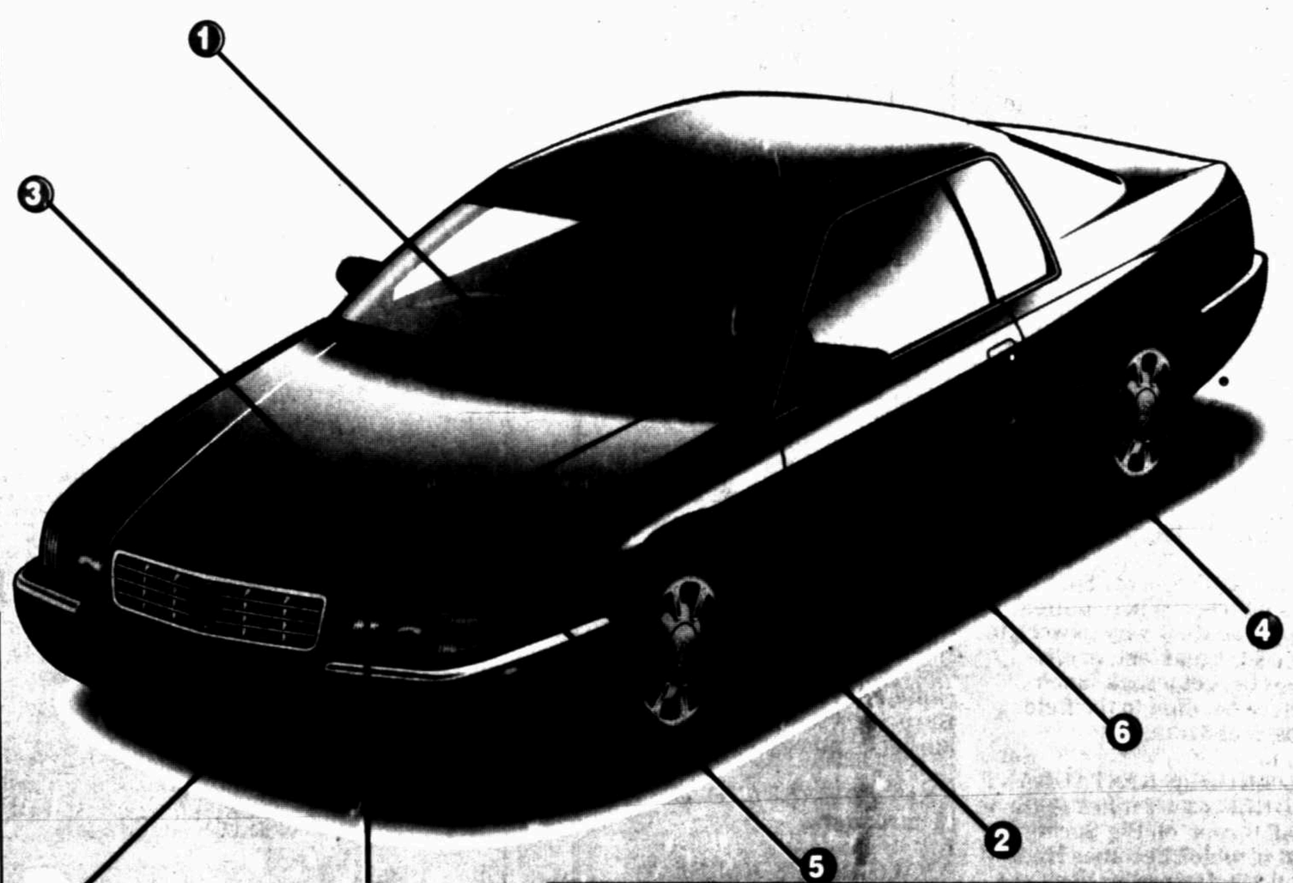
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BUREAU: Chamber organization brings conventions to city

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you're only one in 50 conventions. People who have come here for conventions say they liked the hospitality here and the willingness of volunteers to go the extra mile."

For the chamber's 1995-96 fiscal year, conventions brought in 21,828 delegates who spent 23,691 nights. Claiming that each delegate night translates into an average spending of $105 per night, this multiplies into $5,620,710 left in Midland, according to Ms. Lindgren.

This figure doesn't include any of the 45,000 people who requested information on Midland and spent a night or two here on vacation while on their way elsewhere, she said.

Working out details of conventions and answering delegates' demands is Linda Brown, convention services manager. And it can mean finding the unusual.

"I have set up shopping tours, antique tours, tours of the city, museum tours and even an ostrich ranch tour," she said.

Every convention can have its trying moments. She's had to locate a large water-cooled fan to cool the air at Centennial Plaza for an outdoors event at one convention. And there was the time she had to make sure a large dinner being held in the middle of summer in an un-air conditioned airplane hangar was a success. "We had a dance band and everyone had a ball," she said.

Among the larger conventions held during 1996 were the Texas City Managers Conference, Texas Association of State and County Office Employees, National Association of Postmasters, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Texas Federation of Insurance Women, the 452nd Bomb Squad Reunion and the Texas Citizen Police Academy.

Athletic organizations are coming to Midland in increasing numbers for regional and state tournaments. And the numbers of people they bring are growing. For example, said Ms. Lindgren, the 14-Under Girls Softball tournament brought 73 teams to the city, consisting of about 18 members per team. And that's not counting the family members who trekked here to cheer their team. Working to attract more sporting events and handling details for the events is Nancy Swallow, sports coordinator for the chamber.

"These are as important to us as a convention," Ms. Lindgren said.

But back to the questions of where to shop, where to eat and what to do.

Many convention-goers and sports-players stay at places like The Midland Hilton, Holiday Inn Country Villa, Plaza Inn, La Quinta, Ramada Inn, Lexington Suites, or the recently opened Fairfield Inn on Loop 250.

The answer to "where to eat" is lengthy and depends on a person's appetite and taste. Loop 250 is home to numerous chain restaurants such as Olive Garden, Black-Eyed Pea, Outback, Red Lobster and On The Border. Then there are longtime well-known local eateries, such as Luigi's and La Bodega. For those who prefer a "warmth" to their food, there's the Cajun "Jazz" restaurant. For a more worldly taste, Midland boasts several Chinese restaurants. And for people with little time on their hands, the city is covered with fast-food stops.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Members of Midland chamber's M-Squad show off Midland to visitors with the "hold-up" program. Motorists who are selected are treated to a night's lodging, dinner and entertainment.

For the question of "fun," a tourist can try any of the city's museums, Midland Community Theatre, movie theaters or golf courses.

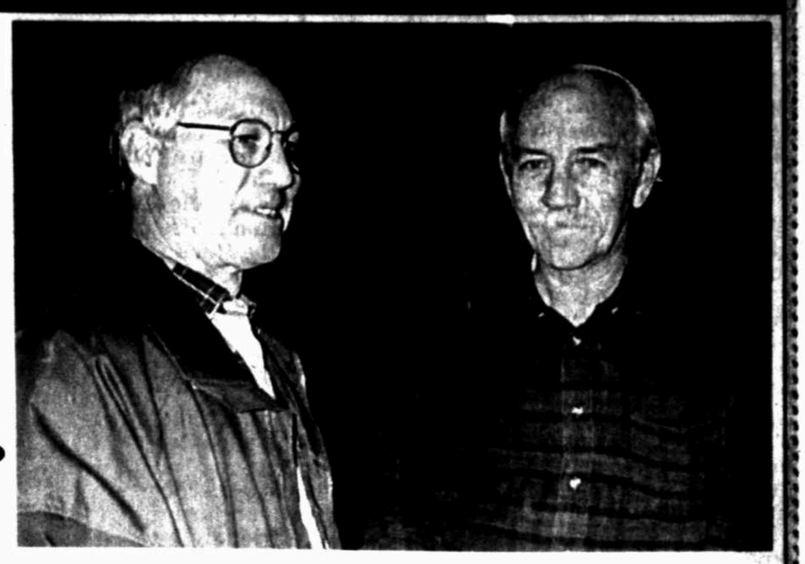
And as for the shopping question, well, there's any number of stores along Loop 250. But shoppers may want to try some local stores, such as Ivy Cottage, Expressions, Wild Birds Unlimited, Antiques, Etc., Miss Olsen's Coffee and Bookstore and The Cat's Meow. The list goes on and on, depending upon the shopper's preferences.

And that's where the Convention and Visitors' Bureau comes in, helping delegates and tourists find the right store, restaurant or sightseeing stop.

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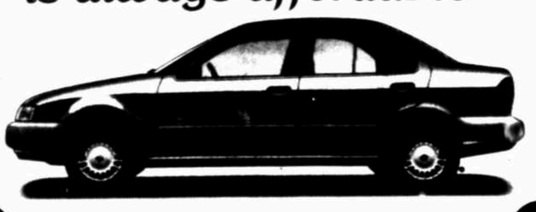
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Car dealers optimistic with many new models in 1997

By Nancy Calhoun

New car sales throughout the Permian Basin are supported by the retail boom going on in the area, according to Neil Florer, president of Midland New Car and Truck Dealers Association, and vice president of Rogers Ford.

"I look for business to be as good as in '96," Florer said. "If the price of oil holds, business will stay good."

The unemployment rate is "lower than it's been in years," according to Jack Sherman, president of Jack Sherman Chevrolet Geo Buick Mazda.

Large companies moving into the region are causing positive growth. The new airport terminal and new businesses promote buyer confidence, Sherman said. "Midland is becoming the hub city of the whole Permian Basin."

"Business is getting better and better and better and better," said C. D. Smith, general manager of Village Lincoln-Mercury Dodge.

"EVERYBODY'S GOT such a positive attitude, it's unreal." Since his arrival here in 1993, Smith has seen business in a constant upward trend. "We've just forged ahead ever since the first day," Smith said.

Retail expansion has created jobs throughout the basin, according to Jed Heard, general manager of Berg Motor Co. Along with the new jobs, a mini-boom in the oil business makes the outlook for the automobile and truck business "as bright as it's been in a number of years," Heard said.

The new car business always runs through cycles, according to David Lewis, general manager of Dotson Nissan. However, Lewis said, "business is always on an increase."

This month will start bringing an upward trend for the entire year, said Jim Martin, general manager of Friendly Pontiac Chrysler Plymouth.

The Permian Basin is good new-car territory, according to Martin. People here like to drive new vehicles, and Martin thinks they buy them more often than in other places.

JAY HORN, general sales manager of Toyota of Midland, reports record sales for the last three years, and "we anticipate doing it again this year."

Florer said that for 1996, as compared to 1995, there was a sales increase of more than 7 percent for Midland and Ector counties, or more than 800 new car and truck registrations.

In addition, "late model used cars are doing real good; trucks are outstanding," Florer said.

Last year, used vehicles sold by new-car dealers in Midland and Ector counties were up by more than 10 percent over 1995, Florer said.

The positive attitude toward the regional economy is not the only factor in the upswing in sales of new vehicles.

New models such as the Ford Expedition are "doing wonders," Florer said.

The Buick Park Avenue and Regal, the Chevrolet Malibu, as well as some Mazda models are new for 1997, Sherman said. New car prices have held steady without a substantial increase, according to Sherman.

WITH NATIONAL promotion of the new Mercury Mountaineer, "it will sell," Smith said. Other new models include the four-door Dodge minivan, the all-new 1997 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, and the new sports car from Hyundai named the Tiburon, Smith said. "We also sell a lot of program cars," Smith said.

Mike Britt, owner of Britt Mercedes-Benz Volvo, reported four new Mercedes-Benz models for 1997, including a new two-seat roadster and, coming this fall, a utility vehicle called the AAV that will retail in the $33,000 price range.

"It will make a big difference in our ability to offer alternative transportation" to families with children, Britt said.

The new Pontiac Grand Prix is "exciting," Martin said. "We can't get enough of them."

NEW FOUR-DOOR minivans from Pontiac and Chrysler-Plymouth are doing well, Martin said.

The No. 1 new vehicle at Performance Honda Isuzu Jeep-Eagle is the Honda CRV, a small sport utility vehicle that was available Saturday, according to Keith Mason, general manager.

The Jeep Cherokee and Wrangler are all-new for 1997, Mason said, with totally new suspension and a "more car-like ride."

Still able to traverse terrain, the new Jeeps are "more people-friendly," Mason said.

Nissan will introduce new models in its 1998 line later this year, according to Lewis.

Toyota will continue in the minivan line with the Sienna, to be introduced in August or September, according to Horn. A new convertible Paseo should prove popular, Horn said.

In the truck line, a new full-size V8 truck, to be built at a new plant in Indiana, will introduce Toyota "into the large truck market," Horn said.

"A TOTAL departure from previous Cadillacs," is the way Heard described the new Catera. "It's really a world-class car."

Sports utility enthusiasts will welcome the new Mitsubishi Montero sport utility vehicle, Heard said.

The recreational vehicle market in the Midland area includes Bo's RV, which moved to a new, larger location in November. An open house is scheduled for March 7-9, according to Ron Foote, sales manager.

"Things are brisk," said Foote. The new Kit Patio Hauler contains a 10- foot cargo area that becomes a screened-in patio, Foote said.

Robert Fowler, service manager of Blakely RV Complex, said, "the next four to five years are really going to be good for the RV business."

Three-fourths of Blakely's business is from return buyers, according to Fowler. "It's going to be a steady advance," Fowler said. "There's a new surge of buyers coming in."

"Most customers have been exposed to RVs before," Foote said. "They're fine folks to deal with."

NEW SAFETY and convenience features create interest, according to Fowler. Water heaters and appliances that turn on with a switch are extremely practical, Fowler said, as well as a new CO2 alarm that enhances safety.

Foote compared the RV buying experience to purchasing a home. "You buy what you fall in love with," Foote said.

RVing is a great family thing to do, helping keep families together. "Even grandma and grandpa can get involved," Foote said.

New vehicle customers in general have more knowledge today than ever. "People are more aware of safety features of a car," Martin said.

Access to automobile manufacturers' sites on the Internet, television commercials, and print advertisements all contribute to this knowledge, according to Horn. More buyers today have done research before they buy. Armed with facts, "they want all they can get for the money," Horn said.

Manufacturers pay attention to what people want, and many more feature packages are now available. "Customers today can buy more than they expected for what they're willing to spend," Smith said.

"MOST OF the people who come in are looking for dependability and reliability and resale value," Mason said.

But each customer is different, Heard said. Because of recent concerns over air bags, safety is not the prime concern of buyers today.

Every dealer in the area provides some kind of alternative financing, according to Florer. Available programs include Ford's Red Carpet option and General Motors' Smart Buy. Incentives range to as much as a $3,400 customer rebate on a Lincoln Mark 8 and $3,000 rebate on a Chrysler LHS.

"About 60 percent of new car customers are choosing alternative financing," Mason said.

Every dealer is charged the same price, and shipping charges are the same whether in Detroit or Midland. "A car costs what it costs," Florer said. "People who go to Dallas and claim to have saved thousands are mistaken. It's a myth."

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THE QUALITY of domestic makes has improved in recent years, according to Sherman. New innovative features provide "real value for buyers today," Sherman said.

"Everything is state of the art," Smith agreed. "I'm thrilled, more excited than I've ever been."

Florer summed it all up. "Just generally, we're optimistic."



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Midland boasts wide range of culture

By Johnnye Montgomery

Midland's cultural facilities include a symphony and chorale office and rehearsal building, a professional theater complex, five county, college and special-focus libraries, six museums and a planetarium. World War II aircraft roar through the skies at the Confederate Air Force AirSho. Theater performers dance through the streets during Summer in the City. Murals painted on the sides of buildings shout their color to the streets. And oil derricks tower above the houses built to document their beginnings, with the wind echoing the sounds they made in their glory days.



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Missoula Children's Theater director leads students through a rehearsal at Yucca Theatre.

THE ARTS

The Midland Arts Assembly oversees practically every visual and performing arts group in the city, keeping a calendar of events, administering sub-grants, and in general acting as housekeeper and traffic director for the various arts groups in order to free them for more creative enterprises.

The assembly also stages celebrations and does various outreach projects, such as CityArt, building-side murals done by volunteers who work under the direction of artists and designers.

Anybody can paint; all you have to do is sign up and show up, and you can be a part of the graffiti solution, according to an assembly spokeswoman. Another outreach project is KidsAct, a series of short acting classes offered free to children who want to be a part of productions staged at the annual Celebration of the Arts festival held downtown every May.

MUSIC AND DANCE

When it comes to music, Midlanders like it all. There are four jazz societies in town; a folk music society, harpist society, organist society, the Midland Community Concerts, Midland Opera Theater and dozens of bands playing everything from blues to country and western. They also dance. More than 100 members of the Midland Festival Ballet either dance or work behind the scenes to produce the traditional Nutcracker Ballet with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale each year. Midlanders enjoy local Mexican Folk dancers, Hindu dancers, and other non-professional groups as well as professional ballets, brought in by Ballet Midland.

Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale

The 65-member Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale plays alternately at Midland and Odessa. There are 80 to 100 voices in the Chorale.

During the concert season, the symphony performs to more than 30,000 listeners in the Midland/Odessa area, in addition to providing youth concerts for Midland and Odessa schools. The Everest (string) Quartet and the Lone Star Brass Quintet play regular performances under the auspices of the symphony.

Midland Opera Theatre works closely with MOSC to bring opera theater performances to Midland. On April 13, MOT will present Opera & More in the Park at the Midland Center, and in September, the Santa Fe Opera, as a gift to the community.

Midland Community Theatre

Midland Community Theatre Inc. performs eight membership productions, two children's plays, one children's musical and other special productions each year as well as dance classes, theatre school, and adult workshops.

There is also the Summer Mummers, Midland's homegrown melodrama. Actors and backstage workers volunteers, under the direction of a full-time professional theatre staff.

With a membership of more than 4,500, MCT is one of the most respected community theatres in the country. Theatre Midland, MCT's present home, is a $3.8 million 45,000 square-foot facility with two theatres devoted to the performing arts. It serves as the teaching and laboratory facility for the theatre arts program at Midland College, incorporating all necessary facilities to serve both college and community with one complete program for theatre education and performance.

THE VISUAL ARTS

Midland Arts Association lists more than 200 member-artists; including sculptors, weavers, potters, photographers and painters in a variety of media.

Two artist cooperatives maintain galleries in Midland. There are major art shows, both juried and open, throughout the year at the cooperative galleries, Museum of the Southwest, Haley Library and Midland College. Local artists' work also hangs in Theatre Midland, as well as in banks and other buildings throughout the city.

Confederate Air Force and American Airpower Heritage Museum, is committed to preserving the memory of the men and women who built, serviced and flew the historic military aircraft from World War II. See nose art painted on the bombers before their forays into the battlefield. The museum has 33, cut out of planes at the end of the war, as they were about to be destroyed in a melting furnace.

The museum also houses the huge restoration area where volunteers from all over come to the museum to maintain the CAF's flying force of 140 planes known as the "Ghost Squadron."

The first weekend in October every year, the museum hosts AirSho, a spectacular festival of flight where re-enactments are staged overhead for thousands of visitors. AirSho'97 is slated for Oct. 4-5.

Museum of the Southwest collects and exhibits art and archaeology from the American southwest. An annual arts and crafts fair, Septemberfest, is held the weekend after Labor Day on the grounds of the museum. The museum hosts the Midland Arts Association Spring Show (juried) in March.

Adjoining is the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and Marian Blakemore Planetarium, one of the largest planetariums in Texas. Learn about history of astronomy, constellations, galaxies and black holes. Monthly star viewing is staged in the adjoining park.

At the Permian Basin Petroleum Museumfeel the ground shake with the force of a "well gone wild." Walk down through a magic corridor to the beginning of the oil industry.

Nita Stewart Haley Library houses more than 16,000 books, and relics of western exploration, early railroads, ranching, mining, petroleum, and politics. The library also contains one of the most extensive collections in the world on the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid. The library hosts the Haley Library Art Show and Sale in March, and the Southwest Impressionists Art Show and Sale in October.

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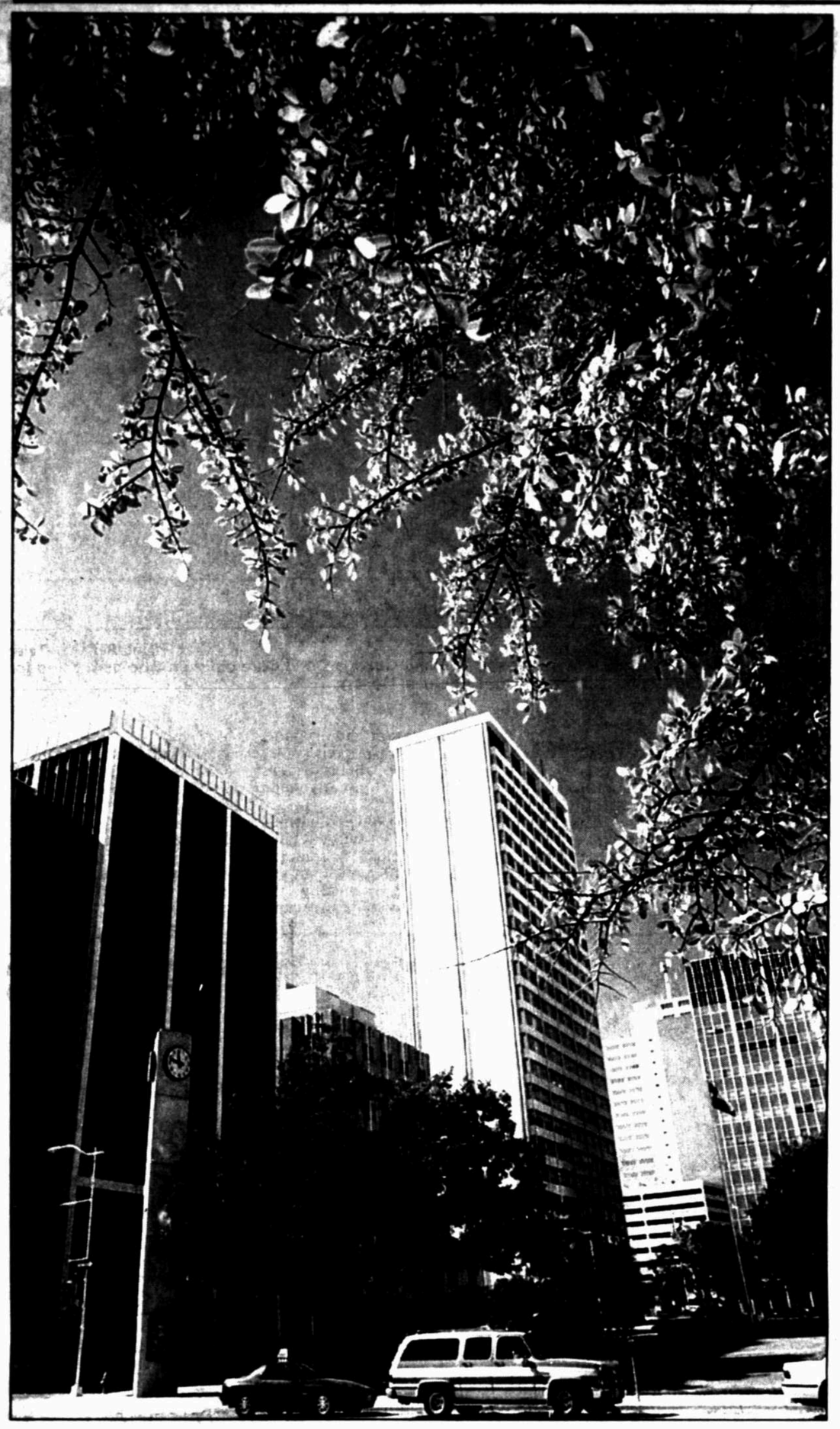
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Retirement Haven



At left is a shot of Midland in the early fall. The weather in Midland remains warm almost year-round. Below, Mission Adult Day Care center activities include dancing. At bottom, Manetta Hicathorne bangs out a tune on the piano as members of the Mission Adult Day Care dance.





Photos by Curt Wilcott

Midland has five attractions retirees look for

■ Affordable housing, low to moderate cost of living, variety of churches, safe place to live and excellent health care.

By Ellen Hopkins

Midlanders used to talk about the "snow birds" flocking to West Texas each year to spend the winter months. The talk has changed in the last 10 years to a more permanent type of relocation since the Midland/Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor (MOHRE) began aggressively promoting the area as a retirement haven. Thanks to MOHRE's efforts, winter Texans have moved south permanently and joined the quarter of a million population in the Midland/Odessa and surrounding community area.

More than 2,000 new "pension-elite" households have moved to the area since MOHRE's formation. These new residents have had a $38 million impact on the Midland economy and a more than $61 million impact on the local area economies. MOHRE continues to act as a liaison for retirees considering a move to the area and offers referrals on local housing options, area services, activities, dining and entertainment.

Midland is large enough to offer many amenities senior citizens desire, yet it is small enough to be safe and easy to navigate. Although many move to the area to be close to their families, Midland has the five attractions retirees look for affordable housing, low to moderate cost of living, variety of churches, safe place to live and excellent health care.

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RETIRE: Midland is safe place to live with plenty of activities for seniors

(From 22)

House and Polo Estates. Cimarron House opened in 1996 with licensed assisted living that includes meals, housekeeping and laundry service in its studio and one-bedroom apartments.

Polo Park Estates also has apartments where residents can opt for group meals or for private meals delivered to their rooms. Home cleaning and shopping transportation are available.

Other retirement communities in Midland include Manor Park, Trinity Towers, Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and The Red Rose Christian Home. Odessa offers Lincoln Tower, Mission Manor, The Parks Good Samaritan Retirement Village, Lois Owen Retirement Residences and Sherwood Place.

Residents choose a lifestyle that fits their experience or current activity levels. Some of the retirement homes offer frequent dances, exercise equipment, heated swimming pools and movies. Additional programs are offered at the local YMCAs and Community and Senior Centers.

Many apartment complexes within the city offer discounts to senior citizens, and some town homes and small single-family homes are geared for seniors through floor plans and location. Some military retirees relocating to Midland have invested in apartment complexes as a means to stay busy and to participate in the city's business climate.

COST OF LIVING

There is no state income tax in Texas and property taxes are lower for the 55+ age group. Midland's cost of living index is approximately 1 percent below the national average.

Retirees have moved to Midland from many parts of the world with a number of them from the West Coast where the cost of living is considerable higher. There are also military retirees from the Abilene and Lubbock areas who have made Midland their home.

VARIETY OF CHURCHES

Midland has a wide variety of churches, almost one church for every 1,000 people. Midland churches are known for available transportation to senior citizens who need rides to doctor appointments and such.

Among the religions represented are Assemblies of God, Baptist, Catholic, Charismatic, Christian, Christian Science, Church of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Church of the Nazarene, Episcopal, Full Gospel, Interdenominational, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Seventh-day Adventist and Unitarian.

SAFE PLACE TO LIVE

Quality law enforcement and wide streets add to Midland residents' sense of security. The area boasts a crime index of 76, which equates to a crime rate that is 24 percent less than the national average.

Midland has a divided loop circling the city, providing easy access to retail, restaurants and Midland Park Mall. Traffic flows efficiently throughout the city and "rush hour" jams are almost nonexistent. Interstate 20, Business Loop 20 and Highway 191 all connect with Odessa and lead to the airport.

HEALTH CARE

Midland and neighboring Odessa complement one another in the area of medical facilities. There are four major hospitals — two in each city — where all the needs of local residents are met. In addition, Odessa offers the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and West Texas Cancer Center; Midland is home to the Allison Cancer Center and two rehabilitation hospitals. Both cities have a number of cardiac surgeons and many private clinics where outpatient surgery and specialized treatment are provided.

MOHRE's acronym stands for health as well as retirement because the health initiative is part of retirement. The area's health care community is on a competitive level with other parts of the country.

Perfect weather

Midland/Odessa has a lot to offer from a year-round weather standpoint. The area enjoys clean air and well over 300 days a year that are bright and sunny.

The dry, semi-arid climate complements year-round outdoor activities. Many retirees choose the Midland area because of its climate and central location in the country.

Rainfall over the previous 30 years has averaged 14.96 inches a year. The median annual temperature is 63.3 degrees, with an average high of 77 degrees and an average low of 49.

Seasonal average temperatures
(an average of highs and lows)

Winter (Dec. - Feb.)	44.7 degrees
Spring (Mar. - May)	64.4 degrees
Summer (June - Aug.)	80.9 degrees
Fall (Sep. - Nov.)	63.4 degrees



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Lizzie Bailey of Hobbs, N.M., waves to Midland College Child Care children who performed for the seniors during Senior Citizen Day at Chaparral Center.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Hundreds of volunteers serve the Midland community through the local RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) where their skills and experience are matched to a variety of opportunities at local schools, non-profit agencies and health-care facilities. Here they serve as scout leaders, Reading Buddies, Red Cross emergency teams, Meals on Wheels drivers and Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

The Midland College Continuing Education Department curriculum is appealing to senior citizens interested in learning about flyfishing, gardening, computers, travel and a variety of arts and crafts.

Midland's museums offer exhibits ranging from historical photos to modern art, with hands-on participation available at a few. Local relaxation can be found in attending minor league baseball, symphony concerts, summer lawn concerts, polo matches and in planetarium star gazing.

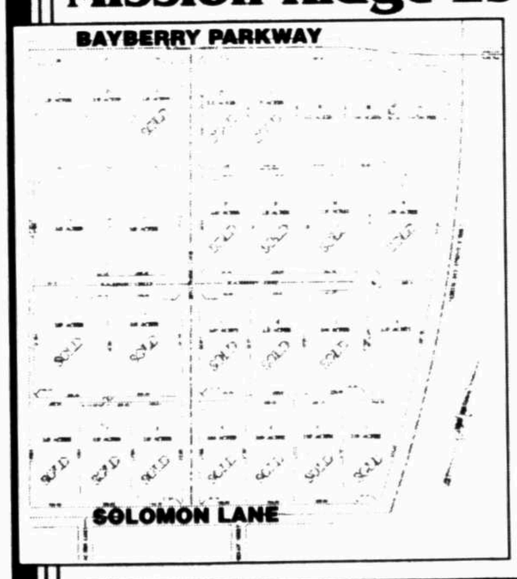

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Aquarium Technologies offers three options for hassle-free aquariums

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Betty Dodson and her son-in-law, Paul Hatfield, come to work at 3:30 in the morning to make bagels the old-fashioned way, by hand. They go from the doughbowl to the rising table to a dunk in a pot of boiling water, to the oven. When they open the doors at seven, the bagels are still coming out of the oven, moist, warm, and irresistible.

Bagels are catching on in all parts of Midland, Betty says. "Sales representatives order them to take around to customers, instead of doughnuts, and we have orders for trays of bagels for meetings," she says.

The Dodsons say that more and more employers, concerned with the health aspects of too much fat, have begun encouraging the changeover from doughnuts and sweet rolls to bagels.

A nutritionist has analyzed the Bagels and More bagels and found that a plain bagel weighs in at about 228 calories, with one gram of fat, or approximately seven fat calories.

They make special orders for people who call in ahead, and they're constantly experimenting with new flavors.

"We make a chocolate chip bagel that everybody loves, and here lately we've started making a strawberry-chocolate chip. People were uncertain about that one at first, but they've begun to order it a lot," she said.

Bagels and more offers breakfast fare, such as ham, bacon, and cream cheese. They also make bagel sandwiches for lunch. Bagels and More is located at 4343 W. Illinois, in Westwood Village Shopping Center at Illinois and Midland Drive, right across the street from the red-roofed KinderCare building. They open at seven and stay open through a late lunch hour, closing at three. Call 520-5671.



Owner Betty Dodson serves another happy customer an order from the large selection of tasty, healthy bagels available at Bagels and More, at 4343 W. Illinois. Betty also has sandwiches and beverages.

Sewing, crafting classes 'cream of the crop' at Betty's Bobbin Box

Betty's Bobbin Box - the name is fitting for the family-owned business brimming with sewing machines, fabrics, patterns, notions, the largest supply of sewing books in West Texas, and of course, sewing classes.

Owner Betty Reneau, a self-taught seamstress who worked for Singer for 12 years, opened Betty's Bobbin Box in 1993 and proceeded to open a second location in Cloth World in Midland in 1995, which only carries New Home/Janome sewing machines and notions.

She said the idea to open her own store came after she purchased a New Home Memory Craft 7000 sewing machine.

"I thought if I liked it, that well, someone else would also," Reneau said.

More than three years later, Betty's Bobbin Box still carries the New Home line of sewing machines exclusively.

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With this multi-featured machine all sewing functions are easy to access by simply touching the visual touch screen. One ongoing plan that has become the cornerstone of the business is to "keep our store unique," primarily through offering "the cream of the crop" sewing classes, Betty said.

Currently the business offers a variety of classes from beginning sewing and dress-making to more specialized classes such as quilting, heirloom sewing, smocking, pinweaving, silk ribbon embroidery, Jacket Jazz and numerous vest classes.

Betty's Bobbin Box is extremely fortunate to have a staff of top notch instructors conducting this wide range of classes.

Reneau stressed that Betty's Bobbin Box offers classes on all new techniques as well as instructional classes for those who purchase machines.

Students may bring their own sewing machines or they are welcome to use machines provided by Betty's Bobbin Box.

Betty and co-owner Caren keep up-to- date on the latest technology in sewing machines and notions by attending quilt markets, craft markets, trade shows and New Home Institute, where Betty's Bobbin Box was eighth in sales in the nation in 1995, and number 2 in 1996. They're pushing for number 1 this year.

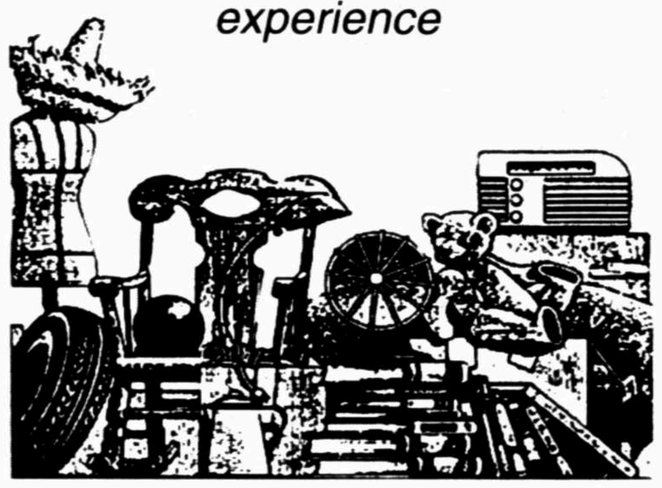
In addition to hosting guest speakers and classes, Betty's Bobbin Box stocks a variety of patterns including Kwik Sew, Burda, McCall's and McCall's Crafts patterns.

The shop specializes in cotton quilting fabric, specialty needles and a large supply of decorative threads.

Betty is continuing to expand both stores not only to increase inventory, but also to give teachers and students better equipped classrooms.

For information on classes now forming contact Betty's Bobbin Box at 915/550-0093, 2740 N. Grandview, Odessa, or Betty's Bobbin Box inside Cloth World at 915/520-7273, 1000 N. Midkiff in Midland.

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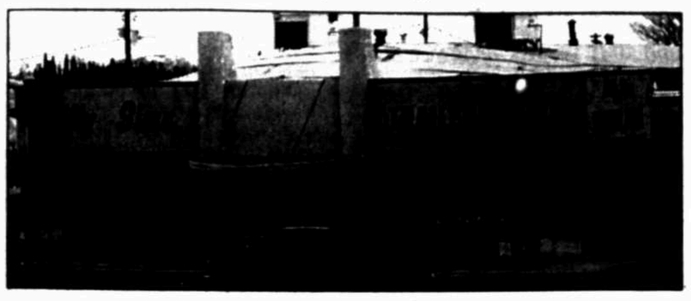


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At Billy Sims Trailer Town, if they can't service it, they don't sell it



Billy Sims Trailer Town marks the beginning of its 25th year in business this year by doing the same thing they've done so well since the beginning, giving superior service after the sale. And they have awards hanging on the wall to prove it.

Jackie Cason, co-owner with her husband, Allen, and partner Billy Sims of Lubbock, says they are grateful for the awards they've received over the years for sales - they hold a number of awards for being the top dealer in the nation - but the ones they like the best are for their service to customers.

"From the beginning, our motto was, If we can't service it, we don't sell it," says Jackie, "and we're very serious about that.

"Over the years, we've become a multi-generational dealer. We've sold RVs to families whose children bought RVs from us, and then recently, their grandchildren bought from us.

"One of the best things about this business is the people we meet," she added. And the people they meet often turn out to be such loyal customers that they come back from wherever they live to buy and to get service from Billy Sims.

In one such case, a couple from Hobbs was looking for an RV, and when the wife found what she wanted at Billy Sims, she had her husband call the Casons. They wrapped up the deal over the telephone, without the man ever seeing the vehicle, and when he came to pick it up, he commented on how fairly he felt he had been treated.

The years went by, and eventually the man and his wife moved to Arizona. And one day last week, the phone rang. You guessed it. It was the same man, calling from Arizona this time, wanting to make a deal on another travel trailer. He said there were dealers all over Arizona, but that Billy Sims in Odessa just felt like home. Once again, he bought the RV sight-unseen, and arranged to fly to Odessa to pick it up.

Jackie says a lot of people are confused about the term "recreational vehicle" or "RV".

"When someone says they're getting an RV, that can be anything from a pickup camper, a pop-up trailer, or a travel trailer, a fifth wheel, to a motor home.

"We carry everything but the pickup camper. We figure everybody has to start somewhere, and that's one reason we carry several brands.

It's just like going to an RV show when you come to our lot," she added. "And we have an indoor showroom for all our foldout trailers."

Jackie said the term "Mom and Pop" dealership bothers her, because often it's used to describe little hardscrabble places that offer few choices in RVs, and little or nothing in the way of service.

"But we handle five of the top six brands of RVs in the nation, and we're a mom-and-pop dealership."

Jackie and Allen deeply appreciate the relationships they've enjoyed with friends and customers over the years, and look forward to continuing.

"Whether you're looking for a new or used RV, or already own one and need parts or service, the folks at Billy Sims Trailer Town hope you'll give them an opportunity to serve you also," says Jackie.

Billy Sims Trailer Town is located at 520 E. 2nd Street in Odessa. Hours are 9-6 Monday through Friday, and 9-5 Saturday. Phone 580-3000.

Know your hearing aid company before purchasing

Since 1979, the Wallis-Villasenor family has been dedicated to serving the hearing needs of the Odessa-Midland area. Cut and Peggy Wallis obtained Beltone Hearing Aid Center in 1979 and operated the business with their daughter, Karen Villasenor, in a small office located at 402 East 7th. A year later, their son, Mike Wallis, joined the family business and became manager of the newly acquired Odessa Hearing Aid Center, a multi-line hearing aid office.

1982 brought the purchase of the building at 817 E. 7th in Odessa which became the home to both Beltone Hearing Aid Center and Odessa Hearing Aid Center. In 1983, Karen's husband, Josh Villasenor, relinquished his electrical contracting business and joined the hearing aid family. Midland and Big Spring Beltone offices were acquired in 1986, and Josh Villasenor became the manager of that area. In 1987, the family purchased the present building in Midland at 2002 W. Wall, and in 1989, the Big Spring office moved to a larger facility at 106 W. Marcy. Throughout the years, grandchildren, Joel , Lacy, Lori and Chrissy have even been involved in various projects in the business.

Since 1994, Lori Villasenor has worked part-time in bookkeeping and computer data input, and in March, 1996, Joel Villasenor joined the family business as a Hearing Instrument Specialist.

In a world where family-owned and operated companies are being swallowed by large corporations, and even non-locally owned and operated hearing aid companies come and go in our West Texas cities, the Wallis-Villasenor families are dedicated to the idea that we are responsible to care for our own West Texas residents and keep the finances in West Texas. "Why feed the Corpus Christi, Orange, Lubbock, Albuquerque, or Dallas economy when we can purchase the same or even a high quality product locally and likely get better service from West Texans," said Karen Villasenor.

For the past 18 years Beltone has conducted regular monthly service centers in Alpine, Andrews, Kermit, Fort Stockton, Monahans and Pecos as well as operating three full-time offices in Odessa, Midland and Big Spring.

In 1988, another family member, Jimmie Gilham, came on board, making five National Board-Certified hearing Instrument Specialists, three of whom are also Certified Audioprosthologists, and one other Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist to serve an area including 19 counties in West Texas.

The staff of Hearing Instrument Specialists added Susan Bennett to their ranks in 1991, Joel Villasenor in 1996, and Audiologist, Sally Reyes in 1997.

Curt Wallis is a past president for the Texas Hearing Aid Association and present Governor for the Southwest Region of the International Hearing Society.

Peggy Wallis is actively involved in the preschool ministry at her local church. For six years, Karen Villasenor served on the Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau, and was chairperson in 1994 as well as being actively involved in her local church ministry. Josh Villasenor is a leader in his local church and formerly served as Vice President for the American Council of Audio-prosthologists.

Mike Wallis has served on the Board of Directors for the American Council of Audioprosthologists and was elected President in 1995. Beltone has membership in both the Midland and Odessa Chambers of Commerce and participates in the Better Business Bureau Customer Care Program.

Beltone boasts an extensive product line of over 60 models, including the Invisa (TM), the Hidden Hearing Aid," Composer 2000 (TM) programmable hearing instruments, many canal hearing aid models, and numerous high-power behind-the-ear, in-the-ear, and canal instruments. Beltone's latest technological advance is "Comfort Signal Processing" or the CspII (TM) circuit which is designed to automatically adapt for hearing comfort as the hearing aid wearer moves from one listening environment to another. With CspII, "soft" sounds are amplified to a comfortable listening level set for the hearing aid wearer while "loud" sounds are given less amplification so they remain within the comfort range. In addition, the offices utilize state-of-the-art, computerized testing and analyzing equipment, sound-proof booths, Real-Ear Measurement, Video Otoscope, and Computer-Programmable Units.

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Lifetime Care included FREE service for the life of the hearing instruments, and that service can be obtained from Beltone's over 3300 service center locations throughout the United States, Canada, and 40 foreign countries. (Some fees may apply in other countries.)

The local Beltone organization is backed by another family-owned company, Beltone Electronics, which has been in business for over 55 years. At each Beltone office, the local staff, which includes hearing specialists and audiologist, Jeanette Compton,

Tina Park, Ann Alexander, Lori Villasenor, and Lacy Wallis are dedicated to helping each client hear their very best.

Karen Villasenor warned, "As a word of caution, the Beltone Hearing Aid Offices urge any person seeking help for their hearing to ask to see a CURRENT TEXAS LICENSE bearing the seal of Texas in the center and issued by the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, 1100 W 49th St., Austin, Texas 78756-3183. A license should be posted in the person's hearing aid office, and they should be carrying a "credit-card size" license on their person which contains their name, a license number, and an expiration date.

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Baldwin Electronics, owned and managed by Ray Baldwin, is located at 2003 Andrews Highway in Odessa. Phone 915/337-6701.

Antique collectibles: there's something for everybody

Dan Haller, who teaches a beginner's adult education course in antiques at Midland College, says the more educated antique buyers are, the better it is for the antique business.

"They have some idea of what things are, and why they're collectible or desirable, aside from the appearance of the pieces," said Mr. Haller, who also owns Antiques Etcetera, in Midland's Plaza Oaks shopping center. "Antiques tend to have a nostalgic attachment. They are very personal. Young customers are looking for things that ties memories to their grandparents—the furniture their grandparents had, or the accessories, or toys."

Mr. Haller's 11-year-old antique store houses the wares of 28 different dealers under one roof, with the dealers each coming in one day a week, and Mr. Haller and his assistant, Lisa, maintaining the continuity of a central cashier and information desk.

"This arrangement gives the dealers a little more freedom to come and go, and we're able to keep the store open seven days a week. Lisa and I each work six days a week," Mr. Haller said. They open the store on Sundays, when families are likely to come in.

"We've tried to broaden the range to appeal to everybody, and we want people to know that children are welcome here." He said men come in to see the old tools, the antique fishing equipment, and such, and they stay, and stay. "We keep a wide variety of price ranges and interesting pieces," said Mr. Haller. "I don't ever want to give anyone the impression antiques are just for people with money. There's something collectible for everybody."

Mr. Haller, who says he has owned and collected antiques all his life, bought Antiques Etc. six years ago, after precipitously retiring from a lifetime of 20 years spent in geology. "The company I worked for moved to Denver, and I wanted to stay in Midland. So I took on this six-day-a-week, 10-hour-a-day job, and it's never a strain.

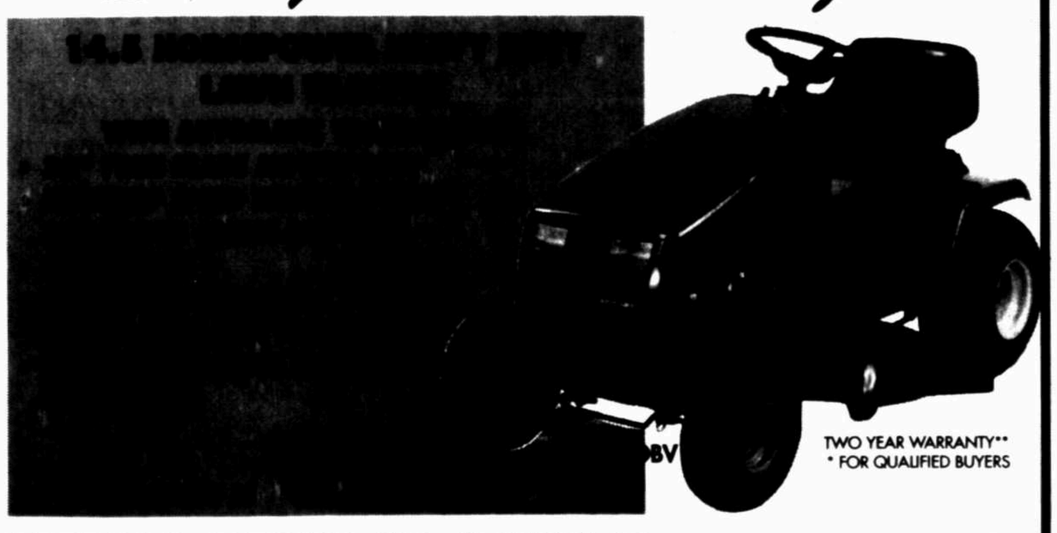
"I don't wear a tie. As the owner of the store, I need to know how pieces are loaded, and I often load them myself. You can't load furniture when you're wearing a tie." Mr. Haller said people often comment to him that they like to come into the store and hear laughter. "We have a good time with our customers," he said. He also said the mood of the store is relaxed and down-to-earth—that the store is not, and never will be, a shrine to the antiques.

"I think antiques ought to be lived with," he said. "There is some investment in them, but people buy pieces because they really like them. They know I care for them too, and I'm here to assist them whenever they need assistance. "We enjoy our time here, and we want our customers to enjoy it too."



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The Cat's Meow has just a little bit of everything

THE CAT'S MEOW, owned by Steven Porterfield.

The Cat's Meow is an estate sale service, a doll museum, and an antique shop with a "little bit of everything," says Steven Porterfield, owner.

Located at 408 Andrews Hwy, The Cat's Meow is filled with R. S. Prussia china, cut glass,heirloom quality furniture, quilts, vintage jewelry and "vintage clothes—dating back to the Civil War."

The Cat's Meow has the largest selection of red and white transfer ware in the area. At the Cat's Meow you can find the hard-to-find English decal pattern that is rolled out on sheets and cut and transferred onto the porcelain.

"We also have one of the largest selections of the blue and white transfer pattern."

As well as fine antique china, the Cat's Meow conducts estate sales. When liquidating the contents of a home, the staff at the Cat's Meow go into the home and completely clean it.

The usual charge for this service is twenty-five to thirty-five percent. But, "There are no hidden fees added," he said. Before a typical estate sale, every item in the house is priced.

"We dispose of anything embarrassing to the family before the estate sale begins." The first day, sale prices are firm—second day, twenty percent off—last day, half price. At the end of the day, the house is empty and clean. "The family can put the house on the market (for sale) the next day," he said.

Visa and Master Card are also available for the families convenience.

Thirty-six year old Porterfield had to work his way up in the antique business. The year he graduated from college and earned his music degree, the oil field went bust. "It was impossible to get a job in the teaching profession that year."

So, Porterfield started collecting antiques from a small space in exchange for working at the antique shop two days a week. Nine years ago, he and four partners put in a shop at Delwood

Mall with vintage clothing and jewelry. When Porterfield first bought the building he is in now, it

was an Antique Mall he shared with twelve. Now, as the sole owner, Porterfield takes his antiques on the road to out-of-town shows. He goes to Market in Dallas several times a month to keep current on popular antique trends. "Antiques are like clothing. You have to watch what is stylish."

According to Porterfield, this years most popular pieces are Chintz English China and old brocades and cut velvet for decorating.

Porterfield believes he has a "wonderful location," with more and more antique shops going in around him every day. Soon, "We will be like an Antique Alley." The Cat's Meow has five women employees who never collect a pay check, they only want to work in exchange for "merchandise."

Air Care has everything you need from full systems to maintenance

by Lee Thompson

When is the last time you changed the filter in your home's heating and air conditioning system? Air Care by Lee Thompson would like to remind you that regular maintenance is important to your unit's longevity and efficiency.

Lee offers sales, service and installation of heating and air conditioning systems, air filtration systems and humidifiers, along with duct decontamination. Air Care is mainly a Carrier dealer but the comport specialists at Air Care are qualified to service any brand.

Service and preventive maintenance go hand-in-hand. Air Care's Comfort Assurance Plan (CAP) is year-round maintenance for your system. Regular service is performed each spring and fall on heating and cooling units, including changing the air filter which Lee suggests homeowners do once a month.

Air Care's Diane Heart said the company ran a survey of 1996 service calls and compared those customers who subscribed to Air Care's Comfort Assurance Plan with those who did not. The results indicated that only two percent of CAP subscribers had major service calls of $200 or more compared to 14 percent of non-subscribers.

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"Even the Sahara Desert has a relative humidity of 25 percent," Diane said. "A humidifier helps eliminate a dry nose and throat as well as helping people who have dust allergies."

Call Air Care by Lee Thompson, 570-5265.

The psychology of color should affect your decorating

By Aleesa Walker

The psychology of color is often overlooked. We tend to gravitate to colors that appeal to us rather than considering how our emotions can be affected. Naturally our emotions are affected in a positive way by the colors that we love. In our homes and offices, however, we have many personalities to consider - not just our own!

Cool colors such as blues, greens and purples tend to calm our spirits while warm colors of reds, yellows and oranges excite us!

For example, as an interior designer, I love working with reds and shades of yellow; however, if I were decorating a doctor's office, I would never put hot, stimulating colors in the furniture or paint. The patient's emotions are already on "red alert" (no pun intended)! My advice would simply be to create an environment of relaxation and comfort - a color scheme to calm the spirit - smooth the frazzled edges!

The same concept applies in the home. Are you under stress at work? Do you have a hyperactive child? Calm your senses when you walk through your own front door by using cooler colors to settle each of you down after a hectic day.

It has been clinically proven that the color red actually gets your adrenaline flowing - the heart beats faster and blood pressure elevates. We all physically react to red.

It's no accident that casinos and pricey restaurants are decorated in shades of red. It stimulates conversation, time speeds up, food seems to taste better, and customers eat more and pay more in red surroundings! This does not necessarily mean that every wall should be painted red in a restaurant. Waiters in red aprons or tables with red tablecloths can do the trick. Red is said to be the first color that babies respond to normally.

On the flip side of the chart, note that blue is the truly stated color preference of the majority of the people in the United States. Pale blue encourages fantasy - blue can be an aid in dieting. Place a blue light in your refrigerator and you can be assured that a midnight snack won't look as tempting. This is the color of trust and dependability.

Pinks are associated with sweetness and innocence. Green is a wonderful "middle of the road," undemanding color denoting distinct senses of concentration and relaxation. Purple, like blue, lowers blood pressure and also suppresses appetites.

The most difficult color for the eyes to process and see is yellow. Yellow stimulates memory, but has a negative effect on babies. Studies show that infants cry more in rooms painted yellow.

A question I'm often asked is, "I don't want a faddish color - what can I do to avoid it?" As a designer, I can say with confidence - go with the colors you love! I can remember when purple first came on the scene in a big way about 8 years ago. The design world was thrilled with this "new" color. However, we quickly came to realize that purple has always been around - the color of royalty! The Lord created all the colors in nature - we're not inventing new ones! Have fun with color, and don't be afraid to try different ones. Life is exciting when change is in the air!

Aleesa Walker, is a designer with Chesapeake Interiors.



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"Be the Best, not the Biggest"

Bob Boyd's philosophy was simply to be the best, not the biggest, carpet store in Midland. Mickey Pepper has carried on this philosophy since he purchased the business, and to this he adds his own goal of satisfying every customer. This fall Boyd's Carpet, located at 436 Andrews Highway, will celebrate its 35th anniversary in the same location.

Available are all types of residential and commercial flooring including carpet and padding, ceramic tile, vinyl, Formica and wood flooring. Boyd's Carpet installs everything it sells including ceramic shower stalls and wallpaper.

Mickey said he has used the same installers since taking over the business several years ago and he added that carpet installation is guaranteed for as long as customers own their home.

Visiting Boyd's Carpet presents customers with a rainbow of carpet colors from which to select. The updated showroom and professional assistance makes it easy for customers to match colors of carpet, tile and wallpaper.

Part of Boyd's specialized service includes alliance partnerships with carpet manufacturers. Mickey said he does such a volume of work with these mills that he is able to offer pricing advantages to customers. This vendor relationship is one reason that business has doubled since Mickey took over three and one-half years ago.

Freight costs have been cut over the years as carpet mills have begun shipping through their own truck fleets. The result is lower priced freight and faster delivery with most orders filled within 10 days, compared to the three to four week wait that used to be the norm. The quick turnaround time eliminates the need for carpet retailers to store a large inventory and allows customers to enjoy their new purchase much sooner.

Along with lower shipping costs, improvements are seen in carpet quality. Mickey said the quality of carpet is better today than it has been at any time in the last 25 years. Carpet that sells for $25 to $30 per square yard now is considerably better than carpet that



sold for $40 per square yard back then. Technology has improved the yarns and dyes as well as carpet's ability to withstand fading. Carpet sold today also has antistatic components and scotch guarding to prevent staining.

Boyd's sells "kid-proof" and "pet-proof" carpet that is guaranteed against staining for 20 years. Mickey said customers have come into the store with materials and food colors that they are sure will stain this carpet, only to be fooled.

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The crowd starts gathering early at the B&B Raceway on the day of a race and the talk is all about performance, and past races, and strategy.

"When those cars hit each other like one slides sideways and gets hit, you can hear the pop all the way out in the parking lot," said one of the racers.

The racing here comes with all the tension, excitement, cut-throat competition, and catastrophe of the NASCAR—in microcosm. The cars, you see, are four, or 4-1/2 inches long, and It all happens on a 200-foot raceway that winds through the building of the B&B Raceway, located at 350 North Midland Drive, Suite G, on same lot as K-Mart, on the north end, looking south.

It can take up to eight hours or more for the children or adults to build the cars from unpainted plastic and brass and steel components that they painstakingly position and fasten into a car.

Then they paint them, add decals and minute details so fine that you would almost have to have a jeweler's loupe to see them, and after it's assembled and painted, the finished product can look so much like a real racecar that if you take a photograph without any real-life reference point beside it, you'd swear you're seeing a vehicle you could step into and drive off—if you had the nerve.

Even in miniature, the sport is nerve wracking. Enervating. The racers of the cars show it. Their eyes glow. There's excitement in their voices.

They talk about spontaneous fires, caught when a spark ignites the residue of cleaning fluid from inside the body; of pile-ups, or cars careening into the air after a collision.

And they talk about the work it takes to create a car that is likely at some point to sustain a crushing crash that will leave it suited for nothing but the trashcan.

Before every race, there is a concourse competition, where someone who knows none of the racers judges the cars for originality, and for their likeness to NASCAR models. The winner receives a voucher for his/her choice of components stocked by the host raceway.

Brothers Bill and Jim Baker are the owners of B&B Raceway, who bought the place last summer, after the previous owner closed it down. They both build and race slot cars.

Bill said he didn't intend to buy the place. "This is such a good family activity. There were lots of kids who really didn't have a place to go after school and on weekends while the raceway was closed, and I felt this was something the kids really needed. And there were a lot of other people who really felt that we needed to reopen it. Besides, my wife says I was suffering withdrawal pains."

They arrange the raceway hours around school hours, opening earlier in the summer, when kids are at home, and they teach classes for beginners every Sunday afternoon. "You learn gear ratios and things like that," Bill explains. He went on to say

there are some rules governing the racing. "You can't put a big motor into a small car," he said. Rules aside, competition is still about as fierce among 4-1/2 inch cars as it is at Indianapolis. Some of the tiny cars can reach speeds up to 60 mph, and a race around the 200-foot track can be over in seconds. The beginners class starts at 2: 30 every Sunday, and they finish up by 5: 30. Beginners also have their own competition, although sometimes intermediate drivers are invited to run with them because the Bakers feel the competition will be a learning experience.

Thursdays, they are closed, because the suite next door is occupied by a church, and services are held on Thursdays. The Bakers say the response from racing families has been outstanding.

"It's been so great for us we're having to order parts twice a week to keep these people in brushes and special orders stocked," said Bill. "This is very much a family entertainment, and we have a really good time out here."

B&B Raceway is located at 350 N. Midland Drive, Suite G. To learn more about slot car racing, or to ask questions, call 684-0801, or drop by the Raceway.



Classic Hair Designs is the family one-stop hair and nail shop

Terri Moss, owner of Classic Hair Designs, located near Mervyn's in Midland Plaza says after fixing hair for twenty-seven years, "I finally decided what I wanted to do when I grew up."

That realization prompted the purchase of Classic Hair Designs. At Classic Hair Designs, Terri leases spaces to seven beauticians, a manicurist, and a barber.

Each stylist has their own specialty providing overall services such as waxing, nails, manicures, pedicures, acrylic tips, highlights, and color.

Terri says, "We are a family salon. We do men's, women's, and children's cuts, styles, perms and color for the whole family."

At Classic Hair Designs, "Drop-ins are always welcome," says Terri.

Willie Eaves says he has been cutting hair since 1963. He stays current in his profession of hair styling and specializes in the latest precision cuts.

Willie invites new clients who are looking for quality in hair cutting to call him and make an appointment.

Hair Stylist Terri Carr specializes in color weaves, and cuts. She is new to Classic Hair Designs, however, she is a native Midlander. Terri welcomes walk-ins.

Laura Rogers, has been a "hair-dresser" for eleven years. She specializes in "color and perms" as well as men, women, and children's cuts. According to Laura, the atmosphere at Classic Hair Designs is a great one to work in.

Laura Rodriguez has been styling hair at Classic Hair Designs for five years. She says that she is used to standing on her feet since she has been, "Doing hair since 1981" and her specialty is cuts and perms. According to Laura, "I do my best - If it weren't for God, I wouldn't have my health or my abilities."

Fifteen year hair designer, Kathy Whiteside says "Thanks be to the Lord Jesus for my life and for being good to me. My business belongs to God and my life belongs to Him also. I thank him for it. Give Him praise and glory. If it weren't for Him, I wouldn't be in this position. Because of Him, I can do a little of everything."

Lora Fergerson has been at Classic Hair Designs for six years, but, has cut hair 10 years. She specializes in "perms, cuts for men women and children."

Manicurist Robyn White says her specialties are nail care such as manicures, pedicures, acrylics, fiber glass, etc. She said, "I love my job - I am a people person."

According to Robyn, who has worked other places, "But none where everyone gets along so well," she said. And this general rapport is felt throughout the shop. "Customers notice the difference when we all get along so well."



Classic Hair Designs L-R: Terri Moss, Willie Eaves, Laura Rogers, Lora Fergerson, Terri Carr, Robyn White, Laura Rodriguez (not pictured) Kathy Whiteside. Call 697-8900 today.

"As long as it fits through the door"

Tex Stoner and his partner Sean Kendrick at Classic Au'omotive can service any automobile. Whether domestic or foreign, car or van, or up to one ton trucks, Classic Automotive has the experience to handle car repair from "bumper to tailgate."

Sean was formerly a foreman at a European car shop in Austin and Tex was at Midland European Auto. The two specialize in service and handle everything from exhaust work to alignments. Late model computerized engines, even Cadillac's Northstar system, can be easily serviced.

"We can offer a lot of same day service," said Tex. "If we need to order parts, we can get those overnighted to us and have them by noon the next day from distributors in California or the Dallas/Fort Worth area."

He added that the only time a parts order took longer was when he had to send to England for parts for a 1964 Ferrari.

Service includes convenient hours. Classic Automotive, at 108 Weatherford, is open 7: 30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tex said since they often come in early and stay late in the evening, he's willing to accommodate customers' schedules. Driving customers to the office or picking up their vehicles can easily be arranged.

If a car needs service but is not running, Tex said a wrecker service can be arranged to bring the vehicle into the shop.

Tex reminds drivers to keep up with the manufacturer's scheduled maintenance program on their vehicles. He's glad to explain what needs to be serviced and when if owners are unsure or have lost their handbooks. For example, if the timing belt should be changed at 60,000 miles and is ignored, it could lead to a valve problem.

"Instead of spending $50 a car owner might end up spending $1,400," he said.

It's not necessary to take a car back to the dealer for scheduled maintenance, he added. As long as owners keep their receipts, service can be performed at Classic Automotive and the car remains in warranty. His goal is to get drivers in and out in a reasonable time without them having to wait in line for service.

Call Tex or Sean at Classic Automotive, 570-6470.



Gold Rush picks up where bingo left off

There are 23 video games located at the Gold Rush Video Arcade in the Lone Star Plaza at 4411 West Illinois, and soon there will be five more - in a sequestered non-smoker's area. Gold Rush opened the last week in January, and has had little chance to advertise, yet the word has spread that Midland now has an adult video arcade. Rhonda Carlton, co-owner with her husband says business has been great so far.

"We have a lot of ladies who come here to play until the bingo games start, and when the bingo games are over, they come back here. The video games pay off in gift certificates redeemable at Walmart, Sams, HBO, and Midland Park Mall. Gold Rush maintains a complementary soft-drink and snack bar for players, and first-time visitors are given a certificate good for $5 free play on the video game of your choice.

The Arcade opens at 11 every morning, Monday through Saturday, and stays open as long as there are three or more players. "It's a wonderful place to come and relax and have fun," said Rhonda. "We invite all interested visitors to add their name to our mailing list. We will be doing promotions from time to time, and sending out certificates good for $5 free play."

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And you thought rubber stamping was just kid's play

If you consider rubber stamps a toy, or a tool for children, think again. Rubber stamping is very much an adult activity that can lead you into a world of beauty, enhancing your creativity and giving you a means to give unique gifts. It can also be addictive.

Judi Guttormsen, owner of The Crazy Stamper, inside Lynn Marie's, at 11 Meta Drive in the Village Shopping Center, says people often become stamp collectors before they know what to do with the stamps. In fact, she was one of them.

"I came across a small rubber stamp store in Boston, and the stamps mesmerized me, as they do a lot of people, just because they look neat."

However, Judi says the rubber stamps maintain their popularity because of their function.

"You can make cards, stationery, gift wrap. You can stamp fabric, and even ceramics and porcelain." In fact, Judi says, as you take classes and build upon your knowledge base, you will find that you can be incredibly creative with stamps.

Judi offers classes year-round, both for beginning stampers, and for those who want to learn new techniques.

The shop offers free demonstrations at any time, Judi says. "For anybody who walks in off the street and says 'I have never seen this before,' I pull out the supplies and show them," she said. "We also have a stamping ABC class, which is for anybody who has never stamped before, which teaches them about embossing powders and waterbrush markers, and different kinds of ink pads and different kinds of papers. The next basic class would be the special effects class which goes into more of what you can do on top of the card once you've stamped it.

"Some of my classes get into specialty card-making classes where they pop out, stand up, pull out, so it gets a little more involved."

Judi said she always offers classes on holiday cards, such as Easter, Christmas, etc. "We offer several classes on Christmas cards," she said.

As a specialty Easter class, Judi will teach students how to stamp a china egg. Cost for the class is $16, including allsupplies. Anyone wishing to sign up for the Easter class should sign up now, in order for her to have enough supplies.

She said one thing she'd like to stress is that this is not a hobby for small children.

"My classes are geared for adults, but I don't take anybody younger than 12, because we're working with Exacto knives and hot glue guns that get up to 650 degrees." But next summer she will be offering stamp camps for children under 12.



The Crazy Stamper features a large selection of creative rubber stamps and offers classes for stamps used to make cards, stationery, gift wrap and more.

The Crazy Stamper also rents demonstration tapes and sells how-to books for people wanting to learn special techniques. Cost for basic classes is usually $10, which covers all supplies. "All you have to do is come to class," says Judi. Specialty classes cost a little more, depending on the cost of special supplies.

The Crazy Stamper is located in Lynn Marie's, at 11 Meta Drive, in the Village. It's open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 5:30. For more information on stamping or stamping classes, call Judi at 682-1815.



Designed For You carries all your silk florals and greenery needs

Nothing adds color to a room quite like flowers, and Designed For You has a garden full of bright silk florals and greenery to enhance any room or entrance. Bill and Marlene Juren are the owners of Designed For You in the Imperial Shopping Center, corner of Midkiff and Wadley, and their three designers — Janie Martinez, Gloria Vasquez and Elaine Barrett — offer a free consultation home visit for customers wondering just how to bring the "outdoors" into their homes.

The silk flowers and greenery at Designed For You are unusually realistic. Stand alone palms, schefflera and diffenbachia, among others, are available. The single stem flowers are used to form centerpieces, bouquets, custom wedding arrangements or to enhance a home entrance. The colors are rich and come in a myriad of shades that Mother Nature never imagined. They all resisting fading from the West Texas sun.

A walk through the garden at Designed For You offers customers a chance to view ready-made floral designs or talk to the designers about a custom arrangement. A selection of crystal and ceramic vases, brass containers, wall baskets, grapevine wreaths and wired ribbon are available to complete your floral arrangement.

Yankee candles in a variety of fragrances, colors and sizes — from votives to pillars to jars — are sold in the store. Bill and Marlene also have a selection of antiques throughout the store that are available.

One of the newest items is the realistic "dried look" in silk flowers. Designed For You has a wide selection f these permanent flowers, to enhance your floral arrangements.

Marlene suggests customers bring a color swatch to the store, such as an arm cover, a matching sofa pillow, or paper sample. The staff will gladly assist in flower selection to match and/or complement the swatch.

Another option is for customers to bring in an old silk arrangement and have the designers refurbish it with new and exciting florals or any of the store's other decorative accents.

Spring is just around the corner — the possibilities are endless and this is an ideal time to add some spring color to your home. Let the old-fashioned service at Designed For You brighten up your life with silk flowers. And remember, there is no weeding / no watering—aren't silks great!!

Creative Schoolhouse carries everything you need for tough projects

From science projects to holiday themes, puzzles to educational computer software, Creative Schoolhouse has the items that children want and that teachers, parents and friends all like to give.

Creative Schoolhouse offers learning tools and educational games like GeoSafari and Math-Safari along with children's literature selections in English and Spanish for all ages. Teachers find instructional aids for the classroom as well as seasonal items for bulletin boards and giveaways like pencils and stickers.

Schools, churches, businesses, clubs, day care centers and scouting organizations continue to find just the right materials and assistance they need at Creative Schoolhouse. The store's clientele is far from strictly local, however. Creative Schoolhouse ships educational materials and supplies all over the world.

The business opened in 1984 and just recently moved to a larger store with conference facilities, a birthday party room and an expanded children's literature section. While Creative Schoolhouse's new location on Loop 250 in Midland continues to meet the needs of parents and teachers all over the world, local businesses will find added incentives at the new store. Businesses that have always used Creative Schoolhouse's workroom for laminating and presentations can now rent the conference room that seats 70 and is equipped with audio/visual electronics and a coffee bar.

The store's staff can provide creative ideas for presentations and decorating themes, as well as assistance in preparation. Special orders are daily occurrences from Creative Schoolhouse's catalog which is advertised on the store's web page (http:\\cshinc.com).

This family-run West Texas business will continue to offer children's and teacher's workshops and summer classes. In addition, the new location boasts a birthday party room for children. The store's staff is delighted to help parents or grandparents plan any birthday party theme from animals to outer space. Customers can also try out the store's selection of educational software and videos in the store's Computer Center.



Marjanna Russell and Karen Groce enjoy the greatly expanded space at Creative Schoolhouse's new location on Loop 250.

The Miller family hopes you'll agree that shopping at Creative Schoolhouse is fun and educational. Stop by the store on Loop 250 across from Service Merchandise and watch for the Grand Opening on Saturday, March 1. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. To rent the conference facilities call 697-9804.

Alldredge offers landscaping, installation & maintenance

If our recent chilly, damp weather prompts you to think of spring, think also of Alldredge Gardens — the only full service nursery in the Midland/Odessa area offering retail plants, shrubs and trees as well as landscaping design, installation and maintenance.

"We orient our business around retail and service," said David Alldredge. "In retail we have by far the largest selection of plants and trees in the area, and as part of our service we have three horticulturists on staff with degrees."

In addition, David said one of his well-educated staff has a masters in agricultural science. He feels the degrees bring a professionalism to his business that is evident in the over 60 commercial landscaping accounts that Alldredge has, including Oak Lawn Park, Polo Park Retirement Center and the Midland County Courthouse. One of the nursery's recent landscape designs can be seen at On The Border restaurant.

Another branch of Alldredge Gardens is interior plant maintenance and the Claydesta Atrium is one of these accounts. David said landscaping is not simply the combination of plant colors and textures. It is also the textures and combination of construction material such as redwood, flagstone, brick and items like fountains that add another dimension to the design.

Landscape design can be accentuated through the use of plant varieties. For example, Alldredge carries seven varieties of nandinas. Some plants even have a patent on them and are better performers than the common varieties in that they tolerate the West Texas alkaline soil and don't defoliate as much in the winter.

Alldredge Gardens is also proud to offer over 100 varieties of trees each spring. For some of the popular varieties, David said he carries large quantities. Also in sufficient quantity is the terra-cotta pottery selection which he said is available in an almost unlimited variety of sizes and shapes.

"We also carry landscape boulders and are happy to install these for customers," he said. "And we carry railroad ties, flagstone and concrete pavers for retaining walls and patios."



He describes Alldredge Gardens as a display nursery in that the area surrounding the retail grounds is planted and maintained to show customers examples of how to plant their own areas. On display are shaded beds and full-sun beds with fun ideas on how to mix and match various plants.

Perennial color is in demand and Alldredge offers Shasta daisies, verbena and many other flowers that return each year. Mixing these with annual flowers like geraniums can lower a customer's yearly replacement costs while offering a return of color each spring.

Alldredge Gardens is situated on 11 acres, five of which is dedicated to greenhouses where the nursery grows many of its own plants. The result is daily restocking of fresh color through spring. Now is the time for lawn pre-emergent and garden conditioning. Call Alldredge Gardens at 682-4500.

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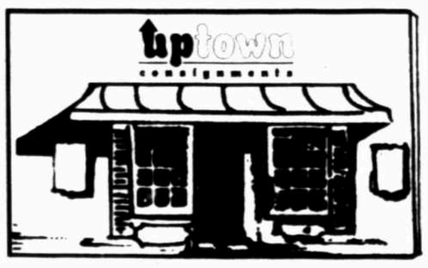
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CFAs Wendy Evans, Steven Greer and Scott Brown have all been previously educated as Surgical Technicians, having received their national certification in Surgical Technology, which often accompanies a Bachelor of Science Degree, and/or Associate Degree in Applied Science with a specialization in Surgical Technology.

Certified First Assistants are required to have a minimum of five years of documented assisting experience in the operating room before they can qualify for the assisting exam.

To maintain their assistant certification they must accumulate continuing education credits every year.

In this area, all CFAs function as independent medical practitioners, while continuing to maintain allied health privileges in the major hospitals and various surgery centers.

Evans and Associates hold allied health privileges at Westwood Medical Center, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Medical Center Hospital, and the Barbara Jean Bartlett Surgery Center.

Their surgical assistant group caters specifically to individual specialties within the surgical disciplines.

They specifically concentrate on Orthopedic, Neuro, Maxillofacial, General and Ob-Gyn surgery, but they are capable of providing services in any area.

The three Certified First Assistants at Evans and Associates have more than 25 years combined experience. Stephen Greer, the newest member of the group, is one of a select few Certified Orthopedic Physician Assistants in this area. The group currently has several developing contracts in the surrounding counties to provide contract surgical assisting service.

While in surgery, the CFA functions directly under the license of the supervising surgeon, and is held responsible to the State Board of Medical Examiners. They are acknowledged as an allied health specialty by the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and by national educational and credentialing groups such as the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the National Commission of Health Certifying Agencies, and the American Society of Allied Health Professions.

Presently, Certified First Assistants are the only surgical assistants credentialed by an outside legal credentialing agency. Outside agencies have very strict standards, and help to ensure qualified assistants.

Additionally, the group is recognized and reimbursed by the state entity Texas Worker's Compensation Commission, PPOs, HMOs, and several hundred private insurance companies throughout the nation.

The collective goal of the CFAs is to maintain their role as current cost reductive assistants for managed healthcare and private insurance companies.

They have petitioned the Texas Legislature for State Recognition/Registration for both the CST/CSA and the CST/CFA, under Representative Tom Craddick. Similar bills are being heard throughout the nation on behalf of the surgical assistant. These are supported by both the Association of Surgical Technicians and the National Surgical Assistant Association. With a combined national membership of more than 30,000, and 2,500 in Texas, there are presently 10 state chapters. A new Midland chapter will be formed in March.

The right jeweler is a rare gem



Fine jewelry is sometimes called a "blind commodity". This stems from the fact that the average consumer cannot really judge a diamond or colored gemstone on appearance alone. When you buy a car, for instance, it is obvious by looking at what you're buying.

Not so with jewelry. A close, trusting relationship with your jeweler is most important when considering a purchase of fine jewelry. Several criteria can be used when choosing your jeweler.

First, is the question, "Is this an established business?" It is not likely that a jeweler who does not provide knowledgeable service and good value will continue in this industry for very long. Good jewelers are not made overnight, or even over a handful of years. Frank Hawk Jewelry is proudly celebrating their 52nd year of service to Midlanders.

Second, ask, "What is this jeweler's training?" Only a fully-trained gemologist (Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America) has the training and equipment to assure you that your purchase of fine jewelry is exactly the kind of experience it should be. The consumer must be fully informed by a trained gemologist regarding all aspects of diamonds and gemstones. The family of jewelers at Frank Hawk Jewelry has on staff two of only a few GIA-trained gemologists in the entire Permian Basin area. Shanna Hawk Moran and her father, Frank Hawk, both graduates of GIA, are ready to assist you in your quest for that incredible diamond or fine colored gemstone.

Gem identification and appraisal services are two specialties at Frank Hawk Jewelry. Identification of older or antique stones can sometimes be a challenge. Frank Hawk Jewelry has been accepting this challenge for over 51 years, and will be happy to answer your questions with courtesy and expertise. Appraisal services include a detailed report of color, clarity, carat weight, cut and a technical description of your diamonds, colored gemstones and gold jewelry.

This brings us to our third group of criteria when choosing your jeweler - "Is he/she approachable, willing to answer questions and discuss your needs? Is the store conveniently located and the atmosphere warm and inviting?" Customers come first at Frank Hawk Jewelry! They want your visit to the store to be pleasant and fun, and will go out of their way to make sure you leave the store with a smile on your face!

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Scented candles help make your house a home

Escents Candle Company is at 2401 W. Indiana, just south of Tampico Mexican Restaurant. If you walk in and catch a whiff of a white cake baking, or you smell the hauntingly beautiful fragrance of plumeria, or some other lovely scent, then you've come to the right place.

"I want my children to remember when they're grown, that gee, my mom's house always smelled so good," said Marsha Merrell, owner of Escents Candle Company in Midland. "I think it's important that a home is a welcoming place, and when it smells good, you feel good."

To achieve that end, the staff at Escents Candle Co. are constantly changing colors and scents, trying out scents in February that they may or may not use in the candles they put on the shelf next season.

"We have four women who work here, and we'll get samples and if we like them, we use them, but if we don't, they're out of here," she said. "Now it's time for spring, and we're making lavenders, violets, teals, and blues.

"Christmas is our largest season. Candles are such good Christmas gifts. It makes your whole disposition change when you walk into a place and it smells good."

Marsha said the season seems to have something to do with what people like in a scent.

"We make a candle we call Christmas Cheer that smells good when it's cold," she said. "In the spring, people love to smell floral scents. We have a scent called 'Country Kitchen' that smells like a white cake baking."

Other good sellers currently are Ambrosia and Plumeria. Vanilla is a perennial favorite. Marsha says as people get tired of them, they'll change, and go to new favorites.

She said she got into the business when she got tired of buying candles that cost a lot, and lost their scent after she brought them home.

"I bought a formula from a man and continued to improve on it. It's one of those things where you try something and if it works you keep it, and if it doesn't, you change it."

The candle shop is divided into rooms filled with candle-centered gifts, candles, and memorabilia - an old child's pedal car, a calf feeder, a stoneware brown bowl - relics of almost everybody's past.

Perhaps that's another reason being in the shop just feels good. You buy a candle, you linger in the peace of the candlelight, you listen to the comfortable rise and fall of voices in the other rooms, and you know that you'll be back.

Marsha says she's the manual labor, and her store manager, Mrs. Inskeep, runs the place.

"I love coming here every day," she said. "Life is good, business is good. I don't ever want the business to grow so big that we can't give every customer our personal attention."

Escents Candle Company is located at 2401 W. Indiana. Phone 570-5163. Hours are 9-6 MWF, 9-5 TTR, 10-2 Saturday.



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If fashion is important to you, Friendze should be on your shopping list. Charms and jewelry pieces by the thousands are available for customers to mix and match.

Customers can put the various pieces together and make designs, animals, or angels (just to name a few), spell out names or create jewelry that follows a particular theme. Some of the theme pieces on display include teacher, nurse, hairdresser, seamstress and real estate agent.

Also available at the store are items to decorate with the pieces and charms such as denim vests, shirts, embroidered shirts and skirts.

The jewelry pieces are made from brass and coated with antique gold or silver, classic (shiny) silver or nickel plating. All are washable. Store manager Sandra Lawson said customers have fun making earrings to match the pieces they've used to decorate a skirt or vest.

"We also have samples displayed around the store to give customers ideas on how to use these pieces, such as the candles and purses that are decorated," Sandra said. "And we all enjoy helping customers design ways to put all these pieces together. For example, forming angels is one of the favorites. And they can be complemented with rhinestones or beads."

Beads are sold in bright colors,



gold, silver and antique silver, as wells as semi-precious stones and fossil beads. They are sold individually, by the dozen or in strands, and can be strung on chains with other jewelry pieces. Chains are sold in ready-made lengths or by the foot.

Neck rings, chokers and bracelets can be decorated with beads or stones. Sandra said birthstones and Austrian crystal stones can be glued on clothing with an acrylic glue which is also available at Friendze.

"We have jewelry kits ready to go for people who want to create jewelry without picking out the individual pieces," she said. "And we have tie tack backs, and earring clasps, hoops, clips, wires and posts."

Sandra added that High Fashion pieces and charms — made from a lightweight plastic and coated in gold and silver — are also sold at Friendze. These are ideal for earrings since they basically have no weight.

Check out Friendze's sterling beads on chains along with sterling chains, birthstone babies, bracelets, neck rings and charms.

The store has do-it-yourself books and lots of ideas on holiday themes for gift-giving or party attire. Friendze is located at 4612 Billingsley, in the strip shop between North Park Cinema and Kinkos. It is part of a chain of Friendze stores located in Abilene (where the idea originated), San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo, Houston and three stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The next location is planned for Austin.

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Photo album supplies, hard to find collectibles at Graham Pharmacy



From Stickers to Collectibles, via a smooth chocolate malt.

At Graham Pharmacy, located at 319 Dodson, in Old Town Midland, and owned by Kevin and Kris Keele, customers come in to have a prescription filled and stay for hours browsing the shelves of collectibles and selecting new stickers for their albums.

These days, everyone is creating their very own family picture albums from scratch; adding a personal touch to every page. Graham Pharmacy carries the complete line of acid free Mrs Grossman's Stickers, to bring that drab picture album to life. In addition, to Stickers for all occasions and every season, the store carries designer craft punches, circle cutters, and scissors to create those special boarders. There's even an Idea Book at Graham Pharmacy to help you re-create those special times with your family. (Sometimes, this means glueing Christmas pictures into the albums in March, fixing newborn baby pictures when the child turns two, or, even getting supplies ready for those Easter pictures now.)

For the customer who prefers renting rather than buying all the equipment, Graham's has a kit for rent. The kit includes everything you need to create your unique album or jazz up your party such as a paper trimmer to create scollop edges, a layout board with light, and various punches and scissors to create circles.

Other than the creative Mrs. Grossman's Stickers, Graham's has many hard-to-find collectibles such as Fenton glassware, Boyd's Bears, M. I. Hummel porcelain figurines, and Colonial Village lighthouses. The lighthouses are becoming a favorite for collectors. They come in different sizes, shapes and many are lighted. All are dated and named according to when they were built and where they are located.

This year, Graham's has doubled the line of Boyd's Bears and carry everything that Boyd's makes such as the Folk Stones, the Doll Stones, the Shoe Box Bears. Some of the numbered resin Boyd's Bearstones that are on display have retired this year making the value increase considerably within a six month period.

Now, Graham's has one of the largest selections of M.I. Hummel in West Texas.

The Fenton art glass line is already on display at Graham's showing pieces in the new "Vaseline" glass. Other more precious Fenton collectibles, those that are one-of-a-kind, are displayed in a special showcase. Some of the pieces are signed and dated by the Fenton family.

For the kids, Klutz Books are always a favorite at Graham's. These books come with instructions and the results. For instance, "The Buck Book" has a one dollar bill attached to it.

Inside the instructions tell how to make things like a peacock, a frog, or, an elephant from a dollar bill.

Graham's "old timey soda fountain and pharmacy" is legendary. Midlanders have been meeting there for over thirty years. Graham continues that tradition by providing the best ice cream and milk shakes, homemade fudge and chicken sandwiches.

The next time you have a prescription to fill, the three pharmacists and six technicians are always anxious to help.

But, whether you need a prescription filled; want to meet a friend in the "old timey soda fountain;" would like to browse through the collectibles, or, just pick-up a Sticker for your family photo album, Graham's friendly staff welcomes you.



Midland's largest gift shop boasts seven-in-one setup

Nearly three years ago a group of Midland merchants decided to join forces and create "Midland's Largest Gift Shop." The eight merchants are now owners of The Ivy Cottage.

"It's a different concept but we like to think of it as one big family, said Gena Linebarger, one of the owners. "And we feel that our customers are part of this family, too. They're the reason we've been so successful."

Gena, Nelda Teer, Patti Eager, Rixie Connell, Donna Snyder, Becky Phillips, Donna Sawyer and Beverly Vaughn are the merchant/owners who have created seven different shops inside The Ivy Cottage. Along with two other merchants who lease space — Sharon Dunnam and Jeannine Stanfield — and five other employees, the merchants own their own inside shops and handle the pricing and inventory of that shop's items.

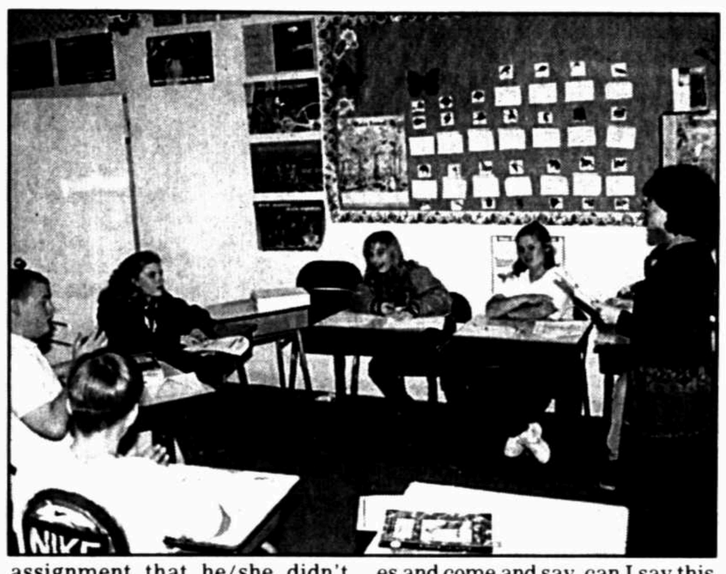
With such a volume of diverse merchandise, The Ivy Cottage has something for everyone on shoppers' gift lists including the shoppers themselves. It is an ideal place for shoppers to unwind.

"We offer coffee or cappuccino, sometimes we have food samples and always we have free gift wrap," Gena said. "The atmosphere is why so many shoppers like to come back again and again. The aroma as you walk in the door is a combination of potpourri, candles and oil and it's very striking."

The merchants decorate seasonally for each of the major holidays. Along with the varied gift items — everything from picture frames to kitchen accessories to linen book marks — The Ivy Cottage offers shoppers assistance in finding the perfect gift. Gena said the qualified, capable salespeople help customers find something to please every personality. She added that 99 percent of the time at least one of the owners is on the premises to offer customers the best in service.

The next time you're in need of the perfect gift, find it in the perfect shopping atmosphere. The Ivy Cottage is located at 3101 N. Big Spring.

Hillcrest School stresses success to students



"Setting students up for success" is the credo by which Hillcrest School operates each day. The teachers do this by providing a strong, hands-on approach for their students, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and/or dyslexic children who come to the school from throughout the Permian Basin.

Hillcrest School is a private nonprofit school, with a staff to student ratio of one to ten, and a policy of teaching to children's strengths.

Instead of placing students in situations where they have a high likelihood of failure, the teachers pace their instruction to meet the needs of each learner—a strategy that only a school like Hillcrest, unpressured by traditional school environments, can afford to employ.

In an article written for Philanthropy in Texas, and published in July, 1996, Hillcrest Executive Director Betty Starnes stated that each day, in each class, each teacher provides multisensory alternatives to traditional teaching styles.

"The instructor strives to introduce new concepts through each of three learning styles: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic." Ms. Starnes goes on to say that each student's self-esteem is greatly enhanced in such a learning environment, where no more than nine others share a teacher, and where the goal is to prepare learning-different students to return one day to a more traditional learning environment.

Hillcrest students experience the difference immediately upon entering the school. According to Sharil Sims, Hillcrest School Vice Principal students' self-esteem is dealt with first.

"The child may already be having academic challenges with reading or math, or science or taking a test. They may have come in with some academic challenges and may be running behind the mainstream of the academic population. We take the child wherever he/she is, and let them experience some success first. We teach a lot of study skills here. We begin with letting the children feel successful, by finding out where they are, reteaching some skills, going from there.

"An oral exam may be their strength, or we may give them an opportunity to do a project instead of an exam. We set them up so that they can experience some success and it seems to affect them overall. Once they start feeling good about themselves and lose that anxiety, they seem to be able to learn more, feel better about doing homework."

Ms. Sims said homework is designed to be a reinforcement of something the child has learned and is comfortable with. She said the school never sends a child home with homework that the child hadn't already learned in school. "There is nothing worse than having a child take home an assignment that he/she didn't understand when it was presented in class, and then try to deal with it at home."

She said the children themselves provide unsolicited testimonials to Hillcrest's success.

"Part of our program this year is success luncheons', where we invite parents and members of the community from all areas - ministers, community leaders, business people, interested citizens from throughout the community. We usually have a speaker, and a teacher will give a demonstration lesson, and often our kids will give testimonials.

"We have kids make up speeches and come and say can I say this to everybody?'

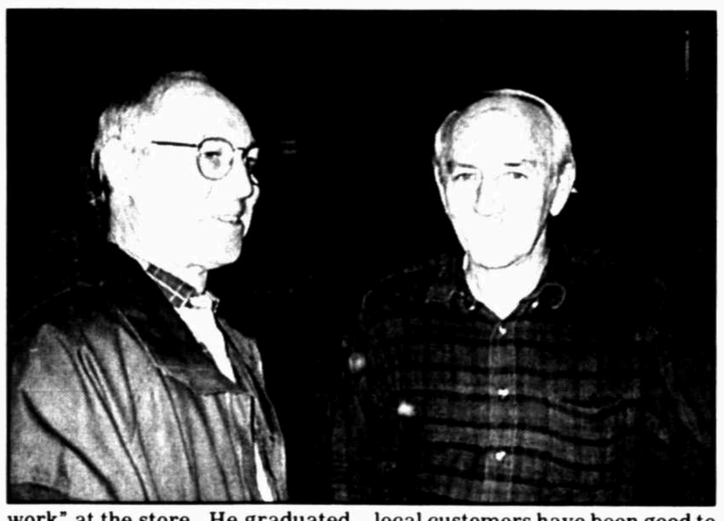
"Some of our most touching testimonials are when they say I used to be the kid who was always in trouble, and now with Hillcrest I am getting good grades.'

Although Hillcrest's ultimate goal is to enable every child to return to a traditional school, the process is not rushed.

"We expect our children to stay here at least two or three years," said Ms. Sims.

To learn more about Hillcrest School, or to get on their mailing list for the success luncheons and other information, call 915/570-7444.

Brothers put their 44 years combined experience to work



Just eight months ago, a couple of Midland home-town brothers, Jim and Larry Holmes decided to open an automotive store. Together, the Holmes' brothers already had 44 years experience in the auto supply business in Midland.

Today, Holmes Auto Supply located at 3105 W. Front St., across from McCoy's Lumber, is open and booming.

The brothers work well together. Jim is the salesman. . . Larry the bookkeeper.

Holmes Auto Supply carries all the name brands of auto, truck, and fleet parts for all makes and colors, both domestic and foreign. And, he said, if he doesn't have the part he can get it overnight at no extra charge.

Brands such as AC Delco, Gates, Motorcraft, Moog, Wagner Brakes can be found at Holmes Auto Supply.

Jim, first moved with his family to Midland in 1958. He married Joyce York Holmes They have three children and five grandchildren, all living in Midland.

Jim, sometimes called "Giggles" is the salesman for the store. Jim, who never meets a stranger, says, "I just love being with people." So, he is the natural one to call on the dealers and the fleets.

In that capacity, Jim travels within a 150 mile radius of Midland.

Jim's hobby is wood-working. He builds Hobby Horses at his home-shop.

Larry, the more serious of the Holmes' brothers handles the books and the pricing, and "paperwork" at the store. He graduated from Midland High in 1962 and married Shirley Whittle Holmes in 1972. They have two children.

Larry says that "local warehouses, garages, suppliers, oil people, Industrial people, and loyal local customers have been good to us," causing a rapid growth for Holmes Auto Supply.

Larry's hobby is golf. Trouble is, "I just don't have much time for it anymore, since he, (Jim) gives me all this work to do."

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New inroads made in treatment of chronic pain

Sufferers of chronic pain are probably the least understood people in our society today. Unless the pain is associated with an illness or injury that people can see or identify, they are expected to bear their pain stoicly. Friends advise them to "think positively," or to "have faith," and the pain will go away.

Even worse, they often pop over-the-counter pain pills or take inappropriate drugs in a vain attempt to alleviate the problem themselves.

However, in the last decade, important inroads have been made in the treatment of chronic pain. Now for the first time, people with persistent headaches, back pain, shingles, and even pain associated with such illness as cancer and diabetic neuropathy, are not only becoming treatable, but understandable.

In Midland, a multidisciplinary approach to chronic pain therapy has been brought to the area by the Institute of Pain Management, developed and managed by Dr. Joseph Oei, a Diplomate of The American Board of Anesthesiology, and one of the founders of the Texas Pain Society, with more than 15 years experience in chronic pain management.

The Institute of Pain Management offers a wide variety of treatment modalities for patients with all types of pain.

Patients who are not surgical candidates and who are not responsive to conservative treatment or require increasing doses of narcotics and continue to have pain are the type of patients who need a multi-disciplinary pain control. Early intervention is the key to successful treatment.

Physicians at the Institute of Pain Management have developed specialized treatment plans, commonly known as algorithms, for specific problems such as neck and back pain, cancer pain, headaches, shingles, diabetic neuropathy, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, and many others.

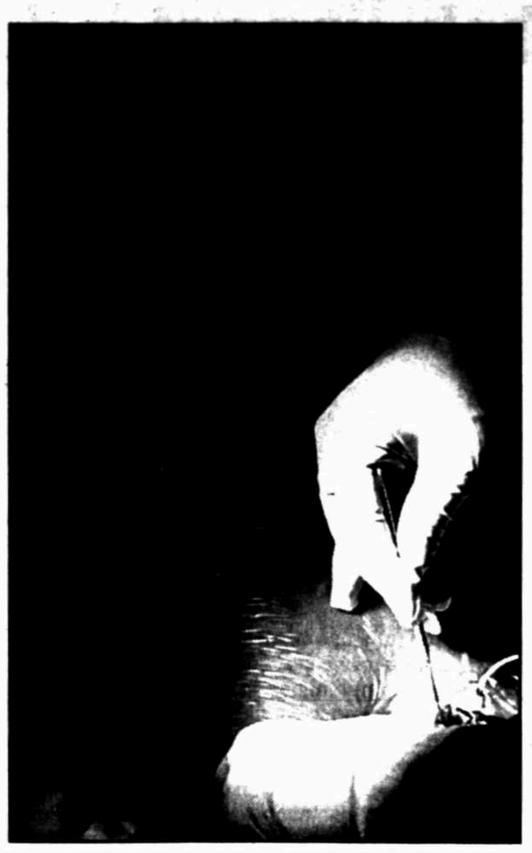
Treatment modalities include medication management, physical therapy, TENS, nerve blocks, psychological counseling, spinal cord stimulators, implantable pumps, and neuro destructive lesioning with radiofrequency thermocoagulation or cryoneurolysis or phenol or alcohol.

Dr. Oei completed his pain and anesthesia training at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is board certified in pain management by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Much of the latest knowledge and technology was brought in for the first time in the Permian Basin by Dr. Oei. Some of the treatments used in the management of chronic pain are: lesioning of the painful nerve with radiofrequency heat or cryo (freezing); or chemicals such as alcohol or phenol; implantation devices to control pain such as spinal cord stimulators and implantable morphine pumps.

Dr. Oei works closely with referring physicians to provide comprehensive pain management, delivered in a kind and compassionate manner, using the latest technological and therapeutic interventions.

The Institute of Pain, under the management of Dr. Oei, is located at 2300 W. Michigan. For more information call 570-6291.



Joanne's Fine Gifts has experience to help you

Experience counts in bridal registry and gift buying, and that's why Joanne's Fine Gifts is such a popular place for brides to select china and crystal patterns. In addition, brides and shoppers will find stainless, sterling silver and silver plate gifts along with numerous gift items that are timeless favorites.

Joanne Gentry will soon celebrate her store's 15th anniversary. Before opening downtown at Wall and Colorado in 1982, Joanne worked 31 years for Krueger's. She moved the shop to Imperial Shopping Center in 1988. Her expertise is well-known in Midland and the store's selection of gift items for all occasions makes it a popular stop.

From crystal vases and bowls to Royal Doulton china, Joanne's Fine Gifts has name brands throughout the store. Other popular china brands include Lenox, Wedgewood, Noritake, and Mottahedeh which is made in Portugal. There are many others along with Reed & Barton sterling, stainless and silver plate. Other flatware brands include Wallace, Towle and Gorham silver and stainless.

In addition to flatware, Joanne's carries silver plated hollowware such as bowls, trays and picture frames. The store sells Hagerty silver polish and Pacific bags in varied sizes to keep silver pieces lustrous. Sizes include 9" x 12", 15" x 15", 18" x 18" and 24" x 30".

Clocks by Linden, acrylic wear including bowls and chip & dip sets, and Nambe wear from Albuquerque are available. Of course, Joanne's has tablecloths, napkins and placemats to enhance any table setting.

Dining room china cabinets should always include some of Royal Doulton "pretty ladies" figurines as well as some of the colorful cat or bird figurines from Royal Crown Derby. Both brands can be found at Joanne's Fine Gifts.

Shoppers can always count on Joanne's free gift wrap and free delivery. The store will also wrap packages for mailing or arrange for UPS shipments. For personal service that is sometimes hard to find elsewhere, shop Joanne's Fine Gifts in Imperial shopping Center at Midkiff and Wadley.



Joanne -, owner of Joanne's Fine Gifts, located in Imperial Shopping Center invites you to join her in celebrating the store's 15th anniversary.

Infusion Plus has your home health care needs

Your home health care needs can be professionally managed at Infusion Plus, the comprehensive West Texas home health agency with nurses, pharmacists, therapists, social workers and other dedicated health care providers on staff.

Infusion Plus has served the Permian Basin for over 12 years. Over 30,000 health care visits are made annually and 15,000 prescriptions are filled each year. While the business is locally owned and operated in Midland from the main office at 501 Andrews Highway, there is also an Odessa location at 602 E. 7th St. and a Big Spring office at 406 FM 700.

The professionals at Infusion Plus include a doctor of pharmacy, certified IV pharmacists, drug information specialists, clinical pharmacists, skilled nurses (RN & LVN), psychiatric nurses, pediatric nurses, cardiac specialty nurses, and respiratory therapists. In addition, social works (MSW & LSW), home health aides and companion and sitter services are available.

Nursing therapy specialties include perinatal and neonatal care, terminal care, pre and post-hydration, pain management, gamma immune therapy, high-risk pregnancy, medication compliance, ventilator and aerosolized therapies, medical staff relief, enterostomy and wound care. Other therapies provided by Infusion Plus are speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, drug/food interaction monitoring, nutritional support/assessment IV hydration and antibiotics, and chemotherapy.

The "Silver Saver Program" at Infusion Plus offers the 55-plus age group a 15 percent discount on prescription medication, over-the-counter products, D.M.E. supplies, ostomy supplies and other medical supplies they require. The program includes free delivery anywhere in Midland, a pharmacist, nurse and respiratory therapist on call 24 hours a day, and a 15 percent discount on co-pay.

The Permian Behavioral Health Center is a division of Infusion Plus' home health business where medically-directed comprehensive psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment is provided for patients who need psychiatric care but do not require inpatient hospitalization. The Center's Day Treatment Program offers individualized care administered by a treatment team.

Infusion Plus also offers area residents a comprehensive line of home medical equipment for purchase or rent. Delivery, set up, service and repair of the equipment, as well as instructions on the correct usage of each item, are provided. The equipment available includes hospital beds and patient lifts, wheelchairs, walkers and canes, bathroom aids, oxygen and concentrators, feeding and infusion pumps, home phototherapy equipment, apnea monitors and nasal CPAP &BIPAP units.

Infusion Plus is one of only a few home health agencies in the Permian Basin to have been accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (J.C.A.H.O.). This honor is reserved for healthcare providers who have met the rigorous national standards of the J.C.A.H.O.

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Jones Piano, located at 428 Andrews Hwy has been helping students and music teachers in the Permian Basin since 1964.

At Jones Piano, the customer comes first. Jones keeps a book of letters from past customers stating their appreciation for his efficient service.

Happy customers include the Music City Mall in Odessa who purchased a 7 ft. 4 inch Semi-Concert Grand custom-made Player Piano System Music Background. Pianos from the Jones Piano have found homes in Houston, Oklahoma, Kentucky, just to name a few.

Jones Piano has the largest selection of pianos, organs, and clocks in the area. The showroom is filled with pianos and organs with name-brands like Baldwin, Chickering, Yamaha, Wurlitzer and Howard-Miller Grandfather Clocks.

Jones says that Yamaha and Baldwin are the main brands: Chickering is the mid-priced; and Wurlitzer and Samick is the least expensive lines.

"We guarantee our price to be the best in the country," said Jones. The family owned business orders directly from the manufacturer at the right time of the year to get the best price for the customer. There is no middle guy or overhead. You can select your piano, organ, or clock, have it delivered, financed and serviced, all from the same location.

While you are there, take time to look over the digital Yamaha Clavinova, the latest in the music business technology. The Clavinova has won "Digital Piano of the Year" for the last three years.

At Jones Piano, their trained technicians can put in a Quiet Time System. The Quiet Time gives your acoustic piano a lesson in silence. With the simple pull of a lever, your piano effortlessly transforms from an acoustic to an electronic instrument, without sacrificing the benefits of either. Quiet Time makes playing your piano appropriate any time and any place.

Another popular feature is the headphones that comes with the Quiet Time System, "A child can hear his practice, but parents don't have to listen."

They care about handling the instruments at Jones Piano and deliveries are made with a custom-made delivery diesel truck with a lift.

Another guarantee that makes the delivery a safe one for the piano. "Every truck has a tuner or clock technician riding in it.

One more guarantee. Most of the pianos have a ten year trade back at the original sale price.

At Jones Piano, they carry the Howard-Miller Grandfather Clocks line. After Jones purchased a Howard-Miller Grandfather Clock for his wife for an anniversary present, he became "infatuated" with the Grandfather Clock. "Something about a clock relaxes you with its tick-tock."



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From banquet needs to moving needs, Ken's Rent-It Center can help you get it done

At last October's CAF AirSho, the thousands of guests participating in and observing the spectacle and pageantry rested on chairs from Ken's Rent-It Center.

That wasn't the only activity going on in the Midland-Odessa area. Another organization had rented a thousand chairs from Ken's, along with tables and tableware, including linen tablecloths and napkins for a function at Midland's Civic Center. Combined with the normal weekend rentals of a couple of tables here and a few chairs there, the staff was literally on their feet all day.

"We ended up even sending out the chairs we normally use for display," said owner Mike Hughes.

When Ken's Rent-It Center started in 1951, the emphasis was on heavy-duty and equipment - machines with muscle for men and women with muscle. (A perennially good rental item is rug shampooers.)

But times change, and Ken's Rent-It Center gradually shifted away from heavy-duty to lighter, more manageable tools.

Hughes, who bought the shop in 1986, said now some of his mainstays in the way of tools include small ditch diggers for homeowners to use in the installation of sprinkler systems, various lawn-care machines, jackhammers and such. But the makeup of the rental business has shifted from home maintenance to group gatherings.

"Now about 80 percent of our business is in party and big social function items," he explained. "We rent a lot of wedding items."

To accomodate the demand, Ken's Rent-It Center maintains a stock of candelabras, arches, nice white chairs, punch bowls and partyware, and a huge selection of fine linen tablecloths in white and a wide selection of colors.

"Our clientele are the hotels, the country clubs, the Chambers of Commerce, and other big organizations and corporations in the area as well as individuals," he said. He also carries china, glassware and silver flatware and accessories.

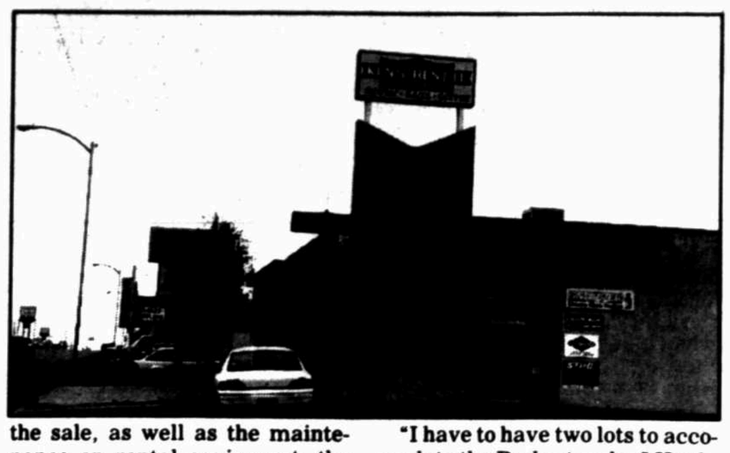
"All our staffpeople have dishpan hands from constantly washing dishes and polishing silver," he said.

"What determines what we carry is the demand from customers," he explained. "Recently we bought some big griddles, because we had several requests for them. Several organizations rent them for pancake breakfast fundraisers."

Ken's Rent-It Center also rents items you need when company comes to visit. "We rent lots of roll-away beds during holidays and at graduation time," said Hughes, "and baby beds, high chairs, and child car-seats. People fly in with their babies and they can rent a car seat for as long as they visit, and not have to carry it on the plane."

Hughes said in general, the business consists of three segments: the Ryder Truck rentals, rentals, sales, and maintenance of lawn and yard equipment, and party and group meeting items.

Ken's Rent-It Center is the authorized dealer for Stihl and Snapper. To provide service with



the sale, as well as the maintenance on rental equipment, the store keeps two full-time mechanics on staff.

They do tune-ups on all types of lawn and garden equipment in addition to maintenance on rental and warranty items, Hughes said.

"Since winter is an off-season for our mechanics, we offer tune-ups during this season at a discount rate of $10 off on labor - which amounts to a saving of about a third on the normal lawn mower repair. We've done this for years, and many of our customers bring their lawn and garden equipment in every year.

"This is also the time when our mechanics do much of the routine overhaul and maintenance work on our rental equipment," Hughes said.

Most people hear the word "rent" and they immediately think of Ken's Rent-It Center and Ryder Trucks. Ken's is by far the largest-volume Ryder Truck Rental Agency for rental trucks in the Permian Basin and beyond.

"I have to have two lots to accomodate the Ryder trucks," Hughes said. Recently, Ken's Rent-It Center received notification of a singular honor from the Ryder people.

"We had a group of people from Ryder trucks several days ago to make a video," Hughes said. "We're receiving recognition at the Ryder Truck convention in Las Vegas because we had the distinction of renting out over 300 one-way Ryder trucks out with zero percentage breakage, an unheard of accomplishment. They came out to find out what we had done."

Hughes and company will receive the Dealer of Merit award at the convention, and the group from the Corporate office came to find out what Hughes was doing.

"In their words, they said we were doing the job the way they wished everyone would do it," Hughes said.

Ken's Rent-It-Center is located at 2900 W. Wall, at the corner of Wall and 7: 30 to 6 Monday through Saturday. Phone 694-2561.

Apple a day health food shoppe

Your health and well being are important to the staff of Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe, located at #3 Oakridge Square Shopping Center on the corner of Wadley and Garfield.

Stellyce Tune, Owner, said the store's main focus is preventative health care and helping their customers achieve their long term health goals "We strive to educate our customers so they can make informed choices," she said. 'We carry various reference books and magazines, as well as, extensive research material."

Apple A Day specializes in natural supplements that help support your body's basic needs and carries a full line of products that address areas of blood sugar problems, low energy, heart disease, high blood pressure, arthritis, high cholesterol, prostate problems, colon disorders, menopause discomfort, weight gain and depression. Mrs. Tune added that there are also several supplements formulated for children with A.D.D. and hyperactivity.

Additional services offered by the store include Iridology and hair analysis. It is known that approximately 300,000 nerves make their way to the optic nerve. Since the iris of the eye is the most sensitive tissue in the body, it is believed by European practitioners that the iris may reveal systemic body activity. This practice is known as Iridology. It is an inexpensive and practical way of leaning about the conditions of various organs, glands, and systems of the body. Rebecca Thomas, N.D., Ph.D., certified by the National Iridology Research Association, is available, by appointment, each Thursday for iris analysis or nutritional consultations. Rebecca Thomas and Apple A Day Health Food. Shoppe understand that her practice is not intended for the replacement of conventional medical attention, but it does include a vast array of self-help educational tools.that may help you achieve your long term health goals.

In addition, Apple A Day is able to offer their customers hair analysis services. The hair analysis can determine if the body is lacking in certain minerals or has a toxic build-up of any mineral. At the customers request, the comprehensive results can include a.protocol that suggests ways to address any potential problem.

Let Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe show you how to maximize cellular energy with respect to proper nutritional supplementation. Apple A Day understands your needs and promises to uphold their commitment by continuing their efforts in the promotion of a quality life.

Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe, 570-4053, invites you to call or come in and browse the store at #3 Oak Ridge Square Shopping Center on the corner of Wadley and Garfield.

Just Us Two about the elegance, warmth of country

Just Us Two has a fragrance and feel of country nostalgia. From the elegance of the crocheted runners and doilies to the spattered enamel ware, you can feel the righ heritage of country the minute you walk into the shop. The jelly cabinet has the weathered sheen of Grandad's old barn, the bears are made to be loved and worn, and the shop glows with the kind of hospitality you associate with home.

But Beverly Holeman, owner with her husband, Gary, of Just Us Two, an extraordinary country gift and decor shop in Midland's Old Town, says no, she isn't selling the stuff her grandparents made and loved and cared for.

It's all new, but the dolls, furniture and even the well-worn bear, were surely made with the best love and memories that country has to offer.

"The dolls are probably my favorites," she says. "They steal my heart. Every time we get a shipment in, I say, 'Now do we keep these, or do we sell them?'"

The Plainfolk dolls are really precious, with their own personalities. The woman who makes them lives in Hyde Park, Utah, and she fashions each doll after a person in the town. She names each one, and includes a little story.

"I didn't know I loved dolls so much until we started this store."

The Holemans started the store nine months ago, with the help and encouragement of his parents, Gene and Mildred Holeman. Beverly says she lets the business take its course, driven by what people buy, and what she finds at market.



"We have a line of cake candles that just fly out of here," she said. "And we have a section of Americana - not just Fourth of July, but a country style all to itself.

"Country has emerged from the cutesy pieces you used to see a few years ago, into more rustic, yet decorative items."

She said the dolls sell well, as well as the antique-look-alike bears made by Cottage Collectables, and braided rugs, the type made by yesterday's aunts and grandmothers.

Just Us Two also carries some specialty food stuffs, Beverly said.

"I have a line of creamers that are absolutely wonderful, I have marachino chocolate, raspberry mocha, and some other unusual flavors. We have Texas Caviar, some preserves, we have herbal teas, cappuccinos and cookbooks as well.

"Among our home decor items, we feature baskets, bandboxes, wreaths, prints and framed calligraphy verses that can hang on the wall or sit in one of the shelves, such as those made by Rustic Hinge, a new antique look-alike line with wonderful Americana pieces, and Mason jar lamps, which can be filled with buttons, marbles, jelly beans - use your imagination - and topped with shades in coordinating themes and colors."

She said there is some nice barnwood furniture out there, made by craftsmen from various parts of the country, as well as punched tin items such as candle holders, candlesticks. "You can't get much more country than tin," she added.

Beverly says she loves having friends and customers come into the shop and enjoy the country atmosphere. She said she greatly enjoys the remarks people leave in the guest register she keeps for people to sign. A recent one said, "I felt so peaceful when I left here the other day - I could hardly wait to come back and buy a tape of the dulcimer music you were playing."

Just Us Two, located at 321 Dodson, in Old Town Midland, is open 10 to 6, Monday through Friday. Phone 682-4105

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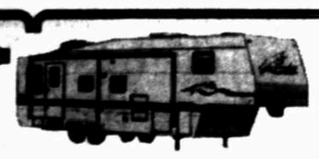
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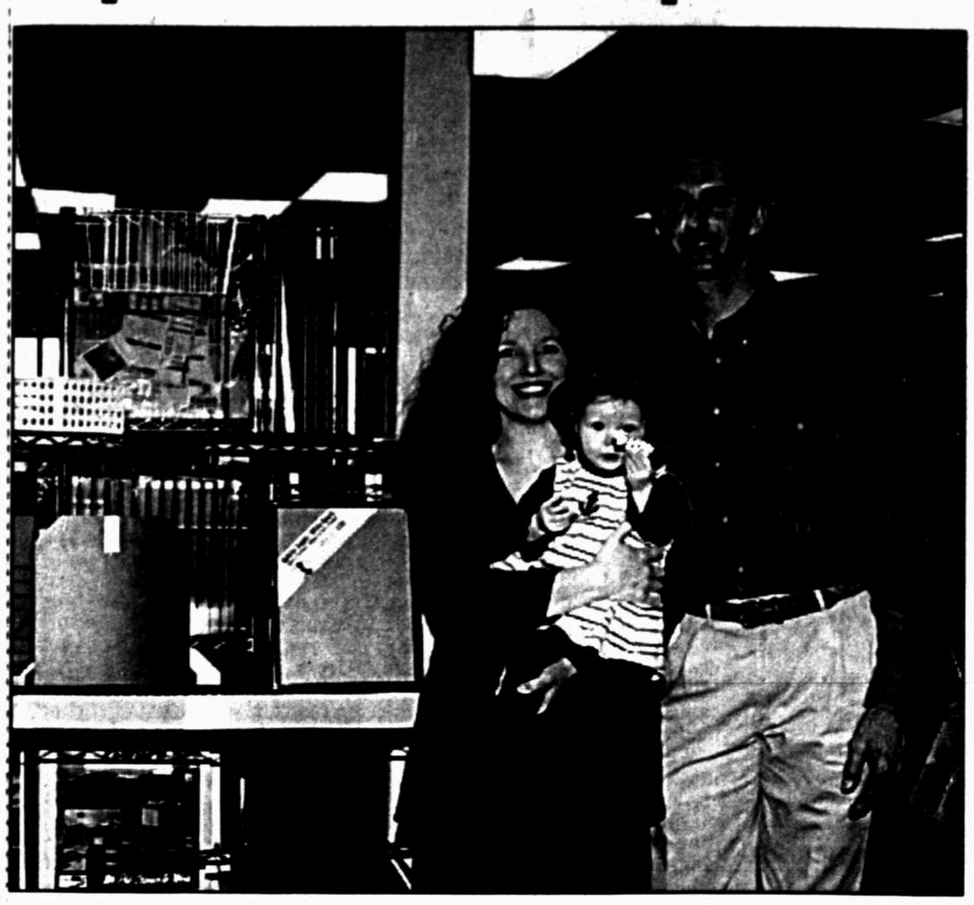
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A place to make space ... Get Organized



If you've ever looked in your closet or "junk drawer" and wished you had one designated place for each item, then you should know there is one place you can visit to make that wish a reality. Get Organized!, located in Midland Plaza at Loop 250 and Midkiff near Mervyns, has every type of container, organizer and shelving unit imaginable to put an end to clutter.

Many of the Get Organized! items are unusual and hard to find elsewhere. Although Get Organized! specializes in closet organization, the store also carries a number of exclusive, adjustable shelving lines including Elfa, Libra, Schulte and InterMetro, whose components can be combined to create customized units.

Kim Clenney — who started the company 2 years ago with his wife Deborah — said the key to organization is to effectively use the storage space you have. Organized closets, drawers, pantries and work spaces will save you time as well as frustration. Hidden storage spaces, such as those under a bed or on the inside of cabinets and doors, make ideal storage areas for items that would otherwise clutter the shelves. Also, he said using these areas can increase the visibility and accessibility of items in closets and pantries.

Clenny said he carries the popular Elfa ventilated shelving and drawer systems, a series of customized components that attach directly to a closet wall. The shelving and drawer units are adjustable to fit customers' needs, and a variety of item sizes that need to be stored. Research shows that 60% of closet space is wasted and CLenney says these closets can eliminate that waste and utilize the space more efficiently.

Customers can step into a closet and reach items on overhead shelves without stepping on shoes if the shoes are stored on special Elfa shoe racks. Elfa also has vertical shelves that hang from floor to ceiling. They are just the right width for storing folded sweaters and shirts which can ultimately save closet rod hanging space.

He added that Elfa closet systems are ideal for children's closets since they can be adjusted to their growing height and storage needs. The Elfa systems are great for do-it-yourselfers or customers can opt for the installation service at Get Organized! The store offers free custom design using a customer's closet measurements.

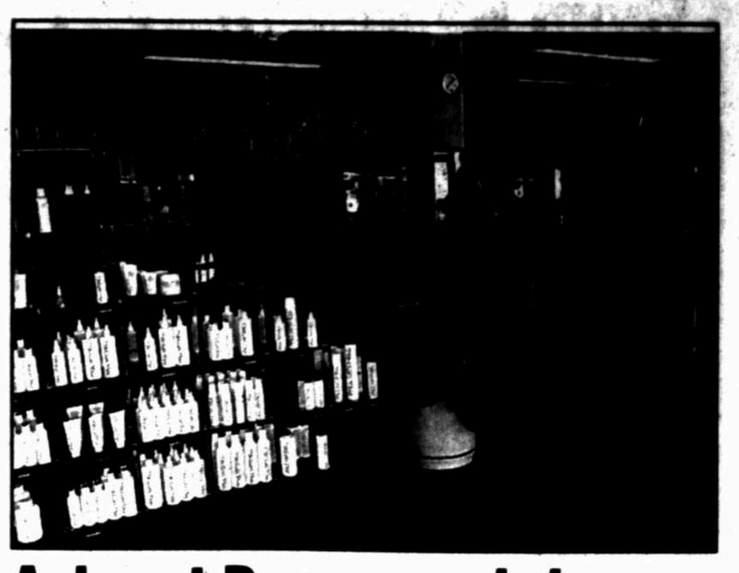
Other exclusives, like the Elfa closet systems, include Libra wood shelving just arrived from Finland which is great for bookshelves, desk units and entertainment centers and a black, steel, tubular shelving that has a "high-tech" look and is ideal for computer desks. The Schulte solid melamine shelves and closets are new to the store and closet designs can be created with the aid of a computer drafting system. All of these lines are available in different sizes so the customer can chose exactly the custom unit he or she wants.

Other organization specialty items include drawer dividers, miscellaneous kitchen stacking shelves, school supply and project organizers, suction bathroom shower shelves and travel organizers.

The store also carries numerous choices for the laundry, office and a wide selection of shoe storage items. Great gift ideas include acrylic necklace and jewelry cases, CD/audio storage and quilted china and appliance covers.

Create more time for the things you really enjoy by creating an organized environment. So stop by Get Organized! and let them help you get organized and while your in, check out the new items coming in.

Get Organized is located in Midland Plaza at Loop 250 and Midkiff. Store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10am - 6 pm , Sunday noon - 6pm. They can be reached at (915) 694-1394.



A day at Boomerang's is treating yourself like royalty

The friendly staff at Boomerang's would like to invite you to spend a day at their wonderful salon. You will soon be able to start your morning at our juice and flavored coffee bar .

We suggest a relaxing Pedicure or Manicure after one of our aerobic workouts with Diane and Kelly. You can even tan in between your hair and nail appointments. We have some of the best prices in town and we know your name, you're not just a number.

Boomerang's is so fortunate to have some of the Best & Most Experienced hairstylists and nail techs in one salon. You can even enroll you kids in "Tae Kwon Do", taught by Rodney Green while you do all of the above. Don't forget to end the day with a full hour body massage with David "Dok" Standefer.

We are also your number one stop for all your Paul Mitchell Hair Care needs. We even have a small selection of silver jewelry, that is very reasonably priced.

We are also large enough to accomodate all of your weddings, birthdays, graduation & special occasion manicure & pedicure parties. Call Cheryle or JR and they will make any arrangement for your special occasion. Boomerangs does have everything.

Our stylists include, Polo & Santos Calzada, Cynthia Esparza, Shelly Hollums, Kelly Jordan, Maggie Lane, James Mathis, and Billy Joe Tavarez.

For a beautiful set of nails, our techs, Cathy Bean, Cynthia Esparza, Leisa Fincher, Kristy Hall, Stacy Quain, and Cheryle Pillows can give your nails the TLC they deserve .

For your aerobic needs, Kelly Jordan and Diane Peterson can help you work out and shape up.

If you would like to spend a day or even an hour at our salon please call Chris and he'll be more than happy to help you with any or all of the above.

"When you do decide to visit Boomerang's, we hope you will have many happy returns."

Forever Green, forever changing, forever fun

The latest theme at Forever Green's forever changing displays seems to be centered around the young. First there were the Department 56 Snowbabies, who have their own cabinet in the corner of Forever Green's sunny showroom.

And now come "Naughty Babies". Naughty Babies come dressed in children's clothing---the girls old-fashioned pinafores, stockings and mary Jane shoes; the little boy in shirt and pants and tennis shoes--and they hide their faces behind their upraised hands as they stand in the corner, or against a chest or other piece of furniture. They're great for decorator pieces, but they are child-friendly too. The tag that comes with them says their hair can be brushed and curled. Each Naughty Baby is signed and dated--on its naughty little bottom!

Then there are the Eddie Walker figures reproduced from original wood carvings---Springchums and Storybook figures such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, a Mother Goose Lamp and other childhood favorites.

Forever Green keeps the newest and latest designs in the ever popular Mam' earrings. They even have, by special request, sports earrings for Lee and Midland High in football, basketball and volleyball--just perfect for any booster Mom.

They also carry the American Girl Collection of books as well as the Library which was introduced in 1995. Five new titles were added to the Library in 1996, and five more are planned for the fall of 1997. Right now you can still purchase a "Proud to be and American Girl" t-shirt for $6.95 with the purchase of a book from the Collection or the Library. The latest American Girl promotion, which will arrive in late February, will be the gift wrap kit containing a sheet of gift wrap, ribbon and a blank gift card. Other American Girl items include trading cards, post cards and stationery.

As a participant in the "Buy the Basin" campaign, Gail stocks edible goodies such as "Heavenly Trash", (better known as "White Trash") and "Cocoa Nut Island Trash", which are made here in Midland and will temp any palate. The "Texas Toffee", made in Odessa, is also packaged sugar free, and makes a nice treat for a diabetic or someone who has to watch their sugar intake. There are also pecans, grown in Gardendale, which come is such flavors as praline and Cajun spice. "It's nice to offer such tasty treats in our store and be able to purchase them locally too," said Ms. Cast.

Forever Green is the place to shop for unique gifts--for the avid golfer (male and female), gardener, teacher or a little bit of whimsy for the professional with the "Spit 'N" Whittle" bottlestoppers. Soon to be displayed will be a larger selection of Faroy candles as well as an expanded selection of The Gifted Line of cards, paper and stickers.

Even though Forever Green is becoming known as a place to shop for great gifts and decorative accessories, they are still best know for their extensive line of trees, plants and florals. "Each year new greenery is shown at market, and it's getting even better--so the question is 'Is it real, or is it silk.' " Forever Green has, by far, the largest selection of greenery in the Permian Basin, so the next time you need to replace a live, "dead" tree or plant, look for the one that's Forever Green.

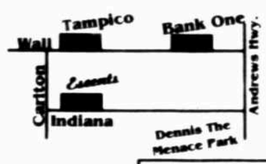


Because of the new merchandise coming in every day and their expansion of certain products, Forever Green has decided they need a new look too. They will be closed Monday, February 17 through Wednesday, February19 for some redecorating within the store.

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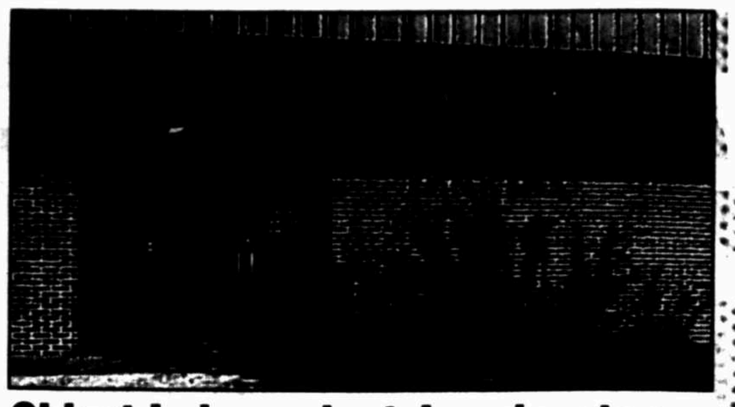
Island Tans Super Salons are owned by Pam and Brad Logan of Midland. The couple has two salons; one located at Midland Drive and Neely in the Mesa Verde Shopping Center, and one at Loop 250 and Garfield in the Colonnade Shopping Center. The Midland Drive salon opened January 1, 1993, and was chosen one of the ten best tanning salons in the country by Today's Image Magazine (April 1994 issue). With 22 beds, the Midland Drive location is the largest tanning salon between Dallas and Phoenix.

The Loop 250 salon just opened February 1 this year, and is equipped with 17 tanning beds. Both Island Tans Super Salons are computerized and equipped with the newest state-of-the-art tanning beds. Because of the large number of tanning beds at both Island Tans locations, clients never need an appointments.

There are one-month, three-month, six-month and one-year packages available, or individual sessions. Memberships are also available that allow clients to tan at both locations. Wolff Systems Technology rated Island Tans as a first class tanning salon, and California Tan Tanning Lotions rated Island Tans as a preferred salon.

Island Tans Super Salons are open seven days a week: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m. The staff at Island Tans Super Salons are friendly and well-trained in tanning and tanning lotions. Island Tans promotes responsible tanning.

Island Tan Super Salons are located at 2215 North Midland Drive, Ph. 520-TANS (520-8267), and in the Colonnade at Garfield and Loop 250, Ph. 570-TANS (570-8267).



Oldest Independent Jewelry store in Midland celebrates 50th year

Jenkins Jewelry is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Midland this year, making it the oldest originally owned and managed independent jewelry store in the city. For the last nine years the store has been located at 4500 North Midkiff at Loop 250, in front of Toys 'R Us.

Ray Jenkins opened the business on Main Street in Downtown Midland in 1947. His son Scooter, said Midland has been good to the business and he knows Jenkins will continue to be good for Midland.

Along with offering fine gold and platinum jewelry; including wedding dinner, cocktail and mens' rings; Jenkins has an extensive selection of loose precious stones including rubies, sapphires, emeralds and diamonds.

Jenkins also carries a wide selection of name brand clocks, leather goods and gift ideas that include key rings, key cases, cufflinks, tie tacks, tie bars, money clips and travel accessories.

Jenkins has a large quality selection of watch lines that include Piaget, Concord, Corum, Seiko, Pulsar, Citizen, Colibri, and Jenkins' own store brand.

Along with the jewelry and watch lines offered, a quality watch and jewelry repair shop is located on the premises. No jewelry has to be sent out to be worked on by some contracted repairman elsewhere in town. Jenkins welcomes fine jewelry remounting, ring sizing, general jewelry repairs, watch battery replacements and watch repairs.

Jenkins is Midland's only authorized retailer for Mont Blanc. products. Also selling other pen and pencil lines, A.T. Cross and Colobri.

For the finest in luggage, Jenkins offers the premier brand, Hartmann, French of California, and Halliburton; and to compliment these luggage lines, check out Jenkins' large assortment of small to large leather goods. The place to shop for billfolds, wallets, legal pads, briefcases, attaches and portfolios.

Jenkins now carries a wide selection of Disney character gift and jewelry items, along with their childrens' jewelry by B.A. Ballou, Colibri and Speidel. There are gift lines of baby picture frames, cups, feeding spoons, baby rattles, brush and comb sets by Reed & Barton.

Be sure and shop Jenkins for your next gift needs, and let their friendly sales staff help you find that special item!

Remember that all engraving and gift wrap is free for merchandise purchased at Jenkins. Mon-Sat 9: 30-6: 00.

Ivy Cottage...Midland's largest gift shop



Why would the Ivy Cottage become one of the most visited places in Midland? Is it a national monument, a museum, or a historical location. Maybe it's just because it is the largest and most spacious gift store in the area. It might be the fun and laughter that you always hear on the premises, the free cappuccino or the gorgeous free gift wrap.

While the ladies are shopping, you might see men sitting on the front porch in the wicker chairs drinking cappuccino or maybe it's mint juleps. Speaking of men, their comment is that we make it "so easy" for all of their gift occasions. Many people bring their out of town friends and relatives to the Ivy Cottage and tell us that it is the first place they want to come. Some meet there for lunch and just never leave.

Who knows what "new bride to be" will come in to browse through all the crystal, prints, kitchen accessories, frames and join our bridal registry. She can even get her invitations printed at the Ivy Cottage.

Oh guess what, you won't believe the grandmothers that come to share their joy with us. Beanie babies by the dozens, unusual bibs, and Noah's Ark are all a must. Check out the baby registry.

As you begin your journey throughout the Ivy Cottage your fondest memories of spring will be enhanced by quality florals, bunnies, the wonderful aroma of Aromatique potpourri, hundreds of candles, frames, Fitz and Floyd pottery, stationery with printing services, and collectibles. Also the newest in decoration accessories.

If you want a real treat for the unusual or tasty, our gourmet section has been referred to as the most complete available in Midland. Among the favorites that you will find are the Duo Delight Candies, White Trash, Udderly Delightful Peppers, and Limited Edition Honey Butter, of which all are manufactured in Midland. These have become great gifts sought after by tourist and locals to take back home.

A sentimental journey will begin with a large selection of Coca Cola collectibles May Engelbreit, and the new popular Eddie Walker. Also afghans, thousands of greeting cards, and Looney Tunes.

The finer things in life can be indulged in with our line of bath and spa products. Enjoy the luxury of Lady Primrose, Ahava Spa from Israel, or even for everyday papering with Camile Beckman.

The jewelry is the most fun to visit with the selection from mood rings to exotic tigers. Many one of a kind pieces, with beautiful jewelry bags to store your treasures in.

The Ivy Cottage is a collectible haven with Seraphim Angels, Cherished Teddies, United Designs, and even Muffy Bear will always be a treat to see.

If outdoors and patio is your fancy, see the newest in Yancy or Carson windchimes, birdfeeders, and even nature music. Bubba will also love the Bar-B-Que department complete with a radar frog.

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La Bodega – Mexican Cuisine from an Austrian Chef, in West Texas



It's been 25 years now since La Bodega opened its doors to the crowd that stood in line from its front door out to the street, and people still come from all around to get a taste of Mexican food like no Tex-Mex, Mexican, or any other, that you'll find anywhere.

THEY EAT MEXICAN FOOD IN TEXAS

The reason for the uniqueness could be in the story. La Bodega was the brainchild of a group of 23 Texans who had gotten acquainted with an Austrian chef, Alois Munzer, and persuaded him to come to Midland to open a restaurant. Mr. Munzer, who now lives in Midland and owns and operates La Bodega restaurants in Midland and Odessa, said it all began on the slopes at Ruidoso.

"After I finished school in Austria, outside Innsbruck, I went to the army, and from there to Paris, where I spent a year working and going to school, then I went to Bermuda for two years. Then I left there and went to Canada, skiing, but it was so cold, much too cold, and I came south—to Ruidoso." While in Ruidoso, he met the Texans.

"I was a ski instructor there, and my wife was managing the office at the lodge, when we became friends with people from Midland. They said Why don't you open a restaurant in Midland?' Of course, it would have to be a Mexican restaurant, they said, because in Texas, that's what people eat. Mexican food. "I didn't know Mexican food very well, so I went to Austin for two weeks, to study Mexican food."

THE WAREHOUSE

The Texans, 22 of them, and Mr. Munzer formed a corporation and hired architect Frank Welch to build the restaurant. It would look like a warehouse—the name La Bodega means "The Warehouse"—and Mr. Munzer said from the beginning, he loved it. "I thought it was beautiful. I have enlarged it, but I haven't changed it since then," he said. La Bodega opened its doors early in February of 1972, to a line of diners that stretched out to the street. Mr. Munzer said his help was inexperienced. "I had thought I would be able to find qualified people here," he remembers. "I thought this was a much bigger city. I thought I would find chefs, waiters. But there was nothing. Nothing. Midland was a busy place at that time.

"So I ended up bringing a hostess from Austin—she came with her two kids, and thank God for her, because otherwise I would have been exhausted. I trained the chef, and trained the waiters, and when we opened, I was in the kitchen. The doors opened, and I heard that it was quiet, so I said 'What's going on?' I looked out, and my help was standing in one corner and the customers were standing in another corner, and neither one moved. "I had to come out in my chef uniform and seat people, and get everything rolling."

STANDING ROOM ONLY

But after that first glitch, everything did indeed roll. Day after day, the crowds kept coming, while the staff learned how to cook under the direction of the Austrian chef, and the Austrian learned the ways of West Texans. He said from the beginning, he enjoyed the people, who would wait upstairs in the bar and visit and drink until tables became available. Often there was standing room only. "We had some run-ins with people who thought they ought to be seated," said Mr. Munzer. "C.J. Kelly (then-president of the now-defunct First National Bank) screamed at me one time, when he was standing at the bar, and there wasn't a seat in the whole house. He jumped up and down and screamed at me. "I said, Well, Mr. Kelly, I think there's something wrong here, because I thought I heard them call your name.' It was so noisy with all the people that he didn't hear them." As La Bodega's reputation grew, movie stars came, and sports figures. The carmaker Ford came to eat while in Midland to play polo, and returned again and again. Once in the 1980s, a hailstorm pounded the building so hard that the baseball-sized hailstones came through the dome of the atrium and sent patrons scattering from their tables to the shelter of the walls. Outside, the hail smashed virtually every window of every car in the parking lot.

BEAUTIFUL EVENINGS

People would come over from Odessa and take advantage of the waiting time to begin their party at the bar. "They were very pleasant," said Mr. Munzer. "They would have some drinks, and wait, and when we finally had tables for them, they would go down and have a beautiful evening until they went back to Odessa. "I opened the restaurant in Odessa 11 years later, and it's still doing well."

In 1980, he bought out the other 22 stockholders in the restaurant. He says he loves nothing so much as coming down in the morning, to get his paperwork done before the staff comes in, while the building is quiet and he can walk around, watching the early-morning shadows on the walls where larger-than-life prints of 1910 Mexican photographs line the walls and the tables are ready. "I never get tired of coming here. I always enjoy getting up and going to work, even with the long hours."

WATCHING HOW THEY EAT

He said he constantly trains his staff, and watches how people eat. "It doesn't matter what I think of the food, it's the customer who counts," he explained. "You watch, and see if people finish the plate. If they don't finish, you ask why. You check it out. It could be that they ate the bowl of hot sauce and who whole bowl of tostados, and they're not that hungry any more, or that maybe something is wrong. I can tell if something is wrong. In a restaurant you can't overlook anything." Although the menu at La Bodega is basically the same as when it started, Mr. Munzer says there have been changes, probably imperceptible to patrons. "It's lighter now, less fat," he said. "The only secret is, I serve what they want to eat. "For us it's easy to add something, but you cannot take it out. This is why I tell people, 'If you want it spicy, just let us know, and we'll make it spicy for you.' Mr. Munzer said he is fortunate to have extremely good, competent managers.

"Chela Barela is the manager here, and she does an excellent job of running the restaurant," he said. La Bodega can seat as many as 200 in the restaurant and about 100 in the bar. There is room in the courtyard addition for about 75. Mr. Munzer said he gets a great deal of satisfaction from the way Midlanders have made the bar a meeting place. "We have lots of single women who can come here to meet their friends and feel comfortable," he said. "We have never had problems."

The restaurant opens at 11 in the morning and stays open until 10 on weekdays, 10:30 on weekends. The bar stays open until the last one leaves—or until two, when they must close in accordance with state regulations.

Mr. Munzer says people sometimes mention to him that La Bodega is quite a surprise.

" It's a Mexican restaurant, in Texas, with an Austrian chef,' they say. I tell them, well, you may not know it, but in many French restaurants, the chef is not French, but Mexican, or some other nationality." He said people ask him why Midland? Why not Bermuda, or Canada?

"You may think you would never get tired of blue skies and blue water, but you do," he explains. "And it's true, I love to ski, but Canada is much too cold. And as for Vail, or Aspen, it's beautiful in the winter, but when it's fall, and it's drizzling, I'm glad to live here, in Midland."

La Bodega Restaurant, at 2700 N. Big Spring, is open for lunch and dinner 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Call 684-5594 for reservations or information.



A Shade Above sheds light on lampshades, lamps and lamp repairs

There is probably nothing that affects the ambience of a room quite as much as the lighting. A lamp casting a glow over its surroundings can lift your spirits, calm you down, and create a subtle atmosphere of serenity and friendliness. It is no wonder that decorators place so much emphasis on lamps and what goes around them.

When you are looking for the perfect accent for your home or business, look to A Shade Above. A Shade Above has lamps and lampshades with style and impeccable quality. They have more than 1,000 lampshades, hundreds of finials, and plenty of unique lamps to choose from.

Brenda Bailey, a Midlander for 21 years, is the owner/manager, with her husband, Byron. Byron is a salesman for Buckeye Mud, but can often be found at the store on Saturdays. Shari Lisso works as a sales consultant, and Bill Dillard does custom woodwork design and lamp repairs.

"Buying a shade without your lamp is like buying a hat without your head," says Brenda. "If you can bring in your lamp, we'll plug it in, try several shades on it until we get the right look, and make it perfect. Lamps can also be fashioned from almost anything." She said they have made custom lamps out of a fishing creel, a clarinet, cowboy boots, teapots, bronze bulls, and even a floorlamp from an antique rifle.

The store stocks lampshades in silks, linens, suedes, rawhide, glass beads, and even metal shades with marble inserts. Name brand shades in stock include Silk-O-Lite (which is what covery the lamps in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel), David Gerard, Jamaica, Taos Drum and others. All the shades stocked are made in the U.S.A. A good quality lampshade should last 15 to 20 years if properly cared for.

A Shade Above opened last March, and is located at 3328 N. Midkiff, across from San Miguel Shopping Center. Store hours are 10-5:30, Monday through Friday, and 10-3 on Saturdays. Stop by for that perfect shade, lamp or lamp repair.

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection – nothing but the finest

Fine quality furniture that has been well-loved and lived with for years often carries a patina of elegance that transcends its original condition.

You see such pieces in Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection, at 3211 W. Wadley, #6, where the past is comfortable, an old friend too dear to be discarded. Judy has gathered unique furnishings of exquisite quality from the finest homes in Midland and West Texas. She offers those well-loved pieces at affordable cost to those who can accept no less than the best, and look for excellence among pieces that have been tested and have proven their value over time.

Like a perfect wardrobe—a little bit elegant, a lot casual, the Consignment Collection is made for mixing and matching. Judy's criteria for previously-owned furnishings are simple: she accepts nothing but the finest.

Judy's love of the consignment business probably had its roots, she said, when one of her Junior League placements was the League's Next-To-New Shop, on E. Illnois.

"I loved the people I met," she said. "I've always been a collector, and I grew up around antiques and fine quality furniture. And I've always loved to find bargains."

Among the bargains in the Collection as this story goes to press

is a rice chest from Jakarta. The piece is huge—probably five feet long, of a light, roseate-colored wood—a piece that Judy says might go very well in a small room. "A lot of small areas look great with a large piece of furniture," she says.

She walks through the shop touching the top of a lovely Chinese Chippendale burled walnut chest-on-chest with a drop secretary, sliding the toe of her shoe on an oriental rug, stopping at an Oriental carved chest. "This could work in an entry hall, she says, or it could be used as a sofa table."

Many of the pieces have "sold" tags on them.

A customer browsing through the store notices a sold tag, and shakes her head. "If you find something you like, you'd better buy it," she said. "Because you'll wake up in the night thinking about it, and when you get back down here, it will be gone."

Judy said they have a short-term lay away program for buyers who want to hold such items. "Every lady has a budget, whether it's $5000 a month, or $50," she said, "and when they see something they like and it's not something they planned for, they can put it on layaway."

She said she loves browsers. "They always come back," she laughs. She said she loves coming to the store in the morning, and finding evidence of window shoppers—nose prints on the windows—and that delights us," she said.

Judy and her manager, Frances Porter, extend a warm invitation to come by the Consignment Collection for a visit in their beautiful surroundings.

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection is at 3211 W. Wadley, #6. Phone 689-3536.

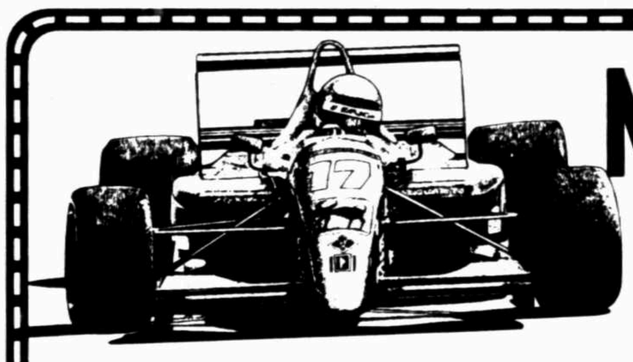
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"Everybody was a beginner at some point," said Randal Strickland, golf pro at Masters Golf on Loop 250 in Midland. "No one should feel intimidated about trying golf. We encourage people to bring a friend, a spouse, a child or a group and try some lessons."

Randal and his wife, Denise, own Masters Golf where everyone from beginners to pros can find what they need to further their game. The driving range, practice green, pro shop and other facilities were opened in August 1994. Since then, this locally owned and operated business has provided equipment, apparel and instruction to countless area golfers.

Randal is a PGA member with 10 years' teaching experience and, along with teaching pro Clay McDonald, is anxious to share his expertise with area golfers. From private lessons to group instruction, Randal and Clay give students of the game as much attention as they desire.

Lessons vary from 30 minutes to one hour, and special annual packages allow for an unlimited amount of lessons and practice. Instruction packages also include "buy four lessons and get one free." Unlimited range ball practice can be arranged for individuals or families. Lessons are by appointment and interested parties can call 570-4499.

"We have clinics for men and clinics for women," said Denise. "We also have clinics for companies, and separate clinics for beginners and advanced players."

A ratio of eight people to one instructor in the clinics provides for a discounted rate. People who have never played golf and would like to try it are welcome to use practice clubs at Masters Golf.

"Clubs can be provided for practice or for lessons," said Randal. "The public is welcome to come out and try golf. Beginners will be surprised at how much fun it is."

The Masters Golf driving range can accommodate 40 to 50 golfers simultaneously. Golfers are welcome to use the driving range to hit a single bucket or to line them up for extended practice. Putting green, chipping green and sand bunker practice areas are also available.

Masters Golf offers summer hole-in-one contests and summer junior programs for young golfers ages 8 years up to high school. During the upcoming summer Randall will organize putting contests with prizes.

Golfers and gift-givers will find just the right equipment in Masters Golf full-line pro shop. The inventory includes name brand golf clubs for the advanced player and beginners. Among the lines carried are Callaway, Wilson and TailorMade.

Along with balls, tees, gloves and other miscellaneous golfing paraphernalia, Masters Golf offers golf shoes from FootJoy, Nike and Reebok, along with shirts, pants, shorts and jackets designed with the golfer in mind. Randall said getting geared up for the sport doesn't have to become a major expense. He can outfit a beginner for a few hundred dollars.

Golfers looking for practice, instruction or equipment can find Masters Golf on the north side of Loop 250, just west of Big Spring Street.



McKay's offers great service both before and after the sale

"We really believe in giving the customer the best service possible," says David McKay, manager of McKay's Fine Home Furnishings, "whether it's helping them to find a single piece or a home-full of furniture, all the time staying within their budget."

McKay's, which had its start in 1970 when David's father, Howard McKay, opened the first store in Kermit. He presently operates three stores in the Permian Basin: in Midland, Monahans, and Kermit.

All three stores handle a wide range of styles and designs in such furniture lines as Thomasville, Flexsteel, Henredon, and Bassett, and offer design service for customers needing assistance with decorating needs. Customers coming with a specified amount to spend can get the advice of McKay's trained design consultants to get the best value for the money. The store also offers many options for financing.

With their experience in the Permian Basin, McKay's focuses on the needs and lifestyles of customers living in this area. Every piece in every store was chosen with living conditions of Permian Basin residents in mind.

McKay's also firmly believes in service after the sale, says David McKay. "Whenever a customer comes into the store and has something that doesn't function properly, our service tech comes and repairs to satisfaction. It's just that simple."

McKay's employs 26 people in its three stores in the Permian Basin. Store hours are 9 to 6 Monday through Saturday at the Midland location at 36 Village Circle, on the corner of Wall and Andrews Highway. Phone 688-3990.

MESA offers quality estate sales and auction services

Judy Jackson and Dawna Keith, the partners who make up Midland Estate Sales and Auction Service (MESA), are as different—and as complementary—as red and green. As Wilbur and Orville.

Each woman is perfectly capable of standing alone, yet, together, they bring talents to the partnership that add up to a whole larger than the sum of its parts.

Dawna and her husband moved to Midland four years ago from Georgetown, where they had an auction and antique business.

"I met Judy through my husband," Dawna said. "He had met her at her shop, "The Bargain Barn," and he came home and said You've got to meet this lady,'" she said. "With my background in auctions and selling estates, antiques and collectibles, and Judy's knowledge of furniture and her wide acquaintance with people in the area, we thought we should put our knowledge together."

The business has grown ever since its inception.

The partnership has yet to find a permanent location for its auction service, although there have been some auctions at leased locations.

"We do estate sales for heirs, attorneys, executors, or for retirees who are downsizing and moving into an apartment or smaller house," said Judy, "and occasionally we will do a quality moving sale when the people are moving out of the country and must dispose of their entire household."

They explained that in an estate sale, the person disposing of the property enters into a contract with Midland Estate Sales and Auction Service (MESAS). The proceeds from the sale, along with sales tax collected, goes into an escrow account (a record for funds dispersal) for every sale. This requires absolute integrity on the part of the agent holding the sale. "People considering hiring someone to hold an estate sale should always inquire as to the reputation of the agent they are considering.

If you can, get a referral from someone who has used them," she warns.

The partners said experience is one of the first criteria a prospective seller should consider.

"When clients engage Judy and me to conduct an estate sale, they're hiring our combined 35 years experience," said Dawna. "We know the value of their personal property. We're maximizing what they can get. Often people don't know what their property is worth," she added. "We're constantly doing research."



In an auction, the same need for experience and professionalism applies. The right auctioneer can enhance the seller's profits and leave purchasers with a sense of satisfaction. Here, too, sales taxes are collected, and all money is put into an escrow account.

You can combine two or more estates in an estate sale, and the partners have done that on occasion. In auctions, pieces can be brought in from a number of sources.

Midland Estate Sales and Auction Service (MESAS) can advise you whether you should have an estate sale or an auction.

Dawna says tales of people scratching their noses and buying a $10,000 painting they didn't want are pure fantasy. "I have called when there were children in the audience who got caught up in the excitement and raised their hands," she recalled, "I asked the parent if she knew her child just bid $500 for an item," she laughed. "But at the beginning I always ask people to raise their hands—to be identified."

They are considering a "how to buy at auction" seminar, possibly through Midland College Continuing Education.

"If you know what to expect from an auction, you'll be much more comfortable," they said.

Different as they are, the women share a common knowledge of the value of furniture, antiques and collectibles, and a common business philosophy.

"We're both sticklers for professionalism," says Judy. "You have to be absolutely trustworthy in this business, to protect your reputation."

Midland Estate Sales and Auction Service (MESAS) is owned and managed by Judy Jackson and Dawna Keith. For more information or to discuss liquidation of your estate, call 689-3536 or 683-9234.



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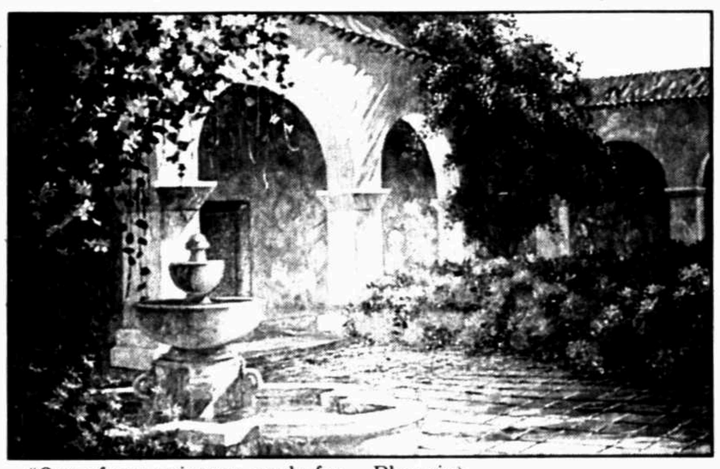
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Midland Gallery lives up to its name



"One of my primary goals for Midland Gallery," says owner Mike Crume, "is to make sure it lives up to its name - a Midland-based company, a Midland community-conscious company."

Crume says Midland Gallery has been involved in the "Heart Beat" Charity Benefit sponsored by the American Heart Association for the past three years, and the majority of the gallery's donations and advertising budget is dedicated to Midland businesses.

"Our goal has always been to offer only the highest quality in custom framing and in works of art," Crume says, "and we believe this philosophy has been instrumental in our becoming a first-class gallery of over 5,000 feet." He continues: "A real highlight in our growth was being awarded the prestigious national "DECOR AWARD" in Atlanta, Georgia in 1993."

Crume also stresses the quality of Midland Gallery's eclectic inventory (one of the largest of any gallery between Dallas and Phoenix).

"We offer everything from a Disney poster to original works of art from artists around the world. A premier dealer for Thomas Kinkade, G. Harvey, Chuck DeHaan, Wayne Baize, Tom Ryan, Martin Grelle, and on and on. If we don't have it, we can get it for you, and usually at a savings to you.

"Our original works are phenomenal - Baize, DeHaan, Sinclair, Thrasher, Keese, Feng, Schaeffing, Young - and a new artist, Mikki Senkarik, who is setting a new trend in her use of color."

When Crume says "The tradition continues," he means Midland Gallery will always offer the very best quality at a very competitive price - whether it is museum quality custom framing, framing a simple print, or the purchase of an original piece of art.

"When our customers think quality, we want them to think Midland Gallery," he said.

Rachael's Fine Fabrics is in town



What a treat for those who want extraordinary fabric, notions and sewing machines. We are located in Fairmont Park Shopping Center at the corner of Midland Drive and Wadley.

The shop is a dream come true for those who sew. You can choose from exquisite designer fabrics of silk, wool, cotton and rayon. A complete quilter's department and classes are available nights and days. Instruction is offered by experts such as Ida Tyson and Jean Roberts.

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And speaking of weddings, this is where we really specialize. From Chantilly laces to beaded Alencon—Everything it takes to make your wedding ensemble perfect.

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The Pfaff is a company that is celebrating their 135th year in business. And what a product they have! The 7570 with its "fantasy embroidery" unit is unbelievable. You can create your own designs or enlarge and stitch designs already in the machines. It has an even feed (walking foot) built in for convenience and a needle threader for those of us with "older" eyes. It is also compatible with your home computer.

A wide variety of styles and price ranges are available in Pfaffs. If you haven't invested in a serger, now would be a good time. The most popular is the Pfaff 4760 serger with automatic looper threader, color-coded threading differential feed and that famous shirring capability. Let Shawnna show you how to make a broomstick skirt in one hour on a serger.

The Brother machine is from a well-known company who makes all kinds of machinery from office products to industrial embroidery machines. Their new 8200—complete machine in one—does it all! It has automatic needle threader, a walking foot, a serger attachment and embroiders pictures up to five-by-seven inches in size.

It is also compatible with your home computer. All it takes is a PC designer and a little imagination. If you have a good machine, but would like to be able to embroider, then the Brother PE-100 is for you—that's all it does! It's wonderful, and you can't believe all the gifts you can make with this machine.

Rachael's has some really great classes coming up. Merle Morrison is teaching bleached denim and molas. Jean Roberts is doing 3-D Applique quilts and Quilt Bee. Ida Tyson is Block of the Month and "Textures and Embellishments. Sheryl Montgomery is a smocking expert. Ann Wall is doing Fabulous Cutwork and Bound Pockets. Shawnna Hoffman is teaching Broomstick Skirt in One Hour and beginning sewing.

Coming soon will be classes on Peppered Denim, Peppered Flutterflies and Peppered Diamonds. These are beautiful vests done on the Pfaff 7570.

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Henry High is the shop's expert repairman. He knows every make and model—even commercial. He is honest and will do you a good job—and his work is guaranteed. There are still some fall and winter fabrics on sale in the store, and the new spring colors are arriving daily. More and more buttons are coming. The staff knows what a great need there is for beautiful buttons. Check in often to see what has arrived.

Rachael's is owned by Barbara Harris of Lubbock. She also owns Rachael's in Lubbock, which has been in business since 1980. Rachael's is open from 10 a.m.to 6 p.m. daily and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday for your shopping convenience. Phone 915/520-7717 for information or classes.

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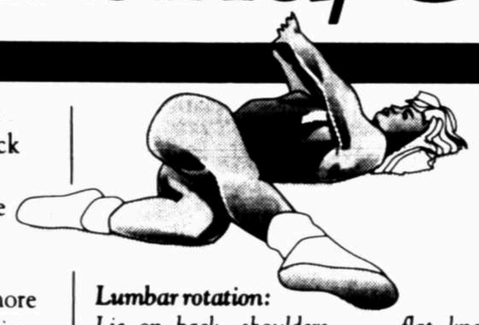
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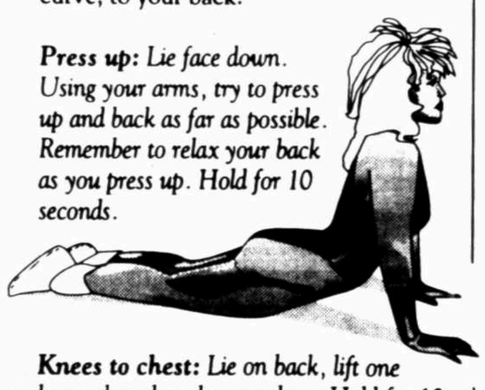
Why? First, exercise stimulates endorphins, the body's natural painkillers.

Second, exercise improves blood flow to discs, joints and muscles, relaxing painful spasms and accelerating healing.

Home exercises

To relieve back pain, try these exercises that will increase flexibility and restore the lordosis, or natural curve, to your back.

Press up: *Lie face down. Using your arms, try to press up and back as far as possible. Remember to relax your back as you press up. Hold for 10 seconds.*

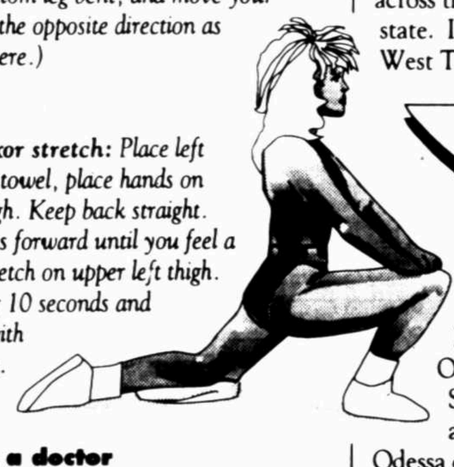


Knees to chest: *Lie on back, lift one knee, then the other, to chest. Hold for 10 seconds. (For a variation, try this exercise lifting only one leg at a time, leaving the other leg stretched out in front of you.)*



Lumbar rotation: *Lie on back, shoulders flat, knees bent, feet on floor. With knees together, slowly let knees drop to one side, hold for 10 seconds, and repeat to opposite side. (For a more advanced version of this exercise, extend your top leg while leaving your bottom leg bent, and move your arms in the opposite direction as shown here.)*

Hip flexor stretch: *Place left knee on towel, place hands on right thigh. Keep back straight. Slide hips forward until you feel a slight stretch on upper left thigh. Hold for 10 seconds and repeat with other leg.*



When to see a doctor

While slight muscle soreness with any new exercise is normal, your back pain should not increase with these exercises.

Follow this rule: If your back hurts worse with a specific exercise, stop doing it. If after three days your condition hasn't improved, play it safe and see a spine specialist. Or talk to one of our nurses on the Back Pain Hotline about your symptoms.

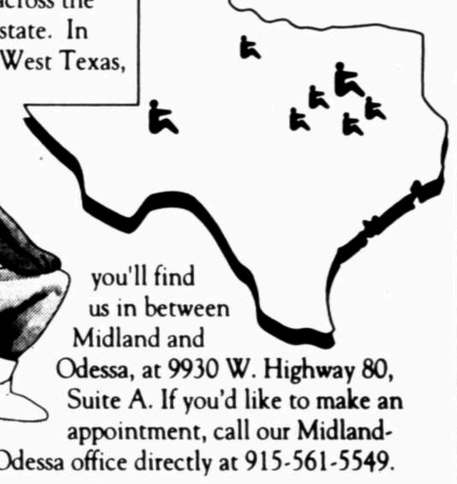
For instance, persons with serious symptoms, such as foot drop — when a foot drags because the leg muscles cannot raise it — or loss of bladder or bowel control, should seek immediate treatment because of the risk of permanent paralysis.

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Morales family businesses thrive by working together

The grand opening of Gerardo's Casita Grill & Cantina last Thursday marked the Morales family's return to the restaurant business. It also marked a larger celebration, of a larger return: The family is back together again, after the lengthy absence of their children, Jerry, Cindy, and Novert who went away to college, and careers.

The children had grown up learning a strong work ethic and high business principals from their parents. Their father, Felipe Morales, has run a successful insurance agency since 1966, and he family was for many years the owner of Casita Gerardo Mexican Food, one of Midland's most popular restaurants, which had been the brain child of their mother, Celia Morales. As youngsters, they had helped out in the restaurant whenever they could.

The Morales retired from the restaurant in 1983, and leased the building several times, but the subsequent owners never could give it the unique touch that customers had grown to expect under Morales supervision.

The years went by, and the kids left home. Novert got a law degree in Houston, took his bar exams and passed them, then came back to Midland, to become the first Hispanic municipal prosecuting attorney for the City of Midland, where he worked for two years.

Cindy got married and moved to Houston, and got a master's degree in bilingual education from St. Thomas University. She, too, returned to Midland to work as a bilingual specialist for Midland Independent School District.



Jerry, whose love for the restaurant business was too strong to leave when the family got out, hired on at the bottom rung of Harrigan's as a bus boy, advancing fast and far—to Columbus,Ohio.

The tie that brought him back was family.

"I had an uncle who passed away, and that hit me pretty hard," he explains. "That made me want to come back home, be with my family. Also, there was my father's successful insurance business, and there was nobody there to take it over. I left a good position and came to Midland in March, and right away got licensed to be an insurance agent. "I enjoyed it—it was very different from what I'd been doing," he said.

Meanwhile, Novert was beginning to think about making a change.

He had worked at the prosecutorial side of the law, and now he was ready to go to the other side. He leased office space from his parents, and moved into the Morales Insurance Building in August.

Felipe and Celia said having their family back together was great. What could be better? They were soon to find out.

Jerry was becoming a very good insurance representative. His experience in the restaurant gave him an assurance and a way with people, and he said he found the work rewarding.

"But I kept looking out that window at that little restaurant over there, and kept eyeing it, seeing the potential it could do," he said. "We had leased it three times, and it didn't make it.

"In any restaurant manager, it's in your heart to own your own business, and I finally talked to my mom and dad, and we decided we were going to go for it."

The entire family—with Jerry as General Manager, and his lovely wife, Meredith running the business—Novert joined with Felipe and Celia to repaint and renew and redecorate the building. They hung a new sign—Gerardo's Casita—and they were back in business. And now that Cindy is back in Midland, she too, works evenings and weekends—her husband, Freddy Rios, also helps.

Felipe, whenever he isn't busy with his insurance business, is helping Jerry.

"We can't keep Felipe away from over there," Celia said. "At noon he's going over there with his coat and tie on, directing traffic as the cars come into the parking lot.

"He and Novert will look out the window and see that it's getting full, and they go over to help out during lunch.

"Now, Jerry runs the restaurant the new way, with everybody carrying the food out on trays, and the cash register in the back. But Cindy tells Jerry whenever he's ready, she'll teach his people how to stack the plates on their arm."

Now, with the opening of Gerardo's Casita making three businesses for the family of nine (including in-laws and grandchildren), all on the 2400 block of Big Spring Street, it can be almost too much to take in for the delighted Felipe.

"A year ago, there was only this (the insurance business). I thought I had someone to take over the insurance business, and I was going to relax. Now I have a son who's a lawyer and a son who's managing the restaurant, and my daughter is a bilingual specialist for MISD, I'd better watch out or my lovely wife will dream up something else, and you'll be writing about the Morales family who has four businesses."

Celia, who takes care of the bookkeeping for all three businesses, merely smiles. For now, with the Morales family once again working together, three businesses is quite enough.

The latest theme at Forever Green's forever changing displays seems to be centered around the young. First there were the Department 56 Snowbabies, who have their own cabinet in the corner of Forever Green's sunny showroom.

And now come "Naughty Babies". Naughty Babies come dressed in children's clothing---the girls old-fashioned pinafores, stockings and mary Jane shoes; the little boy in shirt and pants and tennis shoes--and they hide their faces behind their upraised hands as they stand in the corner, or against a chest or other piece of furniture. They're great for decorator pieces, but they are child-friendly too. The tag that comes with them says their hair can be brushed and curled. Each Naughty Baby is signed and dated--on its naughty little bottom!

Then there are the Eddie Walker figures reproduced from original wood carvings---Springchums and Storybook figures such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, a Mother Goose Lamp and other childhood favorites.

Forever Green keeps the newest and latest designs in the ever popular Mam' earrings. They even have, by special request, sports earrings for Lee and Midland High in football, basketball and volleyball--just perfect for any booster Mom.

They also carry the American Girl Collection of books as well as the Library which was introduced in 1995. Five new titles were added to the Library in 1996, and five more are planned for the fall of 1997. Right now you can still purchase a "Proud to be and American Girl" t-shirt for $6.95 with the purchase of a book from the Collection or the Library. The latest American Girl promotion, which will arrive in late February, will be the gift wrap kit containing a sheet of gift wrap, ribbon and a blank gift card. Other American Girl items include trading cards, post cards and stationery.

As a participant in the "Buy the Basin" campaign, Gail stocks edible goodies such as "Heavenly Trash", (better known as "White Trash") and "Cocoa Nut Island Trash", which are made here in Midland and will temp any palate. The "Texas Toffee", made in Odessa, is also packaged sugar free, and makes a nice treat for a diabetic or someone who has to watch their sugar intake. There are also pecans, grown in Gardendale, which come is such flavors as praline and Cajun spice. "It's nice to offer such tasty treats in our store and be able to purchase them locally too," said Ms. Cast.

Forever Green is the place to shop for unique gifts--for the avid golfer (male and female), gardener, teacher or a little bit of whimsy for the professional with the "Spit 'N" Whittle" bottlestoppers. Soon to be displayed will be a larger selection of Faroy candles as well as an expanded selection of The Gifted Line of cards, paper and stickers.

Even though Forever Green is becoming known as a place to shop for great gifts and decorative accessories, they are still best know for their extensive line of trees, plants and florals. "Each year new greenery is shown at market, and it's getting even better--so the question is 'Is it real, or is it silk.' " Forever Green has, by far, the largest selection of greenery in the Permian Basin, so the next time you need to replace a live, "dead" tree or plant, look for the one that's Forever Green.

Because of the new merchandise coming in every day and their expansion of certain products, Forever Green has decided they need a new look too. They will be closed Monday, February 17 through Wednesday, February19 for some redecorating within the store.

Dept. 56 collectors, head to Miss Cayce's

Santa may be on vacation, but the elves at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store are hard at work! What are they doing, you might ask.

They are busy preparing for their 13th Christmas season! Longtime Midlanders and owners of Miss Cayce's, Kathy Harrison and Beck McCraney wish they were sunning on a tropical isle, but in order to bring you the best the world has to offer for all at Christmas, much work is required. Fabulous merchandise has already been purchased for an exciting 1997 season.

Among the wonderful lines Miss Cayce's has to offer is the ever-popular collectible villages and accessories from Dept. 56, such as Snow Village, Dickens Village, Christmas in the City, Alpine and New England Village.

To view the 97 collection from Dept. 56, you can schedule a personal appointment with Miss Cayce's elf extraordinaire, Mary Ann, by calling 689-7192, or by attending one or more of the special events planned for spring.

On the agenda are classes to help you landscape your village like a pro, and build your mountain from a kit.

The second annual "Swap and Sell" weekend will be held April 25-27 for collectors to buy, sell and trade current or retired Dept. 56 collections. The public is welcome. Also at the Swap and Sell, attend the first meeting to form a Dept. 56 Collector's Club in the Permian Basin.

In addition, Miss Cayce's will be open around Mother's Day and Father's Day to purchase Dept. 56 village gifts for that special collector in your life. And most important, the annual "Garage Sale on the Sidewalk," where tons of last year's new merchandise is sold at garage sale prices!



MISS CAYCE'S SPRING CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE
(Located at the corner of Midland Drive and Wadley (next to Albertson's)

Saturday, March 8 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pre-register for Classes

Tuesday, March 18 - 1-3 p.m., 6-9 p.m.
Mountain Class

Wednesday, March 19 - 1-3 p.m.,6-9 p.m.
Mountain Class

Thurs-Sat, March 20-22 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Garage Sale on the Sidewalk

Tuesday, April 22 - 7-8 p.m.
Swap & Sell Info Meeting

Thursday, April 24 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Swap & Sell Setup

Fri-Sat-Sun., Apr 25-27
Fri/ Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m. - Sun 1-5 p.m.
Swap & Sell Dept. 56 All 3 Days

Saturday, April 26 - 4 p.m.
Dept 56 Collector's Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 29 - 1 to 4 p.m.
Landscape Class

Wednesday, April 30 - 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
Landscape Class

Saturday, May 3 - Open 10 to 6
Mother' Day Dept. 56 Gifts

Saturday, May 10 - Open 10 to 6
Last Minute Mother's Day Dept. 56 Gifts

Saturday, June 7 - Open 10 to 6
Father's Day Dept. 56 Gifts

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Art supply store restores paintings, offers art classes

Paint and Palette, West Texas' oldest and largest art materials shop, has been in business for 25 years, and continues to carry one of the largest selections of art supplies in the Permian Basin.

Whether it's brushes, canvasses, or almost any medium, artists in the area come to Paint and Palette first.

Owner Gary Griffin said they constantly update their art supplies to keep up with new techniques and trends coming out of artist communities throughout the country.

Artists needing Schmincke pastels can find them here, as well as oil paints, Holbein water colors, prestretched canvasses up to 4'X 5', and a wide selection of custom canvasses hand-made in Europe and the U.S.

For customers desiring frame designs to complement a particular piece of art, Griffin can help, working with the customer or artist to design a frame that will enhance and complete the art.

"We keep trying to be a better fine art shop," says Griffin. If you have a painting which is dirty or damaged, ask Paint and Palette about cleaning and restoration. Griffin can clean and restore painting many people would consider a lost cause.

He evaluates every painting carefully, and he and the owner decide on the course of action based on the extent of repairs needed. In some cases, he refers customers to a specialist.

Paint and Palette also offers classes - both for those who are artists, and those who would like to discover the artist within.

Professional artists, including Judy Griffin, who teaches art at Midland College, Bill Hagerman, Lewis Holiman, and others, offer a series of ongoing classes in such disciplines as oil painting, water colors, drawing, acrylic and sculpting, for all ages, from first graders to adults.

Classes can be scheduled for days or evenings, with classes limited to six to eight students, to allow for personal instruction. New classes start every month.

Griffin said not all classes are limited to the back of the shop.

"In summer, we have some outside sketching classes. We go on location to some of the different ranches. We start signing up people the first of June for these ranch trips."

Paint and Palette also offers a referral service for anyone needing an artist or calligrapher.

Located at #20 Oak Ridge Square, Paint and Palette is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They offer art classes to all ages and in a variety of media. The phone number is 682-6681.

If you listen closely you can almost hear the monk-like figures chanting and singing.

Designed and hand-sculpted at the Pueblo People Studio in Midland, the patron saint figures are earthy, spiritual and often humorous, just the way artist Colleen Meinke and so many of her regular customers like them.

"Everyone has a patron saint," Colleen said. "for their name, birthday, occupation or hobby. These figures represent actual people who lived and left the world a better place than they found it. That's why the Catholic Church has honored them."

Pueblo People Studio, which she opened six years ago, is a working art studio. Colleen and her artist assistants, Neysa Rutter and Nancy Unruh, can be found there fashioning patron saint figures, angels, animals, fountains, Kachina masks, wall hangings and ornaments from terra-cotta earthenware clay. The figures are completely hand-sculpted, kiln fired, hand painted, signed and dated. All have a Native American / Christian inspiration and are authentically researched.

"I was first asked to sculpt a St. Francis of Assisi figure, the patron saint of animals," Colleen said. "As more requests for St. Francis were received, I decided to research and design more patron saints."

Many of the saints had hard lives, she said, yet they built hospitals, took care of the poor and were inspirational in their good deeds for others. Their lives are documented and Colleen said each patron saint figure comes with a biography card that explains his or her significance. San Pascual, the patron saint of the kitchen, for example, was an unsuccessful shepherd who let his sheep wander off while he prayed. The monks demoted him to kitchen help where he could simultaneously pray and work.

Colleen researches saints on a continuing basis, especially when customers request a figure of the patron saint for "my mother the gardener," "my uncle the undertaker or "my daughter named Nancy." While the humorous stories are the most popular, people have also requested patron saint figures for cancer patients.

There are Pueblo People figures throughout the U.S. and all over the world. The editor of Reader's Digest magazine has a patron saint figure on his desk in New York City. Colleen also enjoys sculpting custom orders as well as crosses, storyteller necklaces, Christmas nativity sets and Pueblo Pets — such as donkeys, sheep, turtles and dogs of all kinds.

"All animals have a special meaning," Colleen explained. "Turtles, for example, represent reliability and long-life."

Pueblo People are especially intended to make people feel significant and to bring an old-fashioned kind of happiness to their 1990s lives. They are reasonably priced and make perfect gifts. Stop at Pueblo People Studio, 1200 W. Wall, and request a "Perfectly Personal Patron Saint" for someone you love.

Permian General Hospital proves primary and diagnostic care

Randy Richards, Chief Executive Officer of Permian General Hospital (PGH) in Andrews, said the hospital's role in the surrounding community is to provide primary care and diagnostic care, and to be a partner with area specialists and tertiary care hospitals for the benefit of all area residents.

"At Permian General we strive to promote the highest quality technology and health care so that patients can enjoy the highest quality of life," Randy said.

He said PGH is extremely fortunate to have the support of the physicians and local residents to keep the hospital strong. Specialists in internal medicine, obstetrics & gynecology, pediatrics, surgery and family practice are currently a vital part of PGH.

"Couple the limited population base of Andrews County with the close proximity to Midland/Odessa's physician specialists; a continued partnership between the two medical communities makes practical sense," Randy said. "PGH will pursue specialists in urology, gerontology and orthopedics being available in Andrews on a regular basis."

As an example, Randy cited a Midland cardiologist who visits the hospital monthly to see patients. PGH handles the diagnostic testing for these specialists; further in-depth intervention is done elsewhere.

Many changes have taken place at PGH recently and more are on the drawing board. The second floor of PGH's three-story building was renovated last year resulting in an updated LDRP (Labor Delivery Recovery Postpartum) area where expectant mothers can deliver in a family atmosphere. Randy said the number of deliveries has increased from the surrounding area and eastern New Mexico since the renovation.

The existing three-story PGH structure was finished in the 1970s and was designed with an inpatient focus, not the outpatient focus that newly-built hospitals now have. A feasibility study was completed in an effort to view future functional needs. Study results indicated that patient flow, from the Emergency Room or Outpatient Surgery areas on the first floor into the rest of the hospital, needed improvement.

The first floor of PGH will be renovated accordingly. In addition, the 25,000 sq. ft. physician clinic attached to the hospital will be incorporated in that new flow pattern.

"The space is here," he said. "We just need to identify where we can use it more appropriately."

Also in PGH'S future plans is the development of five acres donated by Amoco directly across from the hospital campus. Plans include an assisted living / independent living complex.

"This is in line with our continuum of care philosophy at PGH," Randy said. "It will diversify our facility such that we can assist area residents from birth through all stages of life. We want babies born today to return in the future for whatever health care assistance they'll need."

PGH is unique among hospitals its size (under 100 beds) in that it has a Wellness Center complete with general exercise equipment, weights, an in ground pool, a built-in Jacuzzi, as well as steam and sauna facilities. The Center is located adjacent to the hospital's physical therapy department and Randy said future plans are to incorporate these two such that PGH will form a Rehabilitation Center to treat patients needing cardiac, stroke or sports injury rehabilitation.

"We feel it is also our responsibility to keep patients fit through programs like those at the Wellness Center so that should they need to enter PGH for a health problem, their recovery will be quicker and their length of stay will be less," Randy said.

Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store offers a quiet and friendly environment

You know the minute you walk into Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store that you're welcome. You smell the coffee, and you see the shelves of books and the tables and chairs there, waiting for you to grab a book or a handful of books, and sit, sipping your coffee and reading, or looking at the pictures and thinking.

Kristen Gould said she was looking for just such a place when she discovered Mrs. Olsen's.

"We moved here because of my husband's business, and I had nowhere to go, and was looking for a place to connect, when I saw an ad for this store.

"I thought, Oh, books and coffee, two of my favorite things. I fell in love with the store as soon as I walked in. So I started shopping here, and then I saw a 'Help Wanted' sign on the door. I started working one day a week, but when they needed more help, I came more often."

Soon, Kristen was working full-time. Then the Olsens, owners of the store, were leaving.

"I couldn't stand the thought of someone else buying the store and changing it," said Kristen. "I thought, well, I'm already working here, so I'll just buy it."

She said the bank loan officer was a little dubious at first.

"I'd never been a bookstore owner before, and when I applied for a loan, the bank had some questions. Was my education or experience in any way connected with books and coffee? My

response was that my education was in chemical engineering – a field that was directly related to both books and coffee!

"I had no idea what I was getting into," she said, "Certainly not the amount of paperwork involved, and all the backroom work needed.

"Like any business, there are some sleepless nights and hard work and stress, but I'm delighted to come to work every day. I'm so glad I got into this – there's nowhere else I'd rather be."

"The fun part is talking to customers about the books and the coffees and the teas. People come in and want to know how this book was, and how this one compared with a previous book the author had written, and I have to admit I haven't read the new one. I've had very little time to read since I've been in the bookstore," she added.

"Coffee and books have been a good combination for us," she said. "We offer free samples, and people will take those sample coffees and browse for a long time."

Barbie Porter, a customer browsing the shelves with he, coffee in her hand, said there was hardly a week when she didn't find herself in Mrs. Olsen's.

"I come here because it's quiet and quaint, and it's one-on-one service, and I can think and look through the books. I buy coffee to take home, books and cards, and I come here every week."

Mrs. Olsen's sells a wide variety of flavored and unflavored, regular and decaf coffees, loose teas and tea bags, herbal teas, traditional teas, as well as whatever goes along with coffees, teas and books. Things like teapots, infusion type and other specialized coffee makers, and mugs of all kinds and shapes and colors.

The staff is happy to special order books for their customers. If the book is still in print, they can usually get it within a week. They also make up gift baskets for any occasion with any combination of items from the store.

Kristen said one of the advantages of owning a small shop is that she can give uniquely personal service.

"In a store this size we're not getting huge shipments of books daily. When people come through the door we can drop everything and help the customer. Each of us (the staff) came here because we love that atmosphere, and we're committed to keeping it friendly. We spend time with customers and get to know each other.

Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store from time to time has special events involving local or visiting authors. On Saturday, February 22 local authors Patrick Dearen and Bill Modisett will be in the store to sign their latest books, as well as earlier editions for readers and visitors to the store.

"Being fairly new to Midland, I'm enjoying having this connection with local authors and local history.

"We're trying to arrange for other special events as time goes by," said Kristen, "and we hope everyone will come by and check us out."

Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store, owned and managed by Kristen Gould, is located in Oak Ridge Square at 2200 West Wadley. Open 7-a.m. to 6-p.m Monday through Friday, 10 to 6 Saturdays. Phone 570-5282.







Flowers add that special touch

Susie Jurado is the owner, designer, plant caretaker, delivery person, and basically does it all at Patricia's Flowers by Susie in Midland's Long Star Plaza, on Illinois just off Midland Drive.

Susie, who grew up with a love for flower design, has worked with plants and flowers all of her adult life.

She worked for Wolfe's Nursery in Dallas before coming back to Midland where she grew up, and started to work at the old M-System on A and Scharbauer Drive, learning the ropes of professional flower design from "Theresa, one of the best designers there is."

After working there for four years, she was promoted to manager of the floral department in M System's Midland Drive store. She stayed there until the store sold out. Then she decided she would like to own her own flower shop. She worked at other flower shops while looking for her own place. She had found one, and had arranged to buy it, but things weren't going well.

"(The owner) would change her mind from one day to the next, and I didn't know whether I was going to have a shop or not. One day I was really depressed and I went into Gili's to have lunch, and Gili said 'You're silly. Patricia's (next door) has gone out of business, and you can DBA Patricia's and you'll be in business.'"

That was all it took. The next day, she got in touch with the owners of the property, DBA'd the shop, and went into business.

Susie says her success with the shop in Long Star Plaza is due to the loyalty and support of Midlanders from all over town.

"The people who learned where I was started coming in, and they told their friends, and the business just built," she said. "All those people have just been wonderful. I can't thank them enough."

Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are her two busiest seasons, with Valentine's being by far the biggest.

"The week of Valentine's Day, I move a fifth wheel behind the shop and just live here.

"This year was especially hectic, because it fell on Friday, and men who had been working hard all week came to Friday, and they hadn't gotten Valentine's gifts, so they did the quickest and best thing - they called me, or came by."

Susie said she gets calls for all sorts of theme designs. She carries Russ Plush stuffed animals, Looney Tunes stuffed animals, baby containers for cut flowers, door baby bows with places for the name, weight and date of birth of the newcomer, all kinds of Air Walker balloons to send to hospitals, snack baskets, fruit baskets, and some really wonderful green plants, blooming plants, corsages, and the like.

Homecoming is another rush season for Susie, who has a tender spot in her heart for kids wanting to buy a special mum.

"My prices are reasonable, and we really use that special touch for homecoming mums. I always try to put a little something extra in. This is really a big thing for those kids, and I want every mum I send out to be something really special."



Susie said Midland women often come in to get help with special baskets for their husbands - baskets with champagne and a "teddie" tucked in among the greenery.

Her customers can always reach her. "There are times like funerals, when people need you on the spot," she said. I'm completely hooked up to the shop. The shop phone rings at my house when I'm there, and when I'm out, it rings on my mobile phone. There is never a time when my customers can't reach me.

My customers support me, and I want to be there to support them.

"I never want to get to be a big shop. I want to stay small enough so that I can always give personal service to everyone who comes in the shop."

Patricia's Floral Designs and Gifts by Susie is located at 4411 W. Illinois, Suite B-7. Hours: 7-7, Monday-Saturday, Sunday 11-5. Phone 697-4411.

Premier Parking a Godsend during airport construction

Midland International Air Terminal is now under full-fledged construction, and while the prospect of a new, state-of-the-art air terminal may be exciting and fun, even in the interim, parking is not.

For at least the next six months, there will be no access to the near-terminal parking facilities for passengers who must leave their cars. Now, all travelers have to park their vehicles remotely and walk to a pickup point where they wait for a shuttle.

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Premier Parking also offers assistance to travelers through their travel agency. Call 915/563-5912. And if you need to pick up some last minute item you forgot to pack, there is a convenience store next door to Premier Parking.

Premier Parking is located at 2700 Windecker, on the way to Midland International Air Terminal. Phone 915/563-5911.

Quality Document Solutions - the Xerox link

Partners Carol and Ben Renfro and Tommy McCrury began Quality Document Solutions in 1995, when the Xerox Corporation enhanced the direct sales organization by expanding the Xerox Authorized Sales Agent coverage.

Carol's experience is in sales, marketing and management; Ben's is in technical and management, and McCrury's background is in office supply and equipment.

With more than 35 combined years of experience with Xerox, and already established as experts in finding ways to best meet the document needs of the community, they felt there was a need for growth and expansion of the presence of Xerox in the Permian Basin, and they took the leap to become Xerox Authorized Sales Agents and begin their own business - Quality Document Solutions, Inc.

Their plan was to develop the business gradually, with an emphasis on the continuing excellence of sales and service they had been accustomed to giving with Xerox, and eventually expand to provide products and services other than Xerox's.

In 1996, the company added facsimile products to their line, and added service agents to service their line of smaller copiers and products, and to augment the direct service force that service larger Xerox copiers and products. There are 24 Xerox technicians in total to serve the needs of the Permian Basin, six of whom report directly to Ben Renfro and are responsible for the maintenance of smaller copiers and facsimile machines.

And this year, Quality Document Solutions will begin offering the final component to help offices become more productive and efficient: storage and retrieval products.

Carol Renfro explained that the partners had seen their customers' offices becoming more and more crowded with the proliferation of paper.

"Now everybody can make copies and they fax copies, which results in paper everywhere. Our customers have storage buildings with boxes full of documents that they sometimes don't know how to maintain effectively. We're trying to help them streamline their document management process and close the cycle. The document cycle consists of creation, distribution, storage and retreival. Quality Document Solutions provide options in all those areas."

Ms. Renfro said uppermost in their criteria for the storage and retrieval product was to continue to maintain the excellence their clients were accustomed to with Xerox and Quality Document Solutions.

"We did extensive research, and finally found a company called BitWise Designs, Inc., which manufactures the DocSTAR (Document Storage And Retrieval) imaging and filing system. The DocSTAR scans a document electronically, images it, and does full-text editing, so that the document can be retrieved based on any word on the page.

"That becomes very important in a company from a productivity aspect," she said.

The DocSTAR systems store the documents on optical disks with a capacity of approximately 25,000 pages—an amount that would fill two and a half four-drawer file cabinets. Other options the company will offer include a jukebox optical storage peripheral providing on-line access to as many as 1.2 million pages of information, and software for importing documents directly from Windows application programs running on networked PCs.

Other plans in the works for Quality Document Solutions include the continued investment in training and development required to keep pace with Xerox's continued high standards.

Community involvement is important to Quality Document Solutions also. All employees are encouraged to participate in volunteer efforts for various nonprofit organizations, where they often work side by side with their customers for common goals.

Quality Document Solutions, owned and managed by Carol and Ben Renfro and Tommy McCrury, is the exclusive Xerox Authorized Sale Agent for Xerox office equipment in Midland, Ector and Andrews Counties. The offices are located at 4305 North Garfield, Ste. 222 in Midland. Phone 570-1400. FAX 683-5215; 1901 E. 37th Street, Odessa. Andrews phone is 915/524-5133.



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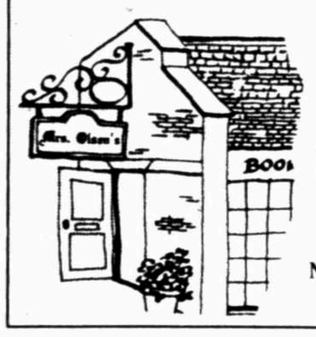
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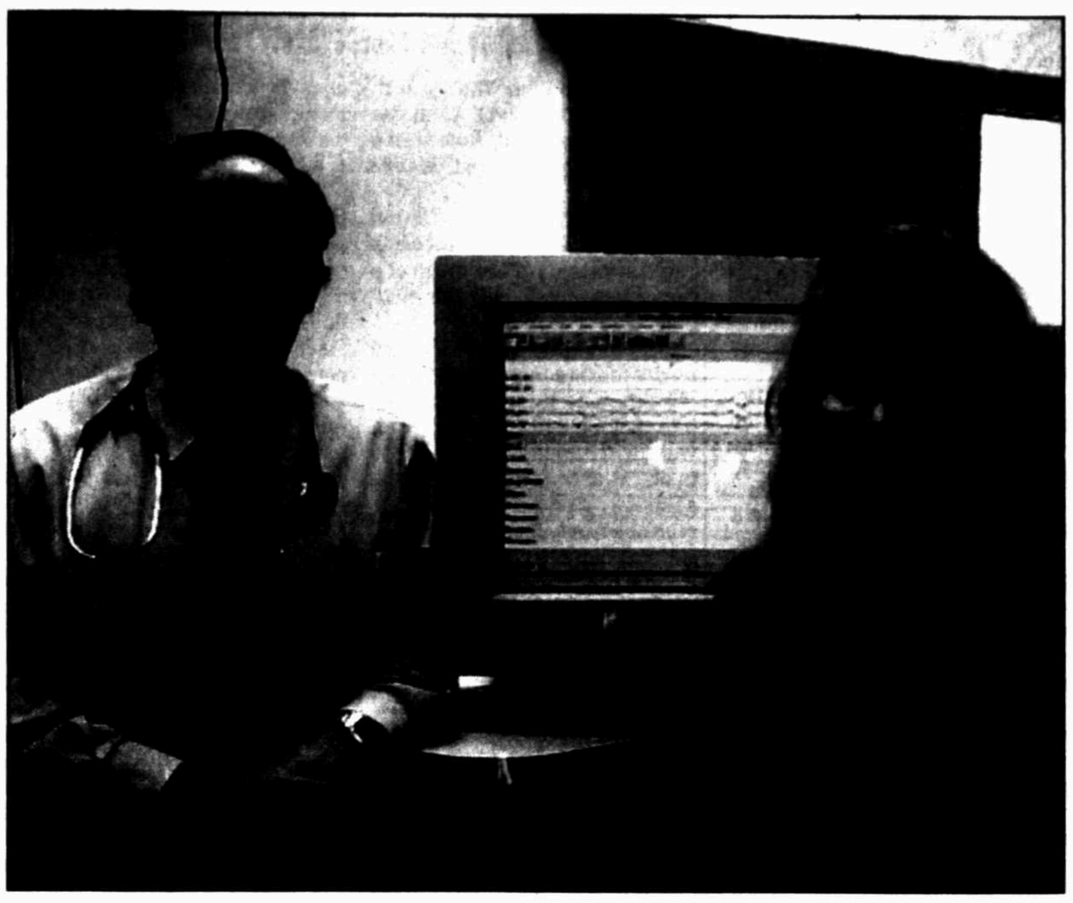
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Sleep disorders are nothing to laugh about



Dr. John Bray, Diplomate of the American Board of Sleep Disorders Medicine and Clinical Polysomnography, says exactly what sleep does to rejuvenate the body is still a mystery. According to information pamphlets distributed by Dr. Bray's Sleep Center of the Southwest, studies have shown that our body seems to restore its chemical balance during sleep. Without the proper amount of restful sleep, people tend to make mental errors, overreact to varying situations and fall asleep when they don't intend to.

Nearly 50 million Americans suffer from some form of sleep disorder. The most common condition, generally referred to as Sleep Apnea, is characterized by loud snoring and irregular breathing, and can be potentially very dangerous. Dr. Bray says there are several other tip-offs.

"If you wake up groggy in the morning, maybe with a headache, or your memory begins to fail when you're relatively young, or you fall asleep talking to your wife, driving a car, or go to sleep during important meetings, then you've really got a serious problem.

"Obviously it's dangerous if you drive or do any kind of work with equipment. You're also not productive. People with destructive sleep apnea have all kinds of problems at work. The condition can also cause blood pressure problems, and can cause you to become irritable and depressed."

A recent first-time patient at the Sleep Center was Ramon Olgin, Jr., of Monahans, who came to the sleep center at the urging of his daughter, after having had a near-accident at work which left him shaken and willing to discuss his problem with a professional.

"I was driving to work the other day, and a went through a cattleguard out into the pasture," he said. "I don't remember hitting the brakes, I don't remember coming through the cattleguard. I awoke in the pasture, and I thought Whoa! I'm out here with the cows! " Mr. Olgin said the cattleguard incident was the culmination of a series of events that had been building up for some time.

"I'd be doing my paperwork, and all of a sudden, in the middle of a computation, I would stop and wonder where I was. I'd be listening to my children, or hugging my wife, and suddenly I'd be asleep.

"But I just pushed it back for a long time," he said. "It's a male ego thing. But my daughter, who heard of a husband of a friend who was coming to the Sleep Center with a lot of the same symptoms, got one of Dr. Bray's cards, and brought it to me. She said Dad, I think you ought to make an appointment with these people.

Dr. Bray said the good news is, that sleep apnea can be treated very effectively. The sleep center molds the therapy to each individual, taking into account personalities and preferences. One component of the Sleep Center is a computerized sleep lab, with two beds where patients can sleep, hooked up to a battery of small sensors which are attached to the skin, which relay vital information about brain activity, blood oxygen levels, breathing patterns, heart rate and eye and leg movements. The tests are completely painless, and the patient is able to move freely in the bed during the study.

Dr. Bray said once the problem is diagnosed, there are several treatment options, including the nasal CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) which is probably the most effective treatment, or surgery, or for certain individuals, dental appliances. If you suspect that you or someone you know has a sleep disorder, call the Sleep Center of the Southwest, at 570-6483 (570-NITE). SCSW accepts direct physician referrals so you may contact your regular physician or Dr. John Bray for an appointment.

If you're missing out on sleep you're missing out on life.

Find Gourmet Cooking items at Ruby Madison's

Linda Wolfgang, a regular customer at Ruby Madison's in Oak Ridge Square in Midland, says she goes to the little shop whenever she gets homesick for a real gourmet cooking store like she used to find in Oregon and California.

"I've lived here for almost two years, and Gayle (Pomroy, owner-manager of Ruby Madison's) and I have become friends," she said.

"I always buy my spices here, because Gayle carries them in bulk, and I don't have to pay the price for a too much of a spice that I don't know is fresh."

It's true. Ruby Madison's carries bulk herbs and spices that they sell by the ounce, bulk teas, and a number of items for the everyday cook as well as the gourmet cook.

Whether you're a microwave master with a list of carry-out phone numbers taped to the refrigerator or a serious cook, you'll enjoy browsing through Ruby Madison's just for the fun of it. And if you really need kitchen items, there's hardly anything you can name that Gayle Pomroy doesn't have, or can't get.

You can find LamsonSharp knives and cutlery, Romertopf, All-Clad, Endurance, and other cookware, and they've ordered such table top items as dinnerware and serving pieces for spring. Gayle said she tries to keep the cookware the Martha Stewart and Graham Kerr use, and whatever is featured in popular cooking magazines, because she often has requests for them after Midlanders see them used.

"I'd love to view those (cooking) shows in advance, just so I could order ahead," she said. Gourmet food is also a big item in the store. You can find almost any flavor vinegar or oil you can name, all beautifully stored in decorator bottles; and flavorings that you can use for chocolate; pastas, mixes of different kinds, and an array of prepared foods that will take you from the first course to after-dinner coffee. And to dress up the cook, there are aprons—everything from too pretty to be practical to the oversize butcher's aprons for the cook who means business.

Gayle says she welcomes browsers, and enjoys getting to know the visitors who are attracted to the store by the name and the look, and become regular customers.

"I would describe the mood of this shop as relaxed," she says. Linda agrees. "Gayle never hurries you, or acts like she's too busy to talk," she said.

"I have bought so many pots and pans here, because this is just a friendly place to shop."

She's been looking at an oversize Romertopf baker as she talks, and she hands it over to Gayle for gift-wrapping. "I also buy gifts," she explains. During most of the holidays, Gayle or her husband can be found putting together a sampler of gourmet foods, or dips or other snack for visitors to try.

Betsy Ashley, who has also been a regular customer since Gayle opened the shop, said she also loves to shop at Ruby Madison's. "I just love to come here for the fun of it," she said.

Ruby Madison's, at 2200 W. Wadley in Oak Ridge Square, is open 10-6, Monday through Friday and 10 - 5 Saturday. Phone 570-7035.





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In response to increasing demand for their services, the corporation expanded their facilities last year and is now located at 6600 West Highway 80.

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Asthma, allergy doctor driven by a mission

In the pleasant offices of P.K. Raghuprasad, M.D. patients wait in rooms where the walls are lined with striking oil paintings of flowers, a hummingbird drinking nectar from a flower; roses, paintings brimming with color and light. They are signed "Raghu", the name he is called by his patients. He walks with a long stride from room to room, talking in a collegial manner with school-age patients, parents, patients in their late sixties, and a sales representative one after the other, seeming to have time to talk, yet there is the waiting room out there—and more people are waiting.

He started out studying medicine, he said, because of events that he cannot forget—even after decades.

Raghu's father developed severe asthma when the boy was 13, an asthma so severe that he was unable to continue his law practice for the last five years of his life. His family suffered. "The last week of his life, he lay in his easy chair, unable to breathe," Raghu remembers, "and he was taken to a doctor and he died on his way back." Raghu speculates the treatment itself may have proved fatal.

Then his older brother, already in the army, was also stricken with asthma, so severe that he was unable to perform his duties and was thus given a medical discharge.

Dr. Raghu's specialty is allergies—and he treats people with asthma daily,.

"I had to go to this branch of medicine," he said, "because I was guided. Since then I have had most pleasure when I'm treating asthma. You might say I treat it with a vengeance." It could perhaps be said that Raghu's vendetta against the disease that killed his father has borne fruit.

"I can keep most of my asthma patients free of asthma all of the time," he said. "Of course, we have good treatment options now. There have been enormous strides made in the treatment of asthma in the past 20 years. During my father's time, my father had only stramonium cigarettes and ephedrine.

Treatment of blood pressure is another area that is exploding with good drugs—from such a gloomy outlook in times past, when the only treatment was drugs that were toxic. Patients waited until it was often too late to start treatment and ended up having heart attack, kidney failure or strokes. Now even people with mild hypertension can be treated, so that they don't have the complications of hypertension.

"Another dramatic advance in medicine is in the area of peptic ulcers. I've lived through all these changes—from the days when many patients end up on the surgeon's table for gastrectomy and all kinds of surgery.

"Now there are medications for it. It's the same story with asthma," Raghu said. "You have an allergic reaction, and your airways become inflamed. You are reacting to things in the air, or in your diet, or at work. And the airways remain inflamed so that you continue to react to things that people without inflamed airways would have no trouble with, such as dust or humidity or things of that nature.

"Addressing that problem with allergy treatments—inhalers and other medications which reduce the inflammation, so it goes away is the major improvement, instead of bronchodilators, things that were given to just relax the muscles in the air tubes. We now address the inflammation.

"We have increased understanding of what's going on now, we're trying to reverse or prevent these conditions."

"The most important treatment will come later," he says, "and that will be genes. Altering the genes. When we can do that, we might even cure asthma. Of course we do have the means to modify the immune system, so the inflammation is reduced. This is what allergy injection achieves."

Dr. Raghu himself suffers mildly from asthma, which he treats with an inhaler at night, therefore, he knows first-hand the misery his patients can suffer.

His battle against asthma and the allergies which lie at its root is never-ending. When he's not treating patients, he is engaged in another facet of his quest—research.

"I don't have time for socializing," he said. "I do research at nights. Wednesdays, when we're closed, I'm in the lab, researching. I take my slides home and read them. I'm here in the lab all day Saturday, doing research. I'm tackling a tough project, and I'm almost at the end of that one. I've done the job, it's just a matter of tidying it up."

Raghu said privacy is necessary for such exacting work. "I don't need other people. You have to be very meticulous - and obsessive. So that is also a major part of my life.

And every day, he paints.

"I make time for myself to do what I do, every day," he explains. I do what I do every day, instead of waiting for the weekend. I'm still working on this (pointing to an almost-lifesize painting of his wife,



wearing bright yellow floral bibbed pants an oil painting hanging on the wall in his office)."

And he points with a slender finger to the place where the bib meets her shirt. "This ended up here before. All this was done, and it's not quite right, so I extended it and I had to paint over to make it look good.

I started off painting with oil but using techniques appropriate for water colors. But now I have my own techniques." When asked, he admits his painting in many ways parallels his work to improve the lot of his patients. "Now I've reached a stage where I learn and improve so that I can continue to help my patients."

Dr. Raghuprasad's Allergy and Asthma Centers are located at 2400 W. 8th Street in Odessa (Phone 332-5533), and 3001 W. Illinois in Midland (580-7070). He is a member of the permian Basin HealthCare Network and West Texas Physicians Alliance.

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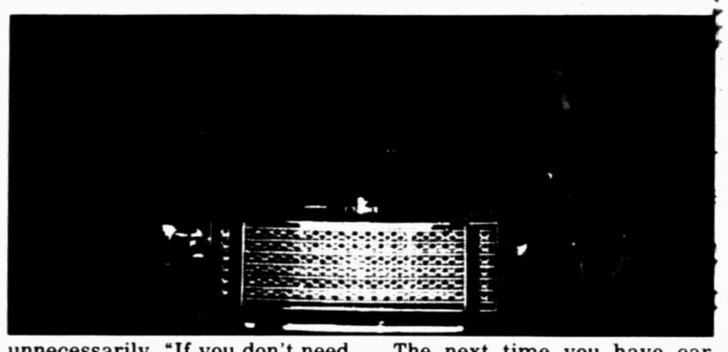
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Just as no two people's fingerprints are the same, neither are their fitness needs. Someone who wants to gain some endurance for weekend basketball games needs a totally different plan from one who wants to reduce lower back pain. Specialized Fitness provides a uniquely tailored regimen for every client's purpose, whether it's weight loss, strength training, sport-specific training, therapeutic massage, rehab followup or others. They then follow clients' progress closely to make any needed adjustments.

"The reason we got into the fitness business was to provide one-on-one service in a way most gyms can't do," says Sheldon Skinner who owns Specialized Fitness along with his wife, Kelly. The Skinners attribute their unusually high success rate to this "up close and personal" care. They schedule your workout time with you to make sure they have the right staff on hand to work closely with every client.

Starting with an in-depth interview allows them to blend in your lifestyle, medical history (any injuries that could affect your workout), your own goals and even your schedule.

"If you can only give us 20 minutes a day, we can put together a very time-efficient workout and we can schedule you any time from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.," says Kelly.

The recent addition of a licensed chiropractor to the staff has allowed Specialized Fitness to expand their post-rehab service.

"More and more people are realizing the need to continue to exercise after their rehab is over," Kelly explains. "Rather than continued improvement, you may actually go backwards if you don't continue an exercise program."

Often, especially with sports-related injuries such as knees or backs, the right program can reduce the chances of a recurrence by strengthening related muscles or adding flexibility.

"Weekend warriors" as Sheldon calls them, including players in sports, gardeners or those that do other occasional strenuous work, can also benefit from "preventive maintenance" exercise.

Recent discoveries have shown therapeutic massage to be another rehab tool, especially for conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Fibromyalgia, chronic low back pain and migraines.

"We've seen some people with these conditions make remarkable progress under massage therapy," Sheldon says.

Every fingerprint is indeed unique. When you emerge from your workout feeling better, stronger and healthier, that is the unique fingerprint of Specialized Fitness.

Sheldon and Kelly are Registered Massage Therapists and Certified Personal Trainers. Kelly is also a Medical Exercise Specialist. The Skinners have 15 years experience in exercise training.

Specialized Fitness is located at Garfield and Loop 250. They are open 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. Their phone number is 684-6408. They take most major credit cards.





Ellen West, Sonsilks owner, says, "Put us on your your Run-Around-Trail."

Sonsilks: A store with style

SonSilks, located at Loop 250 and Midkiff, has been in business for ten years. SonSilks began in 1986 as a cottage industry, devoted first to custom designed silk florals. The first SonSilks home was located for a time in Old Town Midland. As retail demands grew and inventory increased, an expanded SonSilks moved to Midland Plaza, between Service Merchandise and Mervyn's. SonSilks now has six to eight employees. All are trained to help the customer pull things together for the home, for gifts, or just for fun.

SonSilks caters to customers who are interested in updating existing homes, new home buyers, individuals with a desire for creative expression -- both personally *and* in their homes -- and those who want fresh ideas for "giftable gifts."

SonSilks maintains the complete collection of CDs and cassettes by renowned Dallas pianist, Newell Oler.

This store meets decorating needs with a great selection of interior accents. You'll find lamps, prints, pillows, tassels, decorative boxes, trunks and more. One current trend in accents is the animal print motif and, SonSilks has it!

While browsing throughout the store, one can enjoy the delightful fragrances of scented candles and a wide variety of potpourri, sprays and fragranced oils. Various textures such as brass, crystal, tapestry, wood and silk florals provide a soft touch of affordable elegance.

A large and exciting inventory of fine silk florals is always maintained, and price ranges vary. This variety is essential to anyone who desires a custom floral look in just the right style, size and color to fit any budget. Call SonSilks for a consultation in your home or office.

Two exciting bath lines, Caswell-Massey & Aromatique (both made in America) offer a superb selection of lovely pampering gifts.

Ellen says that some of the things which make her business unique include personalized customer service, a variety of selection, attention to details, atmosphere, expertise of the staff, and the fact that SonSilks is locally owned. She carefully and methodically researches and shops current market trends. This results in a superior mix of cutting edge interior accents, decorative accessories, home fragrance, jewelry and silk florals.

SonSilks is the authorized dealer for Jeep Collins jewelry in this area. A large stock is available all the time, and special orders are welcome. Ellen pays tribute to the SonSilks staff: "They are like a beautiful tapestry. Their many different talents and diverse experiences all blend together like the threads of a fine tapestry."

SonSilks is a joy to browse. The shop radiates friendliness and good taste.

Around every nook is fresh excitement, enhanced by original one-of-a-kind silk floral designs.

The girls at SonSilks say, "Put us on your Run-Around-Trail."

Start a tradition at the Stitching Post

In 1978, stitchers Polly Porter and Donna Martin opened The Stitching Post in answer to a need for quality needlepoint and cross-stitching supplies. In the 19 continuous years since, the Stitching Post a meeting place for women with stitching ideas, who come to do the kinds of cross stitch and needle point that creates traditions.

Kathie Bryant, present owner of the shop, celebrates her first year in business this month.

She says most of the women who come to the shop do both cross-stitch and needle point, although there are those who will do one or the other exclusively.

The shop stocks everything a cross stitcher or needlepointer needs. Kathie has a myriad of threads, such as Medici's overdyed wool, Orchidee wool, silks, silk/wool blends, a lot of different cottons, both regular and overdyed, Flare and Rachel nylon fibers, and Rachelette, which is nylon with a metallic thread running through its center, and lots of Balgers in all different sizes and colors. She has canvases—hand-painted, by designers from all over the world, and instruction books.

There are stitchers' tools—D'Azor lamps, with fluorescent lamps circling magnifiers, lap and floor frames, and a little gadget called a "Dololly Stitch Fixer," which Kathie says is an almost-indispensable tool for stitchers.

The Stitching Post offers both night and day classes, taught by Polly Porter on Monday and Wednesday, and Janie Belew, who teaches Tuesday and Thursday.

A beginner can do a small cross-stitch in four or five hours.



In needlepoint, you can start with almost anything you want to do if you take a class, so that they can help with fiber selection and stitches.

Polly, who was the co-founder of the shop, says people do needlepoint and cross stitch for all kinds of reasons.

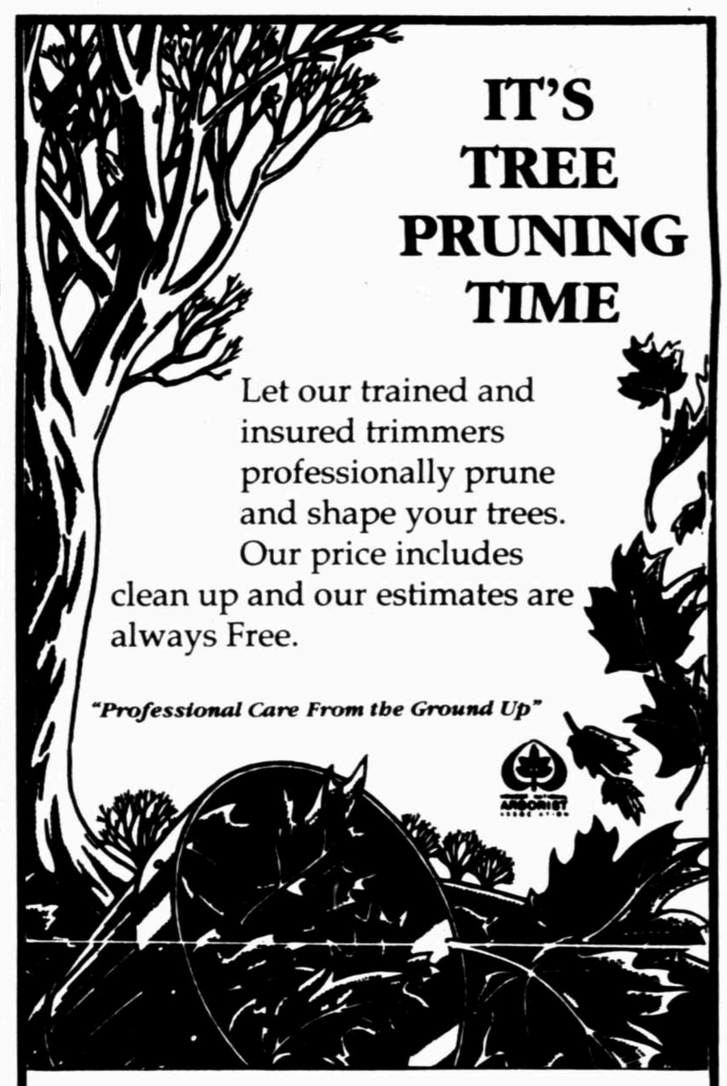
"They do it because it's relaxing, because they like to give handmade gifts—because it's very therapeutic, and much cheaper than a psychiatrist," she said.

If you would like to do cross stitch or needlepoint for those reasons—or for some of your own, Kathie would love to meet you.

Whether you're new at the stitching game, or a seasoned stitcher,

The Stitching Post can fill your needs. Kathie invites you to drop by, or call for information, for class schedules, or to register for a class.

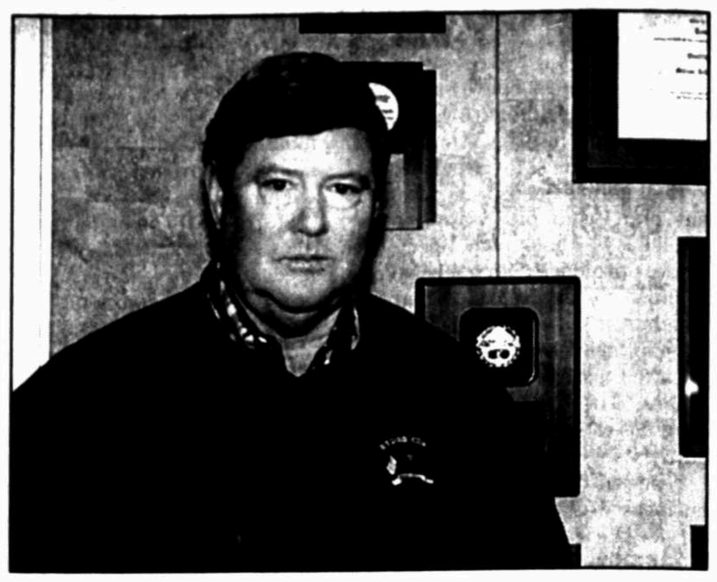
The Stitching Post is in the San Miguel Shopping Center, at the corner of Midkiff and Wadley. Open 10-6 Monday through Friday, and 10-5 Saturday. Phone 697-1241.







Insurance Agent provides wealth of information



An experienced insurance agent can provide a wealth of information about an often confusing subject. Independent agent Tom Newman has 32 years' experience handling various types of insurance policies and, most importantly, answering policy holders' questions about buying the right policy with the right amount of coverage.

Tom is a general agent for Fortis Time Insurance, for Transamerica Life Companies and for numerous others. At Tom Newman and Associates, life, group medical, individual medical and retirement plans can be arranged through Tom. He also handles several quality carriers that provide Medicare supplements.

"I get a great deal of satisfaction out of knowing that my companies will take care of my policyholders," Tom said.

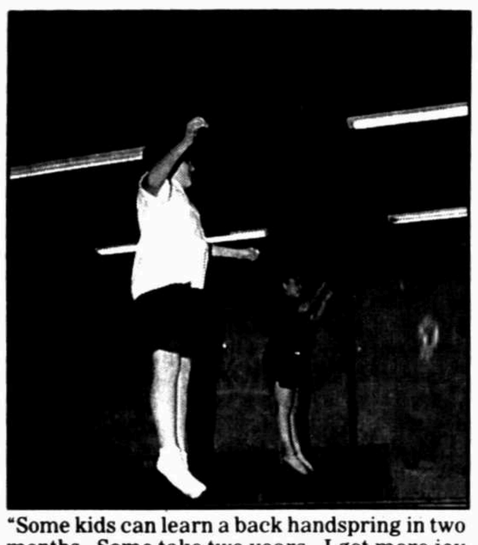
Tom said a federal bill was passed last year allowing self-employed people to begin setting aside for a Medical Savings Account (MSA). Tom said at this time there are only a few companies that offer MSAs. Time Insurance in particular has an over 100 year history and is rated one of the top national individual medical carriers offering both individual and group MSAs.

MSA benefits include up to a 39 percent tax benefit (depending on the policyholder's current tax situation) realized every year until age 65. Typical out-of-pocket medical expenses — including eyeglasses and long-term care plans — are paid with tax deductible dollars. Also, MSAs can help policyholders realize financial benefits from some of the money they allocate for health care expenses, even without being sick.

Tom Newman and Associates also represents a number of life insurance companies that specialize in private pension plans as well as 401-Ks and the new "Simple" plan formerly called a SEP. Now is the time to make plans for your future and save for your retirement income. With the new Simple plan, the government has basically simplified the rules regarding contribution and the amount of money you can put into the plans. A variety of investment options are available with these plans.

Call Tom Newman, 683-4851, for more information on MSAs, other types of medical insurance for yourself or your company, Simple plans, or for IRAs. Ask Tom about spouses now contributing up to $2,000 per year in an IRA.

Midland Trampoline and Tumbling gives you a natural high



They're suspended in air in a sitting position ten feet off the floor, their legs out in a "V", and they touch their toes, and they're still suspended in air. Then they straighten up and start to come down—to where "X" marks the spot on the trampoline. One bounce, and they're up again, arms stretched up, up, trying to reach the ceiling.

Midland Trampoline and Tumbling, located at the west end of Princeton Avenue, has been here for six years. Owners Mike and Mary Ann Hooper converted a former warehouse and office building into this facility by moving in with jackhammers and a backhoe to dig huge pits under the floor so that the trampolines would be ground level, and covered the rest of the floor with padding, and now teach power tumbling and acro-gymnastics.

"Our emphasis is on safety," said Mike. "Because safety is our main concern."

This is where the Tall City Hi-Lites tumbling and trampoline team train, as well as many cheerleaders and aspiring cheerleaders from elementary, junior high, high school and Midland College.

The sport of tram and tumbling, which started in the West Texas area about 20 years ago, will be an Olympic competition for the first time in Sydney, Australia in the year 2000.

Although at first glance it would appear that this is all in fun, the Hoopers say kids don't just run into the gym and start tumbling. Since there are basic techniques involved, they never jump or tumble unsupervised.

"We constantly monitor the progress of every kid," Mike said.

"Safety is the most important thing, both in tumbling and on the trampoline.

"We start off with a stretch, do a warm-up consisting of bunny hops frontward and backward, or a bearwalk (on hands and feet, butt high in the air) frontward and backward, according to what age, then progress to front rolls and back rolls, handstand rolls, cartwheels, round-offs and back handsprings.

"We don't let anybody do anything they're not physically and mentally prepared to do."

Although they say there are some kids more adept at tumbling and trampoline than others, the Hoopers say their greatest joy is seeing them do their best.

"Everybody's different," Mike explained. "Some kids can learn a back handspring in two months. Some take two years. I get more joy over a kid who struggles and does it than a kid with a lot of talent who does what comes easy and doesn't push him/herself."

He said there is stiff competition among tumblers in West Texas.

As this story is going to press, the Hoopers are enroute from Las Vegas, where 4 member Tall City Hi-Lite members will participate in a national tournament.

"Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose," said Mike. "We've had kids place in the top ten in national championship, in tumbling and trampoline. In June he hopes to bring 30 or more kids to the

Junior Olympics National Invitational and Junior Olympic national

championships in Orlando, Florida.

"All I want is for every kid to do their best. If you did your

best, I'm going to be thrilled."

The gym also hold fun meets locally, with three or four gyms from

around the area coming in.

"These are fun for everybody," said Mary Ann. "If they don't get it right the first time, they can try again, and everybody gets a medal. The kids enjoy it, the parents enjoy it, and we enjoy it."

The Hoopers said parents are always welcome to sit in on the training sessions.

"We're not doing anything we don't want the parents to see," she said. "We aren't baby sitters. The kids are here for instruction, and we're coaches. We're going to tell them how, and we're going to insist they do it right.

"We think the parents are paying us to teach the kids, and they're going to get their money's worth."

Both Mike and Mary Ann are certified at USA Trampoline and Tumbling Level II, and their daughter, Heather, who trains cheerleaders, is Level I certified.

Age ranges from two to twenty. "Mary Ann coaches the two year olds," said Mike. "They're the cutest things you ever saw."

He said the most gratifying part of having the gym is the feedback they get.

"We've had kids write us cards telling us how much they appreciate how we pushed them to do their best." He said another satisfying aspect is seeing a child finally get it right on the trampoline or the tumbling floor. "The cartwheel is the hardest thing to teach. I had this little boy who tried and tried and could never do a cartwheel. Week after week, he would try. Then one day, he came in and did a cartwheel. I was stunned. I said, 'Hey, how'd you finally learn to do that cartwheel?' He said, 'I was watching Batman, and I saw Catwoman do cartwheels, so I played the video over and over.'"

The Hoopers enjoy a reputation not just in Midland, but throughout the area. Recently a group of Kermit mothers got

together and asked Mike to do a class in Kermit. "Find me a place, and I'll do it," he said. They called in a few days and said they had a place—a skating rink, where they could lay down the mats and trampolines—and now, every Wednesday, Mary Ann goes over in the mornings to do a day care, and Mike coaches in the afternoon and evening. Yes, it's a long trip, but they're okay with it, Mary Ann says.

"We love doing this, and we like the kids. If we didn't love it, we'd quit."

Midland Trampoline & Tumbling, 5025 Princeton, Suites 5 & 6, is open 3:30 to 8:30, Monday through Friday. Call 694-3717 for more information.

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UTPB adds new program designed to benefit accountants

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin recently added a master's in public accountancy which Gary Klein, dean of the School of Business, says was put together after consultation with members of the community.

"We're trying to reach out in the Permian Basin in the most efficient way possible," he said. "For instance, our MBA program is conveniently set up for working people, since all of the courses are offered in the evening."

Klein said the master's in public accountancy was offered in response to the new requirement for sitting for the CPA exams.

"The MPA degree is designed to meet the new 150 semester credit hour requirement mandated by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, which goes into effect this year."

Klein said, "We're very pleased to be offering this type of program in our school. It gives accounting students the opportunity to reach their professional goals, whether it is to satisfy new curriculum requirements for the Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) examination or to provide current CPAs with continuing professional education credit."

Many upper-level and graduate courses now are offered at UTPB through such scheduling options as evening hours, interactive televised instruction, or weekend programs.

Cathie Tinney, director of graduate studies, said, "Not only are our existing programs in education and business reponding to fit the busy lifestyles of the population, but as we develop new programs such as the master's in public accountancy, we are exploring ways to incorporate these scheduling options into their formats. I can see this flexibility in scheduling grow dramatically and quickly at UTPB."

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Stop by to meet the friendly staff at Superior Exteriors at 6600 W. Hwy 80. (from left: Buddy Mayes, Al Nicholas, office manager Mary Nicholas, owner Dan Nicholas, Mark Kincaid, Danny Deel, and Ross Dolan)



Uptown Consignments offers the finest in pre-owned furnishings, accessories and more - the new, the antique and the in-between



UPTOWN CONSIGNMENTS, located at 404 Andrews Highway, opened in September of 1996. It is owned and operated by Gail and Bill Reilly. Uptown markets items which people in the area wish to sell. A consignment is an alternative to advertising and selling something on your own. The advantages of consigning are avoiding advertising fees, having strangers come to your home, broken appointments, and having to negotiate the price. Uptown advertises and sells items and charges a reasonable fee only after the items are sold. They take pride in displaying consigned items in an attractive setting.

Uptown strives to be selective and carries only quality home furnishings, accessories and also antiques. The shop has a unique inventory which consists of beautiful American, English, Oriental, and European furnishings. Among some of the unusual items are Belgian dining room suites, wardrobes, handmade quilts, Tiffany-style lamps, entertainment centers and various American antiques which date back to the pre-civil war era. They also offer sofas, sofa tables, bedroom furniture, dining room suites, chairs, hutches, etageres, rugs, clocks, crystal, silver, china, glassware, depressionware, mirrors, silk florals and collectibles too numerous to mention. Uptown has a wide selection of Windberg, Lena Liu, and Southwest prints, as well as beautiful oil paintings. Many of their consignors are world traveled, and much of their inventory comes from the far corners of the globe. In addition to the goods and friendly service offered by Uptown Consignments, they provide Estate Sale services to assist those who wish to down-size or dispose of their estate items.

"We have been pleased with our customers' reaction to our store," the Reillys comment. "Customers often remark, It smells so good, the shop is beautifully decorated and everything is nicely displayed in a home-like atmosphere, and your prices are so reasonable." Many customers coming into the store speak of the fond memories they have of shopping for their children's clothing when it was the Upstairs Downstairs location. However, many customers remark that they would not recognize the store as being the same place because of the atmosphere and total redecorating of the interior and exterior.

Uptown endeavors to offer customers a wide selection of quality merchandise at reasonable and affordable prices. Consignments not only assist the people who want to sell their fine furnishings, but offer buyers precious quality items at much less than "new retail price". Uptown wants customers to come in and browse and make themselves at home as they enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Uptown offers a unique shopping experience. The cozy fireplace setting near the front door invites you to sit and relax for a minute, or an hour, or a...From the rich, warm colors and paneled walls of the street level to the lighted grapevine and greenery and the artful use of lattice on the lower level, the shop presents a marvelous shopping, browsing, visiting atmosphere.

When shopping at a consignment or an antique store, the best time to buy an item is when you see it. Merchandise sells rapidly and there usually is not a second opportunity to buy a one-of-a-kind item. Many customers have returned to purchase something they have seen from a previous visit only to find that it was sold.

Uptown Consignments, located at 404 Andrews Highway, takes consignments, sells fine pre-owned furniture and pieces for the home, and provides estate sale services. To discover how Uptown Consignments can help you, phone 570-0099.

Improving your game or your health with a personal trainer

Personal training, once considered an option only for the professional athlete or the surgery patient, has recently been discovered by the rest of us. Now, the kid who plays soccer, the octogenarian who wants to improve her golf swing, and a host of sufferers of back pain and neuromuscular aches are likely to arrange for such specialized care.

Personal Trainer Rick Allard said he has noticed the change over the past three or four years.

"When I first went to work with (sports physician and surgeon) Dr. Jerry Cochran 10 years ago, all we saw were people who came for rehab or to get in shape for surgery," he said. "Then gradually, there were more and more people who didn't need surgery, but who wanted to get relief from pulled muscles, or back pain, or who wanted to develop upper body strength, or gain strength for specific sports such as swimming or golf."

To accommodate the growing trend, specialized gyms and training facilities have sprung up throughout the country since the mid-1990s.

Today, Allard, who works one-on-one with each client on a carefully designed program for the benefit of his or her individual needs, maintains a 10,000-square foot facility specially equipped with exercise equipment both simple and state-of-the art. The Cybex 6000 is a computer driven machine that until recently would have been available to research labs. Allard said the aim of personalized training is not to see how many monitors he can hook his clients up to, but to see that each client follows a discipline uniquely his or her own.

It will be immediately apparent when you enter Texas Fitness and Rehabilitation, that this is not just another gym. No matter how many machines are going, the atmosphere is quiet. Some of the equipment is found nowhere else in Midland. The facility has a large cardio workout room with plenty of space to stretch out and work.

The California Angels' Randy Valarde, is one of the facility's better-known clients locally.

On a given day, Allard might see a 16-year-old who's doing rehab to prepare for arthroscopic knee surgery at 6-a.m., a 30-year-old woman wanting to strengthen and flatten abs at eight, and two 75-year-old arthritis sufferers at 10, who come to walk in the Aquaciser, a four-foot high, three-by-three-foot treadmill-floored chamber which the user walks into, and the enclosure is filled with water. Allard said the Aquaciser is beneficial not only to arthritics, but to runners or others who may have suffered damage to their knees.

"Since the water takes the pressure off the joints, it's good for just about everybody," he said. "Even if you're only a few pounds overweight, the stress to your knees can be harmful."

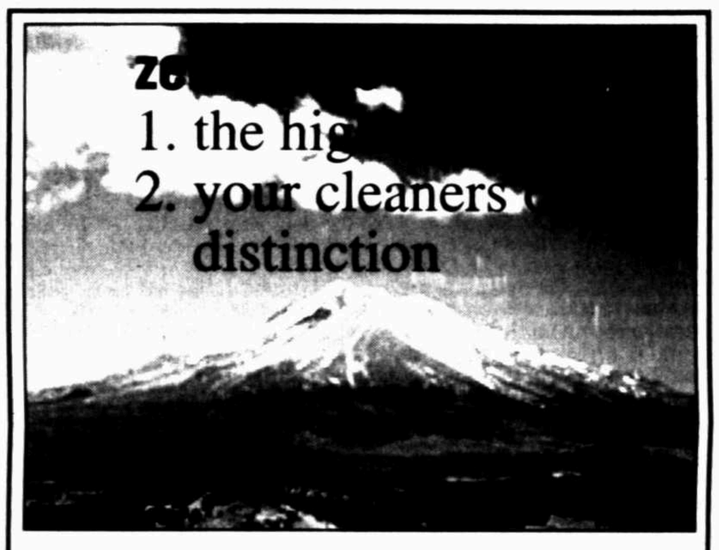
Allard said personal training is a holistic concept, concerned as much with what you eat as with how and when and how hard you work out.

"At the beginning of the program, we do a thorough inventory, including a list of everything you eat, fat to muscle ratio, and what you want to accomplish, and this is all monitored very precisely. We even take note of the time you come in to do the inventory, so that conditions will be as near the same as we can make them.

"Most people begin to see improvement in about three weeks."

Allard counsels patience, however. "Patience is the key," says Allard. "This is not a quick fix. This is a training process for a lifetime change."

Texas Fitness and Rehabilitation is located at 4610 North Garfield, Suite B-5 (East side of the Colonade, north of Chili's). Phone 570-8782. Hours are 8-5 Monday through Friday. Saturday 9:00 to 12:00.



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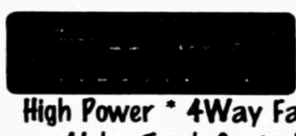
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Nimet Pirani Gersbach (a-k-a-Nicki) has lived in three continents, four countries, five cities and speaks six languages.

Fourteen years ago, Nimet moved from Canada to Midland to join her parents in the dry-cleaning business at Zenith Cleaners and Laundry.

Today, she owns all six Zenith Cleaners locations.

Keeping up with the responsibility of all six cleaning stores has been the "biggest challenge in my life, but, I do love a challenge," she said.

Nimet reflects: "Midland appears to be undergoing an incredible transformation, a city with its familiar soft tempo, but with an increased vibrance and activity."

She believes, however, that people in West Texas are "well seasoned" with the notion of counting pennies. "It is almost second-nature. We expect the best quality and customer service for our hard-earned dollars." This is why, several years ago, Zenith Cleaners implemented the 2 for 1 in dry-cleaning.

People will pick Zenith Cleaners above all others for their known quality with a discounted price. "Not discounted quality," says Nimet.

She says it all starts with the customer service. "They must feel good about where they take their clothes. It is a built-in trust basis. There has to be no doubt about that good feeling."

Midland keeps growing outward, and customers' convenience at Zenith Cleaners takes top priority. Thus, the reason for six locations, making it the largest cleaners in Midland.

Nimet remembers when the first major convenience was added at Zenith Cleaners 13 years ago, when they were the first cleaners in Midland to introduce the drive-through concept. They also offer the convenience of their renowned Route service, for the same 2 for 1 price.

And the "2 for 1 in dry-cleaning at Zenith Cleaners means, "You get the discounted price without sacrificing quality," said Nimet. "Our profit is in the volume."

With the ever increasing volume, Zenith Cleaners continues to grow, implementing new equipment continually in order to retain the superior standard of quality and service.

About coupons: "Why waste time with a coupon when you can walk into any of the six locations and get the best bargain in town ... Everyday 2 for 1."

Nimet explains that the dry-cleaner has to stay current on the new fabrics, new dyes, and new processes that garments undergo today, to bear the finished look they display at the retail stores.

Thus, the time and care (and sometimes research) invested go way beyond at Zenith Cleaners since care labels are not always adequate, and fabrics sometimes have to be tested for fast-dye, for breakage, etc.

Another reason for the growth at Zenith Cleaners: They offer care as well as information on all aspects of cleaning garments, such as problem spots, stains, or fancy trims. "We are always eager to oblige."

"You must have a cleaner at the helm who truly cares about and has pride for the garment."

"We are so blessed at Zenith Cleaners, with our dry-cleaner as well as the managers at each of the stores who truly care about the customer and their clothing." She says that they take immense pride in their task to please the customer.

"Our cleaner, the managers, the pressers and checkers are all truly the backbone of our success for



all these years, and we would not be where we are today without them."

Everyone at Zenith Cleaners treats the other as family.

"They are, in fact, my extended family. (They spoil me so much.) I can honestly say that they are the true success story here at Zenith Cleaners. They play the star role in putting us where we are today."

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For example, when two men's 2-piece suits runs $8.50. That means one suit would cost $4.25. Therefore, each garment costs $2.12!

Or, two comforters, for example, at $25.00 translates into each comforter at $12.50.

Now, how can you beat these prices backed-up with Zenith Cleaner's known quality?

YMCA caters to special needs of Midlanders

It's hard to imagine where Midland would be without its "Y"s.

From child care to sports to activities built around the special needs of people in the community with arthritis or cardiac problems, the Y is there with programs tailored to fit the needs of the people they serve.

The Midland YMCA consists of three full-facility branches and a Child Development Center. They are located at three strategic locations to conveniently serve people throughout the community. Each facility has an indoor pool, gymnasium, free weights, Nautilus, cardiovascular equipment and locker rooms. There are four racquetball courts at the Central Y, and the Alamo Y has a gymnastics center.

The Y is Midland's largest provider of child care, serving more than 80 children at the Child Development Center for infants through pre-school, and providing on-site after-school child care at eleven schools in Midland. Both Alamo and Northeast Ys have after-school child care at their facility. In the summer, Alamo and Northeast YMCAs run all-day summer recreation programs, and the Central Y runs an all-day Camp Comanche program.

This year, the Y will have more than 2500 participants in its Youth Sports Programs, to play flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball and junior high basketball. Swimming lessons are offered at Alamo and Central YMCA for children and adults. The pools are open for unstructured swimming and water exercises at other times. Alamo and Northeast Ys offer many water aerobics and water therapy classes. Alamo has four arthritis classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Central Y runs the Indian Guides and princesses program. This is a father/son and father/daughter program that allows fathers to spend quality time with their children. They go on camp-outs and do arts and crafts, in-town events such as bowling and mini-golf, and have monthly tribal meetings.

The Alamo has a full-facility gymnastics center, with classes that range from parent participation classes through competitive gymnastics.

The Central Y runs a Youth and Government program for students in high school and freshman school, which teaches students about government, and demonstrates with hands-on experience how the legislative and judicial system operates.

There is a men's and women's health club at the Central Y, with separate dressing rooms, whirlpool, and massage therapy available.

You don't have to be a birder to visit Wild Birds Unlimited

If you're one of the hundreds of Midlanders who maintain B&Bs for the migrating birds that stop and stay for a day or a week, or decide they like it here and stay a lifetime right there in your back yard, then you probably know about Wild Birds Unlimited. If not, go there, just for the fun of it.

Located in the Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield, Wild Birds Unlimited is the kind of place in which you can spend all day

You'll recognize it by the steel hummingbird out front, and the ferris wheel feeder hanging from an oak limb kept constantly in motion by frequent feeders who eat and fly, as well as a couple of more or less stationery feeders for those less adventurous older birds who want their food to stay in one place while they eat.

But inside is where the real fun starts, with a selection of bird house and bird feeder choices ranging from the basic single family oak structure to multi-family units complete with separate entryways and balconies. Feeders also come in a variety of options. Want a feeder with a one-way mirror, so that you can see the birds but they can't see you? Or how about a three-foot tall thistle receptacle that foils the sparrows but feeds the finches? Of course, WBU has feed for the feeders, both specialty seeds designed to appeal to one specie, and general purpose mixtures that will get the chirping hordes into your yard for a feeding frenzy. And who ever heard of dinner without music? WBU has windchimes, dozens of them.

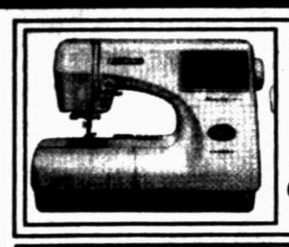
Many items you'll find in the store will probably never find their way outside your house - exquisite suncatchers, birdhouses more decorative than useful, and books, videos and tapes for the novice birder looking for a way to get started.

Wild Birds Unlimited also has gift baskets and gift certificates, as well as a gift registry for bird lovers who know what they want and don't mind telling their friends.

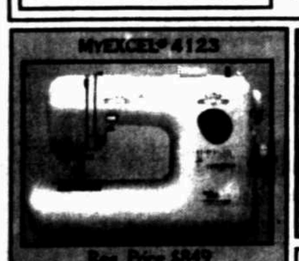
Wild Birds Unlimited is a national franchise whose Midland store is owned by Donna and Thom Webb. Located in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield, store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. They carry bird feeders, houses, baths, books, videos and much more. The phone number is 570-4520.

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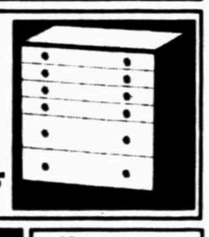
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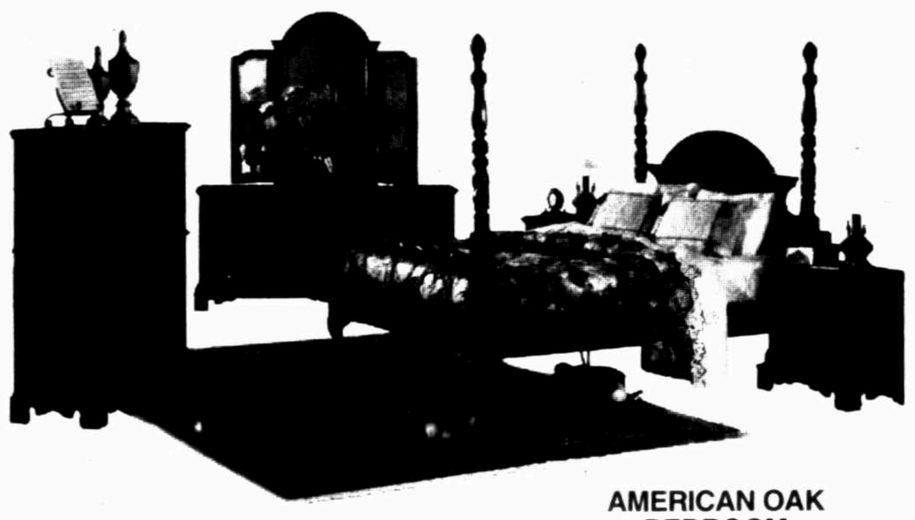
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RIG COUNT



The walking beam on the old timers rig at the Odessa Coliseum is idle but higher prices are keeping others moving.

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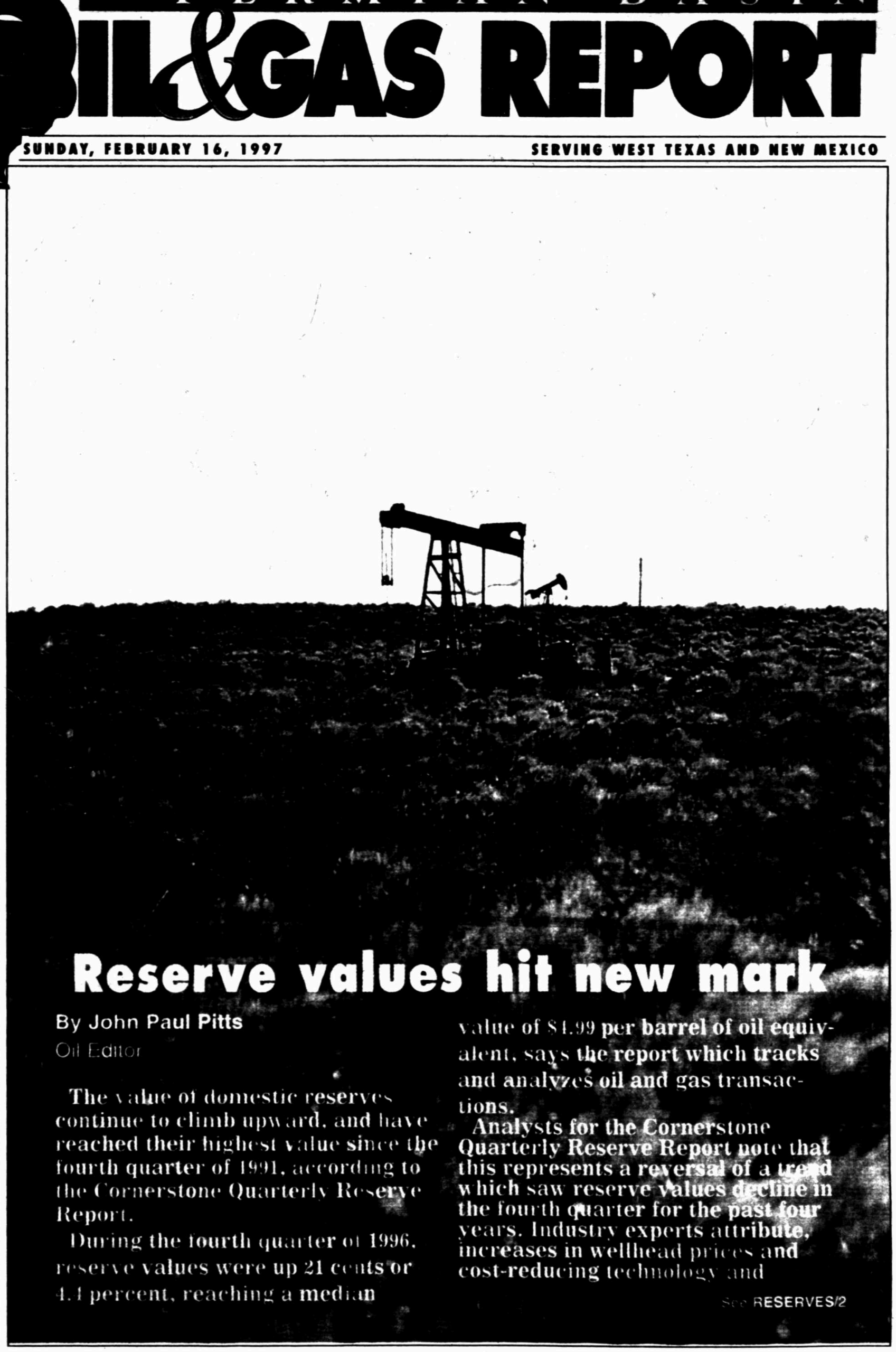
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MOVING ON

By Staff

Shanna K. Brown, assistant director of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, will join the staff of Rep. Larry Combest, and will be replaced by Melissa Colombus, a former Midland staff member of Rep. Henry Bonilla. Both are life long residents of Midland. Brown, a 1991 graduate of UT, was a 1987 honors graduate of Midland High, and Colombus was a 1988 graduate of Midland Lee.

"We were fortune," said Bob Kikker, executive vice president of PBPA, "to have had two Midland residents to fill this position, both will contribute greatly to their positions." He said Brown, who first joined PBPA in 1991 would take a wealth of knowledge about the oil and gas industry and Permian Basin to the Combest staff, and that Colombus would bring political knowledge to the staff of PBPA. Colombus has a degree in business administration from the University of Texas Permian Basin. "We are sad to see Shanna go, but we are pleased that she is moving on to Washington. She will make Rep. Combest a top hand," said Kikker.



Reserve values hit new mark

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The value of domestic reserves continue to climb upward, and have reached their highest value since the fourth quarter of 1991, according to the Cornerstone Quarterly Reserve Report.

During the fourth quarter of 1996, reserve values were up 21 cents or 4.1 percent, reaching a median value of $4.99 per barrel of oil equivalent, says the report which tracks and analyzes oil and gas transactions.

Analysts for the Cornerstone Quarterly Reserve Report note that this represents a reversal of a trend which saw reserve values decline in the fourth quarter for the past four years. Industry experts attribute, increases in wellhead prices and cost-reducing technology and

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RESERVES: Hit new mark

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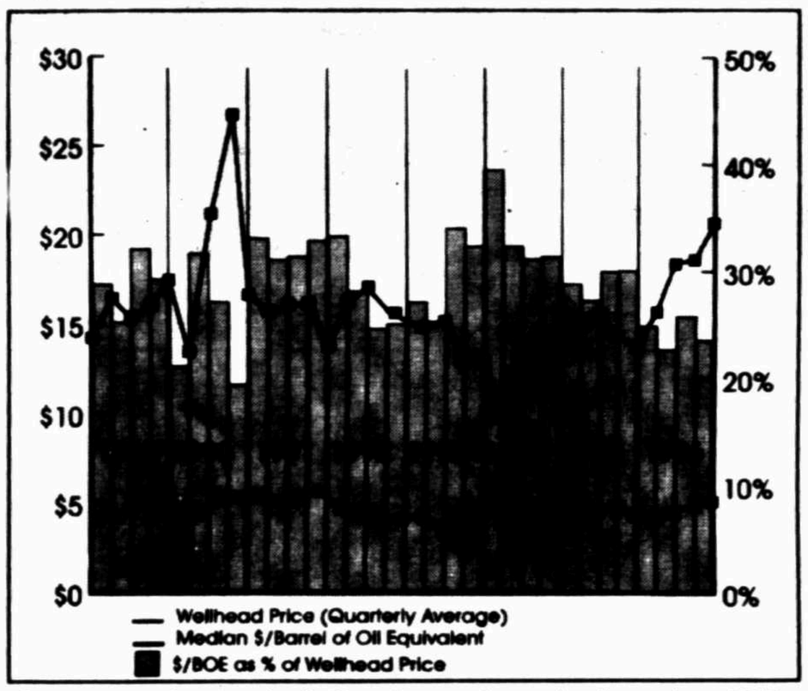
management techniques as the reason for the value increase, which are expected to go even higher in 1997.

At the same time, the report also notes that the number of fourth quarter transactions have gone down, to 49 from 66, as a result of the higher values. It is the lowest number of transactions since the first quarter of the year, when only 38 properties were sold. The largest number of transactions over the past seven years was recorded in the fourth quarter of 1990, when 107 properties were sold.

Analyzed for yearly increases, 1996 was the largest increase in value since 1990, with prices increasing $1.00 per BOE from the first to the fourth quarter. Of the companies paying $50-$100 million for properties, the average cost was $4.10 per barrel.

"Many oil companies are now finding it cheaper to drill for reserves than buy them," says Clint Wetmore, editor of the report which is produced by Cornerstone Ventures L.P of Houston. That fact is confirmed by the increasing drilling activity throughout the oilpatch and particularly in the Permian Basin, where nearly all operators report that they will be drilling more wells in 1997.

Parker & Parsley, for instance, will have a 700 wells drilling program in 1997, up from 600 last year, when the company was able to replace 314 percent of reserves for $3.10 per barrel of oil equivalent. A very substantial number of operators in the Permian Basin will have drilling programs of 100 or more wells, as they initiate new development projects to capitalize upon previous acquisitions.



Cornerstone has tracked oil and gas price and values since 1989

According to the Cornerstone Report, gas transactions dominated the last quarter with 55.2 percent of the transactions, and the median price paid for gas reserves was 86.6 cents per Mcf.

The Southwest Region, which would include the Permian Basin, accounted for 45 percent of all transactions. Titan's purchase of $139 million of Mobil properties, Tom Brown's purchase of Presidio and Devon's purchase of Kee-McGee properties were listed at significant acquisitions for the Basin.

BRIEFS

Rylander testifies before Board of Education

Austin— Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander was successful in the first step to include energy education in the State's new education standards. For the first time, TEA, with the support of the State Board of Education, agreed to incorporate energy issues throughout the curriculum from kindergarten through high school. "Never before have energy issues received a balanced, adequate and fair hearing in our children's education, even though Texas is America's leading oil and gas producer and energy issues impact our daily lives. I commend the State board of Education and the Texas Education Agency for taking this important first step," Rylander said.

P&P files shelf registration statement

Parker and Parsley Petroleum Co. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a shelf registration statement covering up to $400 million of common stock, warrants to acquire common stock, preferred stock, warrants to acquire preferred stock, depository shares representing fractional interest in preferred stock, debt securities and warrants to acquire debt securities, or any combination thereof which it may offer from time to time. The $400 million includes $127.9 million that was registered in a shelf registration statement in 1994, but has not been used. Such securities, when and if offered, may be offered in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be determined at or prior to the time of sale, and may be sold directly through agents designated from time to time, or through underwriters or dealers.

Nuevo announces fifth successful completion

Houston— Nuevo Energy Co. has completed Robinson #2-H well located in the Giddings Field on Nuevo's 3,900 acre Turkey Creek prospect in Grimes County, Texas. The well tested at an initial rate of 21.8 million cubic feet of gas per day from the Austin Chalk formation on a 28/64 inch choke with a flowing tubing pressure of 5,200 pounds per square inch. The single lateral; horizontal well was drilled with an extension of 3,440 feet, and is the fifth successful completion for Nuevo.

EOTT Energy acquires pipeline system

Houston — EOTT Energy Partners, L.P. has announced the purchase of certain crude oil pipeline assets, representing over 300 miles of mainline and gathering lines in Louisiana and Texas from CITGO Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of CITGO Petroleum Corp.

Current shipped volumes associated with these assets amount to approximately 48,000 barrels per day from leases in certain oil producing regions of Arkansas, West Texas and Southern Louisiana. Storage associated with the Pipeline systems totals approximately half a million barrels.

MAPCO announces $66 million transaction

MAPCO Inc. announced that it has sold its natural gas liquids and condensate reserves in the West Panhandle Fields of Texas to Mesa for $66 million.

The transaction consists of natural gas liquids and condensate reserves, with expected 1997 production of 850,000 barrels. MAPCO will continue to provide pipeline transportation and fractionation services for MESA's natural gas liquids under a long term contract. In addition, MAPCO will purchase, under a term agreement , all of MESA's natural gas liquids production to support MAPCO retail and wholesale marketing initiatives.

NAME DROPPINGS

Monterey Resources appoints Gerald Carman

Bakersfield, Calif. — Monterey Resources announced that Gerald Carman has been has been appointed to the position of vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. Carman, a Texas native and magna cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University, joins Monterey Resources after six years at Santa Fe Energy where he recently held the position of treasurer.

Olex adds Randall L. Capps to board of directors

Olex is pleased to announce they have invited Randall L. Capps, chairman and ceo of Xeric, to join its board of directors. Mr. Capps has been involved in the oil and gas industry since 1977 where he worked for Texaco as a petroleum landman. He established Xeric in 1986 with 2 stripper wells and has grown to over 1,000 wells in 11 states with gross revenues of over $12 million per year.

MEETINGS

Senator Teel Bivins to be keynote speaker

Texas State Senator Teel Bivins will be the featured speaker at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's general membership luncheon on Feb. 21 at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Senator Bivins will discuss key legislative issues of the 75th Session, plus provide an update on Senate activities. For more information call the PBPA at 684-6345.

OTC will debut 250 technical papers

The Offshore Technology Conference will be held May 5-8 at the Astrodome in Houston. There will be 250 technical paper presentations, topical luncheons and press conferences featuring people important to the industry. Lester Thurow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor of management and economics, and author of The Future of Capitalism , will be the featured speaker at the annual Awards Luncheon during the conference.

SIPES to hold 34th annual convention in Austin

The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will hold its 1997 convention and 34 annual meeting at the Marriott at the Capital Hotel in Austin, Tx. from March 19-22. Perry O. Roehl, an independent geologist in San Antonio, Tx., will be installed as president of the group for 1997-1998.

George Asquith, guest speaker for PBWLS

The Permian Basin Well Logging Society (PBWLS) will meet on Thursday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland. The guest speaker will be George Asquith, professor of geology at Texas Tech University. For reservations call 570-1050 by Feb. 19.

El Paso Energy cuts work force

HOUSTON — El Paso Energy Corp. announced today that it is reducing the size of its work force by 261 employees. This action is part of a company-wide plan to maximize efficiency in company operations.

After evaluating its staffing needs, the company offered early retirement incentives to eligible employees, identified outstanding employees whose qualifications will best meet the company's business requirements, and staffed the organization accordingly. Employees who were not retained have been notified and are eligible to receive full severance benefits. El Paso Energy Corporation is offering outplacement assistance to all affected employees.

The company did not say where the employees cuts would be made.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Pena faces tough ride as energy secretary

Energy Secretary designate, Federico Pena, coming out of the chute on the back of DOE, could be setting himself up for a quick, tough ride.



Not only is the reluctant novice being pulled between two opposing views on energy security, but there is another strong movement underway to abolish him and his job.

Addressing Pena's confirmation as Energy Secretary, Denise Bode president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America has urged the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to take advantage of the confirmation hearings as a forum to open discussion of a strong domestic oil and natural gas policy.

The IPAA has long favored an energy policy that would increase domestic production and decrease America's dependence on foreign crude.

Bode has called for Pena to seek U.S. energy independence by expediting procedures on public lands; ensuring electricity restructuring; encouraging new technology; removing federal tax barriers to domestic exploration and production and by rationalizing regulatory requirements.

"Over the past two years, we've seen tremendous, bipartisan leadership on many energy issues, and I am certain that this momentum can move forward with continued leadership from Congress and the Clinton administration," said Bode.

Indeed, Pena seemed to favor the energy security position of IPAA in his comments to the Senate energy committee. "It is unacceptable," said Pena, who called for an energy policy to lessen U.S. energy dependence, "that U.S. oil imports may account for 60 percent of consumption by 2010 and that the Persian Gulf nations will provide more than 70 percent of oil in international trade — surpassing their peak of 67 percent of global oil imports in the embargo year of 1974."

Another view, backed predominantly by international oil companies, would agree with all the domestic issues expressed by IPAA, but not on the issue of energy security.

An editorial in Oil & Gas Journal lightly chides Pena for making energy security such a big issue pointing out that concerns about energy independence need "perspective."

"If the Middle East eventually accounts for 70 percent of the oil in trade, it is probably because they account for 70 percent of the world reserves," states the editorial, which goes on to point that some Middle East countries are unstable, but no more unstable that other nations. It also notes that, full inclusion of the Middle East into the world oil market since the Arab Embargo of 1973 greatly minimizes the possibility of another embargo.

The editorial position states that, "basing U.S. energy policy in 1997, on 1970s market and political context would be like basing defense strategy on military contexts of the early 1940s."

If Pena would halt the "slide to energy insecurity" the editorial warns, he should support drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and offshore drilling outside the Gulf of Mexico, and not

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RIG ACTIVITY PROFILE

RIG COUNT

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Year Ago
USA	00	00	00
Canada	00	00	00
Texas	00	00	00
Permian Basin USA	00	00	00
U.S. Offshore	00	00	00
U.S. Inland	00	00	00
U.S. Land	00	00	00
U.S. Oil	00	00	00
U.S. Gas	00	00	00
U.S. Horizontal	00	00	00

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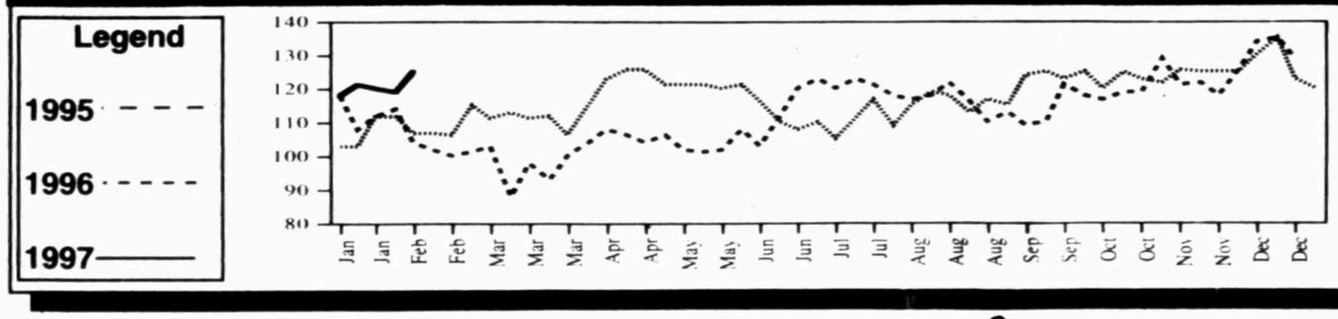
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Inl. Water	01
District 1	09
District 2	12
District 3	50
District 4	46
District 5	23
District 6	33
District 7B	03
District 7C	25
District 8	40
District 8A	18
District 9	06
District 10	18
Total-Texas	*301*

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B T A OIL PRODUCERS
■ VACA DRAW 9418 JV-P #3
WILDCAT - W; 25S-33E-10; c sw ne, 1980 fnl 1980 fel, 29 mi W of Jal. EL: 3392 GR. Obj: 12700 test. NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481658
B T A OIL PRODUCERS
■ VACA DRAW 9418 JV-P #2
WILDCAT - W; 25S-33E-10; c sw nw, 1980 fnl 660 fwl, 29 mi W of Jal. EL: 3402 GR. Obj: 12700 test. NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481644

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COKE COUNTY

MARSHALL & WINSTON INC
■ MARCH 35 #1
WILDCAT- W; D & S E RY CO #35 sur blk Z, A-112, 3550 fr ctr nl 666 fr ctr el of blk, 580 fsl 1504 fel of lse. 433 acre lse. 9 mi SW of Robert Lee. EL: 2443 GR. Obj: 7500 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 457959. API# 42-081-31733. ID# T-481604

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

DAUBERT OIL & GAS CO
■ PRICE 1357 #1
WILDCAT- W; J C PETER #1357 sur, A-1103, 100 fnl 1400 fel of sur, 4140 fr mid el 2540 fr E'ly mid sl of lse. 3986 acre lse. 3 mi N of Melvin. EL: 1886 GR. Obj: 2000 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457840. API# 42-307-31030. ID# T-481517

RUNNELS COUNTY

SHAMROCK MINERALS CORP
■ POE EST #1
WILDCAT- WD; C T RY CO #57 sur, A-100, 2761 fr N'ly nl 660 fel of sur, 1200 fnl 660 fel of lse. 145 acre lse. 6 mi W of Winters. EL: 1935 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456737. API# 42-399-34497. ID# T-480855.Contr: Hack #1. Spud: 01/01/97.TD: 4503 on 01/11/97 in base Goen reef.P&A on 01/11/97.(Last Info: 01/30/97)

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ECTOR COUNTY

G R B PROPERTIES INC
■ JORDAN SAN ANDRES UNIT #7919
WILDCAT- DEEPEN W; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 35 sec 9, 421 fnl 1670 fwl of sec, 421 fnl 970 fel of
unit. 160 acre unit. (Rule 37 exception granted) 6 mi SE of Penwell. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2819 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 02/05/97. Permit# 455815. API# 42-135-33267. ID# T-481664

PECOS COUNTY

R K PETROLEUM CORP
■ CHAMPAGNE #1
WILDCAT- W; T & S T L RY CO sur blk 140 sec 21, A-3504, 500 fsl 2100 fel of sec, and lse. 800 acre lse. 14 mi NE of Ft Stockton. EL: 2557 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 01/30/97. Permit# 457870. API# 42-371-36672. ID# T-481510

PECOS COUNTY

BAYTECH INC
■ UNIVERSITY 11 #1
WILDCAT- WD; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 25 sec 11, 920 fsl 1719 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 15 mi E'LY of Fort Stockton. Obj: 8600 test.NL: 12/18/95. Permit# 442643. API# 42-371-36567. ID# T-472533.Spud: 01/23/96.TD: 8300 on 03/04/96.D&A on 01/31/97.(Last Info: 01/31/97)
MCCABE ENERGY INC
■ YATES I G 61 #1
WILDCAT- WO; I & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 61, A-727, 873 fnl 778 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi SW of Iraan. EL: 2550 GR. Obj: 1000 test.NL: 10/29/96. Permit# 454484. API# 42-371-36651. ID# T-479425.Contr: Wheeler #1. Spud: 11/11/96.TD: 820 on 11/17/96.PB: 788.Compl: on 12/18/96 SI (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 686-746 (Smith ss) gross interval Notes: (Possible new field discovery) (Shut-in oil well, no IP available)

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DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ RAINBOLT #1
WILDCAT- W; H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 280, A-589, 1890 fnl 467 fwl of sec, 570 fnl 467 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-589 originally known as Paul Butt) 1.5 mi N of Spur. EL: 2306 GR. Obj: 6700 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457875. API# 42-125-30624. ID# T-481540

GARZA COUNTY

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES
■ LOTT LLB - A #3
WILDCAT- W; H E & W T RY CO sur blk 31 sec 305, A-388, 467 fnl 1787 fel of sec, 467 fnl 467 fel of lse. 600 acre lse. 14 mi SW of Post. EL: 2885 GR. Obj: 6000 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481584

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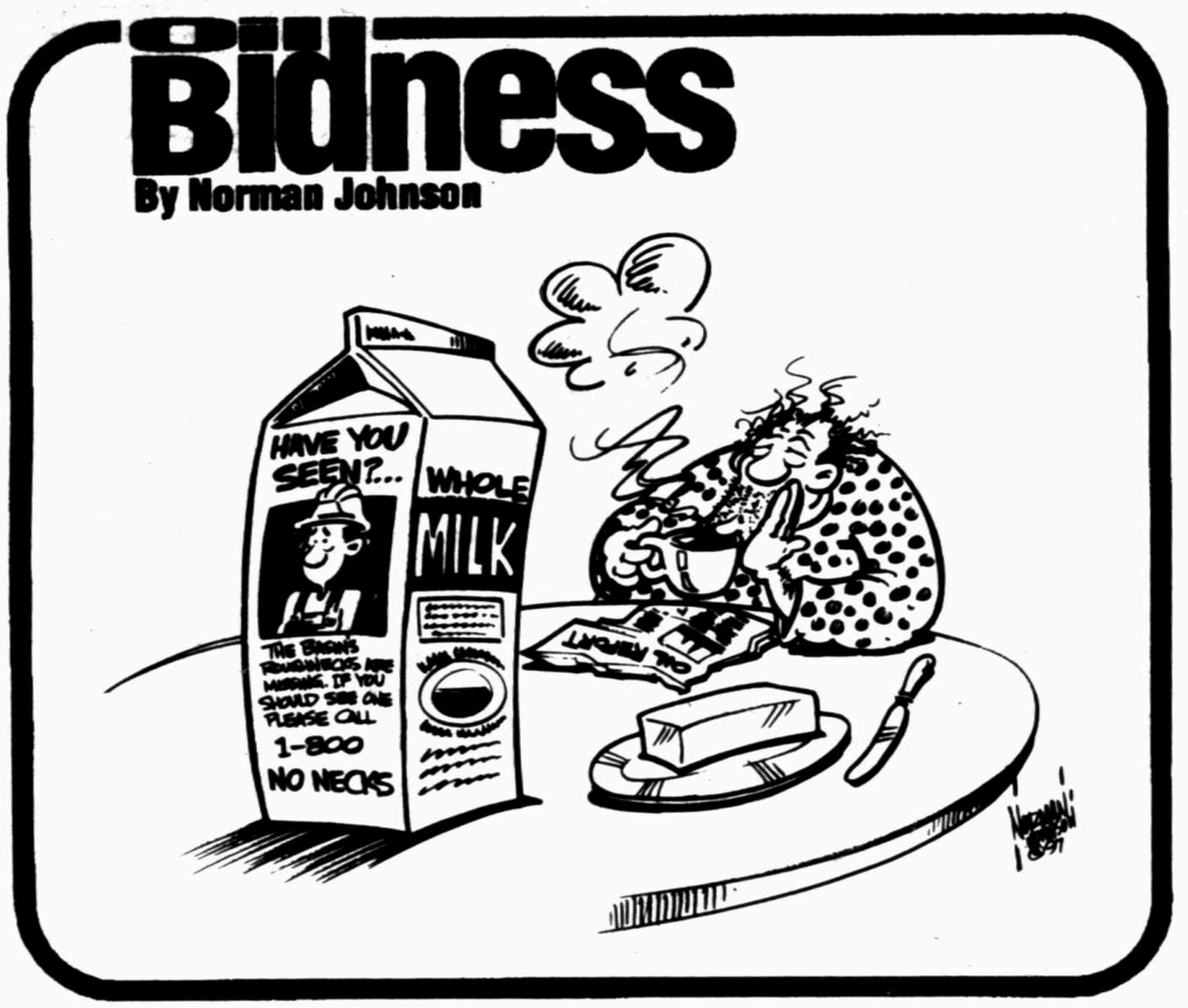
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CHAVES COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ SNELL - QZ #2
PECOS SLOPE ABO - D; 6S-25E-31; se se nw, 2310 fnl 2310 fwl EL: 3908 GR. Obj: 4400 (Abo). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-005-63119. ID# T-481575
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ SACRA - SA COM #13
PECOS SLOPE ABO - D; 6S-25E-34; ne nw se, 2310 fsl 1500 fel EL: 3711 GR. Obj: 4300 (Abo). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-005-63118. ID# T-481574
YATES DRLG CO
■ COACHMAN STATE #1
CHAVES SE QUEEN - D; 12S-31E-23; c ne ne, 660 fnl 660 fel EL: 4421 GR. Obj: 3100 (Queen). NL: 02/05/97. API# 30-005-21147. ID# T-481640

EDDY COUNTY

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ MCINTYRE - F #3
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D; 17S-30E-17; nw ne se, 2310 fsl 990 fel, .75 mi NW of Loco Hills. EL: 3672 GR. Obj: 5000 (San Andres). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-015-29354. ID# T-481569
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ ARCO FEDERAL #4
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D; 17S-30E-17; s/2 nw sw, 1650 fsl 660 fwl, 1.2 mi NW of Loco Hills. EL: 3644 GR. Obj: 5000 (San Andres). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-015-29355. ID# T-481570
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ SAND TANK 33 FEDERAL COM #2
SAND TANK MORROW - D; 17S-30E-33; w/2 se nw, 1980 fnl 1650 fwl, 23 mi W of Artesia. EL: 3589 GR. Obj: 11800 (Morrow). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-015-29356. ID# T-481571
DEVON ENERGY CORP
■ FREN OIL CO #25
GRAYBURG JACKSON - D; 17S-31E-19; se ne se, 1880 fsl 410 fel EL: 3614 GR. Obj: 4200 (Grayburg Jackson). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481661
MARATHON OIL CO
■ BOWIE JIM 11 FEDERAL #1
ILLINOIS CAMP NORTH MOR - D; 18S-28E-11; nw se se, 1000 fsl 700 fel, 14 mi SE of Artesia. EL: 3614 GR. Obj: 11000 (Morrow). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481655
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ CONOCO - AGK FEDERAL COM #16
CEMETARY MORROW - D; 20S-24E-27; c se ne, 1980 fnl 660 fel, 29 mi SW of Artesia. EL: 3704 GR. Obj: 9800 (Morrow). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-015-29358. ID# T-481573
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ BRANNIGAN - ANF FEDERAL #4
INDIAN BASIN UPR PENN - D; 22S-24E-6; c se sw, 660 fsl 1980 fwl, 30 mi NW of Carlsbad. EL: 3971 GR. Obj: 8400 (upr Pennsylvanian). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-015-29357. ID# T-481572
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ GETTY 24 FEDERAL #12
LIVINGSTON RIDGE DEL - D; 22S-31E-24; c nw se, 1980 fsl 1980 fel, 30 mi E of Carlsbad. EL: 3584 GR. Obj: 8550 (Delaware). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T 481659
BASS ENTERPRISES PROD CO
■ JAMES RANCH UNIT #79
LOS MEDANOS WOLF - D; 23S-31E-6; w/2 ne ne, 660 fnl 990 fel, 16.7 mi E of Loving. EL: 3324 GR. Obj: 11500 (Wolfcamp). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T 481651

LEA COUNTY

SHELL WESTERN E&P INC
■ STATE - A #10
VACUUM MID PENN - HORIZONTAL D; 17S-35E-31; sw ne ne, 940 fnl 940 fel BHLoc: PROPOSED: 330 fnl 2310 fel nw nw ne; EL: 3973 GR. Obj: 11850 (mid Pennsylvanian).NL: 02/05/97. API# 30-025-32844-01. ID# T-481636
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ XEBEC ACK STATE #1
VACUUM GB SA - D; 17S-35E-31; se se ne, 2310 fnl 330 fel EL: 3668 GR. Obj: 5500 (San Andres). NL: 01/31/97. API# 30-025-33809. ID# T-481534
MALLON OIL CO
■ MESCALERO RIDGE 19 FEDERAL #1
QUAIL RIDGE MORROW - D; 19S-34E-19; c ne sw, 1980 fsl 1980 fwl EL: 3681 GR. Obj: 13800 (Morrow). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-025-33812. ID# T-481547
MALLON OIL CO
■ MESCALERO RIDGE 21 UNIT #5
QUAIL RIDGE MORROW - D; 19S-34E-21; s/2 ne sw, 1780 fsl 1980 fwl, 36 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3735 GR. Obj: 13800 (Morrow). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-025-33811. ID# T-481546
MALLON OIL CO
■ MESCALERO RIDGE 30 FEDERAL #4
QUAIL RIDGE MORROW - D; 19S-34E-30; ne sw ne, 1330 fnl 1330 fel, 36 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3667 GR. Obj: 13800 (Morrow). NL: 02/03/97. API# 30-025-33813. ID# T-481545
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ NEW MEXICO - E - STATE NCT-2 #1
MONUMENT ABO - D; 19S-36E-23; s/2 ne sw, 1650 fsl 1980 fwl EL: 3729 GR. Obj: 7750 (Abo). NL: 02/04/97. API# 30-025-33814. ID# T-481591
READ & STEVENS INC
■ QUAIL FEDERAL #5
LEANE DEL - D; 20S-34E-3; se nw nw, 990 fnl 990 fwl, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3656 GR. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481643
READ & STEVENS INC
■ QUAIL FEDERAL #4
LEANE DEL - D; 20S-34E-3; se sw nw, 2310 fnl 990 fwl, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3647 GR. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481642
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ MER M B - B #137
MONUMENT TUBB - PLUG BACK D; 20S-37E-12; 2ne sw se, 660 fsl 1650 fel Summay Original Dill: Oper: TEXACO PRODUCING INC Field: SKAGGS DRKD.EL: 3553 GR TD: 7200. ID# T-415414
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
■ MOBY #1
MONUMENT TUBB - PLUG BACK D; 20S-38E-7; 2sw nw nw, 810 fnl 330 fwl PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3562 GR. Obj: 6785 (Tubb).NL: 02/05/97. API# 30-025-28036. ID# T-481638
TITAN RESOURCES INC
■ BRUNSON-ARGO #29
WANTZ ABO - D; 22S-37E-9; nw ne ne, 467 fnl 990 fel EL: 3417 GR. Obj: 7450 (Abo). NL: 01/31/97. API# 30-025-33810. ID# T-481535
STRATA PRODUCTION CO
■ AVION FEDERAL #1
DIAMONDTAIL DEL - D; 23S-32E-22; c nw ne, 660 fnl 1980 fel, 45 mi W of Jal. EL: 3695 GR. Obj: 9100 (Delaware). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481641
STRATA PRODUCTION CO
■ AVION FEDERAL #2
DIAMONDTAIL DEL - D; 23S-32E-22; ne se se, 990 fsl 330 fel, 45 mi W of Jal. EL: 3660 GR. Obj: 9100 (Delaware). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481657
STRATA PRODUCTION CO
■ BONANZA FEDERAL #1
BELL LAKE EAST DEL - D; 23S-34E-28; s/2 ne se, 1650 fnl 660 fel, 21 mi NW of Jal. EL: 3476 GR. Obj: 7500 (Delaware). NL: 01/30/97. API# 30-025-33808. ID# T-481516
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ BELL LAKE 7 UNIT #1
BELL LAKE SOUTH MOR - D; 24S-34E-7; c nw se, 1980 fsl 1980 fel, 32134 mi 8.5501 of 033023.150. EL: 3607 GR. Obj: 14500 (Morrow). NL: 02/05/97. API# 30-025-33815. ID# T-481635
HARTMAN DOYLE
■ DABBS #4
JALMAT TANS YATES SEV RIV - RE-ENTRY D; 25S-37E-34; 2n/2 sw nw, 1650 fnl 660 fwl Summary Original Drill: Oper: WESTERN NATURAL GAS INC Well: DABBS #1.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3013 GR. Obj: 3620 (Yates).NL: 01/30/97. API# 30-025-11887. ID# T-481513

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

BROWN H L JR
■ FEDERAL 27 - A #2
BLUITT NORTH SILURO DEV - D; 7S-37E-27; sw sw ne, 2310 fnl 2310 fel EL: 4047 GR. Obj: 9100 (Devonian). NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481646

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COKE COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY CO
■ MENIELLE L B #31
I A B (STRAWN)- PLUG BACK D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 1A sec 483, A-1324, 630 fsl 400 fel of sec, 4680 fnl 3175 fel of lse. 1178.57 acre lse. (A-1324 originally known as D H Allen) (Rule 37 exception applied for) 8 mi NW of Robert Lee. Summary Original Drill: Well: I A B UNIT #531.Field: I A B (MENIELLE PENNSYLVANIAN).TD: 6300.IW on 03/04/96.IP: PROD TEST (Canyon ls 5598-5642 02/29/96) 4 hr test: -- Swabbed tr oil; 61 BLW ID# T-470163
PITTENCRIEFF AMERICA INC
■ FORT CHADBOURNE WEST GRAY SS UN #30
FORT CHADBOURNE WEST- D; SETH CLARK #475 sur, A-48, 1688 fr S'ly nel 453 fr S'ly sel of sur, 1676 fr S'ly swl 1653 fr S'ly sel of lse. 975.60 acre lse. 10 mi N of Bronte. EL: 2036 GR. Obj: 5800 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481608
PITTENCRIEFF AMERICA INC
■ ODOM SALLIE - F UNIT 5 #104
FORT CHADBOURNE WEST- D; SETH CLARK #475 sur, A-48, 1688 fr S'ly nel 453 fr S'ly sel of sur, 368 fnwl 453 fsel of unit. 40.36 acre lse. 10 mi N of Bronte, EL: 2036 GR. Obj: 5800 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481607

CROCKETT COUNTY

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ CHILDRESS - 8D #1
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T C RY CO sur blk A sec 8, A-5038, 1300 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 1300 fsl 676 fel of lse. 160.00 acre lse. 24.1 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2315 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481680
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ CHILDRESS CRYSTELLE B #5
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T C RY CO sur blk A sec 8, A-5038, 1570 fsl 692 fel of sec, and lse. 320.00 acre lse. (A-5038 originally known as W R Caruthers) 24.1 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2317 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481606
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MOODY MINERALS - 21D #7
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 21, A-4175, 700 fsl 1961 fwl of sec, 700 fsl 660 fel of lse. 160.00 acre lse. 29.2 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2339 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481649
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ WARREN W K FOUNDATION - 24 #11
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 24, A-5418, 2414 fsl 2138 fel of sec, and lse. 640.00 acre lse. 29.3 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2316 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481654
VENUS EXPL INC
■ CHAMBERS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND #2
MIDWAY LANE- WP; CHAMBERS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND #4 lge, A-1689, 5172 fsl 4954 fwl of lge, 467 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 40 acre lse. 17 mi NW of Ozona. EL: 2634 GR. Obj: 7600 test.NL: 01/30/97. Permit# 457664. API# 42-105-37548. ID# T-481503

IRION COUNTY

STRAND ENERGY LC
■ TWEEDY #1
DOVE CREEK (CANYON C)- D; G STUMMEL #776 sur, 800 fnl 660 fwl of sur, and lse. 508 acre lse. 7 mi SE of Mertzon. Obj: 6800 (Canyon C).NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457691. API# 42-235-33628. ID# T-481525

REAGAN COUNTY

HUGOTON ENERGY CORP
■ ROCKER B2 #122
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 78, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 488.46 acre lse. 15 mi SE of Big lake. EL: 2489 GR. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481609
MIDLAND RES OPER CO INC
■ SUGGS C #1
WILDCAT- W; F SALINAS sur blk A sec 47, A-407, 467 fsl 1287 fr S'ly el of sec, and lse. 147 acre lse. 27 mi NE of Big Lake. EL: 2565 GR. Obj: 9700 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457780. API# 42-383-34708. ID# T-481524
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #2002S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 3, A-284, 660 fnl 1980 fel of sec, 6237 fnl 6823 fwl of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 20) 13 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2682 GR. Obj: 8200 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457908. API# 42-383-34712. ID# T-481538
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #3916S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 18, A-248, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, 700 fsl 660 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 39) 12 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2672 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457907. API# 42-383-34713. ID# T-481539
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2122A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 46, A-783, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 8382 fsl 7213 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 212) (A-783 originally known as J E Parker Jr) 15 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2694 GR. Obj: 8820 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457911. API# 42-383-34716. ID# T-481543
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2123A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 46, A-783, 660 fnl 1980 fsl of sec, 9882 fsl 8864 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 212) (A-783 originally known as J E Parker Jr) 14 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2682 KB. Obj: 8580 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457910. API# 42-383-34715. ID# T-481544
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2124A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 46, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, 8363 fsl 10192 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 212) 17 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2668 GR. Obj: 8580 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481630
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2131A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 46, A-783, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, 7296 fsl 660 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 213) (A-783 originally known as J E Parker Jr) 13 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2695 GR. Obj: 8820 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457908. API# 42-383-34714. ID# T-481541
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2132A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 45,660 fsl 2391 fel of sec, 5974 fel 2391 fel dur t 61256 acre unit (Located in tract 213) 15 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2694 GR. Obj: 8600 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481629
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2291A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk C sec 2, A-394, 660 fnl 660 fwl sec, 4648 fsl 9386 fel dur t 61256 acre unit (A-394 originally known as CM Reynolds) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2677 GR. Obj: 8600 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 457827. API# 42-383-34710. ID# T-481558
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY TREND AREA
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk C sec 2; 1980 fnl 1980 fwl sec; 3284 fsl 6924 fel dur t 61256 acre unit (Located in tract 228) 17 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2699 GR. Obj: 8600 test.NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481628
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2291A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk C sec 2 A-394, 660 fsl 1980 fel sec; 6604 fsl 2274 fel dur t 61256 acre unit (Located in tract 228) (A-394 originally known as CM Reynolds) 14 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2694 GR. Obj: 8600 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 457828. API# 42-383-34711. ID# T-481557

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ DAVIS 1341O
SAWYER (CANYON SS)- D; T W N G R Y CO sur blk 14 sec 103, A-910, 2200 fnl 1540 fel sec; and lse 660 acres (A-910 originally known as E W Wall) 12 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2259 GR. Obj: 5700 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458038. API# 42-435-34573. ID# T-481554
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ HICKS 3342
SAWYER (CANYON SS)- D; T W N G R Y CO sur blk 14 sec 38, A-1131, 510 fsl 550 fwl sec; and lse 160 acres (A-1131 originally known as Thomas Elrod) 21 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2221 GR. Obj: 4800 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458027. API# 42-435-34575. ID# T-481558
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ LLANO REDMAN S JR-F #4
SAWYER (STRAWN)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 13, A-110, 1320 fnl 2800 fel sec; 1276 fsl 683 fel lse. 12 acres (Rule 37 exception granted) 11.7 mi NW of Sonora. EL: 2359 GR. Obj: 6500 (Strawn).NL: 02/04/97. API# 42-435-34572. ID# T-481632
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ MAYER REDMAN S-C #32
SAWYER (STRAWN CRIN)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 12, A-1600, 1460 fnl 2120 fel sec; 3384 fsl 2390 fel lse. 40 acres (Rule 37 exception granted) A-1600 originally known as T H Hall) 11.2 mi NW of Sonora. EL: 2379 GR. Obj: 6500 (Strawn).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458021. API# 42-435-34576. ID# T-481632
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ MAYER MINNIE H - C #3
SAWYER (CANYON SS)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 35, A-114, 2080 fnl 2120 fwl of sec, 552 fsl 518 fel of lse. 160.15 acre lse. 10 mi W-LY of Sonora. EL: 2301 GR. Obj: 8300 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458026. API# 42-435-34576. ID# T-481630
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ MAYER RANCH - EE #29-2
SAWYER (STRAWN)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 13, A-110, 2280 fsl 400 fel of sec; 301 fsl 400 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 11.2 mi NW of Sonora. EL: 2353 GR. Obj: 8100 (Strawn).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458020. API# 42-435-34579. ID# T-481605
LOUIS DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ PFLUGER 104 #12
SAWYER (CANYON SS)- D; T W & N G RY CO sur blk 14 sec 104, A-910, 2120 fnl 662 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-910 originally known as E W Wall) 12 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2297 GR. Obj: 5550 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458022. API# 42-435-34577. ID# T-481595

DEVELOPMENTS/12

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Legal Description-E/2 of the N3/8ths of the S/2 of Section 8, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR. Containing 61.99 acres. Included is the Highway Right of Way that crosses this section. Rule 38 Required. This acreage is a direct offset to the Cobra O&G Quinn 8-1. This well flowing 185 BOPD, no water, on natural completion. Currently, well is on artificial lift and is producing 300 BOPD and 10 barrels of water. Well has produced over 12,000 barrels of oil since completion October 1996. Fusselman pay zone encountered 10 feet of natural fractures. Reserve potential of 300,000 BO. Finders Fee of $75,000.00. (75 N.R.I.), 100% working interest available. Principals only. Please send letter of reply to:

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PITTS: Pena, Secretary of Energy

(From 3)

call for an energy policy that addresses the challenge of global climate change.

Other challenges that will be grinding on Pena, who has been described as applying for the job as captain of the Titanic, is the call to abolish the Department of Energy, and the fact that he is uninformed on energy matters.

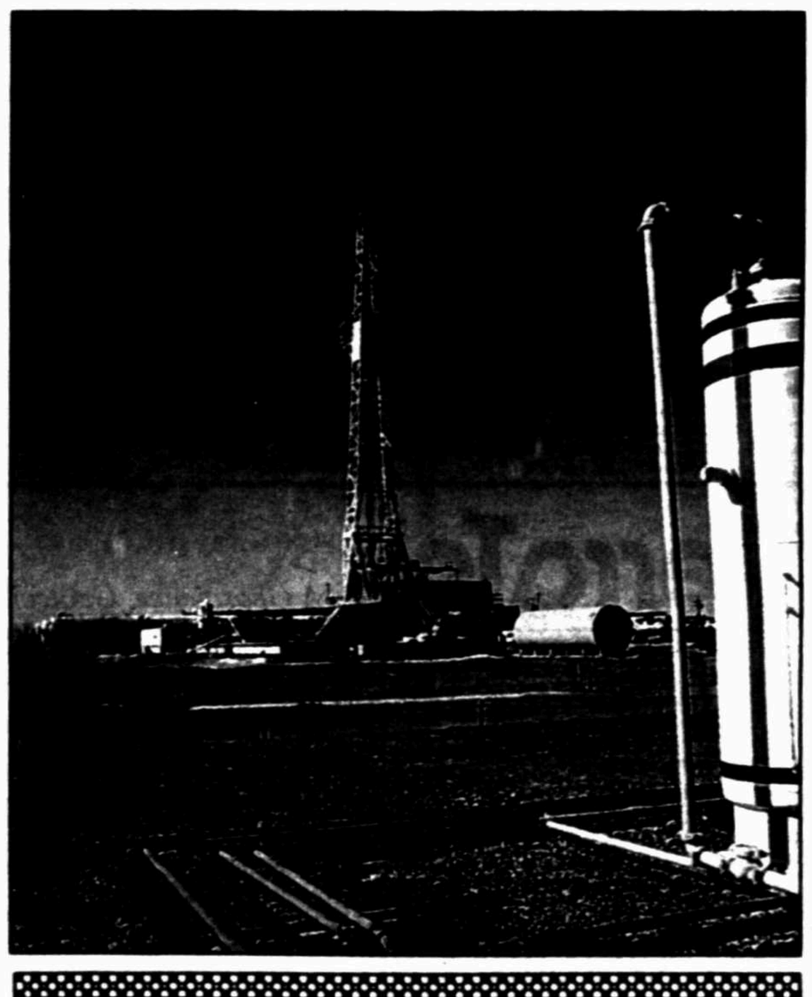
Pena's answers at the confirmation hearings indicates he is as much a energy lightweight as Hazel O'Leary, who was plucked from the ranks of mid-level utility bureaucrats to head the nation's highest energy office. A high-ranking democrat once told me that it was nearly impossible to find someone qualified to fill the post of Energy Secretary, because nearly all those that are qualified tend not to be democrats. To Pena's credit, it is rumored that he did not seek nor want the job, but did it for the President.

Pena, to hang on in the months ahead, will have to resolve the issue of energy security by determining once and for all if increasing dependence on the Middle East is a threat or not, and acting accordingly. He must also turn back attempts to exterminate his office, while dealing with his own lack of energy experience. And, he must also fend off attempts by Al Gore and crew to make him their lackey for the wacky global environmental agenda.

If Pena can get his legs around all these challenges, he could become one of the great Energy Secretaries of all time. If not, he will probably end up eating a lot of dirt.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report.





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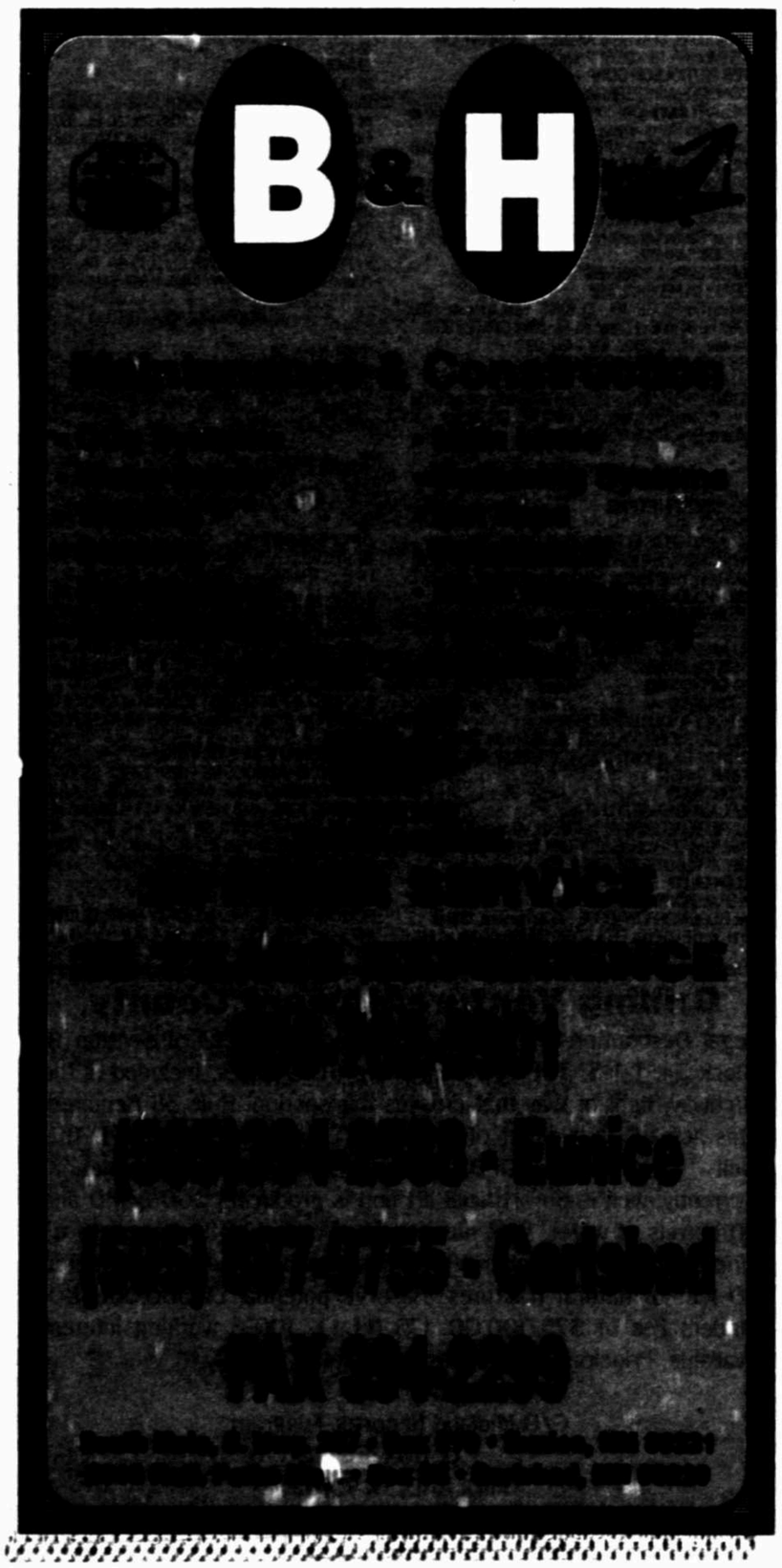
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CHAVES COUNTY

PALOMA RESOURCES INC
■MORGAN FEDERAL #1
MANY GATES MORROW - RE-ENTRY DG; 10S-30E-6, 2s2 ne nw, 990 frl 1980 fwl, 33 mi E of Roswell. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 4015 GR. Obj: 10000 test NL: 08/14/96. API# 30-005-20857. ID# T-477589.Resume: 10/15/96.TD: 10100.PB: 9523.Recomp: on 11/08/96 GAS (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 9241-9343 (Morrow) IP: (Morrow 9241-9343) F 2 BOPD; 1404 MCFGPD on 24/64 dk; no wtr; FTP 400 Tubing; 2 3/8 @ 9136 Perfs: 9241-9343 (Morrow) - no treatment rptd

EDDY COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■BURCH KEELY UNIT #261
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - DO; 17S-29E-24, se ne nw, 990 frl 2615 fwl, 21.9 mi E of Artesia. EL: 3598 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 09/07/93. API# 30-015-27654. ID# T-466602.Spud: 11/12/96.TD: 4622 on 11/20/96.PB: 4612.Compl on 12/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 4175-4444 IP: (4175-4444) P 34 BOPD; 15 MCFGPD; 872 BWPD
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■SAND TANK 1 FEDERAL COM #1
SAND TANK MORROW - DG; 18S-29E-1, sw se ne, 2155 frl 687 fel, 4.5 mi SW of Loco Hills. EL: 3527 GR. Obj: 11850 (Morrow). NL: 10/18/96. API# 30-015-29221. ID# T-479142.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #23. Spud: 10/22/96 Mud dltg. TD: 11645 on 11/22/96.PB: 11542.Compl on 12/14/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 11237-11286 (lwr Morrow) IP: (lwr Morrow 11237-11286) F 112 BOPD; 5200 MCFGPD on 18/64 dk; 7 BWPD; FCP 2425
SANTA FE ENERGY RES INC
■MALAGA 1 FEDERAL COM #1
UND PIERCE CROSSING WOLF - PLUG BACK DO; 24S-28E-1, 2ne se sw, 990 fsl 2310 fwl, 2 mi NE of Malaga. Summary Orignal Dilt Field: MALAGA/ATOKA.Compl: GAS/PZone: 11926-11940 (Atoka) PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2961 GR. Obj: (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/07/89. API# 30-015-26249. ID# T-429779
POGO PRODUCING CO
■RIVERBEND FEDERAL #1
CEDAR CANYON DEL - DO; 24S-29E-22, nw se nw, 1650 frl 1650 fwl, 5 mi ESE of Malaga. EL: 2924 GR. Obj: 8000 (Bone Spring). NL: 09/24/96. API# 30-015-29171. ID# T-478487.Contr: Norton #4. Spud: 11/14/96.TD: 5500 on 12/04/96.PB: 5451.Compl on 12/16/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 5248-5264 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 5248-5264) P 56 BOPD; 37 MCFGPD; 32 BWPD
POGO PRODUCING CO
■SUNDANCE 1 FEDERAL #4
MESA VERDE DEL - DO; 24S-31E-1, ne se se, 740 fsl 330 fel, 20 mi E of Loving. EL: 3534 GR. Obj: 8500 (Delaware). NL: 11/01/94. API# 30-015-28176. ID# T-464347.Spud: 12/02/96.TD: 8600 on 12/30/96.PB: 8565.Compl on 01/06/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 8286-8282 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8286-8282) P 140 BOPD; 70 MCFGPD; 209 BWPD
APACHE CORP
■SALT MOUNTAIN 36 STATE #2
BRUSHY DRAW DEL - PLUG BACK DO; 26S-29E-36, 2sw sw sw, 330 fsl 380 fwl.Summary Orignal Dilt Oper: TEXACO PRODUCING INC Compl: on 11/16/86 OIL/PZone: 5020-5092 (Delaware) gross interval IP: P 103 BOPD; grav 38.7; 110 MCFGPD; 365 BWPD

LEA COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT-1 #37
VACUUM BLINE - RECOMPLETION DO; 17S-34E-35, 2se ne se, 1650 fsl 330 fel.Summary Orignal Dilt Field: VACUUM DRKD.Compl: on 05/03/94 OIL/PZone: 7503-7918 (Drinkard) IP: (Drinkard 7503-7918) F 223 BOPD; grav 39.0; 172 MCFGPD on 32/64 dk; no wtr; FTP 100
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT-1 #38
VACUUM UPR PENN COMMINGLED - PLUG BACK DO; 17S-34E-36, 2nw ne se, 2085 fsl 710 fel.Summary Orignal Dilt Field: WILDCAT ATOKA.Compl: on 01/01/96 OIL/PZone: 11120-11226 (Atoka) IP: (Atoka 11120-11226) F 430 BOPD; grav 43; 1001 MCFGPD on 15/64 dk; no wtr; FTP 1580
READ & STEVENS INC
■QUAIL FEDERAL #3
LEA NE DEL - DO; 20S-34E-3, se ne nw, 990 frl 2310 fwl, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3675 KB. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 11/01/96. API# 30-025-33664. ID# T-479538.Contr: W E K #1. Spud: 11/06/96.TD: 8350.PB: 8300.Compl: on 12/30/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 8092-8224 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8092-8224) P 42 BOPD; 67 MCFGPD; 87 BWPD
READ & STEVENS INC
■HUDSON FEDERAL #2
LEA NE DEL - DO; 20S-34E-4, sw ne ne, 990 frl 990 fel, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3648 GR. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 05/24/95. API# 30-025-32971. ID# T-468540.Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 11/15/96.TD: 8380 on 12/20/96.PB: 8340.Compl: on 01/05/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 8044-8162 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8044-8162) P 60 BOPD; 100 MCFGPD; 200 BWPD
POGO PRODUCING CO
■COVINGTON A FEDERAL #19
RED TANK WEST DEL - DO; 22S-32E-26, n/2 ne ne, 610 frl 660 fel, 29 mi W of Eunice. EL: 2753 GR. Obj: 10200 (Bone Spring). NL: 01/11/93. API# 30-025-31853. ID# T-451789.Spud: 11/30/96.TD: 8940 on 12/30/96.PB: 8793.Compl: on 01/12/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 8610-8636 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8610-8636) P 31 BOPD; 28 MCFGPD; 157 BWPD
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■BAKER - B #18
DRINKARD - DO; 22S-37E-10, sw ne sw, 1650 fsl 1700 fwl EL: 3426 KB. Obj: 7200 (Abo). NL: 04/10/96. API# 30-025-33376. ID# T-474818.Contr: Nabors #467. Spud: 09/21/96 Mud dltg. TD: 7200 on 10/05/96.PB: 7025.Compl: on 12/11/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6634-6978 (Abo) IP: (Abo 6634-6978) P 15 BOPD; 114 MCFGPD; no wtr
PRIMAL ENERGY CORP
■HALE STATE #6
JUSTIS BLINE - PLUG BACK DO; 25S-37E-2, 2sw sw ne, 2280 frl 2310 fel.Summary Orignal Dilt Field: JUSTIS TUBB DRKD.Compl: on 10/21/96 OIL/PZone: 5926-6134 (Drinkard) gross interval IP: (Drinkard 5926-6134) P 20 BOPD; grav 38.2; 112 MCFGPD; 19 BWPD

CROCKETT COUNTY

HARRISON INTERESTS LTD
■DAVIDSON JOE TOM JR - D #21
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7880)- DO; G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 12, A-4415, 1980 fsl 1800 fwl of sec, and lse. 672.8 acre lse. (A-4415 orgnally knwon as F M Holmsley) 8 mi S of Ozona. EL: 2198 GR. Obj: 9300 (Pennsylvanian 7880).NL: 10/28/96. Permit# 454379. API# 42-105-37408. ID# T-479372.Contr: Wes Tex #18. Spud: 11/05/96.TD: 9248.P&A on 11/14/96.(Last Info: 02/03/97)
HARRISON INTERESTS LTD
■UNIVERSITY 18-33 GAS UNIT NORTH #45
HOWARDS CREEK (CANYON)- DG; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 33 sec 17, 660 frl 1320 fsl of sec, 660 frl 1320 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 18 mi W of Ozona. EL: 2567 GR. Obj: 6850 (Canyon).NL: 11/15/96. Permit# 455187. API# 42-105-37461. ID# T-479929.Contr: Wes-Tex. Spud: 11/28/96.TD: 6850 on 12/04/96.PB: 6814.Compl: on 01/06/97 GAS (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 6681-6720 (upr Canyon) IP: (upr Canyon 6681-6720) CAOF 3600 MCFGPD - F BHSIP 1715, BHT 160 F @ 6701. SLOPE 0.839 Four Point 498 MCFGPD on 10/64 dk in 60 mn, FTP 1274, BHP 1636; 861 MCFGPD on 12/64 dk in 60 mn, FTP 1199, BHP 1548; 1571 MCFGPD on 14/64 dk in 60 mn, FTP 1003, BHP 1363; 1781 MCFGPD on 16/64 dk in 60 mn, FTP 842, BHP 1227
I P PETROLEUM CO INC
■READ 6 #2
READ RANCH - WPD; W E FRIEND sur blk CCC sec 6, A-4475, 660 fsl 3500 fwl of sec, and lse. 955 acre lse. (A-4475 orgnally known as Mrs N Ayers) 15 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2335 GR. Obj: 10000 test NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456832. API# 42-105-37526. ID# T-480864.Contr: Wes-Tex #2. Spud: 01/25/97.TD: 9450 on 02/05/97.P&A on 02/05/97.(Last Info: 02/05/97)
MATHIS BILL
■RAINMAKER 2 #4
WYATT - DO; G C & S F RY CO sur blk WX sec 32, A-4961, 1008 fsl 990 fwl of sec, 1008 fsl 990 fwl of lse. 120 acre lse. (A-4961 orgnally known as J O Secrest) 12 mi NW of Ozona. EL: 2409 GR. Obj: 1400 test NL: 10/01/96. Permit# 453317. API# 42-105-37414. ID# T-478636.Contr: Taylor. Spud: 10/24/96.TD: 1275 on 11/03/96.PB: 1215.Compl: on 01/15/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 1132-1215 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 1132-1215) P 3 BOPD; grav 23; 6 MCFGPD; no wtr
SONAT EXPL INC MIDLAND
■BAGGETT E G #2405
BAGGETT (CLEAR FORK)- RECOMPLETION DG; E B BAGGETT sur blk F sec 24, A-4617, 2010 frl 2540 fwl of sec. 2000 frl 2750 fsl of lse. 976.8 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) (A-4617 orgnally known as E B Baggett) 10.7 mi SSE of Ozona. Summary Orignal Dilt Field: HUNT-BAGGETT (STRAWN).TD: 9500 in Strawn.Compl: on 04/10/96 GAS/PZone: 9196-9363 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 9196-9363) CAOF 1028 MCFGPD - F 839 MCFGPD grav 62 on 16/64 dk; no oil; no wtr; FTP 620, SITP 1113, BHSIP 1453, BHT 229 F @ 9363, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 839 MCFGPD on 16/64 dk in 4320 mn, FTP 513, BHP 829
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■DAVIDSON 5 #5
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7880)- DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 5, A-2394, 2010 frl 2600 fsl of sec, 696 fsl 2600 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 9.1 mi SSE of Ozona. EL: 2302 GR. Obj: 8900 (Pennsylvanian 7880).NL: 05/20/96. Permit# 448154. API# 42-105-37283. ID# T-475759.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 10/26/96.TD: 8350 on 11/02/96.PB: 8275.Compl: on 01/08/97 GAS (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 7894-8136 (Pennsylvanian 7880) gross interval IP: (Pennsylvanian 7880 7894-8136) CAOF 618 MCFGPD - F 958 BOPD grav 55.3; 557 MCFGPD grav .823 on 14/64 dk; no wtr; FCP 655, SICP 2225, BHSIP 2737, BHT 202 F @ 8015, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 557 MCFGPD on 14/64 dk in 4320 mn, FCP 655, BHP 788
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■UNION PACIFIC #66
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 6, A-4894, 1920 frl 800 fsl of sec, 9788 fsl 3467 fel of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. (A-4894 originally known as H W B Montgomery) 12 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2481 GR. Obj: 7500 (Canyon ss).NL: 11/15/96. Permit# 455167. API# 42-105-37460. ID# T-479803.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 11/19/96.TD: 7000 on 11/23/96.PB: 6865.Compl: on 12/28/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 6534-6596 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6534-6596) CAOF 3973 MCFGPD - F 765 BOPD grav 65.8; 2041 MCFGPD grav .740 on 16/64 dk; 1.93 BWPD; FCP 775, SICP 1115, BHSIP 1355, BHT 179 F @ 6565, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 2041 MCFGPD on 16/64 dk in 4320 mn, FCP 775, BHP 932
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■UNION PACIFIC #67
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 6, A-4894, 2370 fsl 1450 fsl of sec, 7635 fsl 3918 fwl of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. (A-4894 orgnally known as H W B Montgomery) 12 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2480 GR. Obj: 7500 (Canyon ss).NL: 11/20/96. Permit# 455393. API# 42-105-37465. ID# T-479987.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 11/24/96.TD: 10170 on 12/05/96.PB: 6815.Compl: on 12/30/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 6534-6586 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6534-6586) CAOF 837 MCFGPD - F 773 MCFGPD grav .772 on 8/64 dk; no oil; 3.80 BWPD; FCP 300, SICP 1115, BHSIP 1369, BHT 179 F @ 6560, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 773 MCFGPD on 8/64 dk in 4320 mn, FCP 300, BHP 378

REAGAN COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1343A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 25, A-666, 1980 frl 660 fwl of sec, 24314 fsl 13891 fwl of unit, 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 134) 19 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2714 KB. Obj: 8540 test NL: 09/20/96. Permit# 452919. API# 42-383-34627. ID# T-478383.Contr: Clint Hurt #10. Spud: 09/24/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8550 on 10/09/96.PB: 8496.Compl: on 11/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 6846-8404 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6846-8404) P 77 BOPD; grav 39.9; 42 MCFGPD; 130 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1632A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 31, A-666, 1980 frl 660 fsl of sec, 13989 fsl 26054 fwl of unit, 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 163) 14 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2712 KB. Obj: 8470 test NL: 10/21/96. Permit# 454095. API# 42-383-34633. ID# T-479159.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #14. Spud: 10/28/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8485 on 11/16/96.PB: 8448.Compl: on 12/14/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6738-8386 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6738-8386) P 111 BOPD; grav 39.9; 34 MCFGPD; 110 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1683A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 34, A-72, 1980 frl 1980 fsl of sec, 8622 fsl 25829 fel of unit, 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 168) (A-72 originally known as Robert Currie) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2703 KB. Obj: 8310 test NL: 10/11/96. Permit# 453386. API# 42-383-34631. ID# T-478869.Contr: FWA #1. Spud: 10/09/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8320 on 10/20/96.PB: 8263.Compl: on 11/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 6615-8181 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6615-8181) P 66 BOPD; grav 39.9; 36 MCFGPD; 139 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1942A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 37, A-669, 1980 frl 660 fsl of sec, 13679 fsl 6150 fel of unit, 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 194) 17 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2680 KB. Obj: 8480 test NL: 10/08/96. Permit# 453249. API# 42-383-34630. ID# T-478781.Contr: FWA #11. Spud: 09/29/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8550 on 10/11/96.PB: 8470.Compl: on 11/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 6717-8291 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6717-8291) P 160 BOPD; grav 39.9; 33 MCFGPD; 110 BWPD

RUNNELS COUNTY

BRISTOL RESOURCES CORP
■DIERSCHKE #3
ROWENA (CAPPS LS)- RE-ENTRY D; PETER ZABEL #132 sur, A-572, 2250 frl 467 fel of sur, 3182 fsl 467 fel of lse. 332.58 acre lse. 1.5 mi NE of Rowena. Summary Orignal Dilt Oper: DENDEE PETROLEUM INC PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 3950 (Capps ls).NL: 04/08/96. Permit# 446654. API# 42-399-01487. ID# T-474784.TD: 3950.SUSP on 02/04/97.(Last Info: 02/04/97)

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■KELLY 125A #14
SAWYER (CANYON)- DG; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 125, A-442, 1700 frl 850 fel of sec, 1700 frl 150 fwl of lse. 121 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 12 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2238 GR. Obj: 7100 (Canyon).NL: 11/29/94. Permit# 430427. API# 42-435-34400. ID# T-464818.Contr: Tucker #3. Spud: 01/18/95.TD: 6640 on 01/23/95.PB: 6600.Compl: on 10/24/96 GAS (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 5638-6434 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 5638-6434) CAOF 414 MCFGPD - F 394 MCFGPD grav .696 on 20/64 dk; no oil; no wtr; FTP 157, SITP 832, SICP 392, BHSIP 980, BHT 168 F @ 6036, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 334 MCFGPD on 20/64 dk in 4320 mn, FTP 157, BHP 430
LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■MCMILLAN W B 14 #7
SAWYER (CANYON)- DG; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 14, A-1448, 2400 fsl 2100 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1448 orgnally known as C A Chadwick) 16.29 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2181 GR. Obj: 7000 (Strawn).NL: 08/10/96. Permit# 449130. API# 42-435-34697. ID# T-476195.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 08/08/96.TD: 6285 on 09/12/96.PB: 5360.Compl: on 10/23/96 GAS (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 5150-5210 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 5150-5210) CAOF 585 MCFGPD - F 295 MCFGPD grav .690 on 48/64 dk; no oil; no wtr; FTP 243, SITP 452, SICP 333, BHSIP 538, BHT 147 F @ 5180, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 295 MCFGPD on 48/64 dk in 4320 mn, FTP 243, BHP 372

TERRELL COUNTY

CONOCO INC
■MITCHELL ALEX 1 #4
DEER CANYON (STRAWN)- DG; T C RY CO #1 sur, A-1047, 2100 fsl 2000 fwl of sur, and lse. 970 acre lse. (A-1047 orgnally known as Alex Mitchell) 25 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 14000 test NL: 08/16/96. Permit# 451550. API# 42-443-30868. ID# T 477616.Contr: Parker #7. Spud: 09/29/96.TD: 12800 on 11/08/96.PB: 12480.Compl: on 01/04/97 GAS (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 12130-12218 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 12130-12218) CAOF 283 MCFGPD - F 4 BOPD grav 51.3; 271 MCFGPD grav .735 on 19/64 dk; 249 BWPD; FTP 175, SITP 915, BHSIP 1315, BHT 198F @ 12174, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 271 MCFGPD on 19/64 dk in 4320 mn, FTP 175, BHP 263

UPTON COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ROSS R L #5
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- PLUG BACK DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk D sec 116, A-1579, 1320 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1579 orignally known as Mrs Willie R Timmins) 21 mi NW of Rankin. Summary Orignal Dilt Field: WILSHIRE (PENNSYLVANIAN).
CHEVRON U S A INC
■MCELROY J T CONS #305R
MCELROY - DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk F sec 197, A-109, 2310 frl 820 fsl of sec, and lse. 15362 acre lse. 3 mi SE of Crane. EL: 2614 GR. Obj: 4000 test NL: 07/08/96. Permit# 450039. API# 42-461-33650. ID# T-476714.Contr: Capstar #9. Spud: 09/12/96 Mud dltg. TD: 3000 on 09/18/96 in San Andres.PB: 2965.Compl: on 11/03/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 2689-2746 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 2689-2746) P 15 BOPD; grav 32; 3 MCFGPD; 225 BWPD

COMPLETIONS/9

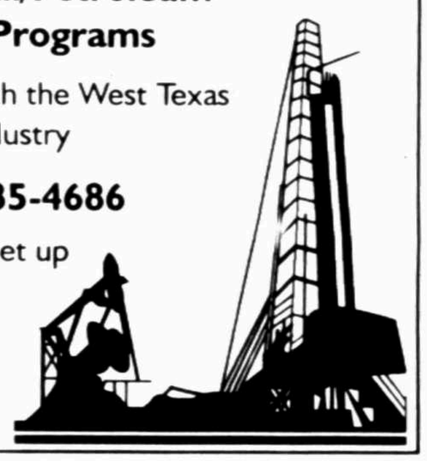
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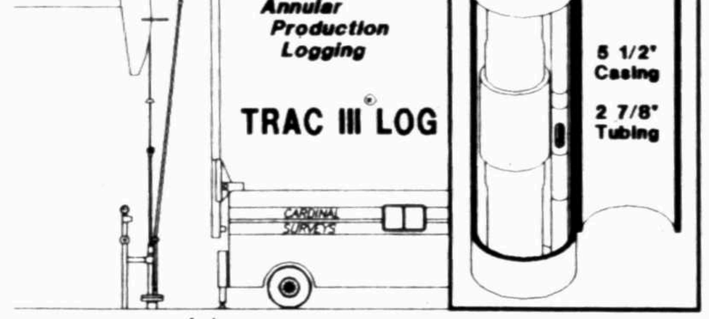
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I P PETROLEUM CO INC
■UNIVERSITY 39A #1
BLOCK 6- WPD; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 6 sec 39, 660 fnl 1700 fel of sec, 660 fnl 942 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. 20 mi NE of Andrews. EL: 2982 GR. Obj: 13500 test.NL. 12/0996. Permit# 455763. API# 42-003-38098. ID# T-480251.Contr: Patterson #59. Spud: 12/26/96.TD: 13000 on 01/31/97.P&A on 02/02/97.(Last Info: 02/05/97)

PENWELL ENERGY INC
■GINDORF #3
NIX SOUTH- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-42 sec 6, A-1188, 1717 fnl 1883 fwl of sec, 1717 fnwl 1893 fswl of lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1188 orignally known as J N Norwood) 11 mi W of Andrews. EL: 3245 GR. Obj: 7200 (lwr Clear Fork),NL. 09/13/96. Permit# 452447. API# 42-003-37984. ID# T-478235.Contr: Riley #11. Spud: 10/05/96.TD: 7205 on 12/13/96.PB: 7050.Compt on 01/15/97 OIL. (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 6820-6852 (lwr Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (lwr Clear Fork 6820-6852) P 30 BOPD; 10 MCFGPD; 12 BWPD
RUST OIL CORP
■MOBIL UNIVERSITY 4 #1
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 13 sec 4, 1980 fnl 1780 fel of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 3 mi NE of Frankel City. Obj: 4750 (San Andres),NL. 03/16/95. Permit# 433792. API#
42-003-37623. ID# T-467048.ABND LOC on 02/03/97 (Last Info: 02/03/97)

ECTOR COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■CUMMINS H E - J #2
GOLDSMITH WEST (UPR CLEAR FORK)- RECOMPLETION DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 1N sec 16, A-806, 1035 fsl 2085 fwl of sec, 1035 fsl 555 fel of lse. 81.92 acre lse. (A-806 orgnally known as G W Terry) 8 mi NW of Goldsmith. Summary Orignal Dilt: Field: GOLDSMITH NORTH (SAN ANDRES CONS).Compt: OIL
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #3405
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 5, A-383, 1470 fsl 1320 fwl of sec, 9396 fsl 5325 fwl of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 34) 6.7 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3084 GR. Obj: 6800 (Tubb),NL. 10/24/96. Permit# 454295. API# 42-135-37312. ID# T-479287.Contr: B R W #1. Spud: 12/03/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6552 on 12/12/96.Compt on 02/03/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 5632-5925 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6073-6429 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5632-6429) P 44 BOPD; 11 MCFGPD; 172 BWPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #3505
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 5, A-383, 1370 fsl 1395 fel of sec, 9296 fsl 7947 fwl of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 35) 6.7 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3092 GR. Obj: 6800 (Tubb),NL. 10/24/96. Permit# 454294. API# 42-135-37311. ID# T-479288.Contr: B R W #1. Spud: 12/14/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6600 on 12/24/96.Compt on 02/05/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 5673-5833 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6012-6475 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5673-6475) P 40 BOPD; 34 MCFGPD; 157 BWPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #5005
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-15 sec 1, A-847, 1420 fsl 1320 fel of sec, 2740 fsl 4137 fwl of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 50) (A-847 orgnally known as W D Cotter) 7.8 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3095 GR. Obj: 6800 (Tubb),NL. 10/24/96. Permit# 454305. API# 42-135-37322. ID# T-479291.Contr: B R W #3. Spud: 12/22/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6540 on 01/02/97.Compt on 01/25/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 5620-5823 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6040-6309 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5620-6309) P 46 BOPD; 4 MCFGPD; 139 BLWPD; - 2031 BLWTR
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #5006
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-15 sec 1, A-847, 150 fsl 1320 fel of sec, 1470 fsl 5465 fwl of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 50) (A-847 orgnally known as W D Cotter) 8 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3030 GR. Obj: 6800 (Tubb),NL. 10/24/96. Permit# 454304. API# 42-135-37321. ID# T-479292.Contr: B R W #3. Spud: 01/03/97 Mud dltg. TD: 6620 on 01/15/97.Compt on 02/03/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 5500-5916 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6032-6497 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5500-6497) P 30 BOPD; no gas; 154 BWPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #5111
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 7, A-384, 50 fsl 200 fwl of sec, 2693 fsl 6883 fwl of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 51) 8 mi SE of Notrees. EL: 3038 GR. Obj: 6700 (Tubb),NL. 11/06/96. Permit# 454718. API# 42-135-37325. ID# T-479648.Contr: B R W #3. Spud: 12/11/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6610 on 12/21/96.Compt on 01/25/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 5623-5955 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6074-6361 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5623-6361) P 38 BOPD; 11 MCFGPD; 176 BLWPD; - 1500 BLWTR
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #6307
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 9, A-385, 150 fsl 1320 fel of sec, 5134 fr Ely nl 1320 fr Ely el of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 63) 8.5 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3094 GR. Obj: 6500 (Tubb),NL. 10/10/96. Permit# 453644. API# 42-135-37287. ID# T-478879.Contr: B R W #7. Spud: 11/19/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6710 on 11/30/96.Compt on 01/31/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 5622-5987 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6178-6548 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5622-6548) P 130 BOPD; 80 MCFGPD; 27 BWPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■T X L SOUTH UNIT #6105
T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 14, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 1980 fr, Ely sl 1980 fr Ely el of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 81) 9.1 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3059 GR. Obj: 6500 (Tubb),NL. 10/10/96. Permit# 453634. API# 42-135-37293. ID# T-478874.Contr: B R W #7. Spud: 12/11/96 Mud dltg. TD: 6640 on 12/21/96.Compt on 01/23/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 5538-5957 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6097-6510 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5538-6510) P 45 BOPD; 12 MCFGPD; 120 BWPD
CHEVRON U S A INC
■GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT #1-347
GOLDSMITH- DEEPEN DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 1S sec 20, A-686, 2218 fnl 2404 fwl of sec, 8342 fsel 7884 fswl of lse. 19840 acre lse. 4 mi SW of Goldsmith. Summary Orignal Dilt:
CHEVRON U S A INC
■GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT #B186W
GOLDSMITH- SP; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 1S sec 14, A-794, 1213 fsl 2087 fel of sec, 9347 fnl 7367
fel of lse. 19840 acre lse. (A-794 orgnally known as J A Sellers) 3 mi SE of Goldsmith. EL: 3102 GR. Obj: 4500 test.NL. 03/31/95. Permit# 434420. API# 42-135-37057. ID# T-467421.Contr: Capstar #2. Spud: 04/14/95 Mud dltg. TD: 4195 on 05/05/95 in San Andres.PB: 4188.IW on 05/05/95.(Last Info: 02/03/97)Notes: (Water injection well)
MCCLURE OIL CO INC
■BRADLEY #1
PENWELL (QUEEN)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 3S sec 8, A-872, 467 fnl 467 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. (A-872 orgnally known as Cleo Oldham) 1 mi SE of Penwell. EL: 2982 GR. Obj: 4000 (Queen),NL. 11/04/96. Permit# 454699. API# 42-135-37345. ID# T-479557.Spud: 12/27/96.TD: 3980 on 01/04/97.P&A on 01/05/97.(Last Info: 01/31/97)
PENTEX PRODUCTION CO LLC
■ECTOR - AR FEE #22
PENWELL (QUEEN)- PLUG BACK DG; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 3S sec 3, A-319, 900 fsl 1900 fel of sec, 900 fsl 740 fwl of lse. 482.45 acre lse. 11 mi SW of Odessa. Summary Orignal Dilt: Field: HARPER (SAN ANDRES).Compt: OIL
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
■PENWELL NORTH UNIT #233
PENWELL - DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 28, A-1286, 145 fsl 2485 fel of sec, 2497 fnl 5125 fel
of unit. 4674.18 acre unit. (A-1286 orignally known as B W McKenzie) 1 mi W of Penwell. Obj: 4150 test.NL. 11/07/96. Permit# 454811. API# 42-135-37362. ID# T-479708.Contr: Bandera #10. Spud: 11/27/96.TD: 4100 on 12/02/96.Compt on 01/21/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 3509-3973 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 3509-3973) P 5 BOPD; gav 33.3; 12 MCFGPD; 14 BWPD
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■MOSS UNIT #20-12
COWDEN SOUTH- SP; T & P RY CO sur blk 42 twp 3S sec 7, A-135, 660 fnl 45 fel of sec, 1980 fsl 45 fel of lse. 4320 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 5.5 mi SW of Odessa. EL: 2908 GR. Obj: 4750 test.NL. 09/10/95. Permit# 438811. API# 42-135-37104. ID# T-470073.Contr: Pool Pic #9. Spud: 09/12/96.TD: 4743 on 09/18/96.IW on 12/27/96.(Last Info: 02/03/97)Notes: (Permitted as an oil well, completed as an injection well)

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

B T A OIL PRODUCERS
■7613 JVP COX - F #4
BLALOCK LAKE SOUTH (WOLFCAMP)- REPERMIT DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 35 twp 3S sec 22, A-1174, 2605 fsl 1707 fel of sec, 612 fsl 959 fwl of lse. 200 acre lse. (A-1174 orignally C W McPherson) 10 mi NW of Garden City. Summary Orignal Dilt: ABND LOC on 07/12/96.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2597 GR. Obj: 8400 (Wolfcamp),NL. 05/11/94. Permit# 423603. API# 42-173-32431. ID# T-460996.Contr: Patterson #17. Resume: 12/28/96.TD: 8270 on 01/14/97.PB: 8178.Recomp: on 01/22/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 8111-8122 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wolfcamp 8111-8122) F 360 BOPD grav 40; 306 MCFGPD on 2/64 dk; 33 BWPD; FTP 110
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1111A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 21, A-449, 660 fsl 1880 fwl of sec,
16553 fsl 27261 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 111) 9 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2713 KB. Obj: 8750 test.NL. 11/07/95. Permit# 441616. API#
42-173-32575. ID# T-471762.Contr: FWA #4. Spud: 10/17/96.TD: 8685 on 10/25/96.PB: 8644.Compt on 12/14/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6729-8494 (Spraberry,Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Dean 6729-8494) P 72 BOPD grav 39.9; 32 MCFGPD; 151 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #171A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 4S sec 45, A-437, 1980 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 3324 fnl 16563 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 17) 10 mi NW of St Lawrence. EL: 2728 KB. Obj: 8500 test.NL. 09/10/96. Permit# 452420. API# 42-173-32578. ID# T-478150.Contr: Jones #6. Spud: 10/15/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8515 on 11/05/96.PB: 8456.Compt on 12/14/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6785-8423 (Spraberry,Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Dean 6785-8423) P 42 BOPD grav 39.9; 34 MCFGPD; 174 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #771A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 13, A-461, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 17872 fnl 23278 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 77) 13 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2723 KB. Obj: 8550 test.NL. 09/26/96. Permit# 453142. API# 42-173-32689. ID# T-478547.Contr: Clint Hurt #2. Spud: 10/27/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8600 on 11/12/96.PB: 8550.Compt on 12/14/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6843-8510 (Spraberry,Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Dean 6843-8510) P 52 BOPD grav 39.9; 33 MCFGPD; 170 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #816A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 18, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 19209 fnl 23941 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 81) (T & P Ry Co originally known as W O Moore) 11 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2719 KB. Obj: 8520 test.NL. 06/20/96. Permit# 448532. API# 42-173-32643. ID# T-476434.Contr: FWA #9. Spud: 07/30/96 Mud dltg. TD: 8520 on 08/10/96.PB: 8382.Compt on 10/16/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 6795-8378 (Spraberry,Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Dean 6795-8378) P 46 BOPD grav 39.9; 36 MCFGPD; 207 BWPD

HOWARD COUNTY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
■FRANKLIN 8 #1
ALFALFA (FUSSELMAN)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 twp 1S sec 8, A-1027, 1905 fnl 611 fwl of sec, 735 fsl 611 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-1027 originally known as R C Collee) 3 mi W of Big Spring. EL: 2554 GR. Obj: 11000 test.NL. 12/28/96. Permit# 454313. API# 42-227-35084. ID# T-479381.Contr: Patterson #3. Spud: 10/29/96.TD: 10165 on 11/22/96.PB: 10152.Compt on 01/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 10028-10038 (Fusselman) IP: (Fusselman 10028-10038) F 206 BOPD grav 50 on 6/64 dk; no gas; no wtr; FTP 980

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO OIL & GAS CO INC
■DAVIDSON 26 #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 sec 26, A-1089, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1089 orignally known as Perry Charles) 25 mi SW of Midland. EL: 2815 GR. Obj: 10300 test.NL. 09/25/96. Permit# 453070. API# 42-329-33584. ID# T-478602.Contr: J S M. Spud: 09/19/96.TD: 10150 on 10/03/96 in Spraberry.PB: 10110.Compt on 12/03/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 7850-9980 (Spraberry,Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Wolfcamp 7850-9980) P 53 BOPD grav 40.2; 70 MCFGPD; 132 BWPD **PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP**
■SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #7107A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 15, A-176, 660 fsl 1980 fel of sec,
5955 fsl 3302 fwl of unit. 28731 acre unit. (Located in tract 71) (Rule 38 exception granted) 16 mi SW of Spraberry. EL: 2782 KB. Obj: 9500 test.NL. 09/30/96. Permit# 452165. API# 42-329-33540. ID# T-478603.Contr: FWA #9. Spud: 11/24/96.TD: 9100 on 12/08/96.PB: 9057.Compt on 01/11/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 7394-8964 (Spraberry,Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry,Dean 7394-8964) P 46 BOPD grav 39.9; 52 MCFGPD; 164 BWPD
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■BRYANT -G- DEVONIAN UNIT #34H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN)- HORIZONTAL DG; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 2S sec 39, A-271, 760 fsl 699 fwl of sec, and unit. 5225.18 acre unit. 10 mi SW of Midland. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 760 fsl 660 fel of sec. 39 Coord: X= 1435.411 Y= 804048.000. - 760 fsl 4729 fwl of unit - Top of PZone: 760 fsl 1099 fwl of sec, and unit - X=1432899 Y=803127 - Lat: 31°51'43" N Long: 102°09'36" W. PROPOSED: 39 - E
3630 ft from surf loc. ACTUAL @ 15802 MD: 1011 N 3808 E of surf loc. (TVD: 11914) - KOP: 11000. PROJECTED @ TD: 1021 N 3840 E of surf loc. (TVD: 11912) - Survey ran by Phoenix Dltg Services. EL: 2779 GR. Obj: 17000 (Devonian),NL. 06/29/96. Permit# 449897. API# 42-329-33493-00. ID# T-476552.Contr: Nabors #319. Spud: 08/26/96.TD: 15836 on 11/11/96.Compt on 01/06/97 GAS (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 11000-15836 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 11000-15836) CAOF 4894 MCFGPD - F 46 BOPD grav 59; 6773 MCFGPD grav .729 on 25/64 dk; 15 BWPD; FTP 1990, SITP 2533, BHSIP 4586,BHT 218 F @ 11912, SLOPE 1.000 Four Point 9225 MCFGPD on 36/64 dkn 120 mn; FTP 1518, BHP 4112; 6773 MCFGPD on 25/64 dk in 120 mn, FTP1990, BHP 4248; 4129 MCFGPD on 19/64 dk in 120 mn, FTP 2280, BHP 4346; 1759 MCFGPD on 11/64 dk in 120 mn, FTP 2440, BHP 4448

PECOS COUNTY

PARALLEL PETROLEUM CORP
■GIESECKE #4
CHENOT NORTH (WICHITA/ALBANY)- DG; H & G N RY CO sur blk 11 sec 54, A-5414, 838 fnl 1239 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5414 orignally known as L D Miller) 7 mi SW of Girvin. EL: 2618 GR. Obj: 5500 (Wichita Albany),NL. 10/18/96. Permit# 454403. API#

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42-371-36649. ID# T-479110.Contr: Rod Ric #2. Spud: 11/1096.TD: 4850 on 11/1996.PB: 4793.Compt on 01/04/97 GAS (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 4310-4516 (Wichita Albany) IP: (Wichita Albany 4310-4516) CAOF 121 MCFGPD – F 1.00 BOPD grav 53.0; 120 MCFGPD grav .595 on 1264 dk; no wtr; FTP 75, SITP 1624, BHSIP 1742.
BHT 100 F @ 4413, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 120 MCFGPD on 1264 dk in 1440 min, FTP 75, BHP 87

REEVES COUNTY

BRITINC OIL & GAS INC
■BRO SELTZER #2
SULLIVAN (DELAWARE)- PLUG BACK DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 57 twp 2 sec 4, A-5754, 467 frl 1593 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 4 mi NW of Orla. Summary Original Dilt Field: JESS BURNER (DELAWARE 3800).Compt OIL PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2883 GR. Obj: 3500 (Delaware).NL: 10/28/96. Permit# 454240. API# 42-389-31465. ID#
T-479404.Resume: 11/1996.TD: 4143.PB: 3500.Recomp: on 11/27/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 2750-2760 (Delaware ls) IP: (Delaware ls 2750-2760) P 11 BOPD grav 41; 38 MCFGPD; 280 BWPD Tops: L/T Delaware ls 2703.Tubing: 2 3/8 @ 2790 Perfs: 2750-2760 (Delaware ls) - frac w/6000 gal x-lnk gel 16500# 16/30 sd

BRITINC OIL & GAS INC
■GRACE #1
SULLIVAN (DELAWARE)- PLUG BACK DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 57 twp 1 sec 40, A-5620, 466 frl 2170 fsl of sec, 466 frl 467 fwl of lse. 161.72 acre lse. (A-5620 originally known as Ted Lyon) 5 mi NW of Orla.
Summary Original Dilt Field: JESS BURNER (DELAWARE 3800).Compt OIL PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 3500 test.NL: 11/05/96. Permit# 454652. API# 42-389-31388. ID# T-479593.Resume: 11/2096.TD: 4385.PB: 3500.Recomp: on 11/26/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 2805-2816 (Delaware ls) IP: (Delaware ls 2805-2816) P 34 BOPD grav 41; 40 MCFGPD; 270 BWPD Tops: L/T Delaware ls 2686.Tubing: 2 3/8 @ 2836 Perfs: 2805-2816 (Delaware ls) - frac w/6000 gal x-lnk gel 16500# 16/30 sd

STERLING COUNTY

WAGNER & BROWN LTD
■COUNCIL #715
LOWER HALF (WOLFCAMP)- PLUG BACK DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 7 sec 15, A-224, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 3350 fsl of lse. 2698.8 acre lse. 14 mi SW of Sterling. Geomap: 1-13N-10W Summary Original Dilt: Oper: WAGNER & BROWN Field: SUGG RANCH (CANYON).Compt on 02/02/89 GAS PZone: 7383-7685 (Canyon) gross interval IP: CAOF 6200 MCFGPD – F 216 BOPD grav 58.5; 2008 MCFGPD grav .752 on 1464 dk; 72 BWPD; FTP 1215, CP 1862, SITP 1598; – Four Point: 1270 MCFGPD on 864 dk in 120 min, FTP 1535, BHP 2569; 1577 MCFGPD on 1064 dk in 120 min, FTP 1480, BHP 2487; 1771 MCFGPD on 1264 dk in 120 min, FTP 1300, BHP 2413; 2008 MCFGPD on 1464 dk in 120 min, FTP 1215, BHP 2344; SITP 1598, BHSIP 2868, BHT 160 F @ 7467, SLOPE 1.000

WARD COUNTY

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
■CAPRITO 83 #2
R O C- RECOMPLETION WPO; G & M M B & A sur blk F sec 83, A-43, 1980 fnwl 660 fswl of sec, 1980 fnwl 660 fswl of lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi N of Pyote. Summary Original Dilt Field: ABRAXAS (CHERRY CANYON).Compt on 09/04/96 OIL PZone: 6011-6487 (Cherry Canyon) gross interval IP: (Cherry Canyon 6011-6487) F 43 BOPD grav 39.0; 749 MCFGPD on 1664 dk; 39 BWPD; FTP 960

CHEVRON U S A INC
■HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #1018
WARD-ESTES NORTH (WICHITA/ALBANY)- PLUG BACK DO; G & M M B & A sur blk O sec 6, 880 fsel 1980 fnsl of sec, 4380 fnwl 3300 fswl of lse. 304.60 acre lse. 1 mi SE of Wickett. Summary Original Dilt Field: WAGON WHEEL (PENNSYLVANIAN).Compt OIL
CHEVRON U S A INC
■HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #1449
WARD-ESTES NORTH (WICHITA-ALBANY)- PLUG BACK DO; G & M M B & A sur blk O sec 8, 1770 fsl 467 fel of sec, 14070 frl 4813 fwl of unit. 304.60 acre unit. 3 mi SE of Wickett. Geomap: 9-13N-24W Summary Original Dilt: Field: WAGON WHEEL (PENNSYLVANIAN).EL: 2642 GR.Compt on 08/08/96 OIL PZone: 8042-8360 (Pennsylvanian) IP: F 425 BOPD grav 40.5; 1450 MCFGPD on 22/64 dk; no wtr; FTP 728
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■SEALY CAPRITO 79 #1
ABRAXAS (CHERRY CANYON)- DO; G & M M B & A sur blk F sec 79, A-39, 1980 frl 467 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 4 mi W of Wickett. EL: 2624 GR. Obj: 7200 test.NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 453798. API# 42-475-34410. ID# T-479334.Contr: Gene Sledge #7. Spud: 10/28/96 Mud dltg. TD: 7190 on 11/14/96.Compt on 01/01/97 OIL (Last Info:
02/03/97)PZone: 6558-6578 (Cherry Canyon) IP: (Cherry Canyon 6558-6578) P 11 BOPD grav 33; 46 MCFGPD; 88 BWPD
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■SEALY GEORGE 41 #8
SEALY SOUTH- DO; G M M B & A sur blk F sec 41, A-17, 1090 frl 990 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi W of Wickett. EL: 2643 GR. Obj: 3000 test.NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 453851. API# 42-475-34415. ID# T-479338.Contr: Riley #3. Spud: 11/23/96 Mud dltg. TD: 2992 on 11/29/96.Compt on 01/01/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 2703-2859 (Yates) gross interval IP: (Yates 2703-2859) P 21 BOPD grav 33; 27 MCFGPD; 50 BWPD
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■SEALY GEORGE 41 #9
MAGNOLIA SEALY- DO; G M M B & A sur blk F sec 41, A-17, 1100 fsl 1700 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi W of Wickett. EL: 2643 GR. Obj: 3000 test.NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 453852. API# 42-475-34416. ID# T-479337.Contr: Riley #3. Spud: 11/13/96 Mud dltg. TD: 2940 on 11/21/96.Compt on 01/06/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 2631-2914 (Yates) gross interval IP: (Yates 2631-2914) P 41 BOPD grav 33; 20 MCFGPD; 25 BWPD

WINKLER COUNTY

BASS ENTERPRISES PROD CO
■TRINITY - A UNIT #1
KEYSTONE (HOLT)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 3, A-1832, 1320 fsl 1484 fel of sec, 330 frl 501 fwl of lse. 20 acre lse. (A-1209 originally known as D B Walton) (Rule 37 exception granted) 9 mi NE of Kermit. EL: 2991 KB. Obj: 5400 (Holt).NL: 07/15/96. Permit# 450366. API# 42-495-32560. ID# T-476800.Contr: Riley #6. Spud: 11/11/96.TD: 5380 on 12/16/96.PB: 5274.Compt on 01/19/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 5098-5170 (Holt) gross interval IP: (Holt 5098-5170) P 38 BOPD; 49 MCFGPD; 33 BWPD
EXXON CO USA
■WADDELL L L BROS & CO #12L
AW- PLUG BACK WPD; WADDELL BROS & CO sur, A-1817, 1704 fsl 1965 fwl of sec, 3583 frl 1965 fwl of lse. 11360 acre lse. 12 mi E of Kermit. Summary Original Dilt Field: AW (FUSSELMAN).Compt OIL

BORDEN COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
■JO-MILL WEST UNIT #611
JO-MILL (SPRABERRY)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 twp 4N sec 16, A-505, 1888 fsl 2018 fwl of sec, 7168 fsl 2018 fwl of unit. 3620 acre unit. (A-505 originally known as J A Johnson) 12 mi SW of Gail. EL: 2690 KB. Obj: 8000 (Spraberry).NL: 09/20/96. Permit# 451733. API# 42-033-31663. ID# T-477885.Contr: Bandera #11. Spud: 10/02/96 Mud dltg. TD: 7600 on 10/16/96.PB: 7560.Compt on 11/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/03/97)PZone: 7414-7430 (lwr Spraberry) IP: (lwr Spraberry 7414-7430) P 15
BOPD grav 39.0; 40 MCFGPD; 20 BWPD

COCHRAN COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
■DUGGAN SLAUGHTER UNIT #1508N
SLAUGHTER- DO; OLDHAM (COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 938 fsl 884 fel of lab 15 lge 55 of sur, 7765 frl 1793 fwl of unit. 6804 acre unit. 10 mi SW of Whiteface. EL: 3887 GR. Obj: 5200 test.NL: 10/11/96. Permit# 453723. API# 42-079-32889. ID# T-478909.Contr: Bandera Dltg #1. Spud: 01/06/97 Mud dltg. TD: 5050 on 01/15/97 in San Andres.PB: 5044.Compt on 01/27/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 5031-5041 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 5031-5041) P 82 BOPD; 25 MCFGPD; no wtr

PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
■DUGGAN SLAUGHTER UNIT #607N -
SLAUGHTER- DO; OLDHAM COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 1012 fsl 955 fel of lab 6 lge 55 of sur, 4790 frl 1722 fwl of unit. 6804 acre unit. 10 mi SW of Whiteface. EL: 3891 GR. Obj: 5200 test.NL: 10/11/96. Permit# 453724. API# 42-079-32890. ID# T-478907.Contr: Bandera #1. Spud: 12/19/96 Mud dltg. TD: 5055 on 01/05/97 in San Andres.PB: 5053.Compt on 01/21/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 5028-5038 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 5028-5038) 32 BOPD; 8 MCFGPD; no wtr

DAWSON COUNTY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
■RICHARDS 16 #1
ELIZABETH ROSE (FUSSELMAN)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-38 sec 16, A-1174, 2610 frl 528 fwl of sec, and lse. 600 acre lse. (A-1174 originally known as C C Richards) 3 mi W of Welch.
BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2248 frl 528 fwl of sec. 16 Coord: X= 564746.000 Y= 460987.000. – and lse. ACTUAL @ 12092 MD: 345 N 16 E of surf loc. (TVD: 11988) PROJECTED @ 12082 MD: 351 N 17 E of surf loc. (TVD: 12017) – Survey ran by Great Southern Dtg Service Inc. EL: 3139 GR. Obj: 12500 test.NL: 11/12/96. Permit# 454916. API# 42-115-32933. ID# T-479765.Contr: Patterson #5. Spud:
11/10/96.TD: 12158 on 12/24/96.Compt on 01/18/97 OIL (Last Info: 02/04/97)PZone: 12149-12158 (Fusselman) IP: (Fusselman 12149-12158) F 198 BOPD grav 37.6 on 8.564 dk; no gas; no wtr; FTP 400

DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■SWARINGEN #1
NAVIGATOR (TANNEHILL B)- DO; H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 164, A-657, 2173 fsl 467 fwl of sec, 467 frl 467 fwl of unit. 80 acre unit. (A-657 originally F M Kelsey) 9 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2155 KB. Obj: 4800 (Tannehill B).NL: 12/03/96. Permit# 455696. API# 42-125-30617. ID# T-480218.Contr: Pingo #3. Spud: 12/03/96.TD: 4575 on 12/11/96 in Tannehill.PB: 4508.Compt on 12/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/30/97)PZone: 4397-4432 (Tannehill B) gross interval IP: (Tannehill B 4397-4432) P 105 BOPD grav 37; GTSTM; no wtr

GAINES COUNTY

UNION OIL CO OF CAL
■RILEY NORTH UNIT #1292
RILEY NORTH- DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk G sec 360, A-814, 2640 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 7920 frl 4620 fsl of lse. 6960 acre lse. (A-814 originally known as Ed Ramsey) 14 mi W S W of Seminole. EL: 3382 GR. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 10/15/96. Permit# 453759. API# 42-165-35065. ID# T-478979.Contr: Norton #1. Spud: 12/08/96.TD: 7230 on 12/21/96.Compt on 01/31/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/31/97)PZone: 6357-7168 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 6357-7168) P 127 BOPD grav 34.9; 127 BWPD
VOSKAMP EXPL INC
■SEMINOLE NE SAN ANDRES UNIT #12
SEMINOLE NE (SAN ANDRES)- DO; W T RY CO sur blk G sec 268, A-886, 1020 fsl 2400 fel of sec, 1020 fsl 3080 fel of unit. 670 acre unit. (A-886 originally known as J D Wesson) 8 mi N of Seminole. EL: 3413 GR. Obj: 5900 (San Andres).NL: 09/03/96. Permit# 451931. API# 42-165-35047. ID# T-477988.Contr: Slton #7. Spud:
10/08/96.TD: 5871 on 10/22/96.PB: 5759.Compt on 11/13/96 OIL (Last Info: 02/05/97)PZone: 5404-5698 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 5404-5698) P 43 BOPD grav 32; 8 MCFGPD; 102 BWPD

GARZA COUNTY

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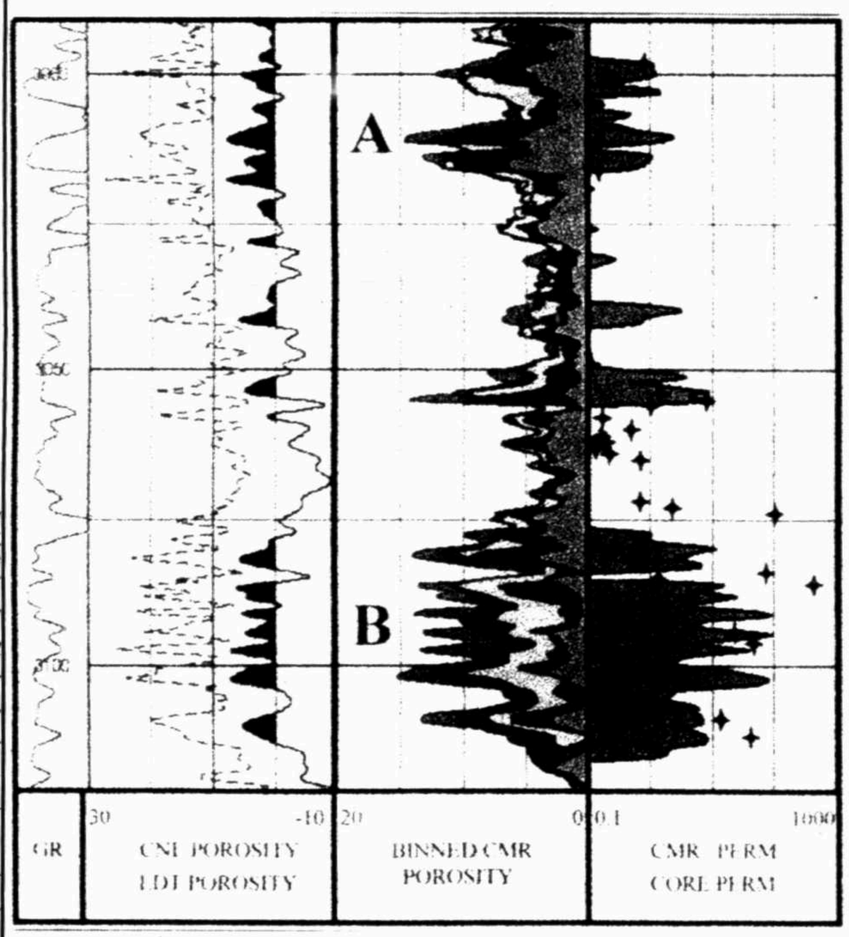


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Mobil begins production of new Alabama gas field

FAIRFAX--Mobil Corporation announced today that Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. (MEPUS) has begun producing natural gas from its Mobile 869 field in federal waters offshore Alabama. The start-up is part of an on-going natural gas development program that is significantly increasing the company's Alabama natural gas volumes.

Drilled to a measured depth of 22,090 feet four miles south of Dauphin Island, the Mobile 869-3 well tested natural gas at a rate of 84 million cubic feet a day (MMCFD) with a flowing tubing pressure of 4,235 pounds per square inch.

MEPUS has a 49-percent interest in the Mobile 869 Field and is operator. Partners are Exxon and Texaco with 30-percent and 21- percent interests respectively.

"The development of the Mobile 869 field adds profitable production for Mobil in the U.S., and is another indication of the increasing importance and potential of Alabama's prolific Norphlet gas play," said MEPUS President Mike Yeager. "The excellent flow rate and gas quality from this field demonstrate the continuing attractiveness of the Mobile Bay trend."

'The development of the Mobile 869 field adds profitable production for Mobil in the U.S.'
— Mike Yeager, MEPUS President.

The addition of production from the Mobile 869 field to Mobil's existing operations in its Lower Mobile Bay - Mary Ann and Mobile 823 fields increases Mobil-operated gas production from offshore Alabama wells from about 320 MMCFD to more than 400 MMCFD, with Mobil net working interest production increasing from about 210 MMCFD to about 250 MMCFD.

Mobil expects a further increase in its offshore Alabama natural gas production around mid-year with the streaming of the Aloe Bay Field in state waters north of Dauphin

Permian Basin assets acquired by Mesa, Oilex

By Jeff Limbacher
Staff Writer

Interests in two major Permian Basin assets were sold this week.

Oilex, Inc. says it has acquired 60 additional wells in Scurry and Mitchell Counties from privately owned Xeric Oil & Gas, and Mesa announced that will paying $270 million in cash, for Greenhill Petroleum Corp., which has extensive assets in the Permian Basin

The wells in Scurry and Mitchell Counties have an estimated 1.5 million barrels of remaining in place oil according to a third party independent engineering firm.

Oilex will commence its salvage operation later this week to remove all downhole tubing, rods, pumps, and surface jacks. These 60 wells will be under Oilex's field supervisor Jeff Minor at the Revilo Unit and Oilex will employ its portable swabbing unit to enhance the production from these oil and gas wells.

Most of Greenhill's properties are located in the Permian Basin, the inland waters of the Gulf Coast, Louisiana and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Buying Houston-based Greenhill — a subsidiary of the Western Mining Corp. of Melbourne, Australia — will increase Mesa's annual cash flow from $200 million to about $300 million, said Jon Brumley, Mesa's chief executive.

It also adds 522 operating wells to Mesa's inventory of 2,343 wells. A week ago, Mesa bought Mapco Inc.'s natural gas liquids and condensate reserves in the Texas Panhandle for $66 million.

"These two purchases make this a very exciting time for us," said Brumley.

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Folger named Outstanding Young Alumnus

By Staff

Lois K. Folger, project engineer for Texaco North America Producing in Midland, has been named Outstanding Young Alumnus by the University of Texas at Austin's College of Engineering.

The award is the highest honor the College of Engineering can bestow to a graduate under the age of 40, and Folger is the second recipient of the award since 1990.

Texaco Senior Vice President Robert C. Black called Folger "a talented petroleum engineer who has contributed greatly to various Texaco projects, including a major enhanced oil recovery project."

Black said she also been a recruiter for Texaco at UT Austin for more than 10 years.

Folger joined Texaco as a field engineer at Notrees in 1984, after earning a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from UT Austin. She also has a masters in business administration from UT Permian Basin and a masters of science degree from UT Austin.

Since joining Texaco she has held engineering positions of increasing responsibility until being named project engineer in 1990. She is currently responsible for exploration and development of the Levelland Asset Team.

Folger is a member of the Board of Directors of both the Permian Basin chapters of the Society of Professional Engineers, which named her Young Engineer of the Year in 1995, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). She was honored by SPE in 1996 with the Young Member Outstanding Service Award, and is a member of the Ben Caudle Endowment Fund Steering Committee.

A graduate of Leadership Midland, Folger is active with the United Way of Midland, Girl Scouts of America, Junior Achievement, Keep Midland Beautiful and Grace Lutheran Church.

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TERRELL COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ UNIVERSITY 30 #2
BRANCH SOUTH- WP; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 35 sec 30, 2287 fsl 1165 fel of sec, and lse. 647.7 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 12000 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481648

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ WINDHAM R S - A #1073
AMACKER-TIPPETT- WP; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk D sec 107, A-64, 904 fsl 515 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 16 mi ESE of Crane. EL: 2816 GR. Obj: 12400 test.NL: 01/31/97. ID# T-481518
MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM
■ PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3 #1316
PEGASUS (DEVONIAN)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 32, 650 fsl 1700 fwl of sec,
8570 fsl 6220 fel of lse. 11811 acre lse. 18 mi SE of Odessa. Summary Original Drill: Well: PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3 #1316Gl.Field: PEGASUS (ELLENBURGER).TD 12399.IW on 05/27/93.IP: PROD TEST (Devonian 11800-12078 05/02/93) F 1531 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck; FTP 1015, SITP 1445, BHSIP 2499, BHT 150 F @ 12220, SLOPE 0.850 -- Testran for well record only ID# T-452334
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■ PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3 #2524
PEGASUS (DEVONIAN)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 42, 1500 fnl 1250 fel of sec, 9060 fsl 9170 fel of lse. 11811 acre lse. 18 mi SE of Odessa. Summary Original Drill: Well: PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3 #2524Gl.Field: PEGASUS (ELLENBURGER).TD: 12410.IW on 06/29/93.IP: PROD TEST (Devonian 11843-12105 06/29/93) F SITP 1615, BHSIP 2428, BHT 200 F @ 12450, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 2097 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck
in 1440 min. FTP 1515, BHP 2325 ID# T-452190
OXY U S A INC
■ UNIVERSITY AH #2
FLAT ROCK (FUSSELMAN)- PLUG BACK D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 3 sec 29, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 8 mi E of Rankin.
Geomap: 2-10N-15W Summary Original Drill: API# 42-461-01624 Field: FLAT ROCK (SPRABERRY).Compl: OILPZone: 4726-7120 (San Angelo/Spraberry) ID# T-446582

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ANDREWS COUNTY

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FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 10 sec 26, 1332 fsl 552 fwl of sec, and unit. 6134 acre unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3200 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458044. API# 42-003-38146. ID# T-481581
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FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 10 sec 26, 1332 fsl 1679 fwl of sec, and unit. 6134
acre unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3201 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458043. API# 42-003-38145. ID# T-481580
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■ BLOCK 10 FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT #308
FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 10 sec 26, 440 fsl 662 fwl of sec, and unit. 6134 acre
unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3197 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 458042. API# 42-003 38144. ID# T-481579
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SAGE ENERGY CO
■ SAGE-EXXON 14 #1
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-32 sec 14, 850 fsl 1700 fwl of sec, 850 fsl 950 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 20 mi NW of Andrews. EL: 3337 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481585
SAGE ENERGY CO
■ SAGE-EXXON 15 #1
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-32 sec 15, 760 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 760 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 20 mi NW of Andrews. EL: 3376 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481582
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■ SAGE-EXXON 6 #2
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-32 sec 6, 800 fsl 570 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 16 mi NW of Andrew. EL: 3346 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481586

CRANE COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1214
WADDELL- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-23 sec 13, A-1158, 2307 fsl 2970 fwl of sec, 2307 fsl 3024 fel of lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1158 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2750 GR. Obj: 3700 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457980. API# 42-103-34474. ID# T-481562
BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1215
WADDELL- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-23 sec 13, A-1158, 989 fsl 3011 fwl of sec, 989 fsl 2982 fel of lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1158 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2745 GR. Obj: 3700 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457979. API# 42-103-34475. ID# T-481563
BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1220
WADDELL- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-23 sec 14, A-1159, 1650 fnl 850 fwl of sec, 11550 fsl 20953 fel of lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1159 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2757 GR. Obj: 3600 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457978. API# 42-103-34473. ID# T-481564
BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1221
WADDELL- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-23 sec 10, A-1156, 1602 fsl 330 fel of sec, 3676 fnl 5610 fel of lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1156 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2760 GR. Obj: 3600 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457977. API# 42-103-34476. ID# T-481565
BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1224
DUNE- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-24 sec 1, A-1164, 330 fnl 990 fel of sec, and lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1164 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2745 GR. Obj: 4000 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457976. API# 42-103-34477. ID# T-481566
BURLINGTON RES O&G MID
■ WADDELL W N #1225
DUNE- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-24 sec 1, A-1164, 2310 fnl 990 fel of sec, and lse. 31146.50 acre lse. (A-1164 originally known as W N Waddell) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2735 GR. Obj: 4000 test.NL: 02/03/97. Permit# 457975. API# 42-103-34478. ID# T-481554

ECTOR COUNTY

TITAN RESOURCES INC
■ FOSTER NORTH UNIT #89
FOSTER- RE-ENTRY D; T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 2S sec 2, A-680, 660 fsl 1980 fel of sec, and unit. 2002 acre unit. 2 mi W of Odessa. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 9000 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457923. API# 42-135-31268. ID# T-481542.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

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■ ELMER JV-P 8204 #11
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COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
■ CALVERLEY 29 #2
GARDEN CITY WEST- WP; T & P RY CO sur blk 34 twp 3S sec 29, A-231, 2339 fsl 2400 fel of sec, 1019 fsl 240 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 5 mi NW of Garden City. EL: 2602 GR. Obj: 8500 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481621

HOWARD COUNTY

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ORYX ENERGY CO
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MARTIN COUNTY

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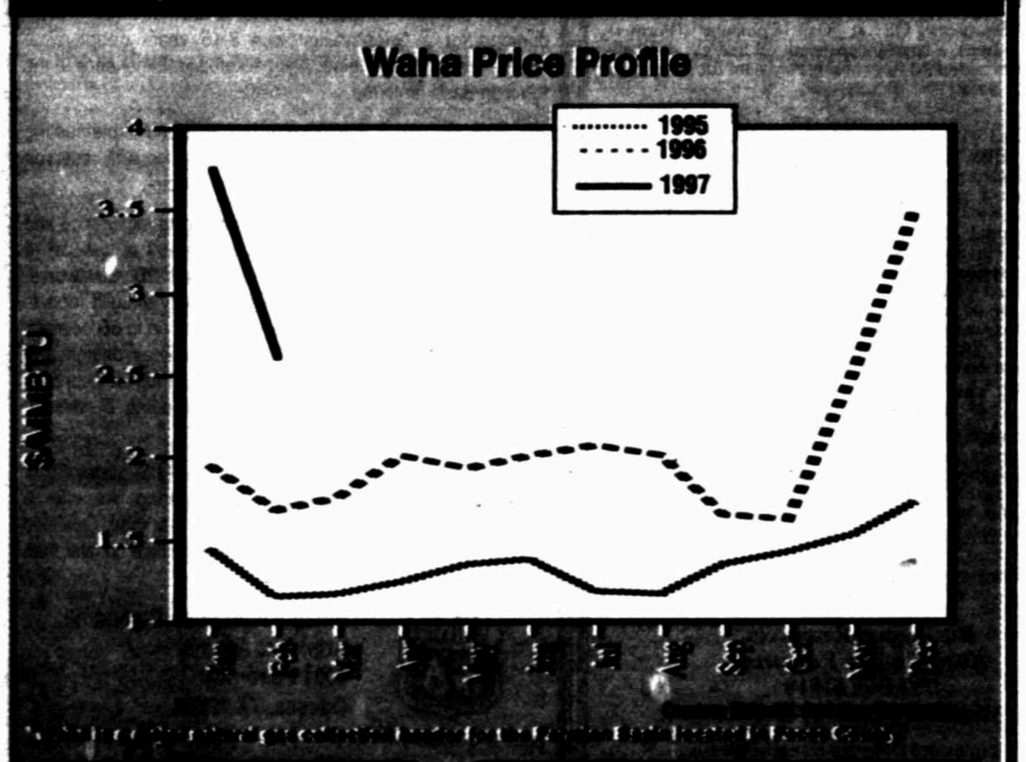
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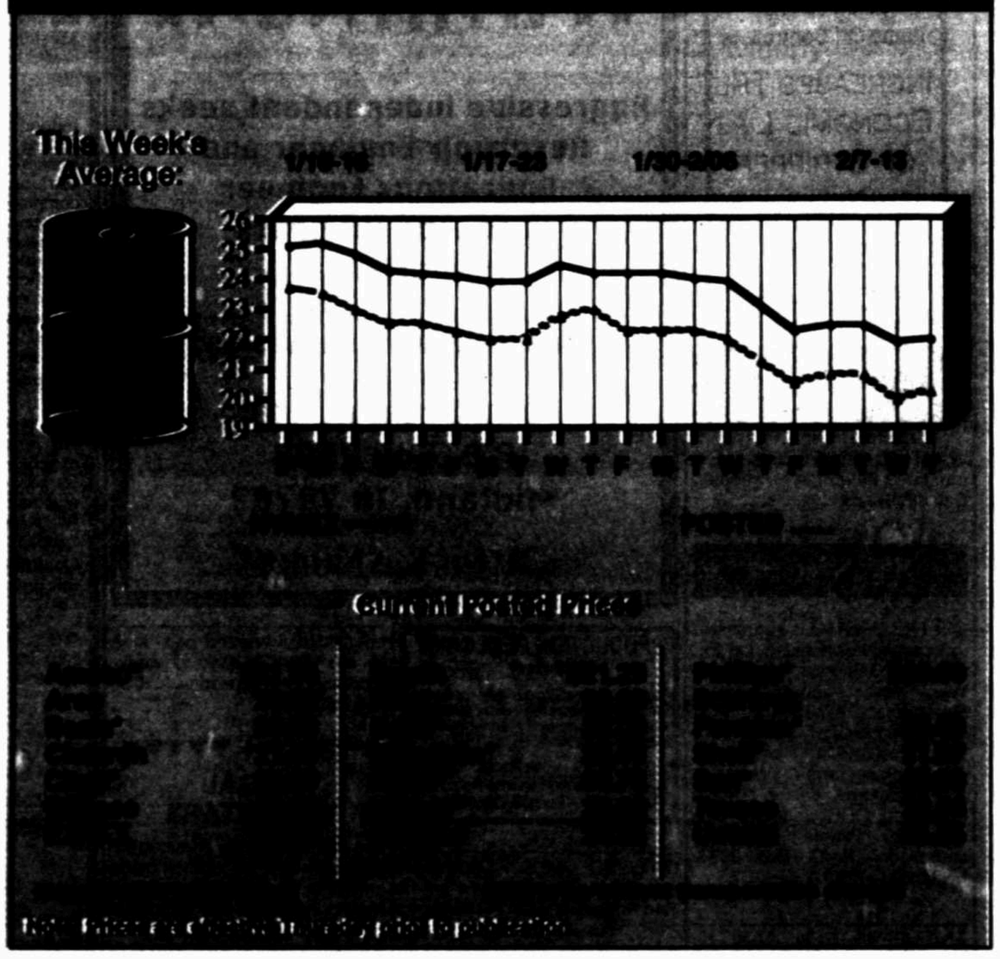
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Crude Oil Prices



Amoco, Shell agreement in Basin

Houston -- Amoco Corp. and Shell Oil Co. should reach agreement next week to combine Permian Basin oil and gas operations in Texas and New Mexico, Amoco Chief Executive H. Laurance Fuller said.

The joint venture, which will be called Altura Energy Ltd., has been the subject of on-and-off talks for more than two years. As recently as December, talks reached an impasse over the valuation of assets and weren't expected to be completed.

Altura will combine the oil and gas assets in a prolific gas and oil producing region known as the Permian Basin, which in includes a huge part of far western Texas and New Mexico.

"I have no reason to believe that won't come together in the immediate future," Fuller told reporters at the annual Global Energy Forum sponsored by Cambridge Energy Research Associates. "We have resolved the major issues."

The companies will meet Monday to clear up smaller issues, he said. Fuller called the plan "a superb deal."

Shell Oil, a unit of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, and Amoco were "operating on top of each other" in parts of the area, Fuller said.

Vastar announces three exploration discoveries

HOUSTON -- Vastar Resources, Inc. announced three south Texas exploration discoveries. The company has 100 percent working interest in all the wells.

The Frost-McLean 1, drilled in Jim Hogg County offsetting the N.E. Thompsonville field, was completed in January producing 10 million cubic feet of natural gas per day (MMcfd) from the deepest zone. The well has 40 feet of net pay in two separate Wilcox zones. Plans are to drill up to four additional wells in the N.E. Thompsonville field this year.

Vastar's Christensen 1, in the Clay West field in Live Oak County, logged 50 feet of net pay in two separate Wilcox zones. The deepest zone has now been tested at a rate of seven MMcfd, unstimulated. Additional followup activity is planned.

Vastar's Houston Gas Unit 6, an extension well drilled near the Donna field in Hildago County, began producing during the fourth quarter of 1996 and is flowing at a rate of five MMcfd. The well has additional potential zones above this interval. Additional followup activity is planned.

All three wells were drilled based on 3D seismic. Vastar's 1997 drilling plan in south Texas includes 10-15 wells, all based on 3D technology. The company has added approximately 500 square miles of 3D seismic to its south Texas database since 1994.

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BREEDLOVE (SPRABERRY)- RE-ENTRY D; BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-583, 660 fnl 1980 fel of lab 6 lge 262 of sur, and lse. 190.5 acre lse. 16 mi NW of Tarzan. Summary Original Drill: Oper: WALTER O&G INTL LLC Field: WILDCAT.TD: 8432 in Spraberry.P&A on 12/20/96. ID# T-479482
STEPHENS AUTRY C
■ WEBSTER #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 1N sec 42, A-550, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-550 originally known as Albert E Tash) 7 mi NW of Stanton. EL: 2759 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481625

MIDLAND COUNTY

CANDELERO OIL & GAS CO
■ PRESTON MARTHA JANE #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 1S sec 47, 660 fnl 2021 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 5 mi E'LY of Midland. EL: 2757 GR. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481599
CANDELERO OIL & GAS CO
■ WEATHERRED #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 1S sec 39, 660 fnl 785 fwl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 5 mi E'LY of Midland. EL: 2779 GR. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481597
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ COWDEN - C #3
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 39 twp 4S sec 22, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, 1980 fnl 713 fwl of lse. 560 acre lse. 18 mi SW of Spraberry. EL: 2773 GR. Obj: 9325 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481624
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MIDKIFF UNIT #208
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 26, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 3320 fnl 1980 fel of unit. 23161 acre unit. (Located in tract 2) 14 mi SW of Spraberry. EL: 2764 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481626
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MIDKIFF UNIT #903A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 35, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 9943 fnl 4620 fel of unit. 23161 acre unit. (Located in tract 9) 16 mi SW of Spraberry. EL: 2764 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481627
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ BRYANT G - C - NCT-2 #3
PARKS (PENNSYLVANIAN)- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 2S sec 39, 825 fnl 850 fwl of sec, and lse. 400 acre lse. 10 mi SW of Midland. EL: 2802 GR. Obj: 11000 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 01/30/97. ID# T-481511

MITCHELL COUNTY

BAYTECH INC
■ NAIL 10 #2
DIXON (STRAWN SS)- PLUG BACK D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 12 sec 10, A-910, 2632 fsl 2169 fwl of sec, 1354 fnl 480 fel of lse. 280 acre lse. (A-910 originally known as C H McGinnis) 6 mi NW'LY of Silver. Summary Original Drill: Field: LITTLE PIG (STRAWN) EL: 2223 KB.TD: 7246 in Strawn.Compl: on 07/01/96 OILPZone: 6942-6963 (Strawn ls) IP: (Strawn ls 6942-6963) F 78 BOPD; 620 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck; no wtr; FTP 1520 ID# T-475074

PECOS COUNTY

VALLEY RESOURCES INC
■ OATES J S #32
OATES- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 3 sec 204, 2490 fsl 2260 fwl of sec, and lse. 639.28 acre lse. 1.5 mi N of
Chancellor. Obj: 900 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T 481596
VALLEY RESOURCES INC
■ OATES J S #34
OATES- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 3 sec 204, 1873 fsl 1994 fwl of sec, and lse. 639.28 acre lse. 1.5 mi N of
Chancellor. EL: 3565 GR. Obj: 900 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481590
VALLEY RESOURCES INC
■ OATES J S #47
OATES- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 3 sec 204, 1562 fsl 1881 fwl of sec, and lse. 639.28 acre lse. 1.5 mi N of
Chancellor. EL: 3566 GR. Obj: 900 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481589

WARD COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ ESTES W A #59
H S A (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-19 sec 20, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 5980 fnl 8580 fel of lse. 20604 acre lse. 4 mi S of Monhans. Summary Original Drill: Well: #59.Field: H S A (PENNSYLVANIAN).TD: 8010.Compl: OIL ID# T-462878
RHOMBUS ENERGY CO
■ UNIVERSITY - SB 18-32 #3
QUITO EAST (CHERRY CANYON)- RE-ENTRY D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 18 sec 32, 1707 fnl 1707 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 13 mi NW of Pyote. Summary Original Drill: Oper: ENRON OIL & GAS CO TD: 7075.P&A on 12/23/95 ID# T-472254
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ UNIVERSITY 9-18 - B #3H
BLOCK 18 (CHERRY CANYON)- HORIZONTAL D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 18 sec 9, 500 fsl 1800 fwl of sec, 500 fsl 840 fel of lse. 320.52 acre lse. 11.5 mi NW of Pyote. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2200 fsl 1800 fwl of sec. 9 Coord: X= 1383086.310 Y=10570860.320. -- 2200 fsl 840 fel of lse -- N 16 deg 16'14" W 1600 fttrom surf loc -- Top of PZone: 600 fsl 1800 fwl of sec, 600 fsl 840 felof lse. EL: 2784 GR. Obj: 8200 (Cherry Canyon).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T 481631

WINKLER COUNTY

ARRINGTON DAVID H O&G
■ MCCABE LSE #30
EMPEROR (DEVONIAN)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-12 sec 1, A-290, 660 fnl 1920 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-290 originally known as J E Boatler) 4 mi E of Wink. EL: 2800 GR. Obj: 9200
(Devonian).NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457835. API# 42-495-32622. ID# T-481537
BOYD D K OIL & GAS INC
■ SCARBOROUGH - O #3
SCARBOROUGH- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-22 sec 3, A-1784, 330 fnl 330 fwl of sec, and lse. 68.1 acre lse. (A-1784 originally known as W F Scarborough) (North line of sec being New Mexico state line) 10 mi N of Kermit. EL: 2969 GR. Obj: 3500 test.NL: 01/30/97. Permit# 457743. API# 42-495-32621. ID# T-481502
EXXON CO USA
■ BROWN & ALTMAN - B #47
EMPEROR- PLUG BACK WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-5 sec 16, 698 fsl 661 fwl of sec, and lse. 1920 acre lse. 4 mi S of Kermit. Summary Original Drill: Well: BROWN & ALTMAN GAS UNIT #8.Field: EMPEROR (DEVONIAN).PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 11544 test.NL: 02/05/97. API# 42-495-02057. ID# T-481632
HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
■ HANKS NELLIE - A - UNIT #3
KEYSTONE (HOLT)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 9, 2641 fnl 1327 fwl of sec, 330 fnl 660 fwl of unit. 20 acre unit. 8 mi NE'LY of Kermit. EL: 2982 GR. Obj: 5500 (Holt).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481561

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CROSBY COUNTY

SOCORRO EXPL INC
■ ENGLISH - D #8
HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK)- D; E L & RY CO sur blk D-19 sec 21, 1555 fsl 1877 fel of sec, and lse. 1060 acre lse. 5 mi SW of Robertson. EL: 3041 GR. Obj: 4600 (Clear Fork).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481634
SOCORRO EXPL INC
■ LINDSAY SUZANNAH - L #7
HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK)- D; E L RY CO sur blk D-19 sec 1070, 1721 fnl 2254 fwl of sec, 1721 fnl 1983 fel of lse. 1060 acre lse. 4 mi SW of Robertson. EL: 3041 GR. Obj: 4600 (Clear Fork).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481633

GAINES COUNTY

FAGADAU ENERGY CORP
■ COUNTY LINE #5
SELMA ANDREWS- WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-26 sec 11, 1970 fnl 1800 fwl of sec, and lse. 640.25 acre lse. 13 mi SW of Seminole. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481602
OXY U S A INC
■ NORMAN - A #1
NORMAN (CANYON)- HORIZONTAL D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-45 sec 8, 1982 fsl 2479 fel of sec, 1428 fsl 1083 fel of lse. 261 acre lse. 12 mi SE of Seminole. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2581 fsl 2639 fel of sec. 8 -- 2027 fsl 1231 fel of lse -- Top of PZone: 2098 fsl 2479 fel of sec, 1544 fsl 1112 fel of lse. Obj: 10280 (Canyon).NL: 02/04/97. API# 42-165-00165-01. ID# T-481601
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ JENKINS UNIT #28
JENKINS (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-25 sec 7, 1320 fnl 121 fwl of sec, 2639 fsl 1442 fwl of unit. 1360 acre unit. 15 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3398 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481550
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ JENKINS UNIT #29
JENKINS (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-25 sec 7, 1320 fnl 1320 fwl of sec, 2639 fsl 2641 fwl of unit. 1360 acre unit. 15 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3401 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481551
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ JENKINS UNIT #30
JENKINS (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-25 sec 7, 1320 fnl 2491 fwl of sec, 2642 fsl 3812 fwl of unit. 1360 acre unit. 15 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3398 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481552
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ JENKINS UNIT #31
JENKINS (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-25 sec 4, 1320 fsl 1320 fwl of sec, 3958 fnl 1320 fwl of unit. 1360 acre unit. 15 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3387 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481553
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ JENKINS UNIT #33
JENKINS (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-25 sec 4, 1320 fsl 1320 fel of sec, 3956 fnl 2649 fel of unit. 1360 acre lse. 15 mi SW of Andres).NL: 02/03/97. ID# T-481557

GARZA COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■ FORBES UNIT #1201
FORBES (GLORIETA)- RECOMPLETION D; E L & RY CO sur blk B9 sec 20, 2301 fsl 2294 fwl of sec, 333 fnl 2294 fwl of lse. 2260 acre lse. 10 mi N of Post. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2687 GR. Obj: 3900 (Glorieta).NL: 02/05/97. API# 42-169-80987. ID# T-481623
BROTHERS PRODUCTION INC
■ P L K #3104
HAPPY (ELLENBURGER)- D; T & N O RY CO sur blk 2 sec 31, A-255, 2100 fsl 1850 fel of sec, and lse. 1600 acre lse. 12 mi S of Post. EL: 2418 GR. 457944. API# 42-169-33435. ID# T-481558
BROTHERS PRODUCTION INC
■ P L K #3104
HAPPY (ELLENBURGER)- D; T & N O RY CO sur blk 2 sec 31, 2100 fsl 1850 fel of sec, and lse. 1600 acre lse. 12 mi S of Post. EL: 2415 GR. Obj: 8400 (Ellenburger).NL: 02/04/97. ID# T-481600
WHEELER OPERATING CORP
■ CONNELL - A #1
ARLENE (GLORIETA)- D; G H & H RY CO sur blk 5 sec 66, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 660 fel of lse. 400 acre lse. 7 mi E'LY of Post. Obj: 5000 (Glorieta).NL: 01/31/97. ID# T-481528

HOCKLEY COUNTY

SEABOARD OIL CO
■ BRAZIL #2
WEEKS (CLEAR FORK)- D; R M THOMSON sur blk A sec 93, A-47, 467 fnl 1787 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 3 mi SW of Anton. Obj: 6950 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/30/97. Permit# 457837. API# 42-219-36319. ID# T-481507
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ TEXACO SLAUGHTER EST #5
TSTAR (ABO)- D; ZAVALLA COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 900 fsl 700 fwl of lab 23 lge 37 of sur, 3890 fsl 1960 fel of lse. 442.5 acre lse. 2 mi SE of Sundown. EL: 3527 GR. Obj: 8300 (Abo).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481620
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ TEXACO SLAUGHTER EST #6
TSTAR (ABO)- D; ZAVALLA COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 895 fsl 550 fel of lab 23 lge 37 of sur, 2002 fnl 550 fel of lse. 442.5 acre lse. 2 mi SE of Sundown. EL: 3515 GR. Obj: 8300 (Abo).NL: 02/05/97. ID# T-481622

KENT COUNTY

JOHNSON ROYALTIES INC
■ STRAYHORN D P #7
FULLERVILLE NE (SAN ANDRES)- D; H & G N RY CO sur blk B5 sec 22, A-1198, 598 fsl 790 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1198 originally known as I(San Andres).NL: 02/05/97. Permit# 457955. API# 42-263-31598. ID# T-481666

KING COUNTY

MEDDERS OIL CO INC
■ FORKS 1 #4A
BALT (TANNEHILL)- D; SOMERVELL COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-284, 2076 fsl 2075 fel of lge 1 of sur, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12 mi W of Guthrie. EL: 2021 GR. Obj: 4300 (Tannehill).NL: 02/03/97.

SCURRY COUNTY

JOHNSON ROYALTIES INC
■ ALLEN LOIS #1
SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 159, A-2213, 1673 fnl 330 fwl of sec, 990 fsl 330 fwl of lse. 243 acre lse. (A-2213 originally known as Mrs E M Worsham) 4 mi NW of Ira. EL: 2310 GR. Obj: 3600 (Clear Fork).NL: 02/04/97. Permit# 457954. API# 42-415-33527. ID# T-481576

TERRY COUNTY

AMERADA HESS CORP
■ ADAIR WOLFCAMP UNIT #2303
ADAIR- RE-ENTRY D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-31 sec 19, 660 fnl 2341 fwl of sec, (Lse ftg not available) (Acreage not available) Summary Original Drill: Well: HOGAN FRED T ET AL #3.PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: (Wolfcamp).NL: 02/05/97. API# 42-445-00048. ID# T-481665

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HAT OIL & GAS INC
THUMBS UP #2
HARDHAT (ELLENBURGER)- DO; G H & H RY CO sur blk 2 sec 5, A-1, 724 fnl 1663 fwl of sec, and tbe. 320 acre lse. 4.5 mi SE of Post. EL: 2575 GR. Obj: 8700 test NL: 100998. Permit# 453407. API# 42-169-33398. ID# T-478857. Contr: Patteson #4. Spud: 10/31/96. TD: 8470 on 11/18/96. Compl on 12/15/96. OIL. (Last Info: 020397) PZone: 8456-8470 (Ellenburger) P: (Ellenburger 8456-8470) P 141 BOPD; gas/ 40.8; 14 MCFGPD; 100 BWPD

HOCKLEY COUNTY

CANDLERIDGE OIL INC
SANDERS HODGE - A UNIT #1
LEVELLAND- DO; REEVES COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-201, 1004 fnl 0 fel of blk 9 tge 78 of sur; 100 fsl 982 fel of lse. 21.25 acre lse. 4 mi SLY of Petit. EL: 3614 GR. Obj: 5000 test NL: 030996. Permit# 446934. API# 42-219-33226. ID# T-474170. Contr: Slton. Spud: 12/17/96. TD: 4749 on 12/24/96. Compl on 01/03/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020597) PZone: 4645-4749 (San Andres) P: (San Andres 4645-4749) P 11 BOPD; gas/ 28; GTSTM; 37 BWPD
TEXON OIL CO INC
WEEKS - C #1
WEEKS (CLEAR FORK)- DO; R M THOMPSON sur blk Asec 96, A-126, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 2 mi SW of Anton. EL: 3424 GR. Obj: 7000 (Clear Fork) NL: 090998.
Permit# 452190. API# 42-219-33283. ID# T 477894. Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 11/12/96. Mud dlg. TD: 6850 on 11/30/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 01/31/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020397) PZone: 6760-6770 (lwr Clear Fork) P: (lwr Clear Fork 6760-6770) P 5 BOPD; no gas; 100 BWPD
WHITE E C OIL CO
SMYER KELSEY #5
LEVELLAND (SAN ANDRES)- DO; BAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-2, 1334 fnl 1320 fwl of blk 20 tge 3 0 of sur, 1334 fnl 1320 fwl of lse. 177.08 acre lse. 3.5 mi SW of Levelland. EL: 3514 GR. Obj: 5000 (San Andres) NL: 11/1996. Permit# 455760. API# 42-219-36306. ID# T-479918. Contr: Slton #6. Spud: 12/26/96. TD: 4953 on 01/02/97 in San Andres. Compl on 01/27/97 OIL. (Last Info: 01/31/97) PZone: 4924-4946 (San Andres) P: (San Andres 4924-4946) F 28 BOPD; 6000 MCFGPD; 14 wtr

KING COUNTY

BURNS P C OIL PROD INC
MASTERSON - A #2
JUNIPER- D; R M THOMPSON sur blk A sec 26, A-484, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 3360 fsl 3100 fsl of lse. 2056 acre lse. 20 mi NE of Guthrie. Obj: 6200 test NL: 11/07/96. Permit# 454838. API# 42-269-32246. ID# T-479711. TD: 5485. J&A on 01/12/97 (Last Info: 020597)

SCURRY COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
BYNUM - B #11
DIAMOND-M- (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 178, A-1934, 1666 fnl 1047 fwl of sec, 972 fsl 280 fel of lse. 100 acre lse. (A-1934 originally known as J S Collier) (Rule 37 exception applied for) 11 mi SW of Snyder. EL: 2944 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork) NL: 101696. Permit# 453922. API# 42-415-33463. ID# T-479026. Contr: Bandera #9. Spud: 01/05/97 Mud dlg. TD: 3425 on 01/11/97 SW on 01/31/97 (Last Info: 01/31/97) Notes: (Permitted as an oil well, completed as an injection well)
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
BYNUM - B #9
DIAMOND-M- (CLEAR FORK) COMMINGLED - DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 178, A-1934, 330 fnl 330 fwl of sec, and lse. 100 acre lse. (A-1934 originally known as J S Collier) 11 mi SW of Snyder. EL:
2956 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork) NL: 101696. Permit# 453928. API# 42-415-33473. ID# T-479029. Contr: Bandera #9. Spud: 11/28/96. Mud dlg. TD: 3355 on 12/03/96. Compl on 02/03/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 2420-2568 (Gloriets) gross interval – 3165-3278 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Gloriets/Clear Fork 2420-3278) P 27 BOPD; 124 BWPD

TERRY COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #716
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 19, A-980, 1345 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 1345 fsl 4606 fwl of unit, 6828 acre unit. (A-980 originally known as F M Ellington) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3542 KB. Obj: 7150 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101996. Permit# 453902. API# 42-445-31782. ID# T-479124. Contr: Norton #12. Spud: 12/08/96. TD: 7125 on 12/16/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 02/03/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6610-6787 (Clear Fork) P: (Clear Fork 6610-6787) P 72 BOPD; GTSTM; 65 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #719
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 19, A-980, 1920 fsl 2320 fel of sec, 1920 fsl 4600 fwl of unit, 6828 acre unit. (A-980 originally known as F M Ellington) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3542 KB. Obj: 7150 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101696. Permit# 453904. API# 42-445-31780. ID# T-479126. Contr: Norton #12. Spud: 11/28/96. TD: 7115 on 12/06/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 02/03/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6820-7091 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Clear Fork 6820-7091) P 14 BOPD; GTSTM; 122 BWPD

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #720 - PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 18, A-980, 1160 fsl 480 fel of sec, 1160 fsl 7419 fwl of lse. 6828 acre lse. (A-980 originally known as F M Ellington) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3537 KB. Obj: 7500 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101596. Permit# 453937. API# 42-445-31772. ID# T-478957. Contr: Norton #12. Spud: 11/04/96 Mud dlg. TD: 7240 on 11/13/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 02/03/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6576-7080 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Clear Fork 6576-7080) P 13 BOPD; GTSTM; 220 BWPD

PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #721
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 19, 1765 fsl 1265 fel of sec, 1765 fsl 6516 fel of unit, 6828 acre unit, 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3528 GR. Obj: 7200 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101696. Permit# 453906. API# 42-445-31784. ID# T-479127. Contr: Norton #15. Spud: 11/29/96 Mud dlg. TD: 7185 on 12/14/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 01/30/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6615-7049 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Clear Fork 6615-7049) P 47 BOPD; GTSTM; 113 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #723
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 19, A-980, 1880 fsl 185 fel of sec, 1880 fsl 7695 fwl of unit, 6828 acre unit. (A-980 originally known as F M Ellington) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3538 KB. Obj: 7300 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101696. Permit# 453907. API# 42-445-31779. ID# T 479128. Contr: Norton #12. Spud: 11/15/96 Mud dlg. TD: 7210 on 11/24/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 01/31/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6645-7032 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Clear Fork 6645-7032) P 26 BOPD; GTSTM; 29 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #751
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 19, A-980, 580 fsl 2491 fel of sec, 580 fsl 5368 fel of unit, 6828 acre unit. (A-980 originally known as F M Ellington) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3549 KB. Obj: 7250 (6700 Sand) NL: 120396. Permit# 455755. API# 42-445-31804. ID# T-480243. Contr: Norton #12. Spud: 12/22/96. TD: 7225 on 01/02/97 in Clear Fork. Compl on 01/31/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6615-6814 (Clear Fork) P: (Clear Fork 6615-6814) P 192 BOPD; GTSTM; 188 BWPD

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #757
PRENTICE (6700)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk K sec 18, A-1643, 445 fsl 1305 fel of sec, 445 fsl 9183 fel of unit, 6828 acre unit. (A-1643 originally known as W H Hanis) 6 mi N of Tokio. EL: 3552 KB. Obj: 7400 (Clear Fork 6700) NL: 101896. Permit# 453910. API# 42-445-31776. ID# T-479133. Contr: Norton #15. Spud: 11/05/96 Mud dlg. TD: 7340 on 11/15/96 in Clear Fork. Compl on 01/13/97 OIL. (Last Info: 020497) PZone: 6802-7261 (Clear Fork) gross interval P: (Clear Fork 6802-7261) P 17 BOPD; GN&T; 334 BWPD

