

LOCAL

Disney animation

Two Midlanders recently let the child in them come out during five-day animation course at Disney Institute in Orlando, Fla./1C



SPORTS

Back home

On silver anniversary of Midland High season of '72, Gary Brewster is back home, once again leading way as a head coach of Midland Trinity boys team./1B

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TODAY

Partly cloudy, high near 60. More weather/4A





Tsongas dies at 55

BOSTON — Former Sen. Paul E. Tsongas, who rebounded from cancer to briefly become the Democratic front-runner for president in 1992, died Saturday of pneumonia. He was 55. Tsongas, who was hospitalized Jan. 3 with a liver problem related to his cancer treatments and later developed pneumonia, died at Brigham and Women's Hospital. The hospital said there was no evidence of a reoccurrence of cancer.

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Cosby killing

LOS ANGELES — Police on Saturday released a composite sketch of a suspect and a possible witness in the killing of Ennis Cosby, and re-interviewed a woman who may have seen the gunman. The killer was described as a white man of average height and weight who was wearing a knit cap, Cmdr. Tim McBride said at a news conference. He was said to be clean shaven and between the ages of 25 and 32. The most probable motive was robbery, he said.

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No winners

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: **1-4-6-17-18-43.**

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Train collision

Reva volunteer firefighter Gene Corbin carries a child from one of the passenger cars of the Amtrak train "Crescent" to an ambulance. The train with more than 250 passengers hit a tractor trailer Saturday at the Aston Quarry-Buena Black Quarry crossing in southern Culpeper County, Va.

Passage of border airport status appears promising

■ If approved, Midland would be among about 30 airports with such designation, which could double local fuel sales.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

If Midland International Airport receives border airport designation — which is pending with the U.S. Customs Service — private aircraft with U.S. citizens can fly in from south of the border and go through customs without the special permission currently required.

An application for such designation has been processed and the U.S. Customs Service has been conducting a 60-day review and comment period.

"The review period is up the first week of February and we should hear shortly afterward. And from what we're hearing things look promising," Assistant City Manager Glen Hackler said.

Meanwhile, city officials have asked other government entities in the Permian Basin to support the application, he said.

The City Council gave the go-ahead in August to pursue border airport designation and recently passed a resolution to officially support the measure.

Carroll Thomas, in charge of business development at Midland International Airport, said he expects a decision from the U.S. Customs Service in the next few months.

If approved, Thomas said, the Midland airport will be among about 30 airports with such designation.

Other border-designated airports in Texas include: McAllen, Del Rio, Laredo, Presidio and El Paso, he said.

Because the Del Rio and Presidio airports are smaller and less well- equipped than the Midland airport and because the El Paso and Laredo airports are very busy with customs traffic, Midland would make an attractive point of entry for private planes entering Texas, Thomas said.

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Norwood optimistic about meeting challenges of '97

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County in 1997 will be working within an enlarged budget that reflects a 10 percent reduction in county property taxes and expanding its Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center to deal with the increase in crime by teen-agers.

"I am very optimistic about 1997 for Midland County ... to meet the needs of the community," County Judge Jeff Norwood said in reflecting over the county's 1996 programs and projecting into 1997. "It is going to be a great year."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood looks back at 1996, makes projections for 1997.

Coupled with that optimism, however, are problems — euphemistically termed challenges — that include coping with jail overcrowding, largely because of a backlog of parole violators who are awaiting transfer to the penitentiary.

Other 1997 projects include upgrading the Sheriff's department's information-communications system and enhancing access to the Midland County Public Library.

Norwood said he is particularly proud that the Commissioners' Court was "able to provide that (10 percent) level of tax reduction for the citizens of Midland County.

The property-tax cutback, he said, reflects the county's "disciplined budgeting and efficiency measures," such as purchasing consolidation, the privatization of the Road and Bridge Department's vehicle maintenance and technological advancements in record-keeping.

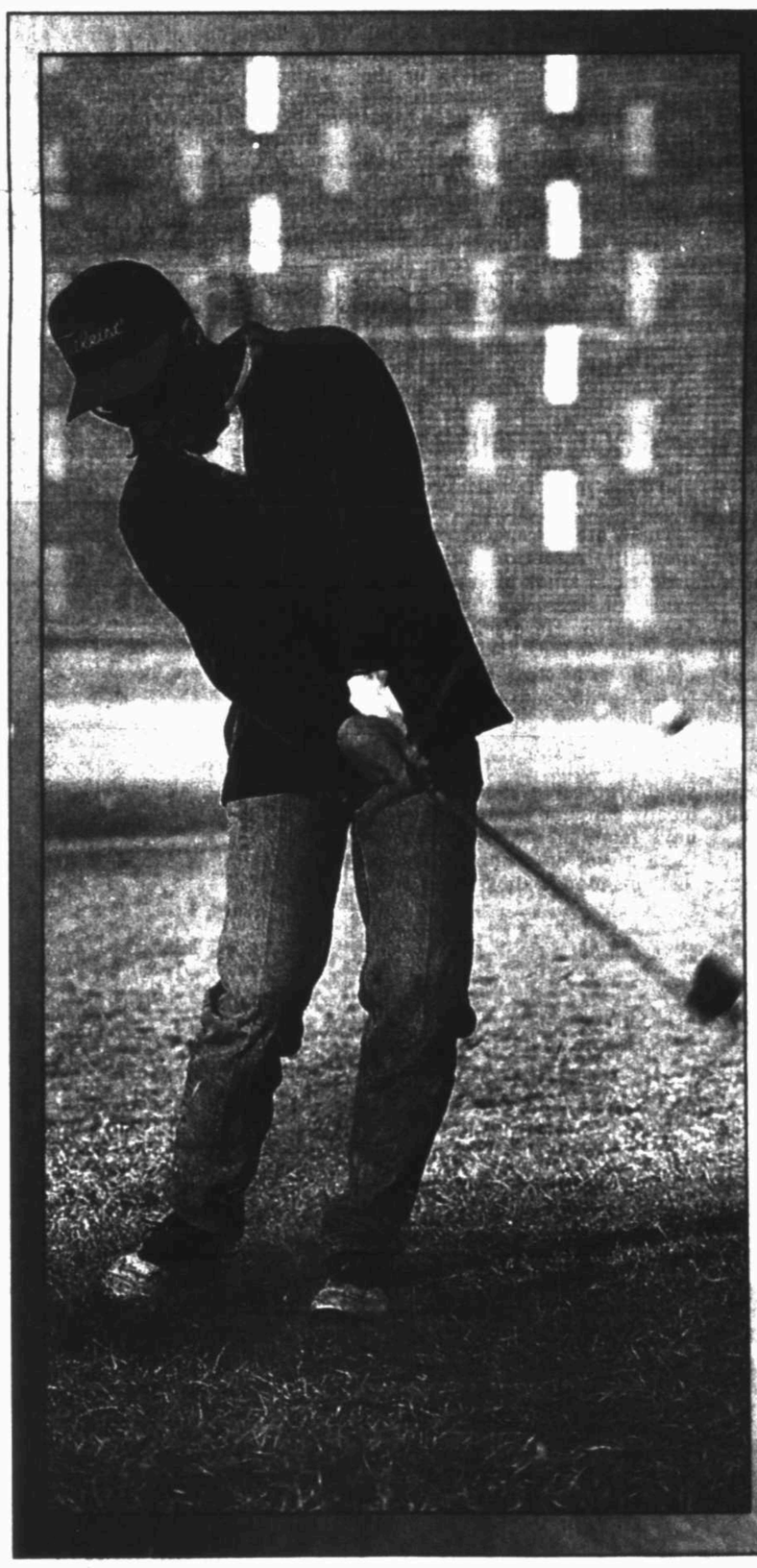
"We have instituted stronger financial controls," Norwood said. "Taxes are down, but the (general-fund) budget is up slightly" to $20.5 million. He figured that about 85 percent of the county's general-fund budget is "geared for the criminal-justice system" — law enforcement, incarceration, probation, the judiciary and court clerks.

Midland County's 1996 tax rate dropped 10.2 percent below last year's tax rate, but 7.3 percent below the effective tax rate.

The county's 1997 major building project is expansion of the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center, formerly Culver Youth Home, from approximately 10,000 square feet to an estimated 30,000 square feet.

The $3.2 million expansion — to be financed with 1996-issued certificates of obligation that mature in 2011 —

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Under clear skies

The warmer weather Saturday afternoon allowed Gary Young to get in a few practice shots behind Alamo Junior High School. Young said this was the first time he had been able to try out the new clubs he received for Christmas. Saturday's high reached 55; today's high is expected to reach 60.

Photo by Tim Fischer

Hospital giant seeks to purchase Medical Center Hospital, operate it without taxes

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

ODESSA — National hospital giant Tenet has made an offer of $75 million to purchase or long-term lease Medical Center Hospital in a deal that could mean more than half a billion dollars to Odessa over the next 30 years.

A merger is currently being completed that will make Tenet the second largest hospital owner in the United States with 120 hospitals throughout the country, explained James Shafer, director of health systems development for the Tenet Health Systems operation center in Dallas.

Tenet currently owns the 100-bed Odessa Regional Hospital and had been studying expanding this facility when the idea was raised of purchasing the 396-bed Medical Center Hospital.

By having the two hospitals joined in a partnership under one management, duplication of services can be dispensed with and the strengths of each hospital can be focused on,

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Hospital giant seeks to purchase 396-bed Medical Center Hospital for $75 million.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

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Bomb explodes near Pakistani courthouse

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded Saturday outside a courthouse where leaders of a militant Sunni Muslim group were on trial. Police and journalists were among the 25 people killed and dozens wounded.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing in this eastern Pakistani city. Police and supporters of the Sunni group Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet blamed rival Shiite Muslims.

Fearing retaliatory attacks against Pakistan's minority Shiites, police stepped up security at Shiite mosques around the country.

Sunni leaders Zia-ur Rehman and Azim Tariq, arriving at the Lahore Sessions Court for their trial on murder charges, had stepped out of a police van and were being showered with rose petals by supporters when the bomb went off, witnesses said.

The device, made from at least 11 pounds of explosives, was planted in a motorcycle and set off by remote control, bomb experts said.

The blast scattered the twisted and charred remains of vehicles across the parking lot and blew out the windows of a nearby building. Panicked residents ran for cover.

"There was smoke everywhere and everywhere there was blood and bodies," ambulance driver Fayaz Ahmed said.

Rehman was killed and Tariq, a candidate in next month's parliamentary elections, was seriously wounded. Their followers threatened retaliation.

The blast killed and wounded policemen who were waiting to testify and who were guarding Tariq and Rehman. A newspaper photographer and reporter also were among the dead. Six other photographers were wounded.

Police and passersby pulled victims from the scene and rushed them in cars and rickshaws to the hospital. More than 100 were wounded.

Sunni mosque leaders in Lahore condemned the bombing and students held demonstrations.

Lahore police said security had been tightened, but some worshipers found protection of their own. Boys wielding automatic rifles patrolled at some mosques.

"We are deeply scared," said Zahid Bokhari, a Shiite cleric at Qasar Zenab mosque in Lahore. "We are afraid that there will be revenge killings."

Government officials in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, appealed for calm. Gov. Tariq Rahim called the bombing a "cowardly act ... that would be crushed with a firm hand."

In Jhang, 120 miles to the southwest, Sunni militants set tires on fire, shot their guns into the air and vowed revenge. The city's large Shiite population stayed indoors, leaving the streets to the protesters.

Police cordoned off Shiite mosques in Peshawar, in the troubled Northwest Frontier Province. Last year, Shiite-Sunni clashes in the province killed 200 people before the army was called in to restore calm.

In the southern port of Karachi, police and paramilitary forces patrolled the streets, many in armored personnel carriers.

The bombing brought several calls for the interim governments of Punjab province and in Islamabad, the capital, to resign. The governments were appointed in November when Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's administration was ousted on charges of mismanagement and corruption.

"This is a total breakdown of law and order and the government should resign immediately," said Liaquat Baluch, a leader of the right-wing religious party, Jamaat-e-Islami.

Most of Pakistan's 130 million people are Sunni Muslims, who generally live in peace with Shiites. But there has been a proliferation of militant groups and they have become increasingly violent.

The rivalry between Sunni and Shiite Muslims dates back to the origins of Islam, when the two groups argued over the rightful successor of Islam's prophet, Mohammed.

Taliban heads north, forcing hundreds to leave

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban religious army pushed northward into territory controlled by soldiers loyal to the former government Saturday and said it captured 200 of their troops.

The Taliban army has been on the march north of the shattered Afghan capital of Kabul in recent days, routing former government troops from a strategic air base and a provincial capital.

Kapisa Province, where the Taliban was making its inroads, is partially controlled by the Taliban and partly by troops loyal to ousted military chief Ahmed Shah Massood and his new ally, northern warlord Rashid Dostum.

The Taliban controls about two-thirds of the country, while an alliance led by Massood and Dostum rules the northern one-third. The Taliban has imposed a strict version of Islamic rule, forbidding women to work or study and forcing men to grow beards and pray.

Taliban troops on the front line, about 40 miles north of Kabul, say they are moving slowly and deliberately, evacuating every town and village they overrun.

They say they fear a popular uprising from the people of the area, many of whom are ethnic Tajiks like Massood.

Most Taliban soldiers belong to Afghanistan's majority Pashtun ethnic group. There have been reports that members of Afghanistan's minority ethnic groups have been picked up by the Taliban who accuse them of being collaborators.

"We want to clear the area of people and then we want to go further," said Taliban commander Haji Fitah Mohammed. "We don't want to repeat the mistakes of the past."

Last September when the Taliban took Kabul and pushed northward, they found themselves battling residents of the area, as well as opposition troops. The Taliban quickly lost ground and were pushed back toward Kabul.

Forced to leave their homes by the new Taliban rulers of the region, hundreds of refugees trudged along snow-clogged roads to Kabul.

Carrying clothing and children and prodding their animals forward, refugees complained about having to leave their homes.

"They have told us to go away, vacate our home," said one refugee, Abdul Rahim.

But even the money he has is no good in Kabul. The currency used by opposition groups is not recognized by the Taliban, Rahim said.

"What are we to do?" he asked. "I only have this money and it won't buy me anything in Kabul."

Since taking control of Kabul last Sept. 27 the Taliban has been locked in a ferocious battle with opposition forces, led by Dostum and Massood.

The Taliban has made significant gains in recent days, although witnesses at the front line say there has been little fighting as opposition soldiers choose to leave rather than stay and fight.

The only retaliation has been the occasional bombing runs by fighter jets believe to belong to Dostum.

On Friday, the Taliban said it shot down one of Dostum's jets, but that could not be confirmed.

Also on Saturday the Taliban said its soldiers made some progress elsewhere in Kapisa province taking control of Tagab and Nijrab, according to a Radio Kabul broadcast monitored in the Pakistan capital.

The Taliban claim could not be confirmed independently.

China's rivers, lakes contaminated

BEIJING (AP) — More than half of China's rivers and lakes are seriously contaminated and 25,000 miles are too polluted for fishing, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Aquatic life has been wiped out along 1,500 miles of rivers and streams, the Guangming Daily quoted the Water Ministry as saying.

The pollution — mostly waste from factories, cities and chemically treated fields — was also affecting underground water supplies, the newspaper said.

The government recently reported it had closed 81 percent of the paper mills, coking plants and other small factories causing most of the pollution.

The State Bureau of Environmental Protection last year ordered 15 kinds of small factories with serious pollution problems to be closed. Its figures show that so far, 57,430 have been closed, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

Officials are now trying to find ways to prevent closed plants from resuming production. The small factories generally are locally run, and central officials have found it difficult to force them to put environmental protection ahead of short-term profits.



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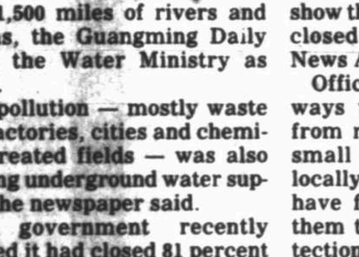
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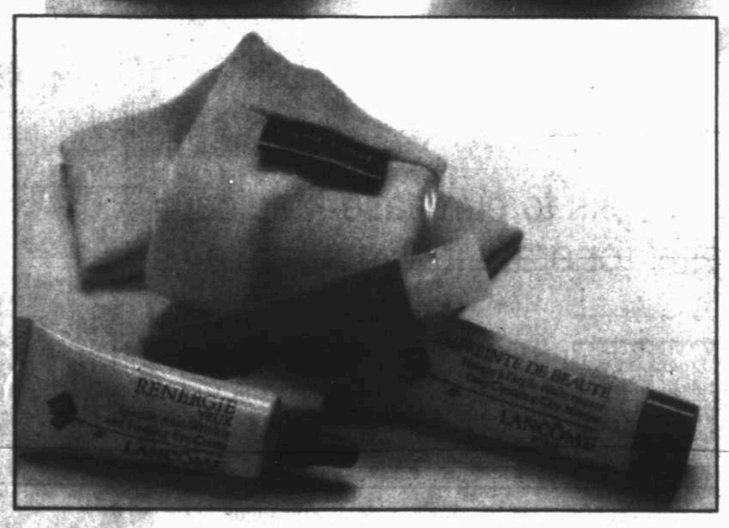
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Energy Department confirms plutonium forgotten in Vietnam after war

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Three ounces of weapons-grade plutonium left behind by retreating U.S. forces at the end of the Vietnam War are in safe storage and pose no threat to the environment, the government said Saturday.

The U.S. Energy Department disclosed last week that the plutonium was mistakenly left behind in 1975 at the U.S.-built Dalat Nuclear Research Institute in South Vietnam.

The plutonium is still at the facility, Foreign Ministry spokesman Tran Quang Hoan told The Associated Press.

"The Dalat Nuclear Research Institute is currently preserving the amount of plutonium left behind by the Americans as required by technical necessity," Hoan said.

The United States learned of the forgotten plutonium recently when declassified documents explained its disappearance. In Vietnam, the issue was an equally well-guarded secret.

A team of U.S. scientists that toured the Dalat research reactor in October was not told about the plutonium, a western diplomat said. The visit was made as a side trip by scientists traveling with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Anne Soloman.

It is unclear how long Vietnam has been aware of the plutonium, but with the help of Russian scientists, Hanoi had the Dalat facility operational after the end of the war almost 21 years ago.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary told a news conference in Washington on Wednesday the small amount of plutonium was not a significant risk for nuclear weapons proliferation.

O'Leary said Vietnam and the United States were holding talks about returning the plutonium.

U.S. Embassy officials refused to give details on the talks, but described the Vietnamese side as "very cooperative."

Hoan, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, emphasized the nuclear material was in safekeeping.

"There is absolutely no danger in terms of effects on humans and the environment," Hoan said.

Nuclear technicians from a federal weapons laboratory inadvertently left the plutonium behind when they were sent in to dismantle the Dalat facility in March 1975 — weeks before Saigon fell to advancing Communist troops from North Vietnam.

The research reactor in Dalat, about 155 miles north of Saigon, was built by the United States for the Atoms for Peace program. The facility played no military role in the Vietnam war, diplomats say.

South Korean workers halt strike but warn wider action may follow

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Faced with waning support and pressure to compromise, militant union leaders on Saturday ordered a temporary halt to three weeks of nationwide labor protests.

But thousands of workers and supporters were in the streets again, hurling rocks and fighting off tear gas, to back their demand for the repeal of a new law that workers say threatens their jobs.

The surprise decision by the union leaders to return to work Monday immediately eased tensions in South Korea. Hundreds of auto and other export plants have been crippled over the past 24 days.

Union leaders said tens of thousands of auto and other workers will heed their order and return to work Monday. They will strike every Wednesday and warned that wider protests will resume unless the disputed labor law is repealed by mid-February.

The law, rammed through Parliament by the governing party in a secret session Dec. 26, makes it easier to lay off workers and hire replacements, and delays key labor benefits including the right to form labor unions. Protests have been held almost daily since then.

Within hours of their announcement, about 12,000 workers, teachers, students, nuns and Buddhist monks marched out of a park in Seoul. Some shouted "Abolish the evil law!"

A part of that group, mostly students, numbering about 4,000, broke away and occupied a six-lane boulevard. Fierce battles erupted when police fired tear gas to disperse them.

Other demonstrators marched peacefully. There were no immediate reports of injuries or arrests.

Support for the labor group was waning after its strike call last week was ignored by many workers.

Government officials estimate the strikes cost South Korea more than $3 billion in lost production and export earnings.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Monday
Mostly cloudy
High 65
Low 36

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 67
Low 45

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 38

Today's forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high near 60. Winds will be variable at 5-10 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies and a low between 35 and 40.

Monday's forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high in the mid-60s.

The high for Saturday was 55, compared with the record of 77, set in 1982.

Saturday's low was 23, compared to the record low of 7, set in 1949.

Yesterday's precipitation

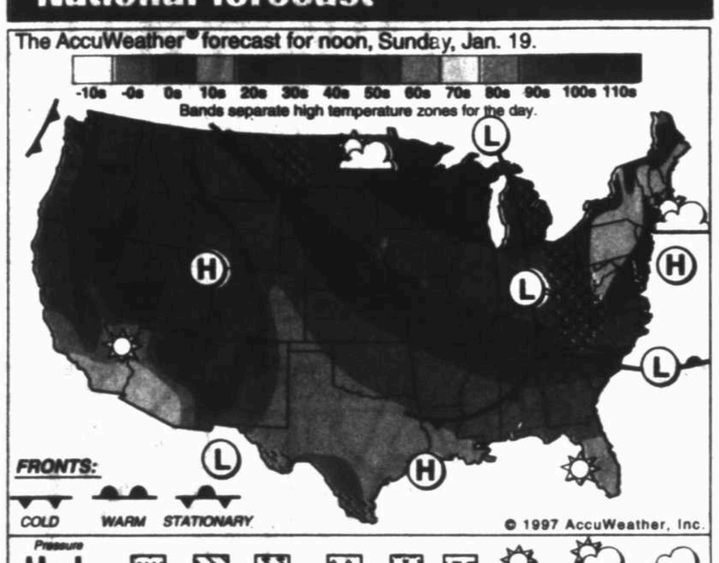
Rainfall Friday	.0 in.
Rainfall Saturday	.0 in.
Total for month	.21 in.
Total for year	.21 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	55
low	23
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 19.

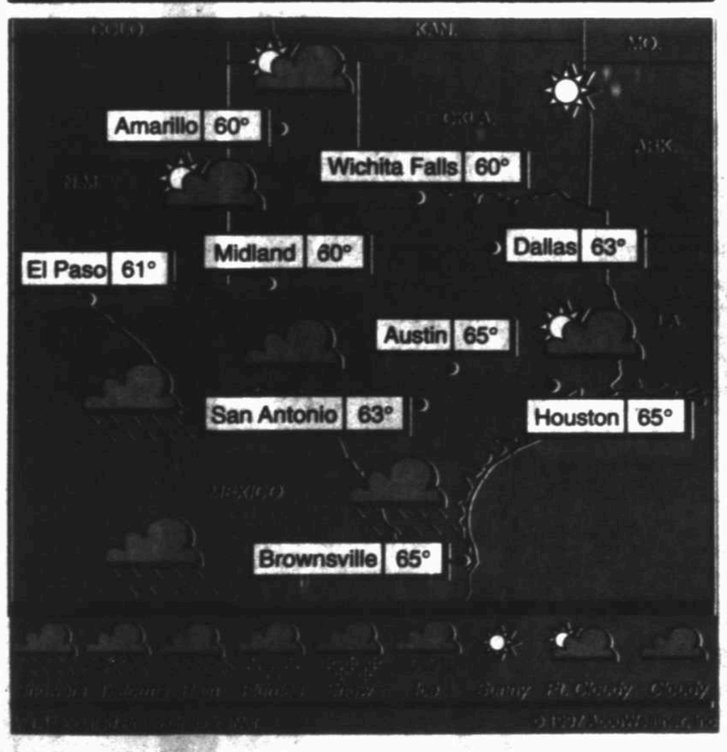


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:29 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	12	2	cdy	
Albuquerque	43	17	clr	
Amarillo	53	17	clr	
Anchorage	29	26	sn	
Asheville	27	13	pdy	
Atlanta	38	19	cdy	
Atlantic City	20	2	clr	
Austin	53	33	cdy	
Baltimore	20	5	clr	
Billings	44	27	cdy	
Birmingham	38	18	clr	
Bismarck	38	-11	.01	cdy
Boise	42	28	cdy	
Boston	17	7	clr	
Brownsville	61	49	rn	
Buffalo	5	5	.01	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	-4	-8	.01	cdy
Casper	42	26	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	41	24	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	19	12	sn	
Charlotte,N.C.	37	16	cdy	
Cheyenne	45	21	cdy	
Chicago	6	-4	cdy	
Cincinnati	15	2	sn	
Cleveland	11	1	.04	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	39	17	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	13	1	sn	
Concord,N.H.	14	0	clr	
Dayton	10	-1	sn	
Denver	52	20	clr	
Des Moines	19	-5	cdy	
Detroit	12	-1	cdy	
Duluth	5	-16	cdy	
Evansville	18	7	cdy	
Fairbanks	14	-9	cdy	
Fargo	11	-17	cdy	
Flagstaff	40	1	clr	
Grand Rapids	12	3	.04	cdy
Great Falls	46	35	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	29	10	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	17	5	clr	
Helena	36	11	cdy	
Honolulu	78	67	clr	
Indianapolis	9	-2	sn	
Jackson,Miss.	41	16	cdy	
Jacksonville	44	28	clr	
Kansas City	29	1	clr	
Las Vegas	55	31	cdy	
Little Rock	38	17	cdy	
Los Angeles	79	51	clr	
Louisville	21	9	cdy	
Lubbock	62	18	clr	
Memphis	32	17	cdy	
Miami Beach	58	43	clr	
Milwaukee	8	-3	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	9	-13	.01	cdy
Nashville	27	16	sn	
New Orleans	44	31	clr	
New York City	18	10	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	26	17	clr	
North Platte	58	9	clr	
Oklahoma City	52	13	clr	
Omaha	36	-3	clr	
Orlando	48	36	clr	
Philadelphia	18	9	clr	
Phoenix	72	50	clr	
Pittsburgh	9	2	cdy	
Portland,Maine	17	4	clr	
Portland,Ore.	45	37	.82	cdy
Providence	17	6	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	32	15	cdy	
Rapid City	47	9	cdy	
Reno	50	27	clr	
Richmond	26	12	clr	
Sacramento	50	46	cdy	
St Louis	19	2	cdy	
Salt Lake City	37	14	cdy	
San Antonio	52	40	cdy	
San Diego	73	48	clr	
San Francisco	51	46	cdy	
Santa Fe	32	5	clr	
St Ste Marie	-1	-26	sn	
Seattle	48	43	.41	m
Shreveport	50	18	clr	
Sioux Falls	22	-10	cdy	
Spokane	33	29	.37	cdy
Syracuse	7	5	.01	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	49	36	clr	
Topeka	40	-1	clr	
Tucson	69	43	cdy	
Tulsa	47	9	clr	
Washington,D.C.	23	14	clr	
Wichita	49	9	cdy	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	57	21	
Alice	55	44	
Amarillo	53	17	
Austin	53	33	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	47	27	
Brownsville	61	48	
Bryan-College Station	50	23	
Childress	52	21	
Corpus Christi	52	44	
Corpus Christi NAS	50	45	
Cotulla	48	37	
Dalhart	50	18	
Dallas Love Field	55	23	
Del Rio	54	27	
Denton	54	18	
El Paso	58	32	
Fort Stockton	59	29	
Fort Worth	54	20	
Fort Worth Meacham	57	20	
Galveston	45	36	
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Lottery results

Lotto Texas

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

1-4-6-17-18-43

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $4 million

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Coming Monday

■ Jimmy Patterson talks about the Dreaded First Haircut Experience for a 2-year-old and his parents in his column on Monday Morning.

■ Monday is the federal observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Read Monday's Reporter-Telegram to see how Midlanders marked the national holiday.

■ Midlander P.K. Hurlbut, 83, has been involved in scouting for 71 years. Read the Monday Morning page to learn more about him.

BUY: Tenet offers to purchase Medical Center Hospital

(From 1A)

Shafer said.

This will provide the community with a wider array of specialties at a lower cost of operation, he said. "Rather than duplicating services ... rather than continuing to compete ... we could push those quality-of-care issues to a higher level," he said.

Tenet is offering $75 million for the outright purchase or 30-year lease of the MCH facilities.

After the hospital's existing debt is retired, this would leave the current stockholders with a balance of $26.9 million.

MCH currently collects more than $15 million a year in property taxes.

Shafer maintains that Tenet can operate the hospital, provide for the needs of Ector County's indigent patients and fulfill every obligation on current partnerships — such as those between MCH and the Texas Tech Health Science Center.

Furthermore, under the new management, all of these services can be accomplished without the $15 million in annual ad valorem taxes, relieving property owners of this burden, he said.

"Our proposal to them is to operate without taxes ... just stepping into their shoes," he said.

Over the course of 30 years, this would save Ector County residents $457 million, Shafer said.

In addition, the hospital would be transformed from a taxing entity to a tax-paying business, adding $62.5 million in property taxes and $14.9 million in sales taxes to local government coffers over the next 30 years.



Odessa Regional Hospital's owner, Tenet, seeks to purchase Medical Center Hospital for $75 million.

The hospital district and its board of directors would continue to exist, but without the need to raise taxes, Shafer said. The board could choose to become part of the new hospital management's board, or to appoint members to that board.

The estimated total value of the sale or lease would provide a total of $636.3 million to the community over the course of the next 30 years, Shafer maintained.

Lex Guinn, chief executive officer of ORH, said that the community would benefit from the vast resources of the parent company — gaining an edge in purchasing power, recruiting of medical personnel and the benefit of expertise from more than 100 other hospitals around the country.

Mike Potter, president of Westwood Medical Center in Midland, agreed that a large corporation such as Tenet could bring a number of benefits to hospital operations.

Westwood itself is associated with the large national corporation, Paracelsus Health Care Corp.

"For me, I appreciate the resources that Paracelsus can provide," Potter said.

However, Potter warned, every such purchase should be studied independently. In some cases, such a buyout can be a boon to a community and in other cases, a detriment.

"It absolutely depends on the situation of that particular facility," Potter said.

Laurie Johnson, director of public relations for Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland, said officials at that institution could not yet speak on the issue of MCH's sale or lease.

"We haven't seen the proposal, and it would be inappropriate for us to try to discuss this," Ms. Johnson said.

MCH officials and board members declined to comment for this report. They will be taking several weeks to study the offer before making a decision, Shafer said.

If a decision is made to reject the offer, Tenet will then revert to the original plan of expanding and upgrading Odessa Regional Hospital to compete for a larger portion of the health-care services provided in Odessa, according to Steve Burke, director of community relations for ORH.

Those with questions about the offer or its potential effects are encouraged to call Burke at (915) 334-7664, or Guinn at (915) 335-8113.

YEAR: Norwood looks to '97 with optimism

(From 1A)

includes:

■ A 24-cell building of reinforced-concrete that will bring the center's capacity to 44 boys and girls in individual cells or rooms. The original Culver Youth Home had 10 cells and was expanded to 20 in the 1980s.

■ An enlarged, reinforced-concrete juvenile intake area that is to include classrooms, dining area, day room, recreational area, electronic central controls for the newer cells, and mechanical room. The new intake building is to be built onto the existing facility in northeast Midland.

■ Expanded office space for the juvenile probation officers and the Juvenile Justice Center administrative staff, which is headed up by Adolfo Salcido.

It is possible that the center could be expanded in the future to bring capacity to 140 youths.

"All of that was designed with expansion in mind," Norwood said.

Since 1986, Midland County has experienced "a tremendous increase in juvenile crime," said Norwood, who cited 440 referrals in 1986 and more than 1,200 referrals 10 years later.

"We have had to respond to the challenge of addressing juvenile crime," Norwood said. "We have done so with this facility, additional probation officers and the juvenile curfew."

Additionally, the county has focused on prevention, including funding the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program "to try and reach kids before they get in trouble.

"This expanded facility could have a tremendous impact on juvenile crime if we get another 24 of your worse kids — the more violent kids — off the street," Norwood said. "That will have an impact."

Aside from the youths at the Culver center, Midland County has arranged to send a dozen or more juvenile offenders to "boot camps" as a way of rehabilitating them.

The Culver detention facility is designed to house children, ages 10 through 16, up to 10 days before court hearings or to serve as a punishment place for offenders "to make sure there are consequences for crime.

"You have to help kids and change lives if possible," Norwood said. "If we can reach these kids early on and show them that there are consequences for inappropriate behavior, then, hopefully, we can turn them around and turn them away from a life of crime."

Midland County's projects in 1996 included the opening of the Midland Judicial District's Community Supervision and Corrections Department Building, 200 N. Main St., the remodeled, two-story building that was built in 1948 as a Woolworth store.

Other projects included the sale, for $27,500, of the old Midland County Courthouse Annex at 218 W. Illinois Ave.; dismantling the established Constable's Office and shifting the constable's duties to the sheriff and to the district attorney; doubling the justice of the peace posts to four because of federal-court intervention; restructuring the county's pay scale; implementing random alcohol-drug testing among drivers in the Road and Bridge Department to "enhance work-place safety;" and expanding Fairview Cemetery and constructing a $30,000 wrought-iron fence along A Street.

"I am very pleased with the progress the county made in 1996," Norwood said.

For personnel, 1996 was the last year for Rosenelle Cherry, Midland County's veteran county clerk, and Carol Baker, county treasurer, who both retired. It was also the last year for Mark H. Dettman as county attorney. He has entered private law practice in Midland.

They were succeeded by Alice Brown as county clerk, Julie Fry as treasurer and Russell Malm as county attorney.

"We were busy (in 1996)," Norwood said of county officials and staffers. "It was a very productive ... a very successful year, by all accounts. (There is) more communication" within the courthouse and annexes and employee "morale is up."

Speed, good manners, Simpson testimony mark civil sequel

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson spoke. New evidence emerged. The lawyers mostly behaved themselves. The jury was mostly white. Everything moved on fast-forward.

And nobody saw a thing on TV.

Simpson's wrongful-death trial, the sequel to his criminal trial, was civil in both legal terms and in courtroom manners, but with the same issue before a jury: Did O.J. Simpson murder Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman?

It was a different scene this time around, played out in a seaside courthouse 17 miles west of the downtown Los Angeles courtroom where the criminal trial was conducted.

Gone was the race card. Lead defense attorney Robert Baker, a silver-haired, middle-aged white guy, stood no chance of playing it the way Johnnie Cochran Jr. did.

Gone were the nine black jurors — this panel had nine white faces.

Gone, too, far away in rural Idaho and unreachable by California subpoena, was Detective Mark Fuhrman.

"It's like there's a big hole in this case that was filled by the devil figure in Mark Fuhrman in the first trial," said author Jeffrey Toobin, whose article in The New Yorker early in the first trial introduced the world to how the defense would use race. "The first trial was a melodrama about race."

And in this trial the Great Moment — Simpson's testimony — was nearly overshadowed by the Big Surprise — the discovery of 30 photographs of Simpson wearing the same kind of shoes as the killer. An earlier single photo showing him wearing the shoes was denounced as a fake by a defense witness.

It's a combination of these two elements, in the form of Simpson's testimony in response to the pictures, that may be the deciding factor in the case.

In mostly calm, moderated testimony, Simpson denied he ever hit Nicole, denied he got a breakup call from his girlfriend the morning of the killings, denied he was in a dark mood just hours before the slayings and denied he repeatedly stabbed his ex-wife and her friend.

Simpson accentuated his denials with pleas of ignorance: about the blood, hair and fiber evidence; about the cap, gloves and socks; about the photos showing him wearing a pair of Bruno Magli shoes he said were too ugly to wear.

Testimony ended Thursday and closing arguments begin Tuesday morning.

WAIT: Officials hope for border airport status

(From 1A)

ing Texas, Thomas said.

"We would love to have that air traffic here. When they stop, they usually fuel up, maybe get a bite to eat," he said.

Charles Perry, owner of Avion Flight Centre Inc., has said local fuel sales could double if Midland absorbed 10 percent of fuel sales attributed to aircraft coming out of Mexico to El Paso and Laredo.

In addition to fuel sales, border airport designation would benefit locals who fly across the border, Thomas said.

Currently, private aircraft can land in Midland when returning from across the border but only with advance permission from the U.S. Customs Service.

But such planes landing in Midland run into trouble if there's any change of itinerary or other factors. "It causes all types of problems," Thomas said.

The convenience of border designation and potential for increased fuel sales won't cost the airport anything, city officials said.

If the status is granted, city officials plan to seek border designation to allow processing of foreigners flying into Midland on private aircraft, Thomas said. Such applications are more complicated and involve immigration and Agriculture Department considerations.

Ackerly Service owners says he's not part of Southwest PetroServices

From Staff Reports

Robert Wigginton, founder and president of Ackerly Service in Ackerly, said Friday that he is not a part of Southwest PetroServices Inc. and never had been.

Wigginton, who is involved in the oil-field transport business, said that Southwest PetroServices Inc. had tried to buy his company, but that the had not sold it. Despite this, Wigginton said Southwest continued to list him as a subsidiary of the company, and did so for approximately three months.

"This whole thing has created a lot of confusion," he said. "We had people calling us and wanting to know how we were going to pay our bills ... We are not bankrupt and are not a part of the Southwest PetroServices bankruptcy."

He said that Southwest PetroServices owed him more than $70,000, and not $29,000 as reported in the bankruptcy petition.

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Questions about Nazi connection hurt Swiss image

GENEVA (AP) — A relentless assault by a U.S. senator and Jewish groups on Switzerland's dealings with Nazi Germany has shaken this country's self-image as a haven of peace and humanity.

The land of mountains, rolling Alpine meadows and chalets — the home of the Red Cross — is perplexed by the turn of events and gripped by frantic self-analysis and guilt on one side and anger on the other.

"How did it come to this?" the newspaper SonntagsZeitung lamented about the criticism raining on Switzerland.

The string of charges is seemingly endless: that Switzerland profited in numerous ways from World War II, that Swiss banks failed to hand over the assets of Holocaust victims to their heirs, that the Nazis sold Jewish jewels in Switzerland, that the Swiss turned away Jewish refugees.

Newspapers have devoted pages to interviews with key politicians and historians and to analytical musings. Television and radio station have broadcast more debates and analysis.

"Most of the Swiss public had no knowledge of what happened during the Second World War," said Thomas Lyssy, spokesman for the Swiss Federation of Hebrew Congregations. "Many don't want to know."

"Switzerland is split," he added. "Half say we are guilty and the government must do something to compensate the Jews. The other part says all these people who say we are guilty don't want the truth. They just want money and they are trying to destabilize Switzerland and the Swiss banks."

For decades the Swiss prided themselves on their country's status as a haven of peace. They believed their traditional neutrality and isolation from the world — they have shunned membership in the United Nations, NATO and the European Union — made them different.

When outgoing President Jean-Pascal Delamuraz recently dismissed as "blackmail and extortion" Jewish demands for a $180 million compensation fund to be set up for Holocaust victims, he was saying what many Swiss think.

In opinion polls, roughly half the Swiss questioned said they backed Delamuraz. But after the ensuing international outcry, he apologized and the country appears to be moving toward setting up a fund.

Still, Jewish groups have reported a rising tide of anti-Semitism, with ugly letters being sent to Jewish organizations and newspapers and graffiti sprayed on a Jewish restaurant and a community center in Zurich.

As a neutral nation, Switzerland did not take sides in World War II, continuing to have dealings with both Germany and the Nazis' enemies, as did other neutrals like Sweden.

Anyway, Switzerland had little choice when war broke out in 1939, said Philippe Burrin, a World War II historian.

"It was a small country surrounded by two (allied) major powers, Germany and Italy. In that situation ... they had to comply to some extent with German demands on Swiss economic resources," he said.

The 50th anniversary of the end of the war in 1995 renewed interest in wartime dealings.

Switzerland made its first admission of guilt then, when President Kaspar Villiger officially apologized to Jews for the wartime Swiss government urging the Nazis to stamp Jewish passports with a 'J' to make it easier to weed them out at the border.

In the United States, investigations began into declassified U.S. documents from the era, led by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., which uncovered a string of damaging material.

"Most of what has come out (in the United States) is there to be read in historical books, but the public at large doesn't read them," Lyssy said.

Jewish groups in the United States and elsewhere had long alleged that the Swiss were holding up to $7 billion in unclaimed assets belonging to Holocaust victims or their heirs.

Swiss banks say the true figure is a tiny fraction of that.

While admitting that 30,000 Jewish refugees were turned away from the Swiss border during the war, Switzerland points out it also took in nearly that many Jews.

It acknowledges it handled hundreds of millions of dollars worth of gold from Nazi Germany, much of which turned out to have been looted from national banks of occupied countries. But officials stress it handled even more gold from the Allies.

There were negative aspects to Swiss actions, but there also was a lot of good, said Thomas Borer, head of a government task force re-examining the Swiss role in World War II.

Palestinians celebrate beginning of autonomy in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians celebrated the long-delayed start of autonomy in Hebron to the wail of bagpipes Saturday and cheered political leaders who vowed to wrest the remaining fifth of the city from Israeli rule.

Palestinian boy and girl scouts — some in the uniform of the newly arrived Palestinian police — waved flags and posters of Yasser Arafat. They marched through the city in bright sunshine, then squeezed into a crowded schoolyard to hear speeches from government officials and political leaders.

"Today we are celebrating the liberation of most of Hebron," said Palestinian Transportation Minister Ali Qawasmi. "But another part is still under occupation. So we will struggle — both the government and the people — in order to liberate the rest of Hebron."

Twenty percent of Hebron remains under Israeli control. Dozens of Jewish settlers, who live in a handful of enclaves in Hebron's center, danced in the streets Saturday in a defiant show of strength.

At the Palestinian celebration, the boy scout band played Scottish pipes, a tradition adopted from the British army.

A woman in a long, white dress covered in tiny Palestinian flags danced to a traditional folk song. Someone in the crowd handed her a flag and she waved it exultantly.

"It is a beautiful day — we are free," one woman said.

Jibril Rajoub, head of Palestinian preventive security, accused the 500 Jewish settlers who live amid Hebron's 130,000 Palestinians of fomenting "hate and violence and terror."

"They are big stones on our chest — so we have to take them off!" he shouted to wild cheers and applause from the crowd. "They have to understand the new facts and stop harassing our people because we are here to protect the people of Hebron."

A festive atmosphere prevailed in most of Hebron, a day after Palestinian authorities took control of 80 percent of the city from Israel in a simple handover that belied the preceding months of laborious negotiations.

Strings of Palestinian flags and posters of Arafat festooned the streets. One man decorated his car with red, green, black and white ribbons in the shape of a Palestinian flag.

Arafat is to visit Hebron on Sunday, Palestinian officials said.

Settler spokesman David Wilder told The Associated Press that Arafat's visit would be "a desecration of the second holiest city to Judaism. Arafat's hands are soaked with the blood of Jewish men, women and children."

Hebron is the last of the eight Palestinian cities in the West Bank to gain autonomy. Agreement over Israel's redeployment was held up for months by Israeli concerns for the security of the settlers.

On Saturday, dozens of settlers — some in white prayer shawls — formed a large circle and danced in the street near the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Palestinian shopkeepers watched the show of assertiveness.

The Tomb, where the biblical patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are said to be buried, is holy to Jews and Muslims and a focus of much tension.

Hundreds of Israeli soldiers and police — much more than before the redeployment — patrolled streets in central Hebron, spot-checking the identification cards of Palestinians passing through a marketplace.

About 40 Palestinian schoolgirls carried flags and shouted slogans for the "liberation of all Hebron" but were stopped by Israeli troops before they could march past a group of settlers.

The downtown sector was closed to Palestinian traffic, creating huge traffic jams throughout the city.

A settler was arrested Saturday after hitting a Palestinian cameraman with the butt of his M-16 automatic rifle, the cameraman — Mazen Daana — said.

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Nigerian officials accuse Western nations of sponsoring bomb attacks

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigeria's relations with the United States have deteriorated sharply since a series of unexplained bomb attacks that senior Nigerian officials have said were backed by Western nations.

The bombings, which have taken place in the country's commercial capital, Lagos, have been aimed at military personnel and property. In the most recent, on Tuesday, an explosion destroyed a bus outside an army barracks, killing two and injuring 27 of its passengers, who were soldiers.

Nigeria's military government sees itself as the target of the bombing campaign, for which no one has claimed responsibility. Government leaders have blamed the country's largest opposition group, the National Democratic Coalition, or Nadeco, many of whose members live in the United States.

Nadeco, whose leadership is largely under arrest, has denied any connection with the bombings.

For two years the United States has led international efforts to isolate the government of Gen. Sani Abacha, accusing it of severe, widespread human-rights violations in Nigeria, which is Africa's most populous country.

The United States, the European Union and the Commonwealth all imposed limited sanctions on Nigeria in November 1995 after the execution of nine human-rights advocates, including the playwright Ken Saro Wiwa.

Since the bombing wave began in late November, Nigerian officials have accused Washington, along with Canada and South Africa, of supporting groups that they say seek the violent overthrow of Abacha's government.

"Because we are not yielding to their pressure," said Information Minister Walter Ofonogoro, "Western nations are now going about sponsoring people to plant bombs to cause trouble and destabilize our country."

American diplomats in Nigeria have denied any link to the bombings, which the U.S. Embassy has denounced. But Nigerian officials have repeatedly raised questions about a state department warning last month to Americans traveling in Nigeria. Issued after the first two attacks, the statement cautioned that there might be more.

Last month, Nigeria's foreign minister, Chief Tom Ikimi, summoned the U.S. ambassador, Walter Carrington, to a meeting in the capital, Abuja. The envoy was told that the state department travel warning had been issued to cause disruption.

Ikimi also said American citizens were being smuggled into Nigeria from Benin in a possible attempt to destabilize the country.

Carrington, who has been a vocal critic of Nigeria's human-rights record, has a history of testy exchanges with the government.

The relationship soured further the week before last when a newspaper sponsored by the Nigerian government, The New Nigerian, ran a full-page "announcement" from a previously unknown group, the National Association for the Advancement of Nigeria, attacking the envoy.

"Ambassador Carrington is a typical example of the haughty, boot-licking, white-minded but black-bodied scallywags that conscientious peoples all over the world should laugh at," the announcement read. Carrington is black.

The state department called in Nigeria's ambassador to the United States, Alhaji Hassan Adamu, to express Washington's displeasure with the attack. But officials said Adamu denied government involvement in the newspaper announcement.

Austrian leader stepping down after 10 years

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said Saturday he was stepping down after 10 years in office, and Austrian media said Finance Minister Viktor Klima was likely to replace him.

Vranitzky confirmed a flurry of newspaper reports that he was quitting as he entered an urgent leadership meeting of his Social Democratic party.

Party leaders said the 59-year-old chancellor was leaving voluntarily. There had been persistent reports for months that he had grown weary of the job. Speculation that he might leave intensified after the party suffered its worst election defeat since 1918 in voting for the European Parliament and the Vienna city assembly in October.

The meeting of the party leaders had been scheduled for Sunday, but it was moved up by a day. Asked by reporters as he entered whether he was quitting, Vranitzky simply said, "Yes."

He refused to discuss who his successor would be, but all reports focused on the 49-year-old Klima who already has been dubbed the party's "crown prince."

Vranitzky, well respected inside and outside Austria, has presided over a coalition government with the second-largest party, the conservative People's Party.

Both the coalition and the party have appeared to drift in recent years as the popularity of right-wing populist Joerg Haider, whom Vranitzky has fought to keep out of government, has risen.

In the October elections, Haider's Freedom Party affirmed that it is the strongest far-right movement in Europe. It took nearly 28 percent of the nationwide vote for the European parliament.

Kurier newspaper columnist Christoph Kotanko wrote that taking over now would give Klima time to settle into the job before Austria takes the chairmanship of the European Union for the first time in the second half of 1998, and before the party has to fight new elections in 1999.

Vranitzky became chancellor in November 1986.

He and his partners in the People's Party led Austria into the European Union at the beginning of 1995.

Vranitzky also has pressed Austrians, who were part of the Third Reich, to acknowledge their share of responsibility for Nazi wartime atrocities.

But the coalition parties, which have governed alone or in coalition for the entire post-war period, have provided an easy target for critics in recent years.

Haider has attacked them mercilessly for the government's bloated bureaucracy and corruption.

A stringent package of cuts in Austria's welfare state have proved unpopular.

The two coalition parties have quarreled regularly. They battled for months over the privatization of Austria's second-largest bank before settling their differences earlier this month.

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Bloodied by Chechen conflict, Russian army now suffers from neglect

BUDYONNOVSK, Russia — Last August, Cpl. Sergei Valdov drove his tank into the worst battle of the Chechen war. Most of his platoon died in that final, desperate fight for Grozny. Valdov was lucky: he escaped with only a large piece of shrapnel in his leg.

When he heard three weeks ago that he and his devastated unit, Russia's 205th Motorized Infantry Brigade, were finally about to withdraw from Chechnya, he fell to his knees and wept.

"I was sure I was going to die there," he said, tears once again filling his flat gray eyes. "Most of my buddies did."

But ask him about life on his new base on the outskirts of this frigid city in southern Russia and he doesn't hesitate to speak his mind. "I'd rather be back in Grozny, for God's sake," the 22 year-old Siberian farm boy said, reaching for a bottle. "Even hell was better than Budyonnovsk."

Having been defeated in battle by their Chechen opponents, the soldiers of the Russian army have come limping home to humiliation, hunger, sickness and despair. Like hundreds of thousands of their comrades scattered throughout the country, the young men who fought in Grozny find themselves humbled and demoralized before a nation that sees in them all it wants to forget. Once the invincible protector of the mighty Soviet Union, Russia's military has become the atrophied symbol of its loss and shame.

Soldiers in ripped sneakers and frayed uniforms beg for food at city markets from here to Moscow. Outside the Chechen war theater, suicides accounted for one-third of the army dead last year. As many as half of all Russian draftees now simply refuse to serve. For those who do, housing shortages have become so acute that thousands live in boxes or forage for space in abandoned factories. Even the general staff in Moscow acknowledges that a quarter of all servicemen have no place to live.

"Anya, I have solved my housing problems," Capt. Andrei Golubev, based in remote eastern Kamchatka, wrote in an all-too-typical suicide note to his wife last month. He then drew his service revolver and blew his head off.

Few soldiers have suffered like the men of the 205th, who bore the brunt of the fighting throughout the Chechen war. Those who managed to survive now live crammed into drafty tents pitched hastily on the icy steppe here. Many are dressed in rags and have not been paid in months. Malnutrition is common; so are other preventable illnesses. For food, the soldiers have already come to rely on the grudging charity of a city that learned to expect them on the day their trains pulled into the station.

The word Budyonnovsk long ago became a symbol of Russian rage and helplessness. In 1995, in an act of terrorism so savage and daring that it quickly gained worldwide attention, a Chechen guerrilla leader named Shamil Basayev led a hostage-taking raid here in which hundreds of residents died before the Chechens were allowed to return in a triumphant caravan to their own land.

Basayev is now a major candidate in the Chechen presidential elections scheduled for later this month, and he says he would like to return to this town to express his apologies. But people here are not quite ready to turn the other cheek.

"I don't mean to be cruel or insensitive," said Ivan Andreyev, the top official in the city administration. "But we don't need any more visits from Basayev. We do not have the resources to care for our own people. Suddenly the army is here. These men are bitter and angry, and I don't blame them. They need support, and we will try to give it. But I must ask, how much is fair? How much should a little town live through? How much fear, how much sorrow, how much shame do we deserve?"

Andreyev is, by most accounts, a kind and paternal leader of this town of 60,000, which has a couple of underused plants, one making bread and the other plastic, and some farmland that has produced two bad harvests in a row. He has tried to reach out for help to local leaders in Stavropol, to the federal government and to the army.

"Nobody cares," he said sadly, noting that in the past two years, Budyonnovsk had received less than half its allotted funds from the federal and state budgets. "They just keep telling us they understand our problem. We are feeding the troops, but so far we have received nothing for it. Not one kopek."

People here are already terrified of their new neighbors. Drunken soldiers roam the streets at will; crime rates have tripled every week since their arrival. Hand grenades sell on the brand-new black market for $2 each. Both of the town's hotels have turned into dangerous holding pens for discharged soldiers with little money and nowhere else to go.

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Inaugural address: Clinton writes as abortion protesters march

■ Parties and preparations were in full swing as Washington readied itself for Monday's swearing-in ceremonies.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton worked with pen, pad and tape recorder Saturday, searching for an inaugural address theme that will catch in the nation's memory. Supporters swarmed into a frigid capital to celebrate the advent of term two with lots of fireworks and even some leftover macarena.

The three-day observation of the 53rd inauguration in U.S. history began with Washington and its visitors in a festive but tempered mood.

Democrats had reason to celebrate the first re-election of a Democratic president since Franklin D. Roosevelt and polls putting Clinton's popularity at its highest level since his first inauguration.

But the newness and unchecked promise of four years ago were absent, and between Clinton and his goals stood a Republican Congress with ideas of its own.

Still, for the moment, partisanship was set aside. The capital looked glorious. Banners and bunting flicked in the breezes. Monday's swearing-in of Clinton and Vice President Al Gore promised to occur in weather that's crisp, clear and free of snow — better than usual.

"It's freezing cold," shivered an inaugural visitor from San Francisco, Jeanne Bierhart, a school teacher. That didn't keep her from trooping to Pennsylvania Avenue to take photos of the White House. "I'm just happy to be here," she exulted.

As workers hoisted the presidential seal over the inaugural parade reviewing stand in front of the White House, two dozen anti-abortion activists marched past carrying giant color posters of aborted fetuses and a banner calling them "the children of Hillary's village." Next Wednesday marks the 24th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that ruled American women have a right to abortion.

Four years ago, Clinton led a bus motorcade from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Virginia and walked across a bridge over the Potomac into Washington. His fellow Arkansans galloped through the corridors of the Mayflower Hotel crying out, "woo, pig, sooie!"

This time, Arkansans were back at the Mayflower — but more restrained. They named their big social event "the Blue Jeans Ball."

Clinton was described as upbeat and happy to have visiting time with old friends. He and Mrs. Clinton fed 500 friends, family and former college and law school classmates at brunch and lunch in the White House.

But the first order of business was Monday's speech. Clinton worked on it late Friday night, then was up again early Saturday to write a new beginning. He worked sometimes with speech writers, sometimes alone. Spokesman Mike McCurry said he wants it to be memorable.

For ideas, Clinton dipped into an anthology of great oratory and, for cadence, read some poetry.

Most inaugural addresses are forgotten upon delivery. Clinton's speech four years ago fell into that category.

A handful are recalled for lines that resonate — Lincoln's "with malice towards none; Roosevelt's "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself;" Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you" — and that's what Clinton was said to be striving for.

The president used his weekly radio address to give a seven-months progress report against a rash of church arsons — 48 convictions in 43 fires, a higher than normal rate.

He saluted Americans of all faiths who helped rebuild scorched houses of worship. He quoted scripture: "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."

Republicans designated a freshman, Rep. Kay Granger of Texas, to deliver their weekly radio reply. She plugged for a balanced budget, but for the moment, she said, Americans are united, celebrating their democracy as a "model of freedom and self-government for people the world over."

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Democrat: Gingrich intentionally misled ethics subcommittee

■ Ethics subcommittee investigator believes that a hearing would have proved deliberate deception.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Of all the issues in the Newt Gingrich ethics case, perhaps the toughest was whether he intentionally misled the ethics committee. One investigator believes that if the case had gone to trial, the panel would have proved he did just that.

Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., a member of the subcommittee that spent a year investigating Gingrich, said the panel and its special counsel believed that a fact-finding hearing would have established intentional deception.

The case never got that far because Gingrich's confession to ethical wrongdoing negated the need for such a trial-like hearing in the ethics process.

Special counsel James M. Cole said in his written report that "the record developed before the subcommittee was not conclusive on this point ... A good argument could be made, based on the record, that Mr. Gingrich did act intentionally. However, it would be difficult to establish that with a high degree of certainty."

Gingrich's lawyers and the House Republican Conference, a GOP leadership organization, have argued that a hearing would have made no difference. Evidence shows that the speaker never intended to mislead the committee, they contend.

Gingrich submitted inaccurate information in December 1994 and March 1995 letters sent under his name and prepared by his attorneys. The letters denied that Gingrich's political organization — GOPAC — was involved in the speaker's college course, lectures that were financed by tax-deductible donations.

The final language adopted by the four-member investigative subcommittee on Gingrich's intent was watered down considerably from the group's preliminary conclusion.

But an examination of how the investigators reached that point provides an interesting insight into the ethics process. A finding that Gingrich deliberately lied could have resulted in a censure — a punishment that would have cost him the speakership under House GOP caucus rules.

Cardin said Saturday that "the four members (of the ethics subcommittee focusing on Gingrich) and the special counsel felt that if it went to 'trial' it would have been established that Gingrich knew" he was providing false information. "All four of us felt there was evidence that he knew," Cardin said.

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> — Ethics subcommittee member Rep. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md.

It is impossible to know whether Cardin's prediction would have come true, since the 'trial' — in the form of a fact-finding hearing — never took place. Instead, Gingrich in December began bargaining with the committee for a negotiated end to the 2-year-old case.

Before the negotiations, Cardin said, the subcommittee had concluded that Gingrich "knew or should have known" he misled the committee, implying possible intent to lie.

As the price for his Dec. 21 confession to rules violations, Gingrich's lawyers negotiated successfully to soften the language.

He admitted only that he "should have known" information he submitted "was inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable." The word "knew" did not appear in its findings.

"Gingrich's attorneys have already testified that inaccurate information was the result of their failure to fully fact-check documents, and that Newt himself was not consulted on the facts ..." the Republican Conference said in a statement Friday.

"A chronology proves that any inaccuracies contained in these letters were the result of regrettable errors rather than of any intent to mislead. Newt has publicly accepted responsibility for these errors," it said.

But Cardin, in an interview, pointed to an Oct. 31, 1996 letter from Gingrich to the committee — and a subsequent interview between the speaker and Cole — to argue that the subcommittee understated the facts.

Referring to his first misleading letter about GOPAC, in December 1994, Gingrich wrote: "Again I would have read the letter carefully and concluded that it was accurate to the best of my knowledge and then signed it."

As to the second miseading letter, in March 1995, Gingrich said, "I read the letter to ensure that it was consistent with my recollection of events at that time.

"Thus, although I did not prepare any of the letters in question, in each case I reviewed the documents for accuracy," the Georgia Republican said.

Cardin said Gingrich made those statements after the subcommittee notified him of its concern about his misleading statements and after Gingrich had had a chance to read his 1994 and 1995 letters again.

However, shortly after Gingrich's letter saying he reviewed the earlier statements, he was interviewed by Cole. At that interview and in subsequent testimony, Cardin said, Gingrich testified that he relied on his lawyers for the accuracy of the statements.

"His excuse was he was too busy," Cardin said. "He didn't read anything. Why didn't he say that in the October 31 letter?"

Cardin said "the subcommittee felt, the four of us, there was evidence to believe that he (Gingrich) knew" his 1994-95 letters "were wrong when he submitted them. We approved a statement that he 'knew or should have known' on Dec. 11" — 10 days before Gingrich's confession.

"Gingrich had an interest in avoiding a trial. We discussed in the subcommittee that if Gingrich was going to acknowledge violations — and we were not going to an evidentiary hearing — we couldn't establish" that the speaker lied deliberately, said Cardin, D-Md.

Cardin said he personally believed "any reasonable person" would question Gingrich's statements that there was no intent to lie. But he acknowledged "there were different views" on the subcommittee as to whether the panel could accuse him of lying without a fact-finding hearing.

Pluto's discoverer dies at 90

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto before he even had a college degree, is dead at the age of 90.

Tombaugh, who was an astronomy professor at New Mexico State University and founder of the school's research astronomy department, died Friday at his home in Mesilla Park, N.M.

"He was truly one of the great men of science," said university astronomer Jack Burns, a longtime friend.

Burns said Tombaugh had been struggling with breathing problems for the past two years.

Tombaugh discovered Pluto, the ninth planet from the sun, in 1930 when he had just turned 24, a Kansas farm boy who didn't yet have a college degree.

On the basis of his informal studies of Mars and Jupiter, the self-taught young astronomer had been given a job at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., helping in the search for what was then known only as Planet X.

Astronomer Percival Lowell had postulated the existence of Planet X because of wobbles in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune, which could be caused by the gravitational effects of an unseen planet.

For 10 months, Tombaugh compared 14- by 17-inch photos of the night sky, switching between two images taken several days apart. If a planet was visible among the images of stars, there would be a noticeable change in its position from one photo to the next.

"It was tedious," Tombaugh told The Associated Press in 1990. "But it was much more interesting work than farming as far as I was concerned."

On Feb. 18, 1930, he spotted a small shift in the position of one object — the mysterious Planet X, later named Pluto.

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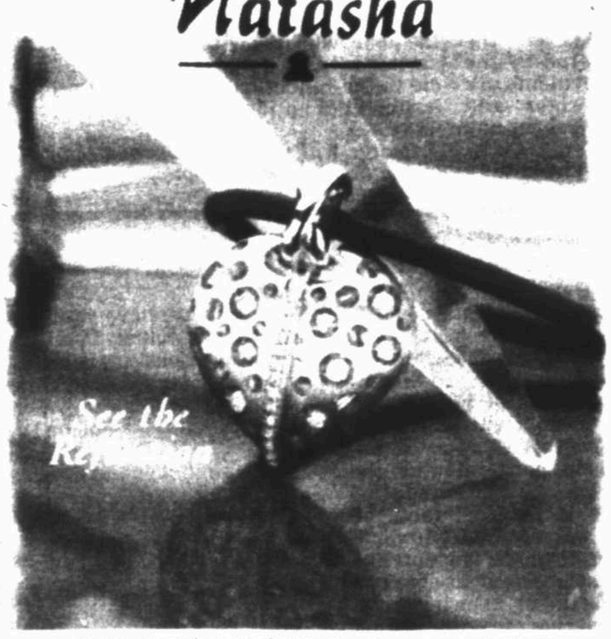


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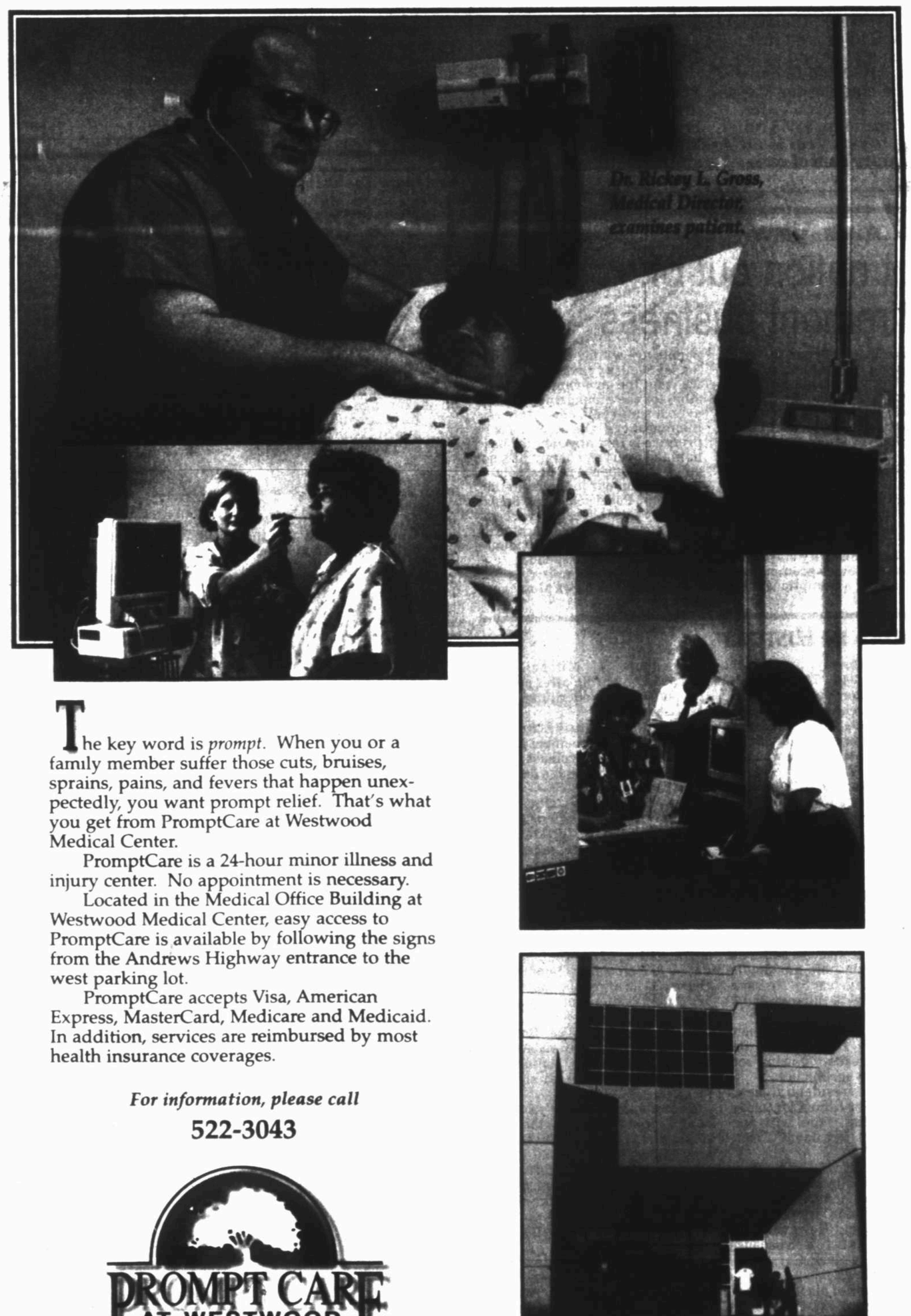
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MISD bond proposal step in right direction

After the defeat last year of a massive $110 million bond proposal designed essentially to improve and upgrade every school in Midland Independent School District (MISD), there still was a pressing need for priority work at numerous elementary schools throughout the city.

We even suggested last June following the defeat that trustees "come up with a plan that realistically — and frugally — addresses the very real needs of the district.

"If trustees will put together such a plan and present it to voters, we believe there will be overwhelming support for it ...."

Last week, the MISD board approved just such a plan and unanimously voted to call a bond election for March 1. The proposal calls for spending $39.5 million to renovate 14 elementary school campuses in the district that are more than 30 years old.

The proposal is a good — and frugal — one that deserves voter approval. That fact is echoed by the quick support given by opponents of the earlier bond proposal.

Even though this bond issue addresses sorely needed improvements at many MISD campuses, voters should not fall into the trap of believing that it will take care of all the district's needs for the foreseeable future; it won't. Midland has grown too much in the past 30 years and existing school plants are now patched and expanded to the point that in some instances there is no more room for expansion.

But this proposal is a good step in the right direction and one we believe the voters of Midland will gladly embrace.

ANOTHER VIEW

Get nation out of retirement business

Abolish Social Security. Get the federal government out of the retirement business. Let workers and employers do with their respective 6.2 percent contributions as they please. The federal government doesn't have a clue about how to make Social Security solvent without raising taxes, and without continuing to bind American workers to a plan all recognize as untenable. ...

The debate on how best to "fix" Social Security starts from several false premises, including the assumptions that people are willing to pay more Social Security taxes, and that we want the government responsible for the management of even a small part of our retirement nest egg. One dangerous premise is that any solution has to make everyone happy. It's not going to happen. The best solution is to cut our losses from the bankrupt Ponzi scheme of Social Security and to free 12.4 percent of this nation's earned income for spending the way individual Americans want to spend it.

— Marshall News Messenger

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 1997. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1807, Robert E. Lee, the commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

On this date:

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with permission from President Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court. However, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who'd made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

In 1979, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell was released on parole after serving 19 months at a federal prison in Alabama.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Ten years ago: Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was sworn into office, succeeding George C. Wallace.

Five years ago: Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton drew fire from fellow Democratic presidential candidates during a debate in Manchester, N.H. German government and Jewish officials dedicated a Holocaust memorial at the villa where the notorious Wannsee Conference had taken place.

One year ago: The Bosnian peace agreement suffered its first setback as a planned nationwide prisoner release fell far short of its goal.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jean Stapleton is 74. Actor Fritz Weaver is 71. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 66. Movie director Richard Lester is 65. Actress Tippi Hedren is 62. Singer Phil Everly is 58. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 55. Actress Shelley Fabares is 53. Country singer Dolly Parton is 51. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 50. Singer Robert Palmer is 48. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 44. Actress Katey Sagal is 41. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 40. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 31. Singer Trey Lorenz is 28. Actor Shawn Wayans is 26.

JACK ANDERSON

Marshall not amused when press mocked him

WASHINGTON — The late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall — a champion of press freedoms and the First Amendment — could be less tolerant of such liberties when the joke was on him.



Anderson

Marshall's FBI file, released late last year under the Freedom of Information Act, reveals the details of a 1982 incident in which the distinguished jurist apparently mistook the intent of an article in the humor magazine National Lampoon, which delighted in parodying the powerful and the rich.

Marshall contacted the FBI after receiving a copy of an article the magazine ran spoofing the Supreme Court's treatment of pornography. According to the court's standard, pornography can be declared obscene under the First Amendment if the work as a whole lacks serious artistic, literary, political or scientific value.

The article, entitled "How to Write Dirty," is typical of the humor in the magazine — risque, profane and, in Marshall's eyes, offensive.

"One of the most time-consuming tasks a Supreme Court justice performs is reading through mounds of pornographic material to determine if it is protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of speech," the article begins.

The ensuing two pages, which parody racial and gender stereotypes, are a crude, fictional depiction of Marshall as a ravenous consumer of pornography, who spends his time in the court's chamber reviewing obscene works to see if they meet the court's test.

Marshall was not amused.

According to the FBI file, reviewed by our associate George Clifford III, Marshall wrote a letter on Supreme Court stationery, marked "personal and confidential," to then-FBI Director William H. Webster. The letter suggests that Marshall may have only seen a copy of the article, unaware that it came from a nationally distributed magazine.

"Enclosed is some sort of leaflet which came to my attention this afternoon," Marshall wrote. "It is at least scandalous. I am sending it to you with the hope that you can give me some suggestion as to what can be done about it."

Webster quickly wrote back, telling Marshall, "I am having the enclosure studied," and "I certainly agree with your characterization of it."

According to the files, FBI sleuths then set out in search of a company mentioned in a box at the end of the article, International Porno Inc. Soon thereafter, the agents reported their findings. "Results were negative; however, the New York Office advised that an office building at ... (the address) had about 40 tenants, including the publishers of two magazines: National Lampoon and Heavy Metal."

The FBI agent then dutifully recorded that he bought "the current copy" of National Lampoon from a nearby newsstand, where he found the offending article.

After a thorough review of the evidence, FBI lawyers finally determined there was nothing they could do. "No FBI jurisdiction is apparent," the memo reads. "In addition, it is unlikely that Justice Marshall could successfully sue the publication because (1) he is a "public figure" and (2) despite the article's use of his name in the byline, the table of contents ... lists the real authors."

"My only suggestion," the memo concludes, "is that you provide the magazine to Justice Marshall so that he may be aware of the context in which the article was printed."

That task was handled gingerly in Webster's next letter to Marshall. "For your assistance, should you desire to pursue this matter privately, I will enclose a copy of the magazine," the letter said. An attached note explained: "Copy of the magazine was obtained as part of the effort to identify the material and to determine whether there was any basis for FBI investigation."

Ironically, Webster concludes his letter by dispensing some free legal advice to a Supreme Court justice.

"I have been advised by our legal counsel that, as it appears the intended purpose of the magazine is to produce humor for publication regardless of quality or decency of the material and on its face the particular article is patently absurd, the article probably enjoys constitutional protection from private legal means of redress."

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GEORGE F. WILL

Liberal project fades as Clinton moves to center

WASHINGTON—In his first Inaugural Address President Clinton packed into his 40-word peroration a congestion of cliches. There was "a call," issued from a "mountaintop," to "service in the valley." There were "trumpets," too, and an assurance that "we have changed the guard." Still, style isn't everything and if such an address is supposed to set the tone of the president's term, the address was a success. Clintonism was foreshadowed: incoherence couched in high-sounding verbosity.



Will

Four years after that address, which was freckled with 11 uses of the word "change," there has been remarkable change, most of it unfriendly to his hitherto avowed purposes. And now he is poised to complete an eight-year emulation of a man walking across a field of snow and leaving no footprints.

Clinton's crabwise scamper to the center is less remarkable than the continuing rightward migration of the center during the first Democratic presidency in a dozen years. Throughout this century the liberal project has been to (as liberals like to say) spread the ethic of common provision, or to (as conservatives disparage it) conscript the individual into collective undertakings organized by the central government. The largest accomplishment of that project is the Social Security Act of 1935. And look what just the last six months have brought.

Clinton has accepted welfare reform that repealed the portion of that Act that established a national entitlement, Aid to Families with Dependent Children. And a splintered Advisory Council on Social Security has issued three proposals, all recommending considerable changes. Two of them envision substantial privatization of the system, which could transform the residual public portion into something valued only by the elderly poor. That would become another responsibility ripe for devolution to the states.

In California, where one of every eight Americans lives, Gov. Pete Wilson is demonstrating the conservative uses to which devolved powers can be put. He proposes limiting new welfare recipients to just 12 months of benefits over two years, eliminating the requirement that counties provide a safety net, and asking county welfare offices to urge mothers who are too immature or impoverished "to provide a loving, stable and secure environment" to consider putting their children up for adoption.

Conservative welfare proposals usually bristle with requirements for recipients (work, drug treatment, establishing paternity of children, etc.), thereby demonstrating that conservative programs can involve a net increase in the quantity of government. Still, a casualty of this is the liberal project of nationalizing life in the name of efficacious compassion. Today the conservative project is to replace materialist compassion—the amelioration of pain—administered by the national government. The replacements are state experiments involving rigor and responsibility as government's primary means of social therapy.

The federal budget soon will have the smallest percentage devoted to nondefense discretionary spending since the 1950s. The balance of financial, as well as intellectual, resources is tilting to the states, 32 of which, with 72 percent of the nation's population, have Republican governors. The Supreme Court is evincing an inclination to sail away from the wilder shores of judicial activism, even revisiting the issue of how expansively the federal government can construe its power to regulate interstate commerce.

The centrifugal forces producing the devolution of powers from the central government can have various consequences for the nation's political culture. Justice Charles Fried of the Massachusetts Supreme Court writes that citizens may come to be governed "less grandly and remotely" and the states may develop "more distinct characters": "Although we would be more strangers to other Americans, we would be more closely tied to the smaller places where we live." Fried anticipates a cost to such a transaction:

"Our economy of allegiance simply is not infinitely expandable. If we become more Virginian or Georgian, surely we will also feel more remote, less responsible for the poor of Kentucky or of the ghettoes of Chicago. If we became more Virginian, we would be less American."

Conservatives demur, arguing that as we become more tied to where we live, we will become more connected to those, including the poor, who live with us. Perhaps. What is certain is that Clinton is no formidable obstacle to the reduction of the liberal project to a subject of antiquarian interest.

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Zeta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, international key women teachers' society, wishes to commend The Reporter-Telegram for the past five years of co-sponsorship of our highly successful Storybook Christmas. The Reporter-Telegram staff has been most supportive in lending their knowledge and business acumen to help guide us in our project. The Reporter-Telegram's advertising of this program prompted the community to respond to Storybook Christmas with donations that provided each first-grader in Midland their own storybook.

In today's society, where the media receive so much criticism, we wish to express our accolades to the Reporter-Telegram for its community service to many worthy causes, including Storybook Christmas.

The Reporter-Telegram has been in the forefront in promoting literacy for many years before it became political and fashionable to do so. Thanks again for your interest in our children.

Jann Pullig
Zeta Xi President

Public witch hunt should concern citizens

This letter is in response to your article entitled "Midland Softball Association going strong after brush with bankruptcy", printed Jan. 8. Well, hurrah for Benita Clark. She must feel like a true hero for saving the 1,350 softball players of the Midland area from certain doom. Or so it would seem. I am sure the taxpayers of Midland County enjoy seeing their hard earned money being spent to settle a personal vendetta one citizen has against another. If you doubt this, simply read the article again and judge for yourself the reason an article of this nature would be written. The public witch hunt and trumped up charges of this case should concern you at least a little. To insinuate that up to $13,000 in suspected thefts could be linked to this one person is not only absurd but also irresponsible.

I personally have been a witness to the hundreds of people that come into contact with MSA funds on any given weekend a tournament is held, not to mention the number of people with keys to this operation. If the real facts be printed, you most likely would agree a ridiculous amount like this was solely used to obtain a felony indictment, knowing it otherwise would have to be thrown out of the trial.

In a time when fairness, trustworthiness, kindness, patience, gentleness, discipline and integrity seem to be lacking in our society, Verna Doan is one of the few people I know who exemplifies each of these traits. Certainly not several members of the Midland Softball Association itself. And that includes Ms. Clark. I just hope the fine citizens of Midland realize that a person's life has been challenged against the ability of a few to play a game, softball. That's right, softball is not life. Trust me when I say, you have yet to hear the end of this matter. Contrary to what you previously have read, all is far from being resolved. People of Midland stayed tuned.

Donnie Doan
Austin

City employees need to work on icy roads

In the letter concerning "Balanced budget comes before hiking trails": I totally agree with the author of that article because we need better fiscal responsibility from our city government. Plus, we need better roads when it is icy instead of city employees sitting in the shop while the citizens are out having accidents.

I don't have a problem driving on ice because of past experience but there are people who cannot drive in this weather who have to get their kids to school because the almighty school system won't close in favor of safety.

Bud Browne

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Segregation is not Christlike or American

This letter is directed to two groups of people: 1) to the city of Midland as a whole; 2) to the church, the body of Christ.

I have been privileged to live in this fine city for 43 years, along with other family members who have been here for more than 75 years; therefore, I believe I am qualified to make this assessment of the article that was the headline in the paper on Jan. 15. What I am upset about, no, sick to my stomach about, are the remarks that were made by two of our public city-elected officials who stated "people naturally choose segregation" and "in the churches, we see segregation." Whether you are aware of it or not, these people have a direct representation of your convictions and philosophy. For city officials and pillars of the community to support this form of egotistic, racist, and biased logic is absolutely unacceptable. We, as a growing community, have always prided ourselves with achieving a higher moral standard than cities surrounding us, for which I am grateful, and also very proud to be a citizen of Midland, Texas. It is apparent, we all are "dressed up" but we stink!

Now, to my so-called brothers in Christ: The Apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth rebuked them for being a carnal body of believers. The symptom that Paul pointed out was envy, strife and division among them. Nowhere in the Word of God does it permit or propagate segregation except for from the world. It is not Christlike, it is un-American, and an abomination to God. II Corinthians 5:18 says "if we have reconciled to God, that He has given us a word and a ministry of reconciliation," so it is our duty as disciples of Christ to abolish hatred and division, and to replace it with the love of God.

The Scripture tells us that there is one God, one baptism, and one body. Therefore, where is the church (local) when Satan raises his ugly head to display division among God's greatest creations, man? I would like for you to know that we will stand before the Righteous Judge in eternity to give an account for every word and deed that is done in the body, but until then, for each believer in our local churches, I hope you can rest peacefully at night. I really do not know if Dianne Anderson, Jackie Hamilton or the other members of the school board are believers, but I do know that God will hold each person He created accountable for their actions and words.

Ronald B. Vandyke

Deregulation to hurt long distance users

I am writing in response to those who believe that deregulation of local phone service is the answer. Apparently, you have not had the pleasure of experiencing the competitive environment of the long distance carriers. No. 1 on my list is the pleasant sale calls you receive a dozen times a day from long distance carriers wanting you to switch. If you think that won't happen with local service, you're in for a shock.

No. 2 is the frustration of trying to call long distance when traveling. I now must carry several long distance cards when traveling. Even though my long distance card provides a number to use my carrier, some phones are programmed to not recognize the number. These are hotel phones or pay phones that are grossly overpriced because their rates are competitive.

No. 3, just wait until you have repair problems with your telephone service. You first call your chosen phone company. They tell you to contact Southwestern Bell because the problem is in their lines. You call Southwestern Bell and they direct you back to your phone carrier. If Bell discovers the problem is your phone company, you will be billed for Bell's services and you still will have to pay your carrier for any repairs.

I am for competition, but I don't see the consumers getting the best end of the deal.

J.C. Christian

LHS cheerleaders don't deserve to be on squad

Wake up Lee High School, George Cooper and parents of the LHS cheerleaders. Were you raised in a barn? Jerk those brats off of the squad! Being a cheerleader is an honor, and LHS does not have anyone on the squad deserving of that honor.

Shelley Smith

Few people cause dissension for many

As a member of the Lee High School staff for the past 17 years, I have watched in amazement the immaturity that has been exhibited during the past two years by a few adults and students involved in cheerleading. Never have I seen the high level of dissension for so many caused by so few. As is true in most controversies, only a very few have been involved — most cheerleaders and their parents are congenial, cooperative and hard-working.

Many times the community is not given enough facts on both sides to be cognizant of the truth in situations. Indeed the quote, "Never underestimate the power of stupid people in a group" comes to have special meaning — even though the group is small.

Worst of all, the principal, whose primary concern should be the educational growth of 2200 students, has had to devote 90 percent of his time to deal with every minor complaint brought up. I have seen the countless hours that George Cooper has spent trying to defuse volatile situations — while being criticized by the press as unwilling to answer phone calls or talk with parents.

This simply is not the truth, and the abuse he has been through has taken its toll. Most of the time I am too pragmatic to subscribe to a conspiracy theory, but in this case, I am almost a believer. I believe certain recent events have been orchestrated carefully to make Lee High School look bad. I think people have allowed themselves to be manipulated. I believe freedom of the press has been abused for purposes of sensationalism.

At this point we are waiting to see what the next step will be and who will be the next picture on the front page of the newspaper. What a shame that educators are forced to deal with such trivia.

Elwanna Collins

GOP needs speaker without ethics problem

What is going on in the House of Representatives? Newt Gingrich was re-elected speaker of the House before the Ethics Committee had even made their recommendations concerning punishment. Why didn't the House let their own internal House set rules and regulations?

Another worrisome item is that during the 1996 campaign, for all practical purposes, the Republican Party downplayed the role and importance of Congressman Gingrich. I think that was a major mistake. Until Gingrich admitted to ethics violations I was a firm supporter of him.

Does the House of Representatives believe in "ethics"? By re-electing Gingrich as speaker of the House, eventually the House pays only lip service as far as ethics are concerned. Yes, as Gingrich has admitted, he was brash and overconfident. He has abused the position, hence he should step down. Ethics are important, so when violations occur they should not be condoned. It seems that the Republicans think that their violations are minor and the Democratic violations are major and vise versa. Agreed that the Democrats would do anything to get Gingrich out of the House speaker chair because he was very effective but that is what politics are all about. With their majority position, the Republicans should be able to move ahead with an agenda with or without Gingrich.

Looking toward the future, the Republican Party needs to be grooming new personalities that are above reproach. There are surely other representatives within the House who are as able as Gingrich. If not the Republican Party is in big trouble. To move forward, the Republicans need a speaker who does not have ethics problems.

William Smith

We may not be able to defend our interest

Americans are unaware that our national defenses have been so atrophied that we may no longer be able to defend our vital interest abroad. This may be the pivotal ignorance in our world as the 20th century closes. America is becoming a paper eagle.

America has roughly half the combat power it had during Desert Storm. Today, we might lose a similar war for oil, or we would so tie up our assets fighting it that China and North Korea would be left without deterrence. We then could lose two wars. We would lose respect abroad, and gain a Third-World living standard at home. "End welfare as we know it?" It would cease to exist.

Desert Storm was not a "100 hour war." For 12 years America diligently rebuilt the "hollow defenses" of the 1970s. We took the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, and our botched rescue attempt of our hostages in Iran, as chastening wake-up calls. But we won't have years to mobilize as we did then and in the two world wars. The two vast oceans that gave us time and safety in past wars will give neither in a global economy, with proliferation of high tech military.

Independent military experts are trying to warn us. The bibliography is extensive. But they can't provide us with the political will to prevent permanent disaster. In our miraculous American experiment, only we can do that, through prayer, and by repeated, sustained insistence to our Congress and president.

David Munger

Hike/bike trail is worth investment

Well, Thomas Dollahite and other "aginners" are on their soap box again. This time it's the hike/bike trail project. Apparently Dollahite's initiated airport terminal debacle didn't get the message across. It appears that Dollahite's version of being a conservative is to put your money under the mattress. My understanding of conservatism is that which was eloquently put forth by Bob Dole and Jack Kemp; that is a concept of economic growth, development, job creation and investment. Contemporary Republicanism espouses that investment should be done by individuals, and government at the state and local levels rather than the federal government.

Under this concept, federal funds are funneled to state and local entities for their use rather than federal spending for the supposed benefit of the people. The airport terminal, Loop 250 and even the bike/hike project are great examples. Granted, these are directed funds, but it is a step in the right direction and to decline them would be a great disservice to this community and the entire area. Believing that by declining these funds will somehow decrease the national debt or reduce our taxes is terribly naive reasoning. It may be philosophically satisfying, but it is dumb economics!

Of course there is risk with any investment. Buying stock, starting a new business, putting money in the bank, and indeed investment in city facilities and growth involves risk, but not making those investments is an even greater risk to future economic health and vitality.

I have visited and lived in many cities in this country. Hike/bike trails are one of the quality-of-life elements of most cities that is conspicuously absent in Midland. In my experience they are heavily used by citizens at all economic levels and get bikes, joggers and walkers off the street and out of vehicular traffic. I fully support the hike/bike trail project and encourage it: expansion into a citywide network.

Ron Genter

White House physician has critical evidence

Mike Royko in his Wednesday column really nailed President Clinton, Carville, and a large segment of the media on the Paula Jones case. With introduction of the term "trailer trash" the media are trying to destroy Ms. Jones' credibility. Never mind that they are insulting a large number of people who live in trailers, the object is save Clinton at all cost. Ms. Jones alleges that when Clinton exposed himself to her, she saw some anatomical anomaly that, if present, would verify her charges.

All presidents have extensive medical profiles for I.D. purposes that would record scars, moles, warts, blemishes and other distinguishing characteristics. Thus a critical piece of evidence in this case lies in the files of the White House physician. Maybe that is why Clinton continues to stonewall on release of his complete medical records.

Bill Heck

Research tower report for cellular service

Finally having succumbed to the cellular phone craze, I went shopping for "The Best Company" with which to carry my service. I must confess I did not know all of the questions to ask as I was new at this game, therefore, I chose the vendor with the best "gimme" package. Again, unaware that there is much more to research than the "gimme" package, the shock came when I got my first two bills.

Oops. It seems the so-called "free territory" is not all it's cracked up to be. The question one must research the most is the tower report: "Does the vendor have towers in the particular area in which you might be traveling within this so-called map they give you claiming their free territory?" I was pretty excited about the map. I can't for the life of me understand why I did not ask for it from the get-go.

After chatting with a very pleasant customer service representative, she assured me she would forward instructions on how to get the tower report. It went something like this. "Before you make a call, you must first call some 3 digit number and talk to someone on the other end who might inform you if your call is long distance (even though your location is within their so-called territory). Then you can make a decision to call or not to call."

If this is confusing, I can understand the dilemma. My advice is ask your to-be vendor where their towers are and if they are in the area you travel. Otherwise, bingo, you will be confused as well.

Unfortunately I am locked into this company contract for 10 months after which time I will be changing companies and telling everyone in the interim what company not to use.

Sandra Self

City needs to control water flowng in streets

Needless ice in the streets because of unregulated sprinkler systems is a cause for concern as Dianne Young mentioned in her letter to the editor recently.

A few days ago there was a city crew at the intersection of Godfrey and Andrews Highway removing ice caused by negligence. They could have removed it from two or three other intersections in the neighborhood as well since the sprinkler water travels more than a half mile from its source.

Complaints have been made several times to the compliance section at City Hall as well as to one of the city managers but the water still floods curbs and intersections almost every day of the year.

The offenders the city has failed to control are either one or two or both of the medical complexes on Andrews Highway near the Pizza Hut. Besides the hazard created by ice forming, there is the deterioration of roadways and the general nuisance it has become over a period of several years.

Jim Boe

Cheerleader story was inappropriate lead

Your story on January 17, 1997, "Harassing notes fuel controversy", would have been more aptly entitled, "Front page headlines fuel controversy". The exposure you have given to the cheerleading story is laughable at best. A visitor might find your choice for a lead news item amusing. I find it embarrassing.

William F. Dingus

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HISTORICAL MARKER

Water assured better quality of life, hope for future on Staked Plains

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the files of the Midland County Historical Museum, Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and the book "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926."

By Bill Modisett

Water.

It's necessary for life and in the annals of Texas it has for centuries been the limiting factor in development and growth in the western part of the state.

On the Staked Plains, it determined the trails Indians followed in crossing what early-day trailblazer Capt. Randolph Marcy referred to as the "great Zahara of North America."

In song and folk tales "cool, clear, water" made the difference between a desperately lost cowboy living or dying. And it often has meant the same difference for struggling communities.

The Comanche War Trail, which swept through the Llano Estacado in the middle 19th century, turned sharply southwestward at the Big Spring — years before that pool gave its name to the community that grew up around it — and funneled warriors onward through the deep reaches of Far West Texas, across the Rio Grande and into Mexico.

Water — or, as was the case on the Staked Plains, the lack of it — even proved to be a limiting factor for the Indians who found the environment on the Llano Estacado too inhospitable for permanent camps.

On the Staked Plains, a veritable sea of grass waved in the warm breezes, while pronghorn antelope and bison grazed unseen—for the most part— by human eyes.

WHEN THE first settlers began to arrive in the 1880s, they established communities at or near the site of springs or rivers. Big Spring, of course, had an ample supply of water. Midland, established at the location where Herman Nelson Garrett had driven his flocks of sheep in 1882, was close to another water source — Mustang Springs, named by Marcy years before.

In 1881-82 when the Texas & Pacific Railroad laid its line across the Staked Plains, it was learned that in the sand hills about 40 miles east of the Pecos River, water could be obtained by "digging where the willow trees promise of success" or "in shallow ponds," according to an article printed in the Dallas Weekly Herald of Aug. 11, 1881.

An article in "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926" noted that during the earliest years only "section houses existed from Big Spring to Sierra Blanca, big two-story houses every ten miles, with four water barrels half-buried and fenced in and everything painted a bright red. Water was hauled by train and put in the barrels twice a week."

According to an article compiled by Jo Dean Downing during the 1950s, early in Midland's history "Settlers didn't know they could get water here, so it was hauled to town in tank cars from Monahans and emptied into barrels that were placed under a shed to keep the water cool."

Later, hand-dug wells provided water to the community's residents. Papers on file at Midland County Historical Museum note, "Water wells were first dug in Midland at the crossings of Main and Wall Streets, Wall and Weatherford Streets, and Main and Texas Streets. Hand pumps were used and the wells were for public use. Later shallow wells were dug, which showed doubtlessly the large underground supply of water. This supply made possible the success of irrigation in Midland County."

SECURING AN AMPLE — and stable — water supply also presented a major problem for livestock owners in regions where no surface water was present in the form of streams or lakes. In some areas, they could create impoundments by damming up draws or small canyons and impounding water flows.

But it was the clanking, creaking, whirling windmill that transformed the potential of the Staked Plains and all of West Texas as cattle country.

The mills brought water from the depths of the soil to fill cattle troughs and stock tanks and to assure both man and beast an abundance of the life-giving liquid.

And the steady supply of water also provided a definite social advantage – creating swimming holes and interesting gathering spots such as China Grove, located about 15 miles west by southwest of Midland.

Windmills also changed the persona of the little cowtown of Midland, which during the early 1900s came to be known as the "Windmill City."

Betty Luther, an El Paso journalist who lived in Midland during the early 1900s, wrote in an article in "The Pioneer History of Midland County," about what Midland looked like in those years to Carrie and Louise Moseley, college teachers from Tennessee, when they stepped off the train in 1901:

"We gazed at the windmills when we left the pullman. We were awed by this vast West Texas. The ranch house looked like a box car with two rooms and a kitchen. We had good food: rabbit, quail, plover, venison, besides beef, fresh milk and butter kept cool in a box of running water from the tank above the windmill. I can hear the creak of those windmills yet. They grew to be your company and assured you of WATER!"

Water assured life on the Staked Plains, but it did more than that. It ensured a better quality of life and hope for the future.



Photo courtesy Midland County Historical Museum

Windmills not only assured adequate drinking water for people and animals, but also boosted social activity by creating ponds, filling stock tanks and making the rugged landscape more bearable. This windmill, holding tank and pond were located on the Billy Bryant ranch near Midland.

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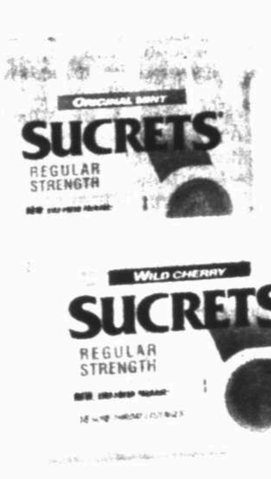
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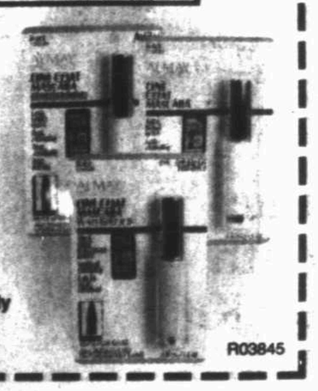


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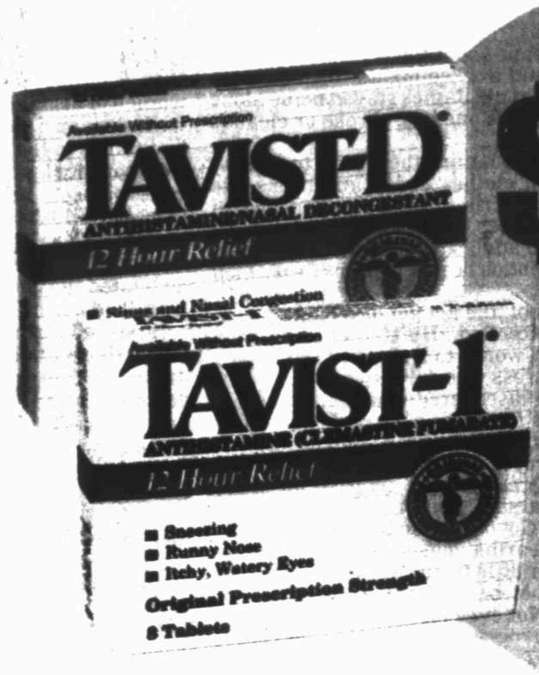
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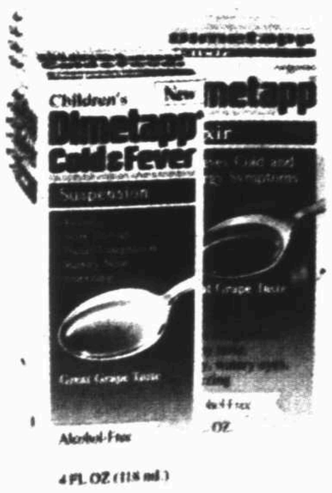
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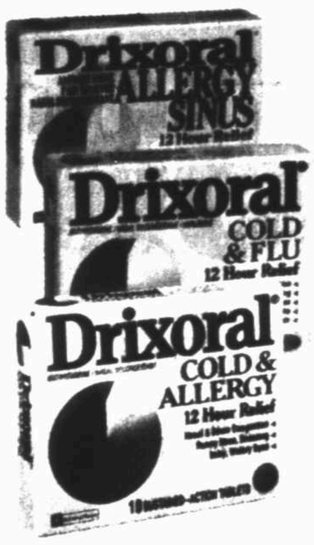
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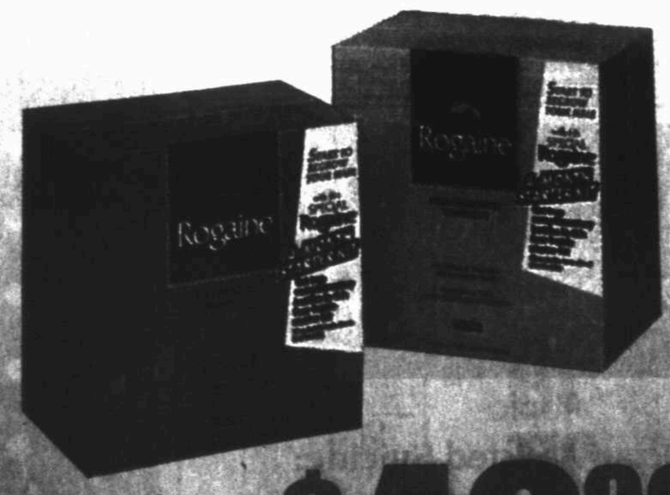
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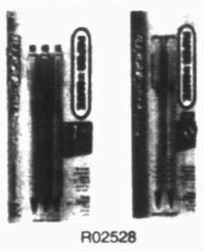
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Author comes to grips with mother's murder

CHICAGO (AP) — James Ellroy speaks in a booming staccato, and no topic is off-limits. At the moment, he's turning heads in a four-star hotel lobby with a lively monologue on illegal drugs and forbidden sex acts.

Midway through a marathon book tour for his new memoir, "My Dark Places," the best-selling crime novelist is revved as a racehorse, high on a mixture of double espressos and glowing reviews.

At 48, he's a big man with buzz-cut hair, eyes like lasers and a manner so intense he practically pulsates. For dinner, he's booked a table at the hotel restaurant; it has the dark, polished interior and clubby opulence that he craves. Like his old-money wardrobe — the kind of clothes he used to steal — refined settings soothe him, evoking a state of grace he never knew as a kid. "I lived so animalistically for so long," Ellroy says.

His troubled life left him with no tolerance for bright lights, aggressive behavior, rock music and "the big sweaty tongue kiss of the city." He likes to sit in dark, climate-controlled rooms, listen to classical music and brood. He likes paying bills and loves paying taxes — anything to reinforce his status as a respectable citizen at last.

He wasn't born to that status. As parents go, Armand and Jean Ellroy "were from Mars," he says. A "good-looking, cheap couple," they were "too sexed-up to be recognizable as Protestant, too educated to be considered white trash."

His early years, in Los Angeles, were scarred by their battles. When he was 6, they divorced. He preferred his father, but had to live with his mother. She was murdered when he was 10. He rejoiced, he writes in his new book, about "the Jean Ellroy job." This thought crossed his mind: "Some unknown killer just bought me a brand-new beautiful life."

Jean Ellroy, 43, was found strangled with her own nylon stocking in El Monte, Calif., on June 22, 1958. A striking redhead, she was a stern nurse by day and a promiscuous boozer by night. James hated her. The murder was his ticket back to his dad.

Unlike The Redhead, who'd made him go to church and do homework, Armand treated his 10-year-old son like a pal, sharing his girlie magazines and his theories about Jean Ellroy's murder.

He channeled his curiosity and unresolved feelings into crime novels, racing through several a week, his mind spinning elaborate fantasies of himself as the hero detective.

"Every book I read was a twisted homage to her. Every mystery solved was my love for her in ellipses," he writes in "My Dark Places." But at the time, he never made the connection. He rarely thought of his mother. "I'm astonished at how the screen came down in my mind."

He spent the next 20 years trying to outrun her ghost.

By 14, he was friendless and lonely, "a geeky, minor miscreant-about-town." His father was often broke and worked nights when he bothered working at all. James stayed home alone with the beagle no one housebroke or cleaned up after.

James began roaming the streets to escape. He stole food, clothes and crime books. He peeped at rich girls through the windows of their lavish homes. At school, he wore Nazi armbands and advocated slavery in a desperate bid for attention he now calls his Crazy Man Act.

In high school, the act got him beat up and, eventually, expelled. His father died soon after. His last words to his son: "Try to pick up every waitress who serves you."

Instead, he discovered drugs and alcohol. They gave his fantasies a surreal edge. They also made him bold. He broke into houses. He stole liquor, food, drugs. He got evicted and lived on the street. He got arrested for stealing and trespassing. Jail was ... a health spa! He at Slept. Got out. More booze. More dope.

He began hearing voices. He stuffed cotton in his ears to muffle them. Waking from a nap on a friend's roof, he tried to think. Nothing. Not one thought. Not even his name.

Screaming. Ambulance. Hospital. Restraints.

His name came back. He wrote it on the wall. Just in case. A thought formed. He wrote that down too: "I will not go insane." He bargained with God: He'd quit drugs and drinking if he could just keep his mind.

By the time he'd lived up to his end, he was nearly 30, with an 11th-grade education and no real skills. But he knew things. Ellroy knew the dark places, in cities and in souls.

His new life, as a part-time golf caddy and devoted member of Alcoholics Anonymous, was "long on fervor and short on introspection." But one fantasy remained: To turn his obsession with crime into art.

On Jan. 26, 1979, he walked out onto the golf course, looked up at the sky and prayed: "Let me start writing tonight."

Ten months later, he sold his first book, "Brown's Requiem," to Avon for $3,500. Within seven months, he'd sold a second.

He established one of the bleakest landscapes in literature — a 1950s Los Angeles crawling with corrupt cops, racists and the fallen women of his fantasies. All 12 of his novels are variations on a theme — "bad white men doing bad things in the name of authority."

It took him less than a decade to evolve from cult writer to best-selling author. He broke through in 1987 with his seventh book, "The Black Dahlia," which fictionalized a lurid Hollywood killing he'd obsessed on as a child. He dedicated the book to his mother and cynically milked her murder to boost sales.

He signed with Alfred A. Knopf, the publisher of Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and James M. Cain, giants whose crime fiction he'd devoured as a kid. He got married, divorced, and married again, this time to the right woman, writer Helen Knode. They settled in Kansas City, in a house as nice as any he'd burglarized.

It was 1992 before he realized he was still running from The Redhead.

For Christmas that year, Helen gave him a framed photo from the files of the Los Angeles Times. Dated June 22, 1958, it showed a boy wearing a plaid shirt and a dazed expression: James Ellroy at 10, having just heard the news.

One look sent him reeling back through the decades. For the first time since the murder, he felt the screen start to lift. "Opportunist that I am," he figured his mother's story would make a good magazine article.

Task force boosts church fire arrests

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the seven months since President Clinton ordered federal oversight of investigations into a rash of church burnings, authorities have made 104 arrests — eight times the previous rate, the government reported Saturday.

The fires "offended every citizen who cherishes America's proud heritage of religious and ethnic diversity," Clinton said in heralding the report issued by the Treasury and Justice departments on behalf of the National Church Arson Task Force.

The task force was created last summer to oversee state and local authorities prosecuting church arson. Of all the 143 suspects arrested since Jan. 1, 1995, in connection with 107 church fires, 48 suspects have been convicted. As of last week, there were 221 pending investigations where no arrests had been made.

Before the task force was created, authorities averaged just 13 arrests every six months.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., dean of the congressional black caucus, called the progress a turning point, but added, "we cannot let our success get in the way of our vigilance."

In his weekly radio address, Clinton also saluted the individuals, community groups and businesses that worked with the Department of Housing and Urban Development on a rebuilding initiative that included $10 million in federal loan guarantees.

Ten churches were being rebuilt at the close of 1996, with 30 more churches now under construction.

"They have shown us that America is still a country that cares about its neighbors — a country that comes together in the face of common threats to defend the common ground of our values," Clinton said.

In the wake of the fires that sparked fear — debunked by investigators — of a racist conspiracy to destroy black churches, the Justice Department and Federal Emergency Management Agency spent nearly $4 million to beef up investigations, surveillance and prevention efforts.

Senior administration officials stressed Saturday that they could not establish any over-arching criminal plan connecting the fires.

"To date, the investigations have revealed a range of motives, from blatant racism and religious hatred to financial profit, to personal revenge or vandalism," the report said.

There have been more than 70 suspicious fires at church properties belonging to predominantly black congregations in Southern states since 1995. An equal number of fires have been reported at white churches in the region, where white churches outnumber black churches.

Of the people arrested nationwide since 1995 specifically for arsons at black churches, 35 were white and 17 were black.

Attack fighter makes its carrier debut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy landed its new FA-18E/F Super Hornet attack fighter on the deck of a carrier for the first time Saturday in trials off the coast of North Carolina.

Officers had high praise for the jet criticized by congressional auditors as redundant and an unnecessary upgrade of the Navy's arsenal.

"So far she has five landings and five cat shots (catapult takeoffs), and she's performed brilliantly," said Capt. Robert Klosterman, commander of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

The fighter, piloted by Lt. Frank Morley of Patuxent River Naval Air Warfare Station, Md., landed in strong and gusty winds as the Stennis operated 100 miles southeast of Cherry Point Marine Air Corps Station, N.C., Klosterman said in a telephone interview from the ship's bridge.

Tests will continue for about two weeks with various aircraft loads and under various wind conditions, he said.

The Navy flew the jet for the first time in November 1995 and has conducted catapult launches and arrested landings on the ground at Patuxent. It plans to spend $81 billion on 1,000 of the new jets, which will replace the recently retired A-6 Intruder, the F-14 Tomcat and the older FA-18 Hornet.

In April, the General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog agency, recommended the Navy consider canceling the Super Hornet program. It called into question improvements achieved over the existing Hornet.

The GAO said upgrading the FA-18 would be more cost effective than producing a new model. The auditors suggested installing larger fuel tanks on the Hornet and strengthening landing gears so the plane can better return to a carrier with unused armaments. The Super Hornet's increased range is achieved at the expense of its combat performance, the GAO said.

But, Klosterman said, "It's an airplane that will take us well into the next century. It's an historic day for our Navy. ... Quite a success story."

The Super Hornet program enjoys strong political support from lawmakers representing Missouri and California. McDonnell Douglas Corp. builds the Super Hornet in St. Louis. In Los Angeles, Northrop Grumman Corp. is the primary subcontractor.

Edison museum avoids lights-out problem

MILAN, Ohio (AP) — It could have been lights-out for the museum honoring the inventor of the light bulb.

Strapped for cash, the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum needs help to pay its electric bill.

Last year, Milan Township Trustees bailed out the museum. This year, American Electric Power is coming to the rescue, donating $2,000.

"We felt it was a very generous thing to do and appropriate considering he (Edison) started the electric industry," museum Director Larry Russell said.

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Former senator, presidential candidate Paul Tsongas dies at 55

BOSTON (AP) — Former Sen. Paul E. Tsongas, who rebounded from cancer to briefly become the Democratic front-runner for president in 1992, died Saturday of pneumonia. He was 55.

Tsongas, who was hospitalized Jan. 3 with a liver problem related to his cancer treatments and later developed pneumonia, died at Brigham and Women's Hospital. The hospital said there was no evidence of a reoccurrence of cancer.

"Paul Tsongas was a great American. He cared deeply about his beloved state of Massachusetts and about our country and its future," President Clinton said in a statement. "In a life devoted to public service, he set an unparalleled example of integrity, candor and commitment."

The soft-spoken Tsongas was one of the first nationally known Democrats to try to give the party a pro-business direction, which became the central theme of his bid for the presidency.

Running after having battled cancer, Tsongas also drew attention to the issue of a candidate's health disclosure.

He had ruled out running for a second term in the the Senate in 1984 after he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. But two years later he declared himself cancer free after being one of the first 100 people to undergo a grueling, experimental transplant in which his own bone marrow was removed and later reintroduced into his body.

In 1991 he became the first Democrat to challenge President Bush. He said running for president had become a "responsibility because I survived" and proclaimed: "Enough of this Washington mediocrity."

In his campaign, Tsongas (pronounced SONG gus) stressed the need for the Democratic Party to forge a stronger alliance with business. His platform included such pro-business planks as a capital gains tax cut and economic incentives. But he scorned middle-class tax cuts that he said the government could not afford, saying "I'm not running to be Santa Claus. I'm running to be president."

"Democrats are going to have to go back to the original act — the creation of wealth," Tsongas wrote in his campaign manifesto.

His combination of old-fashioned liberalism and economic pragmatism caught on long enough to put him briefly into the lead as then-Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas battled criticisms about his personal life.

He won the New Hampshire primary in February 1992 and went on to win in Maryland, Utah, Arizona, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

His success brought comparisons with Michael Dukakis — another Greek-American from Massachusetts who won the 1988 Democratic nomination, only to go down to disastrous defeat that November.

"Let '88 fade," Tsongas replied to such talk. "Judge me for what I am."

In the end, though, Tsongas could not hold off Clinton, and, short of money to press a campaign in large states like New York, he resigned from the race in March.

Three weeks after the November election, Tsongas suffered a relapse of cancer. He was released after receiving additional doses of radiation and chemotherapy. The disclosure prompted concern and also criticism that he had been vague during the campaign about the removal of a cancerous node in 1987.

He said at the time that he had "come to the painful conclusion that there's no way around full medical disclosure" and said his campaign should have been more frank.

In May 1996, he underwent another transplant, getting bone marrow from his twin sister, Thaleia Schlesinger, to correct myelodysplasia, a bone-marrow disorder common in people who have recovered from lymph cancer.

After dropping out of the presidential race, Tsongas joined former U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., to form the Concord Coalition, a public interest group focusing attention on the nation's economic problems.

He also practiced law and remained active in public affairs in his home state, serving as chairman of a state board on higher education and on a commission that studied development on Cape Cod.

Tsongas' tenacity was apparent early on. As a child he had never learned to swim, but at Dartmouth College he discovered swimming was a mandatory part of the school's fitness test.

Not only did he learn to swim, Tsongas become a member of the swim team, and used swimming as a frequent metaphor during his political career.

After graduating in 1962 he became one of President Kennedy's first Peace Corps volunteers, serving in Ethiopia and the West Indies.

He received a Yale Law School degree in 1967 and began his political career the following year when he was elected to the City Council in Lowell, the mill town where his parents had settled. From then on, he never lost a race in Massachusetts.

Tsongas was elected to Congress in the state's heavily Republican Fifth District by a wide margin in 1974 and served two terms before unseating incumbent GOP Sen. Edward Brooke, the Senate's only black member, in 1978.

Tsongas quickly made a name for himself in Washington as a leader of the so-called "neo-liberals," a group of young lawmakers who urged the Democratic leadership to temper its left-leaning idealism with economic common sense.

Police release sketches of suspect in Cosby killing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police on Saturday released composite sketches of a suspect and a possible witness in the slaying of Ennis Cosby after they re-interviewed a woman who may have seen the killer.

The suspect was described as a white man of average height and weight who was wearing a knit cap, Cmdr. Tim McBride said at a news conference. He was said to be clean shaven and between the ages of 25 and 32.

The most probable motive was robbery, he said.

The sketch was based on information from a female friend who found Cosby's body and numerous 911 calls, McBride said.

The woman, a 47-year-old screenwriter, reportedly drove off early Thursday when she saw a suspicious man near the spot where Bill Cosby's only son fixed a flat tire. She returned moments later and found Cosby, 27, dead.

Police talked to the woman again because she was too traumatized at the crime scene to provide a detailed description of the man, police said.

Police also released a sketch of a possible witness: a white man in his late 20s to early 30s with dark hair, a mustache and goatee. He was wearing a dark-colored French beret and driving a blue hatchback, with possible out of state license plates GRH921.

A private security guard patrolling the area reportedly supplied the description.

McBride said Cosby's flat tire was being examined.

"We will eventually have word ... on specifically, what happened to the tire on the vehicle" for it to go flat, he said.

Cosby was gunned down by the side of his Mercedes-Benz sometime before 1:45 a.m. Thursday after he stopped to change a flat.

Cosby had called the woman, reportedly a new friend, to provide light so he could change the tire. She was sitting in her car near Cosby's car when a white man tapped on her window, the New York Daily News reported Saturday.

She fled in fear but returned minutes later to find Cosby with a gunshot wound to the head, the newspaper reported.

The Los Angeles Times, quoting unidentified police sources, said the woman was at the scene but was frightened away when a man with a gun accosted her and Cosby. She returned to find Cosby dead.

Police Chief Willie Williams said the woman is the key to solving the crime.

"That's why we want to work very, very carefully with her so that we can preserve any information that she has and lead to a successful arrest," Williams said Friday on CNN's Larry King Live.

Cosby's body was released, but the coroner's office would not say where it was taken. Arrangements for a private funeral were pending, family spokesman David Brokaw said. A memorial service for the public was also being considered, he said.

Meanwhile, as the Cosby family grieved in private, mourners had left a dozen flower bouquets and a candle along the roadway where Cosby was killed.



Washington's Martin Luther King holiday eclipsed by inauguration

■ Many groups are rescheduling or postponing their celebrations of the slain civil rights leader's birthday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is being overshadowed in the nation's capital by inauguration festivities, prompting many groups to remember the slain civil rights leader early or postpone their tributes.

"It's ironic that mammoth preparations to install a new president is overshadowing the King holiday in a city that's predominantly black," said Ron Walters, a University of Maryland political scientist who will travel to Michigan for a King Day event because he found too few tributes here.

"A number of things that would normally be put in place to honor Dr. King are being shunted aside," he said.

Inauguration day, designated by the Constitution, coincides this year with the observance of King's birthday, set by federal law to be held the third Monday in January.

President Clinton sought to pay homage to King as part of the inaugural festivities.

"We have not yet fully realized Dr. King's dream of a nation of full opportunity, genuine equality and consistent fair play for all," Clinton said in his proclamation of the King holiday. "I urge all Americans to put intolerance behind us, seek common ground and strive for justice and community in our nation."

Labor leaders particularly are invoking King's memory Monday.

"We cannot forget that King went to Memphis in April 1968 to fight for sanitation workers' rights," said Joslyn Williams, leader of the Metropolitan Washington Council of the AFL-CIO. "He should not be a footnote to the inauguration."

Indeed, King's relevance to the current labor movement is raised in a dispute involving how local hotel workers will be paid for working Monday.

The contract between the Hotel Association of Washington and the Hotel and Restaurant Union Local 25 stipulates that workers are to receive double pay on the King holiday.

But the hotel association said it was recognizing the date only as Inauguration Day, not a double holiday. Both sides agreed to allow arbiters to settle the dispute.

"It's not the workers' fault the days coincide, and they shouldn't be penalized," said Williams.

A spokeswoman for District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry said municipal workers would get no double holiday pay or extra overtime for the day.

The only official local tribute to King scheduled for Monday in the nation's capital is an 8 p.m. concert, which begins an hour after the 14 official inaugural balls.

Suburban Prince George's County, Md., observed King's birthday Friday.

But King's themes will echo Monday, said Jamin Raskin, associate dean of The American University's law school.

"Politicians are so layered in scandal and corruption that they can't help but invoke King's message of fairness and tolerance for all in the speeches of the day, because current political discourse is so impoverished and thin," he said.

Life returns to normal after bombs

ATLANTA (AP) — Escorted by federal agents, Christine Stadler was allowed back into her law office Saturday for the first time since two explosions rocked the three-story building.

Mrs. Stadler's office is two floors above the Northside Family Planning Services clinic believed to have been the target of Thursday's bombings in suburban Sandy Springs.

Her husband, Robert Stadler, and their twin infant daughters were in a nursery in her office when the first bomb exploded outside at the rear of the structure. About an hour later, after the Stadlers had left the building, a second bomb exploded near a trash bin in the parking lot.

"When I was in there and I looked at that office where my girls stay, that just shook me up knowing they were just 5 seconds from being in that debris," she said.

Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents escorted her into the building so she could retrieve a computer and a child's car seat.

At least seven people were injured in the second explosion, including federal agents, rescue workers and a television cameraman.

No one claimed responsibility, no arrests were made and no suspects had been named, and authorities remained tight-lipped about details of the investigation. A toll-free number set up by investigators had fielded more than 200 calls as of Friday.

Police made extra security sweeps at abortion clinics in the Atlanta area on Friday and said they will continue through this week's anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion, U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander said Friday.

Residents and merchants said the bombing had made them more observant.

"When I see a strange face I wonder who he is and why he's there," said resident Jerry Lamb, 71.

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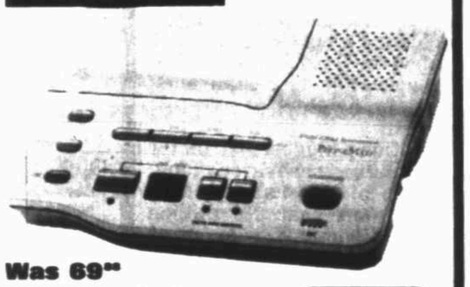
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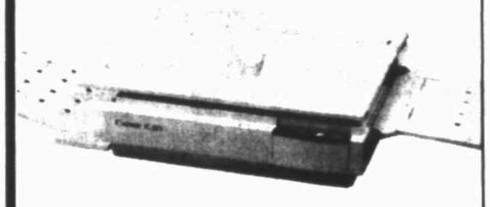
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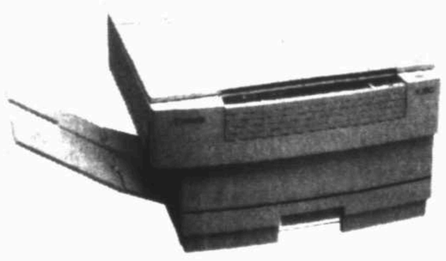
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Researchers: Heavy rainstorms, blizzards on the increase

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Forty inches of rain falls on the Sierra Nevada in only five days. Minnesota exhausts its snow removal budget by mid-January. A Navajo reservation sits isolated by a blizzard in Arizona.

Winter storms seem more ferocious each year — and they just may be, according to ominous data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Since 1900, the number of what scientists call extreme precipitation events — blizzards and heavy rainstorms — has jumped 20 percent in the United States.

And the total amount of winter precipitation is up 10 percent, says Thomas Karl, the NOAA climatologist who compiled the data from a century's worth of rainfall reports.

"There isn't really a 'hundred-year' event anymore, and it has been particularly notable in the last few decades," he says. "We think that's important from the standpoint of impacts — snow and flooding, for instance, and the way in which we have to contend with these extreme events."

The hundred-year storm was estimated as the worst that might be expected in any 100-year period.

The only U.S. region that has escaped the trend so far comprises Southern California, Arizona and Nevada, Karl says. But recent data from Australia and South Africa indicates those countries are also experiencing heavier storming and scientists believe the phenomenon is global.

Climatologists aren't sure what causes the trend, although it is consistent with computer models that have looked at the consequences of global warming.

Warmer air can hold more moisture, so when precipitation is finally released, more rain or snow falls in one event.

And that creates an equally unpleasant flip side, says Kevin Trenberth of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Denver.

With more water in the atmosphere, there is less in the soil.

"If you're in an area where it's not raining, the drying occurs a little faster," Trenberth says. "You get wilting plants and eventually drought faster than you would otherwise. And the drought is likely to be a little bit worse."

Then, when the rain finally comes, it is so heavy that much of the water runs off before it can sink into the ground, he adds.

Trenberth, who tracks the El Nino phenomenon that sets off weather abnormalities around the world, including heavy rain on the West Coast, says that it, too, seems to be changing.

El Nino, a warming of the water in the central Pacific, used to last less than two years. But its most recent appearance lasted five years, from 1990 to 1995.

"We can't tie that necessarily to global warming, but it does indicate some climate change," Trenberth says.

Not all scientists accept the conclusion.

Patrick Michaels, a climatologist from the University of Virginia who often attacks global warming theories, says NOAA's data make thunderstorms out of sprinkles.

NOAA looked at events of more than 2 inches in 24 hours, and in many areas that is far from an extreme storm, Michaels says. And even if the data are accurate, he doubts the average person would notice the increase.

Water managers have noticed in California, still struggling to handle the flood of water left over from a string of New Year's week storms, says Water Resources spokesman Bill Draper

"What they used to think was a 100-year storm, they've now dropped down to a 60- or 70-year storm," he said.

He is uncertain how the NOAA data might effect California's 34 dams and the planning for flood storage.

"It's more important to know that we are capable of having storms like this, rather than how many we have," he says.

A bigger issue for flood control is not century-long trends, but whether there will be a storm tomorrow or next week, Draper says.

USDA leads mission to 'rescue' food

WASHINGTON (AP) — American agriculture makes this a land of plenty, but there's also plenty of waste when it comes to the millions of pounds of perfectly good food thrown out every year.

"It's just intolerable and wrong," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 13.8 billion pounds of food wind up in landfills each year, enough to feed 49 million people. Put another way, that would equal 46,000 Boeing 747s loaded to capacity with food discarded from hotels, restaurants and grocery stores.

Now, the Clinton administration and Congress are taking new steps to make sure more of that surplus food ends up in front of hungry people.

"We decided we would make this a national priority," Glickman said of food recovery. "It's not in place of programs like food stamps. It's to augment them."

Late last year, President Clinton issued a directive that all federal agencies and government contractors work to recover extra food at cafeterias, public events and food service facilities.

"Recovering that surplus food can make a real difference in the fight against hunger in America," the president said.

The Department of Agriculture set up a toll-free telephone line — 1-800-GLEAN IT — to help people find out how to rescue more food and find a local distribution network.

And more than 400 people called that toll-free line this week when it was featured in a TV public service announcement by actor Matthew Fox, who plays restaurateur Charlie Salinger on Fox's "Party of Five."

"Cooperative efforts such as the one undertaken by the Fox network provide this volunteer movement with a tremendous boost," Glickman said.

Clinton also signed into law the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, passed by Congress to remove liability for anyone who donates food in good faith that harms someone, unless there is evidence of gross negligence.

These efforts have led major companies such as Southland Corp., which operates 5,400 7-Eleven stores, and Pizza Hut to donate more food for the hungry. American Express recently described the Good Samaritan law in a newsletter to restaurants, leading to heightened interest from them.

The nation's biggest distributor of perishable recovered food, Foodchain of Kansas City, Mo., collected more than 100 million pounds of food last year in 42 states. But marketing coordinator Marty Ramey said there is demand for much more.

"The majority of people who go hungry are children and senior citizens," Ramey said. "Food is typically the last thing they pay for. They pay their power bill and skimp on the food."

USDA has led the federal government's effort to rescue food, donating about 150 pounds a week from its two central cafeterias in Washington to the D.C. Central Kitchen. Glickman is working with other federal agencies to donate their excess cafeteria food, particularly the Defense Department and its hundreds of military bases.

Lebanon still a no-go area

WASHINGTON (AP) — Outgoing Secretary of State Warren Christopher renewed a 10-year ban on Americans traveling to Lebanon, dashing expectations of some Lebanese officials that the restrictions were about to ease.

"We continue to have concerns about the safety of Americans in Lebanon," State Department spokeswoman Nancy Beck said Saturday. "The secretary reviewed the passport restrictions within this context and decided to continue the restrictions."

The ban on using U.S. passports for travel to Lebanon was imposed in 1987, after numerous kidnappings and attacks by pro-Iranian militants. The worst attack — the October 1983 truck bombing of a U.S. Marine barracks — killed 241 Americans.

Lebanon's civil war has ended, and terror attacks against Westerners have not been reported in four years.

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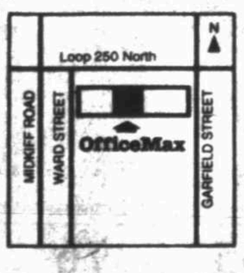
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New Mexico 60, Rice 57.

Utah 78, SMU 58.

Houston 99, TCU 91.

May chooses Tech

After visits to Oklahoma and Texas Christian, Odessa Permian offensive lineman Jason May verbally committed to the Red Raiders of Texas Tech on Friday.

May, a 6-foot-4, 250-pound lineman with 4.85 speed, cancelled scheduled trips to Texas A&M and Baylor. He had a visit scheduled at A&M this weekend, according to the BIG 12 Recruiting News, but did not make that trip after casting his lot with Tech.

Tech now has committments from 12 players, including May. The Red Raiders are also seeking the services of Midland Lee defensive backs John Norman and Antwan Alexander. Neither of those athletes have made a decision, but are both looking at Tech, A&M, Texas and Miami.

Midland Lee defensive end Fred Pertile, and brother, Cory, a linebacker, are looking at North Texas, Tech and Texas.

De La Hoya wins

LAS VEGAS — Oscar De La Hoya, using a punishing left jab to set the tone for the fight, dominated formerly unbeaten Miguel Angel Gonzalez for 12 rounds Saturday night to keep the 140-pound title he won from Julio Cesar Chavez.

De La Hoya never could put the game challenger down, but turned in a masterful boxing performance using mainly his left hand to win a lopsided 12-round decision in his first fight since beating Chavez seven months ago.

Only in the late rounds was Gonzalez, who had never lost in 41 previous fights, able to do anything against De La Hoya, who seemed to coast after building a huge early lead.

In winning, De La Hoya finished off the last of a quartet of Mexican champions and set up a planned April 12 fight with WBC welterweight champion Pernell Whitaker.

"Now I can concentrate on Whitaker," De La Hoya said.

Unlike Chavez and the others, however, Gonzalez was able to finish the fight, taking De La Hoya the distance for only the third time in 23 pro fights despite taking a beating nearly every round.

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Offense abounds in NHL All-Star Game

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Two dozen of the world's premier scorers were turned loose for 2 1/2 hours of hitless, defense-optional, run-and-gun hockey.

The result: Goals, and plenty of them, in the latest in a series of this decade's high-octane NHL All-Star Games.

"When you get that many talented players on the ice, you're going to have a high-scoring game," Owen Nolan said Saturday night after his three goals weren't enough to keep the Western Conference from losing 11-7 to the East. "You just keep throwing it at the net."

The East's Mark Recchi also had a hat trick and was named MVP. Mario Lemieux, probably playing in his final All-Star Game, was one of four players with two goals. Dale Hawerchuk, Pavel Bure and John LeClair were the others.

"It's fun to play because nobody's hitting you," East defenseman Scott Lachance said.

Fun for the skaters, but not for the goalies.

"The best part of the game for me," said Patrick Roy, who gave up four first-period goals as the West's starting goaltender, "was when I went to the bench and I was able to watch the end of the game."

Said East netminder Martin Brodeur, who allowed four second-period goals: "It's a lot of fun to be a part of a game like this, but you don't expect any protection. It's tough being a target."

Brodeur and his masked colleagues are used to significantly better defense being played in front of them. League scoring is down a half-goal a game compared to last season and there have already been four scoreless ties in 1996-97.

But all decade long, regular-season trends have had no bearing when the NHL's stars get together.

There have been 117 goals in seven All-Star games in the 1990s — almost 17 a game. Through '89, there had never been more than 14 goals in any All-Star contest.

Saturday's total was the third-most ever, surpassing the 17 of 1994 and the 16 each of 1991 and 1992 but falling short of the 22 in 1993 and 19 in 1990.

Nolan set a record for fastest two goals, scoring eight seconds apart in the second period. The teams set a record for most goals in one period, 10 in the second. The 11 goals by the East was the third-most by one team.

"The people in the dressing room, they're all great players. Obviously, they stepped it up," said Recchi, a Montreal wing. "It's just fun to watch those guys, how they handle themselves, the aura they have around them, just to see how they prepare."

Lemieux was amazing to watch, as usual.

He added an assist to his two goals to tie Wayne Gretzky for most points in All-Star history (20). He also passed Gordie Howe into second place in goals (11). It was the first All-Star appearance since 1992 for the Pittsburgh center, who has come back strong from Hodgkin's disease and has talked about retiring after this season.

"I've certainly been thinking about that this might

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Australian Open heats up

Po knocks out Davenport in brutal heat Down Under

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

More Tennis/5B

MELBOURNE, Australia — Close to quitting tennis in disgust not long ago, Kimberly Po gained her greatest victory Sunday when she upset listless Olympic gold medalist Lindsay Davenport in the oven-like Australian Open.

Po outlasted Davenport to win one of the longest tiebreakers in women's singles history, then closed out the match 7-6 (15-13), 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals — the first time she's gone past the third round in a Grand Slam event in 19 appearances.

In brutal heat — 95 degrees in the shade, scorching hot on the sun-baked courts — the 25-year-old Po, nearly a foot shorter than the 6-foot-2 1/2, 20-year-old Davenport, played much more consistently in the second set after trailing 3-0.

While the No. 7-seeded Davenport sprayed shots wide, long and into the net for 28 unforced errors in the set, the No. 23-ranked Po was nearly flawless as she won six of the final seven games.

The tiebreaker between the two Southern Californians tied for the third-longest in women's singles in the Open era since 1968. Po, who overcame a 4-1 deficit to push the set into a tiebreaker, faced four set points in the tiebreaker and held six of her own before putting it way.

For Davenport, the loss was another in a string of disappointing performances since she won the gold in Atlanta and beat Steffi Graf en route to a tournament title in Los Angeles afterward. Davenport has trimmed down to the point where she can chase down balls all over the court, but her weight loss may also have taken some of the sting and timing out of her game.

"I knew she was tired, so I just wanted to make her hit one more ball," Po said. "I won a lot of points that way."

Davenport also may have gone into the match thinking too far ahead. She had talked after her last victory about looking forward to facing Graf again, saying her goal for this tournament was to give the German a good match and perhaps beat her once more.

Unhappy with her game and life on the tour early last year, Po thought 1996 would be her last year playing singles.

"I wasn't enjoying the lifestyle and the traveling," Po said. "I just decided I wasn't putting my full effort into it, but I didn't want to quit playing without seeing what I could have done. The last six months have been nice."

Po beat four top-10 players last summer. Now she's beaten five of the top 10 in the past six months.

Champion two years ago, dumped in disgrace by her coach last year, Mary Pierce showed she's back in form to contend for a second Australian Open title.

Pierce, uninspired and out of condition when she lost in the second round a year ago, looked charged up as she beat last year's runnerup, No. 5 Anke Huber, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals.

Though unseeded after dropping in the rankings over the past two years from No. 3 to No. 22, Pierce showed the kind of power on her groundstrokes that could make her a threat for the title again.

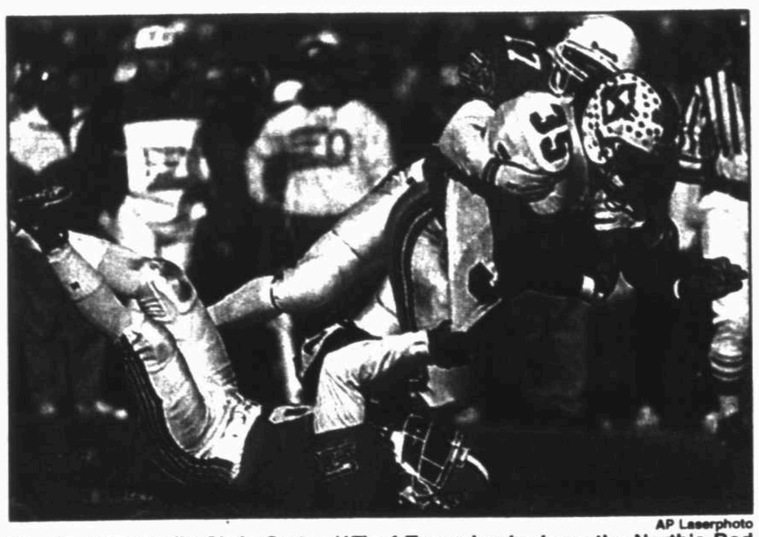
In men's matches, No. 2 Michael Chang cruised into the quarters with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine, and No. 14 Felix Mantilla of Spain beat MaliVai Washington 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.

Spain's Carlos Moya, who conquered defending champion Boris Becker in the first round, also advanced to the quarters with a 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman.



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Mary-Joe Fernandez of Miami, Fla., concentrates on the ball during her match with Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia at the Australian Open Tennis Championship Saturday in Melbourne. Fernandez won the match 6-2, 6-1.



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The South squad's Chris Carter (17) of Texas hauls down the North's Rod Brown (35) of North Carolina State with the help of Florida's Anthone Lott (bottom) in the Senior Bowl, which was played Saturday in Mobile, Ala.

Cal's Barnes impresses NFL scouts, leads North to romp in Senior Bowl

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press Writer

Hula Bowl/7B

MOBILE, Ala. — Just a few days after California sent a coach to the pros, a Cal quarterback showed NFL scouts that he should be a pretty good fit there, too.

Pat Barnes threw for three touchdowns in the second quarter Saturday to lead the North to a 35-14 win over the South in the Senior Bowl.

Barnes led the North to touchdowns on three of the four drives he directed and made a good case to join his old Cal coach, Steve Mariucci, in the NFL next year. Mariucci was hired as coach of the San Francisco 49ers earlier in the week.

"It's ironic, but timing is what life is all about," said Barnes, who was named most valuable player despite playing just one quarter. "Coach Mariucci achieved a goal that anyone in football strives for. I'm going to the NFL, too, and I'm glad I'm going on a positive note."

Barnes was thought of as the country's third- or fourth-best quarterback prospect coming in, but may have increased his stock with the second-quarter performance in front of some 600 NFL scouts and coaches.

He completed 5-of-10 passes for 88 yards and highlighted a game featuring strong-armed Virginia Tech quarterback Jim Druckenmiller and Arizona State's Jake Plummer.

Barnes, who set school records with 3,416 yards and 31 touchdowns this season, credited his one-year experience with Mariucci for better preparing him for the next

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Brewster followed his hoop dream back home to Midland

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It seems as if for the past 25 years whenever Gary Brewster has been pursuing his love of basketball, the road has led him far away from Midland, the place where it all started.

Brewster was the undisputed leader of the 1971-72 Midland High basketball team which will go down as one of the best squads in school history. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 31-3 record and a spot in the state semifinals with the 6-foot-8-inch Brewster often playing a dominant role as Midland High pounded the majority of its foes.

A lot of time has passed since that season, and Brewster has been a lot of places, from El Paso to Austria, from Buffalo to Italy and most points in between. Yet, it seems appropriate that on the silver anniversary of that Midland High season of 1972 Brewster is back home and once again leading the way.

Brewster is in the middle of his first season as a head coach at any level, leading the Midland Trinity boys team as part of Trinity's building process in establishing a legitimate athletic program. It's a far cry from where Brewster was a year ago, serving as an assistant to the legendary Don Haskins at Texas-El Paso, only a heartbeat away from a top job at a big-time Division I college program.

A move from UTEP to Trinity might seem like a step backward, but for Brewster, it was an easy decision.

"I'd made up my mind that I was not going to pursue college coaching as long as I had two kids still in school," said Brewster, who with his wife Debbie has three boys. "I told coach Haskins that, and he gave me his blessing. That's when Trinity called and I went out and visited and really liked the atmosphere."

In a sense, Brewster had never really left Midland. He had his own construction business in town up through 1989, when he returned to UTEP — his alma mater — to finish up his degree and assist Haskins, but he kept his home in Midland while he was in El Paso. During that time, the Brewsters rented out the house, and upon returning to town last summer were able to move back into it.

Now reestablished in his hometown, Brewster is facing the challenge of dealing with

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Former Midland High basketball star Gary Brewster (left) has traveled the world chasing his hoop dream, and it's brought him back to Midland, where he's now the coach of the Trinity High School boys' team. Here, he instructs Trinity player Layne Rouse.

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Carr nails six treys as Raiders crush K-State

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Cory Carr has struggled at times with his shooting this season, but he had enough of a touch Saturday for No. 25 Texas Tech.

The 6-foot-4 junior guard went 6-of-11 from 3-point range and finished with 23 points as the Red Raiders beat Kansas State 73-64.

"He may miss three or four, but he's a clutch shooter," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said. "We give him a lot of freedom to shoot the ball. He took one bad shot that one time in transition, but he may make that one at the end of the game. He's just a clutch shooter."

Tony Battie had 26 points and 13 rebounds as the Red Raiders handed the Wildcats their fifth straight loss.

Battie, averaging 20.6 points a game and leading the Big 12 with 12.4 rebounds a game, was too much for Kansas State's rotating combination of Gerald Eaker and Manny Dies, and his turnaround jumper gave Texas Tech (12-3, 4-1 Big 12) a 61-58 lead with 7:10 to play.

The Red Raiders led Kansas State (7-7, 0-4) 68-60 with about 3:30 to play when Carr, Tech's leading scorer at 23.4 points a game, hit a 3-pointer just before the shot clock expired.

"We switched some screens and I got open," Carr said. "I've been getting some good looks and I've been shooting a lot, but I just haven't been able to get as many to drop as I would like. I just tried to remain focused. Tonight, I had it going a little bit behind the arc."

The Red Raiders began taking charge midway through the second half.

"It was a real physical game," said Battie, who had his 12th double-double of the season.

"The refs were letting us play. They've got a real deep bench and they just keep putting 6-10 and 6-8 guys on you. We just picked up the defensive intensity and forced them to turn over the ball on what were some real precious possessions for them."

Mark Young had 11 points to lead Kansas State, while Eaker, who left without commenting after the game, had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Ayome May added 10 points.

"We wanted to get him into foul trouble," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said of Battie. "Defensively, we wanted to get him off the block, but he slipped in a couple of times."

The Wildcats led by as many as 10 points in the first half, and were up 46-41 with just under 18 minutes remaining when Aaron Swartzendruber made two free throws after Gionet Cooper was assessed a technical foul for arguing a foul call, and Chris Griffin made two more free throws on the ensuing possession.

"I don't think this team is frustrated," Swartzendruber said. "We just need to get a win so we can learn how do it and get over the hump."

Kansas State had a 10-2 run midway through the first half to take a 20-12 lead with about 11 minutes to play, but Tech rallied with the combination of 3-point shooting by Carr and the inside play of Battie.

Oklahoma 84, Baylor 67

NORMAN, Okla. — Nate Erdmann scored a career-high 29 points to lead Oklahoma.

The Sooners (10-4, 2-2) took control with an 11-0 run early in the first half. Erdmann led the way with 14 opening-half points, including 5 during the decisive run.

Baylor (12-5, 1-4) struggled against Oklahoma's pressure defense, turning the ball over 17 times in the first half and 25 in the game. The Bears never established their inside game behind 6-10 big men Brian Skinner and Doug Brandt.

Oklahoma entered the game shooting 34 percent over its last six games, but shot 48 percent from the field in the first half. The Sooners led 45-26 at the half.

Houston 78, DePaul 76

HOUSTON — Kenya Capers scored 25 points and Galen Robinson added 21 as turnover-plagued Houston held on for a victory over DePaul at Hofheinz Pavilion.

The win was Houston's (1-2) first ever in the new Conference USA and improved the Cougars overall record to 9-6.

Tulsa 63, Texas-El Paso 52

TULSA, Okla. — Eric Coley and Adrian Crawford each made two key baskets in a pivotal second-half run that carried Tulsa to a Western Athletic Conference victory.

With the score knotted at 37-37 and about 8:00 to play, Crawford scored five straight points on a 5-foot jumper and a 3-pointer. Shea Seals followed with a steal and layup to make it 46-40 and then added a 3-pointer to give Tulsa (14-4, 4-0 WAC) a 51-42 cushion with 4:55 remaining.

Kimani Jones-Young was a one-man show for the Miners, scoring 26 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the field. Jones-Young and center JoJo Garcia led an 8-3 charge at the end of the first half to give the Miners a 26-24 lead at the break.

New Mexico 69, Rice 61

HOUSTON — Clayton Shields scored 22 points, hitting four of eight 3-pointers, to rescue No. 12 New Mexico from a sluggish first half for a 69-61 victory over Rice on Saturday night.

The Lobos (14-3, 3-2 Western Athletic Conference) were outshot from the field 50 percent to 38 in the first half but managed a late 6-0 charge for a 31-29 halftime lead.

The Owls (7-7, 1-3) led 36-35 with 16:39 left in the game and stayed close at the end. A basket and free throw by J.J. Polk, a field goal by Jarvis Sanni and two free throws by Shaun Igo got it down to 62-57 with 1:46 to go but the Lobos hit seven of 11 free throws over the final 58 seconds to hold on.

No. 9 Utah 81, Texas Christian 77

FORT WORTH — Keith Van Horn had 23 points and 13 rebounds and reserve Hanno Mottola added 13 points as No. 9 Utah earned its fourth straight victory.

The Utes (12-2, 4-0 Western Athletic Conference) shot a blistering 73 percent in the first half, but led only 46-42 at halftime. The Horned Frogs (12-6, 1-4) hung close despite shooting 36 percent by making 8-of-17 3-point tries.

The game drew the first sellout crowd of the season to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which holds 7,166. But the partisan crowd couldn't keep TCU from losing for the fourth time in five games.

Southern Methodist 75, Brigham Young 50

DALLAS — Jay Poerner scored 20 points and Mohamm ed Tijjani had 13 rebounds for Southern Methodist.

The Mustangs (11-4, 3-2 Western Athletic Conference) reached the 11-win mark at the earliest point since the 1987-88 team. They also improved to 7-1 at Moody Coliseum.

■ Texas Men



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Kansas State's Mark Young (right) blocks the shot of Texas Tech's Gionet Cooper during the first half of the Red Raiders' 73-64 victory Saturday at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan.

Mavericks use controversial free throws to beat Nuggets

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Increasingly adept at finding ways to lose close games, the Denver Nuggets threw in a new wrinkle Saturday night — letting the opposition hit four free throws on one trip down the court.

Oliver Miller and Chris Gatling, key figures in the controversial sequence, combined to score Dallas' last 10 points, and Jamal Mashburn had 27 points as the Mavericks beat the Nuggets 107-104 Saturday night.

The Mavericks took charge early in the fourth quarter with a 12-2 run, including eight points by Gatling, to open a 101-93 lead. Denver, plagued by turnovers and poor free-throw shooting after that, couldn't recover.

Gatling scored 10 of his 16 points in the final period, and Miller had all six of his points in the last 3:50 as Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Nuggets, who bowed to Charlotte 102-100 on Monday after being outscored 2-0 in the lowest-scoring overtime period in NBA history, howled in protest at their latest head-scratcher.

With Dallas leading 103-101, Miller drove for the basket, was fouled and made both free throws with 32.6 seconds left. On the second attempt, LaPhonso Ellis, jostling with Gatling for position under the basket, was whistled for a loose-ball foul, and Gatling hit two more free throws, making it 107-101.

"In about 3,000 games I've coached, I've never seen a foul called on a made free throw and the team get to shoot two more," Denver coach Dick Motta said. "I've never seen it in about 5,000 others I've watched. The officials couldn't give us a clear-cut ruling. I'm going to check the rule book."

Referee Ken Mauer, who made the call, said Gatling got position on Ellis under the basket in anticipation of a rebound. Ellis grabbed Gatling and was called for a loose-ball foul — even though there was no loose ball.

"First time I've ever seen that call," Ellis said, "but it didn't cost us the game. I turned the ball over twice, and we had some other mistakes."

While insisting the timing of the call "changed the whole complexion of the game," Motta agreed that "when the dust clears and we look at the film, we're going to see we committed 17 turnovers that allowed our opponent to score 22 points."

Mark Jackson made a 3-pointer with 26.9 seconds left, but Denver missed two 3-point attempts in the closing seconds.

"It was a wonderful team effort," Mavs coach Jim Cleamons said. "Everyone in that locker room knows they made a contribution. Jamal is playing a little more relaxed now (while making a slow recovery from knee surgery). Gat didn't play well in the first half, and we needed him to come alive."

Dale Ellis scored 24 points while LaPhonso Ellis and Ervin Johnson each had 18 for the Nuggets. Johnson added 17 rebounds and three blocks.

Dale Ellis' 3-pointer, a 31-footer that barely beat the shot clock, gave Denver a 91-89 lead with 7:33 left.

The Mavs countered with a 12-2 flurry, started by Gatling's rebound dunk and two free throws. After Dale Ellis' basket, Gatling and Michael Finley scored.

Hornets 102, Nets 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Dell Curry scored his 10,000th career point and made five 3-pointers Saturday night to lead the Charlotte Hornets to their fourth straight victory.

Curry, a 10-year veteran who was one of the original members of the Hornets, became the 202nd NBA player to reach the milestone. He did it with his specialty — the 3-point shot — late in the second quarter on his way to scoring 27 points.

Bullets 112, Celtics 106

BOSTON — Chris Webber scored 25 points, including two on a tie-breaking basket with 20 seconds left.

Boston used a 12-3 run in the final 3 1/2 minutes to tie it 106-106 on Eric Williams' foul-line jumper with 34 seconds to play. Webber then scored underneath despite being fouled with 20 seconds left.

Strickland finished with 19 points and Juwan Howard added 17 for Washington, which snapped a three-game losing skid.

Hawks 94, Bucks 71

ATLANTA — Mookie Blaylock scored 26 points and led a third-quarter run that helped the Hawks win their ninth straight game.

Atlanta extended its longest winning streak of the season and matched Chicago for the best active string in the NBA. It was the 16th consecutive victory at the Omni for the Hawks, whose 16-1 home mark is topped only by Chicago's 19-1 record.

Ogletree's free throws lift Texas over Kansas

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas figured it would get a healthy dose of Kansas' Tamecka Dixon.

But Kansas didn't figure likewise when it came to Texas' Angie Jo Ogletree, who came off the bench and scored 20 points, including 6-of-6 free throws in the final 1:13, as the 16th-ranked Lady Longhorns beat the 11th-ranked Jayhawks 82-72 on Saturday.

"We knew she would speed up their offense and was a scorer, but her getting 20 points was beyond what we anticipated," said Kansas coach Marian Washington.

"They ran their offense harder when she was in there," said Dixon, who scored 32 points on 12-of-22 shooting. "Basically, the pace changed, it was more up-tempo when she was in there."

Texas (10-3, 4-1 Big 12) watched an eight-point lead disappear late in the second half, but Ogletree's calm under pressure down the stretch proved to be the difference as the Lady Longhorns snapped a five-game winning streak by Kansas (12-3, 3-1).

"I don't know if I have ever seen a player lay it on the line and make play after play like I saw in Angie Jo Ogletree today," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "She got run over sometimes out there and just kept taking it to the basket."

Texas led 57-49 on a free throw by Ogletree with 12:06 left, but the Lady Longhorns went cold as Kansas tore off a 9-1 spree fueled by five points from Dixon. That closed the Jayhawks to 59-58 with 8:14 left.

The run occurred after Texas' 6-foot-4 center Angela Jackson left the game with four fouls at the 12:36 mark.

Kansas took its first lead of the second half, 64-63, with 6:06 left on a layup by Dixon and tied the game 68-68 with 3:38 left on another drive by Dixon.

But Ogletree, who consistently dribbled the ball through Kansas' full-court pressure, passed the ball to a wide-open Danielle Viglione for a 3-pointer with 2:03 to play that gave Texas a 73-68 lead.

"That shot turned the tide for us and gave us some momentum," Conradt said.

Kansas started fouling in the 1:30, but Ogletree was unflappable, hitting one-and-one foul opportunities with 1:13 left, 33.1 seconds left and with 20.3 seconds to play.

"I needed to do a great defensive job on Tamecka," Ogletree said. "I got tired of her shooting over me, so I decided to take it inside and shoot on her too."

The Jayhawks struggled late, hitting only a basket by Dixon at the 1:04 mark and a lay-in by Nakia Sanford with 21 seconds to play.

No. 14 Texas Tech 76, Kansas State 61

LUBBOCK — Alicia Thompson scored 25 points as No. 14 Texas Tech beat Kansas State.

■ Texas Women

The Lady Raiders (11-4, 3-2 Big 12) took a 51-44 lead with 10:12 left on Thompson's basket, and then pulled away from the Wildcats (8-6, 1-3).

Although K-State outrebounded Tech 40-30, the Wildcats were frustrated inside by Tech's 6-foot-2 center Crystal Boles, who blocked eight shots.

Former Tech star Sheryl Swoopes was presented with the school's Medal of Honor for her accomplishments since graduation. Swoopes, who led Tech to the 1993 NCAA championship, played on the U.S. women's basketball team that won a gold medal at the 1996 Olympics.

New Mexico 60, Rice 57

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico — Abby Garchek scored 17 points to make up for six turnovers and New Mexico beat Rice in overtime to hand the Owls their first loss in Western Athletic Conference play.

New Mexico (12-4, 3-3) overcame its poor shooting by coming up with 22 offensive rebounds.

New Mexico outscored the Owls 11-4 in the final minutes of regulation to tie it at 50 and force overtime. A pair of free throws by point guard Tamika Stukes late in the overtime clinched the win.

Baylor 87, Oklahoma 65

WACO — Kacy Moffitt scored 18 points, Amy Alcala and Amanda Mooney each scored 16 and Toya Ellis added 10 as Baylor routed Oklahoma.

The Lady Bears (10-5, 3-2 Big 12) led only 44-42 at halftime, then held the Lady Sooners (5-11, 1-5) to just six second-half field goals on 23 percent shooting.

Baylor trailed 22-15 with 9:11 left in the first half when they took off on a 12-0 scoring spree.

Texas A&M 75, Oklahoma St. 72

COLLEGE STATION — Freshman Prissy Sharpe hit four free throws in the final 30 seconds as Texas A&M held off Oklahoma State 75-72 Saturday for its first victory in Big 12 play.

The upset also kept the Cowgirls (11-4, 3-2 Big 12) from remaining tied with Texas for the South division lead.

A&M (7-8, 1-4) led 33-31 at halftime, then surged ahead by scores of 48-39 and 65-56. OSU, which had rallied to 52-51, fought back again to tie at 68-68 on a 3-pointer by Sara Jackson, who scored a team-high 17 points.

No. 22 Stephen F. Austin 88, Texas-San Antonio 63

SAN ANTONIO — Katrina Price and Anitra Davis each scored 20 points Saturday, pacing No. 22 Stephen F. Austin.

The Lady Jacks (14-2, 5-0 Southland) led only 34-32 at halftime as the Lady Roadrunners (9-6, 3-3) shot 56 percent with an effective man-to-man defense.

BOWL: Cal QB shines in showcase

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level.

"He taught me how to stay on an even keel," Barnes said. "He taught me that you have to be in it on every play and build on your skills every day to improve."

After his solid second quarter, Barnes volunteered to step aside for Druckenmiller, who played the first quarter and the entire second half, completing 6-of-13 passes for 147 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

While Barnes dominated the second quarter, San Diego State running back George Jones was the story of the third. He ran for a 62-yard touchdown and turned a screen pass from Druckenmiller into a 24-yard score to give the North a 35-7 lead after three.

Jones, who was suspended for the first four games of the season for NCAA violations related to use of a car, finished with 89 yards rushing on 10 carries.

"When the suspension was over, I wasn't even that excited to come back," Jones said. "But today is special for me. I think it proves I can play with these guys from the bigger schools."

Ohio State defensive back Rob Kelly had two interceptions for the North, which shut down the South offense on eight straight possessions from the middle of the first quarter to early in the fourth.

Barnes' last touchdown drive began on the North 41 with 41 seconds left in the first half. He scrambled for 13 yards on the second play of the drive to set up a 46-yard pass over the middle to Southern Illinois tight end Damon Jones that gave the North a 21-7 halftime lead.

On the North's previous possession, Barnes led a 52-yard touchdown drive. He capped it by standing in the pocket for about eight seconds before finding Iowa's Sedrick Shaw for a 5-yard touchdown pass.

The first North score was set up when Kansas State receiver Kevin Lockett took a handoff and threw a 35-yard completion to Michigan State's Derrick Mason.

"I talked the coaches into putting that in," said Lockett, who finished with two catches for 71 yards. "They didn't want to do it, but they finally did Friday. They told me it better work."

The trick play took the ball to the South 38, and six plays later Barnes hit Central State's Alonzo Johnson for a 17-yard score.

Plummer went 14-for-23 for 173 yards with one touchdown and an interception. He led the South on a touchdown drive on its first possession of the game, capped when Tennessee's Jay Graham scored from one yard out.

After the play, an intense fight broke out — a rarity for an all-star game — but neither of the main participants, Calvin Collins of Texas A&M and Jason Taylor of Akron, were penalized.

Taylor finished with two sacks and was named the North's defensive player of the game.

On the opening play, Colorado tight end Matt Lepsis was lost for the game with a partial ligament tear while covering the kickoff. Doctors said it wouldn't require surgery.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	28	10	.737	—
New York	27	11	.711	1
Washington	20	18	.526	8
Orlando	15	19	.441	11
New Jersey	10	26	.278	17
Boston	9	27	.237	18
Philadelphia	8	29	.216	19 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	34	4	.895	—
Detroit	27	9	.750	6
Atlanta	25	11	.694	8
Charlotte	22	16	.579	12
Cleveland	21	16	.568	12 1/2
Milwaukee	18	19	.486	15 1/2
Indiana	17	19	.472	16
Toronto	13	24	.351	20 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	9	.769	—
Utah	26	12	.684	3 1/2
Minnesota	17	21	.447	12 1/2
Dallas	13	23	.361	15 1/2
San Antonio	10	26	.278	18 1/2
Denver	10	29	.256	20
Vancouver	7	32	.179	23
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	28	11	.718	—
Seattle	28	11	.718	—
Portland	21	17	.553	6 1/2
Sacramento	16	24	.400	12 1/2
Golden State	15	23	.394	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	22	.389	12 1/2
Phoenix	14	25	.359	14

Saturday's Games
Late game not included
Washington 112, Boston 106
Charlotte 102, New Jersey 92
Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 71
Minnesota 108, Golden State 93
Dallas 107, Denver 104
Phoenix 105, New York 98
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, (n)

Sunday's Games
Orlando at Miami, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 1:30 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

Mavericks 107, Nuggets 104

DALLAS (107): Mashburn 9-16 6-6 27, Green 1-2 4-4 6, Montross 3-3 1-2 7, Cassell 5-13 0-0 10, J.Jackson 4-10 3-4 12, Gatling 6-12 4-4 16, Finley 5-9 2-2 13, Harper 4-10 0-0 10, Miller 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 39-78 22-24 107.

DENVER (104): L.Ellis 6-15 6-8 18, Ham 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 7-11 4-6 18, M.Jackson 4-14 3-3 13, Stith 3-8 4-4 12, D.Ellis 9-18 0-2 24, Hammonds 3 0-1 2, Pierce 4-9 2-2 10, B.Thompson 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 37-85 19-26 104.

Dallas	**26**	**29**	**26**	**26 — 107**
Denver	**27**	**27**	**28**	**22 — 104**

3-Point goals—Dallas 7-15 (Mashburn 3-5, Harper 2-3, J.Jackson 1-2, Finley 1-3, Cassell 0-2). Denver 11-25 (D.Ellis 6-9, Stith 2-3, M.Jackson 2-7, B.Thompson 1-1, Pierce 0-1, L.Ellis 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 40 (J.Jackson 9), Denver 56 (Johnson 17). Assists—Dallas 23 (Mashburn, Cassell 7), Denver 23 (M.Jackson 11). Total fouls—Dallas 18, Denver 17. A—9,618 (17,171).

Bullets 112, Celtics 106

WASHINGTON (112): Webber 10-19 3-7 25, Howard 8-16 1-1 17, Muresan 4-6 1-1 9, Strickland 5-14 9-9 19, Cheaney 7-10 0-0 14, Grant 2-4 0-0 4, Murray 2-6 0-0 4, Whitney 2-3 4-6 10, Jackson 3-5 2-2 10. Totals 43-83 20-26 112.

BOSTON (106): Fox 10-15 1-2 21, E.Williams 6-16 8-8 20, Walker 7-14 0-2 14, Wesley 10-18 2-2 22, Day 4-9 3-6 12, Conlon 4-8 0-0 8, Brown 4-11 1-1 9, Lister 0-0 0-0 0, Szabo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-91 15-21 106.

Washington	**25**	**37**	**26**	**24 — 112**
Boston	**36**	**18**	**26**	**26 — 106**

3-Point goals—Washington 6-9, (Webber 2-2, Whitney 2-2, Jackson 2-2, Strickland 0-1, Grant 0-1, Murray 0-1). Boston 1-10, (Day 1-2, Fox 0-1, Wesley 0-2, Brown 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 53 (Webber 9), Boston 45 (Walker 12). Assists—Washington 30 (Strickland 9), Boston 32 (Wesley 14). Total fouls—Washington 22, Boston 23. Technicals—Washington illegal defense, Boston illegal defense. A—16,752 (18,624).

Hawks 94, Bucks 71

MILWAUKEE (71): Robinson 6-14 2-2 14, Baker 5-16 5-6 15, Lang 2-5 0-0 4, Allen 1-9 1-2 3, Douglas 3-6 1-2 8, Gilliam 1-5 1-2 3, Newman 3-8 4-4 10, Perry 4-6 0-0 8, Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Wolf 2-2 0-0 4, Respert 0-1 0-0 0, Wood 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-75 14-18 71.

ATLANTA (94): Corbin 5-9 0-0 11, Laettner 5-15 4-6 15, Mutombo 5-12 1-4 11, Smith 5-14 7-8 17, Blaylock 11-19 0-0 26, Barry 1-4 0-0 2, James 2-5 1-2 5, Newbill 1-2 0-0 2, Ricasmer 1-2 0-0 3, Lauderdale 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-85 13-20 94.

Milwaukee	**17**	**23**	**14**	**17 — 71**
Atlanta	**17**	**23**	**29**	**25 — 94**

3-Point goals—Milwaukee 1-9 (Douglas 1-1, Robinson 0-1, Baker 0-1, Newman 0-1, Respert 0-1, Allen 0-4). Atlanta 7-18 (Blaylock 4-8, Corbin 1-1, Laettner 1-1, Recasner 1-2, Barry 0-1, James 0-2, Smith 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 50 (Baker 13), Atlanta 56 (Mutombo 13). Assists—Milwaukee 10 (Allen 3), Atlanta 19 (Corbin, Smith, Blaylock 4). Total fouls—Milwaukee 17, Atlanta 15. Technicals—Laettner, Mutombo. A—16,738 (16,378).

Hornets 102, Nets 92

CHARLOTTE (102): Rice 12-19 5-6 33, Mason 4-11 12-15 20, Divac 3-9 2-4 8, Smith 5-10 1-4 11, Bogues 0-3 0-0 0, Addison 0-0 0-0 0, Delk 1-2 0-0 3, Curry 10-20 2-2 27, Felcik 0-1 0-0 0, Zidek 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-75 22-31 102.

NEW JERSEY (92): Gill 8-21 8-10 24, Williams 10-18 4-6 24, Massenburg 3-5 2-2 8, Kittles 6-14 0-0 14, Pack 6-17 7-8 19, Dare 0-1 0-0 0, Reeves 0-2 0-2 0, Daniels 1-4 0-0 3, O'Bannon 0-8 0-0 0. Totals 34-90 21-28 92.

Charlotte	**33**	**24**	**18**	**27 — 102**
New Jersey	**24**	**17**	**21**	**30 — 92**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 10-17 (Curry 5-9, Rice 4-7, Delk 1-1), New Jersey 3-14 (Kittles 2-5, Daniels 1-3, Williams 0-1, Pack 0-1, Reeves 0-1, O'Bannon 0-1, Gill 0-2). Fouled out—Smith. Rebounds—Charlotte 56 (Mason 17), New Jersey 56 (Williams 16). Assists—Charlotte 24 (Mason 7), New Jersey 23 (Pack 12). Total fouls—Charlotte 25, New Jersey 24. Technicals—Bogues 2. Ejections—Bogues. A—15,119 (20,049).

Timberwolves 108, Warriors 93

GOLDEN STATE (93): Mullin 8-11 0-0 19, Smith 6-11 1-4 13, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0, Sprewell 7-21 8-8 25, Armstrong 6-8 5-6 18, Royal 2-6 1-2 5, Price 2-6 0-0 5, Coles 1-5 2-2 4, Marshall 2-3 0-0 4, Owes 0-1 0-0 0, DeClercq 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 34-72 17-24 93.

MINNESOTA (108): Garnett 12-16 3-4 27, Gugliotta 8-16 5-5 22, Vrankovic 0-0 0-0 0, West 1-5 0-0 2, Marbury 5-12 3-6 15, Mitchell 7-12 7-8 21, Porter 2-5 2-2 6, Robinson 3-7 0-0 7, Parks 2-4 1-1 5, Heal 1-3 0-1 3, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-80 21-26 108.

Golden St.	**32**	**27**	**18**	**16 — 93**
Minnesota	**24**	**28**	**23**	**33 — 108**

3-Point goals—Golden State 8-19 (Mullin 3-5, Sprewell 3-7, Armstrong 1-1, Price 1-3, Owes 0-1, Coles 0-2), Minnesota 5-11 (Marbury 2-3, Gugliotta 1-1, Heal 1-2, Robinson 1-3, Porter 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 36 (Royal 8), Minnesota 53 (Gugliotta 11). Assists—Golden State 22 (Sprewell 6), Minnesota 28 (Marbury 10). Total fouls—Golden State 21, Minnesota 19. Technicals—Golden State illegal defense 2. A—17,891 (19,006).

Suns 98, Knicks 105

NEW YORK (98): L.Johnson 3-10 0-0 6, Oakley 3-8 1-1 7, Ewing 10-20 8-10 28, Houston 7-18 3-3 19, Childs 0-1 0-0 0, Wallace 1-3 0-0 2, Ward 3-8 4-6 12, Starks 4-6 2-2 12, B.Williams 5-5 2-4 12, McCarty 0-1 0-0 0, Brooks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-81 20-26 98.

PHOENIX (105): Ceballos 11-21 8-9 32, Meyer 4-9 8-10 16, J.Williams 3-8 0-0 6, Person 7-14 5-6 21, K.Johnson 4-14 13-14 21, Chapman 1-4 0-0 2, Manning 3-8 1-2 7, Tisdale 0-1 0-0 0, Nash 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-80 35-41 105.

New York	**24**	**34**	**20**	**20 — 98**
Phoenix	**21**	**24**	**36**	**24 — 105**

3-Point goals—New York 6-18, (Starks 2-2, Ward 2-5, Houston 2-8, McCarty 0-1, L.Johnson 0-2). Phoenix 4-9, (Ceballos 2-3, Person 2-4, Chapman 0-2). Fouled out—Manning, B.Williams. Rebounds—New York 51 (Ewing 13), Phoenix 53 (J.Williams 12). Assists—New York 20 (Ward 11), Phoenix 21 (K.Johnson 9). Total fouls—New York 30, Phoenix 21. Technicals—New York illegal defense, Ceballos, Phoenix illegal defense. A—19,023 (19,023).

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $7.6 million Australian Open at the National Tennis Center (seeding in parentheses):

Men
Singles
Fourth round
Carlos Moya, Spain, def. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4

Doubles
Third round
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Daniel Nestor (5), Canada, def. Luis Lobo, Argentina, and Javier Sanchez, Spain, 6-4, 6-3

Ellis Ferreira, South Africa, and Patrick Galbraith (4), Seattle, def. Stephan Noteboom, Netherlands, and Fernon Wibier, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4

Women
Singles
Fourth round
Mary Pierce, France, def. Anke Huber (5), Germany, 6-2, 6-3

Kimberly Po, Incline Village, Nev., def. Lindsay Davenport (7), Newport Beach, Calif., 7-6 (15-13), 6-4

Doubles
Third round
Naoko Kijimuta, Japan, and Nana Miyagi (13), Japan, def. Lori McNeil, Houston, and Linda Harvey-Wild (7), Hawthorn Woods, Ill., 6-4, 6-2

Virginia Ruano-Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez, Argentina, def. Chanda Rubin, Lafayette, La., and Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (8), Netherlands, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, 6-4

Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Natasha Zvereva (4), Belarus, def. Ruxandra Dragomir, Romania, and Silvia Farina, Italy, 6-2, 6-1

Mixed Doubles
Second round
Manon Bollegraf, Netherlands, and Rick Leach (3), Laguna Beach, Calif., def. Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, and Hennik Jan David, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3

Saturday's Major Results
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — How the seeded players fared Saturday at the $7.6 million Australian Open at the National Tennis Center:

Men
Singles
Third Round
Pete Sampras (1), Tampa, Fla., def. Mark Woodforde, Australia, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1

Goran Ivanisevic (3), Croatia, def. Chris Woodruff, Knoxville, Tenn., 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1

Thomas Muster (5), Austria, def. Jens Knippschild, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3

Wayne Ferreira (8), South Africa, def. Renzo Furlan, Italy, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-1

Albert Costa (10), Spain, def. Scott Draper, Australia, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5

Jim Courier (11), Miami, def. Jeff Tarango, Manhattan Beach, Calif., 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3

Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Alberto Berasategui (16), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (4-7), 2-0, retired

Women
Singles
Third Round
Dominique van Roost, Belgium, def. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (2), Spain, 1-6, 6-4, 8-6

Martina Hingis (4), Switzerland, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, 6-2, 6-1

Irina Spirlea (8), Romania, def. Silvia Farina, Italy, 6-1, 6-3

Karina Habsudova (9), Slovakia, def. Shi-Ting Wang, Taiwan, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5)

Mary Joe Fernandez (14), Miami, def. Henneta Nagyova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-1

Chanda Rubin (15), Lafayette, La., def. Sandra Kleinova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3

NHL All-Star Game

East 11, West 7

East	**4**	**6**	**1**	**—11**
West	**2**	**4**	**1**	**— 7**

First Period—1, East, LeClair (Bondra, S.Stevens), 8:52. 2, East, Lemieux (Gretzky), 9:49. 3, East, Recchi (Messier, Alfredsson), 15:32. 4, East, Hawerchuk (Lindros, Coffey), 16:19. 5, West, Bure (Sundin, Amonte), 17:36. 6, West, Sundin (Bure, Ozolinsh), 18:36.

Second Period—7, East, Recchi (Svehla, Messier), 1:56. 8, East, Sanderson (Lindros), 3:21. 9, West, Bure (Selanne, Fetisov), 4:40. 10, East, Lemieux (Svehla, Ciccarelli), 6:09. 11, East, Messier (K.Hatcher, Alfredsson), 8:45. 12, East, Recchi (Oates, Lemieux), 10:57. 13, West, Shanahan (Hull, Ozolinsh), 16:38 (pp). 14, East, Hawerchuk (LeClair, Stevens), 17:28. 15, West, Nolan (Fleury, Ozolinsh), 18:54. 16, West, Nolan (Amonte), 19:02.

Third Period—17, East, LeClair (Bondra, Oates), 8:50. 18, West, Nolan, 17:57.

Shots on goal—East 15-15-11—41. West 12-13-21—46.

Goalies—East, Vanbiesbrouck, Brodeur, Hasek. West, Roy, Moog, Hebert. A—17,442.

All-Star Game Career Scoring
20 — Wayne Gretzky, (12 goals, 8 assists) 16 games
20 — Mario Lemieux, (11 goals, 9 assists) 8 games
19 — Gordie Howe, (10 goals, 9 assists) in 23 games
14 — Ray Bourque, (3 goals, 11 assists) 15 games
13 — Frank Mahovlich, (8 goals, 5 assists) 15 games
13 — Adam Oates, (1 goal, 12 assists) 5 games

All-Star Game MVPs
1962—Eddie Shack, Toronto
1963—Frank Mahovlich, Montreal
1964—Jean Beliveau, Montreal
1965—Gordie Howe, Detroit
1966—No Game
1967—Henri Richard, Montreal
1968—Bruce Gamble, Toronto
1969—Frank Mahovlich, Montreal
1970—Bobby Hull, Chicago
1971—Bobby Hull, Chicago
1972—Bobby Orr, Boston
1973—Greg Polis, Pittsburgh
1974—Garry Unger, St. Louis
1975—Syl Apps Jr., Pittsburgh
1976—Peter Mahovlich, Montreal
1977—Ric Martin, Buffalo
1978—Billy Smith, N.Y. Islanders
1979—No Game
1980—Reggie Leach, Philadelphia
1981—Mike Liut, St. Louis
1982—Mike Bossy, N.Y. Islanders
1983—Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
1984—Don Maloney, N.Y. Rangers
1985—Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh
1986—Grant Fuhr, Edmonton
1987—No Game
1988—Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh
1989—Wayne Gretzky, Los Angeles
1990—Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh
1991—Vincent Damphousse, Toronto
1992—Brett Hull, St. Louis
1993—Mike Gartner, N.Y. Rangers
1994—Mike Richter, N.Y. Rangers
1995—No Game
1996—Ray Bourque, Boston
1997—Mark Recchi, Montreal

NOTE—There was no game in 1966 since the game was moved from the start of the season to mid-season and there was no game in 1979 because the Challenge Cup series between the Soviet Union and Team NHL was held instead. There was no game in 1987 because Rendez-Vous 87, a two-game series between Team NHL and the Soviet Union, replaced the all-star game.

Hope Classic

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the fourth round of the $1.5 million Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, played four courses all par-72, 6,478-yard Indian Wells, 6,927-yard Bermuda Dunes, 7,037-yard Indian Ridge and 6,901-yard La Quinta courses:

Mark Calcavecchia	64-67-66-64 — 261
John Cook	66-69-67-62 — 264
Don Pooley	70-69-63-65 — 267
John Daly	65-73-64-66 — 268
Mark O'Meara	68-66-68-66 — 268
Grant Waite	68-70-64-68 — 270
Jay Don Blake	65-67-66-72 — 270
Jasper Parnevik	66-70-68-66 — 270
Kirk Triplett	68-69-67-67 — 271
Steve Jones	64-72-67-68 — 271
Scott Hoch	71-65-67-67 — 271
Mark Brooks	69-72-66-65 — 272
Tommy Tolles	65-69-73-65 — 272
Duffy Waldorf	69-70-66-67 — 272
Len Mattiace	66-68-69-70 — 273
Peter Jacobsen	67-72-67-67 — 273
Larry Rinker	63-68-72-70 — 273
Stewart Cink	68-68-69-68 — 273
Skip Kendall	68-69-69-67 — 273
Rick Fehr	70-71-65-68 — 274
Robert Damron	67-70-68-69 — 274
Fred Couples	71-71-64-68 — 274
Craig Stadler	68-69-70-67 — 274
Doug Barron	70-66-70-68 — 274
Hal Sutton	72-70-66-67 — 275
Patrick Burke	69-68-70-68 — 275
Jim Furyk	68-69-70-68 — 275
Doug Martin	70-67-69-69 — 275
Scott Simpson	71-68-69-67 — 275
Fuzzy Zoeller	67-70-70-68 — 275
Pete Jordan	68-70-70-68 — 276
Jimmy Green	72-67-71-66 — 276
Mark Wiebe	74-68-69-65 — 276
Larry Mize	69-68-69-70 — 276
Willie Wood	69-69-71-67 — 276
Russ Cochran	68-68-71-71 — 276
Steve Lowery	71-67-69-70 — 277
Scott Gump	66-68-74-69 — 277
Lee Janzen	71-70-70-66 — 277
Michael Christie	72-69-70-66 — 277
David Toms	72-67-69-69 — 277
Andrew Magee	70-66-70-71 — 277
Blaine McCallister	67-69-70-71 — 277
John Adams	68-71-68-70 — 277
Chip Sullivan	70-70-66-72 — 278
Paul Goydos	65-68-76-69 — 278
Greg Kraft	72-70-70-66 — 278
Gene Sauers	68-74-68-68 — 278
Keith Fergus	68-68-70-72 — 278
Curtis Strange	70-72-66-71 — 279
Jerry Kelly	69-69-71-70 — 279
Scott McCarron	71-71-68-69 — 279
Brad Bryant	71-66-72-70 — 279
David Duval	73-70-67-69 — 279
Jay Haas	72-64-70-73 — 279
Lee Rinker	66-75-67-71 — 279
Bruce Lietzke	72-71-66-70 — 279
Robin Freeman	72-70-66-71 — 279
John Huston	69-68-73-70 — 280
Ronnie Black	68-68-75-69 — 280
Phil Tataurangi	67-71-77-65 — 280
David Edwards	70-67-71-72 — 280
Joe Ozaki	68-75-70-67 — 280
Glen Day	68-71-68-73 — 280
Dave Rummells	74-68-67-71 — 280
Steve Pate	71-70-68-71 — 280
Jim Gallagher	67-71-71-71 — 280
Bob Tway	69-70-72-69 — 280
Ken Green	68-68-71-73 — 280
Larry Silveira	70-71-72-68 — 281
Hubert Green	72-71-70-68 — 281
Olin Browne	68-72-72-69 — 281
John Mahaffey	72-72-65-72 — 281
Corey Pavin	69-72-70-70 — 281
Tommy Armour III	74-73-69-65 — 281
Sandy Lyle	67-74-71-69 — 281
David Bergano	70-71-70-70 — 281
Jeff Maggert	69-73-70-69 — 281
Jim Carter	71-68-72-70 — 281
Guy Boros	67-72-72-70 — 281
Lee Porter	70-73-70-68 — 281

Mastercard Golf

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the $1 million MasterCard Championship played on the 7053-yard, par 36-36—72 Hualalai Resort:

Gil Morgan	72-69 — 141
Hale Irwin	73-68 — 141
Bob Charles	74-69 — 143
Dave Eichelberger	73-70 — 143
Al Geiberger	76-68 — 144
John Bland	77-68 — 145
Jim Colbert	75-70 — 145
Tom Weiskopf	75-70 — 145
Jim Dent	77-69 — 146
Isao Aoki	75-71 — 146
Vicente Fernandez	74-72 — 146
Jimmy Powell	74-72 — 146
Graham Marsh	74-72 — 146
Jay Sigel	80-67 — 147
Dave Stockton	73-74 — 147
Ray Floyd	77-72 — 149
Dale Douglass	78-72 — 150
Jack Nicklaus	78-72 — 150
Mike Hill	76-74 — 150
Charles Coody	78-73 — 151
Lee Trevino	79-73 — 152
Gibby Gilbert	76-76 — 152
Bob Murphy	78-75 — 153
Walt Morgan	86-72 — 158

LPGA Healthsouth

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the $600,000 LPGA Health-South inaugural, played on the 6,336-yard, par 36-36—72 Lake Buena Vista Golf Club:

Karrie Webb	68-70 — 138
Michelle McGann	66-72 — 138
Joanne Morley	68-72 — 140
Beth Daniel	69-72 — 141
Deb Richard	73-69 — 142
Barb Mucha	69-73 — 142
Nancy Lopez	74-69 — 143
Charlotta Sorenstam	74-70 — 144
Dottie Pepper	72-72 — 144
Jane Geddes	72-72 — 144
Kim Williams	69-75 — 144
Vicki Fergon	68-76 — 144
Jenny Lidback	71-74 — 145
Laura Davies	71-74 — 145
Dana Dormann	70-75 — 145
Jan Stephenson	69-76 — 145
Patty Sheehan	74-72 — 146
Mitzi Edge	74-72 — 146
Renee Heiken	74-72 — 146
Meg Mallon	73-73 — 146
Chris Johnson	73-73 — 146
Tina Barrett	73-73 — 146
Alicia Dibos	72-74 — 146
Robin Hood	76-71 — 147
Rosie Jones	74-73 — 147
Catriona Matthew	74-73 — 147
Emilee Klein	74-73 — 147
Caroline Pierce	73-74 — 147
Marianne Morris	73-74 — 147
Luciana Bernvenuti	72-75 — 147
Cindy Schreyer	71-76 — 147
Amy Read	70-77 — 147
Karen Weiss	76-72 — 148
Melissa McNamara	74-74 — 148
Anna Acker-Macosko	74-74 — 148
Val Skinner	72-76 — 148
Nancy Ramsbottom	72-76 — 148
Nanci Bowen	71-77 — 148
Mayumi Hirase	76-73 — 149
Sherri Turner	75-74 — 149
JoAnne Carner	75-74 — 149
Erika Wicoff	75-74 — 149
Pat Bradley	71-78 — 149

Senior Bowl

North	**0**	**21**	**14**	**0**	**— 35**
South	**7**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**— 14**

First Quarter
South—Graham 1 run (Lomoro kick), 7:36

Second Quarter
North—Johnson 17 pass from Barnes (Conway kick), 5:59
North—Shaw 5 pass from Barnes (Conway kick), 12:25
North—D.Jones 46 pass from Barnes (Conway kick), 14:45

Third Quarter
North—G.Jones 52 run (Conway kick), 7:24
North—G.Jones 24 pass from Druckenmiller (Conway kick), 15:00

Fourth Quarter
South—LaFleur 2 pass from Plummer (Lomoro kick), 2:27
A—40,646

	Nor	Sou
First downs	20	19
Rushes-yards	36-177	32-81
Passing	270	224
Comp-Att-Int	11-24-1	18-38-2
Return Yards	95	118
Punts-Avg	4-40.3	6-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-21	1-15
Time of Possession	29:40	30:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—North, G.Jones 10-89, Shaw 11-48, R.Brown 6-29, Barnes 1-13, Edwards 3-11, Stanley 1-4, Druckenmiller 4-(minus 17). South, Smith 6-23, Sowell 4-20, Plummer 8-16, Graham 4-15, L.Johnson 4-14, Connell 1-10, Barber 1-0, Martin 4-(minus 17).

PASSING—North, Druckenmiller 6-13-1-147, Barnes 5-10-0-88, Lockett 1-1-0-35. South, Plummer 14-23-1-173, Martin 4-15-1-51.

RECEIVING—North, D.Jones 3-87, Lockett 2-71, Mason 2-54, G.Jones 1-24, A.Johnson 1-17, Edwards 1-12, Shaw 1-5. South, Connell 3-44, Poole 3-40, Kent 3-22, Smith 2-32, LaFleur 2-17, L.Johnson 1-38, Barber 1-12, Mackey 1-7, Adams 1-6, Sowell 1-6.

College Basketball Results

Texas Men

No. 25 Texas Tech 73, Kansas State 64

TEXAS TECH (12-3): Carr 7-19 3-4 23, Cooper 2-4 1-3 5, Battie 10-14 6-10 26, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Bonewitz 3-7 4-5 13, Young 0-6 0-0 0, Averil 2-4 0-1 4, Owens 1-2 0-0 2, Carmichael 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-57 14-23 73.

KANSAS ST. (7-7): Young 5-16 1-3 11, Rhodes 4-8 0-1 8, Eaker 5-18 0-0 10, Griffin 2-4 2-2 6, Swartzendruber 3-8 2-2 9, Dies 2-5 2-3 6, May 4-10 2-4 10, McCollough 1-3 2-2 4, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-72 11-17 64.

Halftime—Texas Tech 36, Kansas St. 36. 3-Point goals—Texas Tech 9-17 (Carr 6-11, Bonewitz 3-5, Young 0-1), Kansas St. 1-8 (Swartzendruber 1-2, Rhodes 0-1, Griffin 0-1, May 0-1, Young 0-3). Fouled out—Cooper. Rebounds—Texas Tech 46 (Cooper, Battie 13), Kansas St. 43 (Eaker 10). Assists—Texas Tech 19 (Bonewitz 10), Kansas St. 14 (Young, Griffin 4). Total fouls—Texas Tech 18, Kansas St. 18. Technical—Cooper. A—10,010.

Oklahoma 84, Baylor 67

BAYLOR (12-5): Brandt 4-7 2-2 12, Kendrick 4-8 1-2 9, Skinner 4-10 2-4 10, Hunter 6-12 0-0 14, Mills 1-5 0-0 2, Jones 1-5 2-2 4, Mannon 3-9 1-2 7, Morris 2-4 1-2 67, Perkins 1-1 0-0 2, Ramirez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 9-14 67.

OKLAHOMA (10-4): Evans 3-9 2-2 8, Allison 1-3 0-0 3, Wiley 0-0 0-0 0, Erdmann 9-16 6-8 29, Brewer 4-10 7-10 15, Heskett 0-3 0-0 0, Moore 3-6 6-89 14, Najrera 4-8 1-2 9, Stone 3-5 0-0 6, Cotton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-61 22-30 84.

Halftime—Oklahoma 45, Baylor 26. 3-point goals—Baylor 6-22 (Brandt 2-4, Kendrick 0-3, Hunter 2-4, Miller 0-2, Jones 0-3, Mannon 0-2, Leon 2-4.), Oklahoma 8-22 (Allison 1-3, Erdmann 5-12, Brewer 0-1, Heskett 0-3, Moore 2-2, Najera 0-1.). Fouled out—Baylor, Brandt. Rebounds—Baylor 35 (Skinner 10), Oklahoma 34 (Erdmann, Stone 8). Assists—Baylor 13 (Kendrick 3), Oklahoma 17 (Erdmann, Heskett 5). Total fouls—Baylor 23, Oklahoma 16. A—10,753.

Houston 78, DePaul 76

DEPAUL (3-12): Sylla 4-12 0-0 8, Glover 0-0 0-0 0, Gelatt 8-20 4-7 20, Cooper 6-14 0-0 13, Taylor 11-15 1-2 24, Crumble 0-1 1-2 1, Forges 1-7 0-0 2, Kammes 0-0 0-0 0, Singer 2-6 2-2 8. Totals 32-75 8-13 76.

HOUSTON (9-6): Capers 9-14 5-7 25, Robinson 7-10 7-10 21, Knox 1-3 2-2 4, McBride 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 5-7 1-4 12, Pratta 0-1 0-0 0, Braxton 0-0 3-4 3, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Byrd 3-5 3-4 10, Taylor 1-2 0-0 2, Grant 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 26-45 22-33 78.

Halftime—Houston 32, DePaul 28. 3-Point goals—DePaul 4-14 (Gelatt 0-1, Cooper 1-4, Taylor 1-2, Forges 0-1, Singer 2-6.), Houston 4-7 (Capers 2-3, Jones 1-2, Byrd 1-2.). Fouled out—Sylla. Rebounds—DePaul 27 (Gelatt 9), Houston 42 (Robinson 11). Assists—DePaul 13 (Cooper 4, Forges 4), Houston 15 (Jones 7). Total fouls—DePaul 26, Houston 12. Technicals—Jones (1). A—3,110.

Tulsa 63, UTEP 52

Texas-El Paso (7-7): Fajardo 0-1 2-2 2, Wade 4-12 0-0 8, Garcia 2-4 3-4 7, Jones-Young 9-19 6-9 26, Spillar 1-9 0-1 3, Randle 1-3 0-0 2, Escobedo 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Bomba 1-2 0-0 2, Nelson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-53 11-16 52.

Tulsa (14-4): Seals 4-17 4-6 13, Ruffin 3-5 5-9 11, Gendron 3-5 0-0 7, Thompson 3-8 1-2 7, Crawford 2-2 0-0 5, Coley 5-6 0-2 10, Bennett 2-5 5-6 9, Gillin 0-1 0-0 0, Cunningham 0-1 0-0 0, Maldonado 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 22-51 16-27 63.

Halftime—UTEP 26, Tulsa 24. 3-point goals—Texas-El Paso 3-24 (Wade 0-4, Garcia 0-1, Jones-Young 2-7, Spillar 1-9, Randle 0-2, Smith 0-1). Tulsa 3-12 (Seals 1-6, Gendron 1-1, Thompson 0-4, Crawford 1-1). Fouled out—Fajardo, Bomba. Rebounds—Texas-El Paso 33 (Garcia 9), Tulsa 40 (Ruffin 9). Assists—Texas-El Paso 10 (Jones-Young 3), Tulsa 13 (Seals 6). Total fouls—Texas-El Paso 20, Tulsa 19. A—9,934.

New Mexico 69, Rice 61

NEW MEXICO (14-3): Shields 8-15 2-2 22, Schomsten 2-4 0-0 4, Thomas 3-4 7-8 13, Smith 5-11 7-11 19, Gibson 0-2 1-4 1, Long 3-7, 0-0 6, Olney 0-0 3-6 3, Baum 0-1 1-2 1, Santiago 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-44 21-33 69.

RICE (7-7): Crawford 2-8 4-4 10, Sanni 4-11 0-0 8, Igo 6-17 6-7 18, Polk 4-5 3-4 11, Singletary 1-4 1-2 4, Beshara 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 1-3 3-6 6, Lumpkin 2-3 0-0 4, Bougaieff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-52 17-23 61.

Halftime—New Mexico 31-29. 3-Point goals—New Mexico 6-12 (Shields 4-8, Smith

Is the NHL hurting? Players say yes

By Ken Rappoport
AP Hockey Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — There was almost as much talk about the players who weren't at the NHL All-Star Game as the players who were.

For starters, how about Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr, the league's top goal-scorer, and Colorado's Joe Sakic, one of the league's top centers, both of whom were voted in by the fans?

These were only two of several leading players who missed the 47th All-Star Game at the San Jose Arena on Saturday night because of injury — a topic that has become something of a brewing controversy within the league.

How serious is the amount of injuries in the NHL this season? Ask the players, and you'll get one answer. Ask league officials, and you'll get another.

Both sides expressed concern about the injury situation at news conferences on Friday prior to Saturday night's NHL All-Star Game. But the players seem to think it's more serious than the NHL does. At least one of them called it an "epidemic."

"I think it's an epidemic that our game is facing," said Dallas goaltender Andy Moog. "Players are bigger, faster, stronger. The rinks are the same size. The frequency of contact and the violent acts out there is increasing. It's speed and strength, and purely accidental, but people have been seriously hurt because of it."

Moog said he had seen "three real bad injuries this year, and all of them were just incidental contact. Coffey when he hit Lindros is one example I can give you."

Moog referred to a concussion that Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Paul Coffey suffered earlier this season when he accidentally collided with teammate Eric Lindros.

Commissioner Gary Bettman, speaking at a state-of-the-NHL news conference, expressed concern over the issue of injuries. But at the same time, he contradicted Moog's assessment.

"We don't believe it's an epidemic," he said.

According to Bettman, the league has lost approximately 1,850 man games to injury at roughly the midpoint of the season. He said that put the NHL on pace to exceed last season's 3,014.

However, Bettman pointed out that last season's total was the lowest since 1979-80, which was an expansion season. The most number of man games lost to injury: 5,362 in 1990-91.

"And that was an 840-game regular season," Bettman said. "Now we're playing more games (1,066). So on a game to game basis, we're actually doing a lot better."

All this holds no water for players, particularly since many of the game's superstars have been sidelined for long periods this season. Of particular note is Buffalo's Pat LaFontaine, who suffered what may be a career-threatening concussion.

Along with Jagr and Sakic, there have been a crush of all-star scratches: Detroit's Chris Osgood and Sergei Fedorov; Colorado's Peter Forsberg; Mike Modano of Dallas; Rob Blake of Los Angeles and Zigmund Palffy of the New York Islanders.

Players took the platform of the all-star game to express their concerns in regard to the injury situation. Many thought that poor ice surfaces around the league were leading to injuries.

Detroit's Brendan Shanahan, for one, felt that the glass that borders the ice at the new arenas was also a problem.

Some other theories about the injury situation from NHL players and coaches:

— The league is more competitive, leading to harder and rougher play from the start of the season.

— Participation in the pre-season World Cup has left players worn down and, therefore, more easily subject to injuries.

— A taxing schedule.



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North Carolina's Tracy Reid (00) moves the ball to the basket as Duke's Tyish Hall (24) plays defense during second half action.UNC defeated Duke, 87-73 on Saturday.

Colorado blows away No. 8 Cyclones

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Chauncey Billups scored 17 points and Colorado made a strong bid for its first national ranking in 28 years with a 70-45 win Saturday over No. 8 Iowa State.

The victory was Colorado's seventh straight — the first over a top 10 team in 15 tries — and likely will propel the Buffaloes (14-3 overall, 5-0 Big 12) into the Top 25 for the first time since December 1969.

Iowa State (11-3, 2-2) looked lost without leading scorer Dedric Willoughby (strained hamstring).

No. 3 Clemson 51, North Carolina St. 42

CLEMSON, S.C. — Terrell McIntyre scored 16 points and Greg Buckner had all 10 of his points in the second half to lift No. 3 Clemson to its 12th straight victory.

The Tigers (16-1, 5-0 Alantic Coast Conference) play No. 2 Wake Forest on Thursday night for first place in the league and an early line on a possible NCAA tournament top seeding.

No. 5 Kentucky 77, Auburn 53

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Center Nazr Mohammed scored 11 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds and No. 5 Kentucky forced Auburn into a season-high 27 turnovers as the Wildcats coasted to a victory.

Mohammed's board play helped Kentucky (16-2, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) to a 42-26 rebound advantage while the Wildcats scored 28 points off Auburn's turnovers. Auburn (11-7, 2-3) shot just 34 percent (16-of-47).

UCLA 84, No. 6 Arizona 78, OT

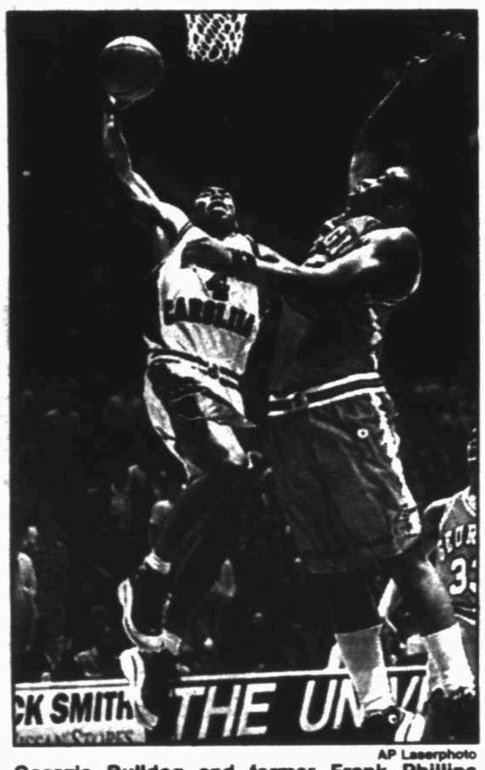
LOS ANGELES — Charles O'Bannon scored 24 points, including eight in overtime when UCLA made nine of 10 free throws, and the Bruins surprised No. 6 Arizona.

Trailing 57-50, UCLA outscored Arizona 19-12 over the final 7:19 of regulation, including hitting 11 of 14 free throws.

No. 7 Minnesota 73, Ohio St. 67

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Eric Harris scored 16 points and Sam Jacobson added 14, but it was their defensive play in the closing minutes that gave No. 7 Minnesota a victory over Ohio State.

Bobby Jackson had 10 points and seven assists for Minnesota (16-2, 5-1 Big Ten).



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Georgia Bulldog and former Frank Phillips standout, Lorenzo Hall (32), right, tries to stop South Carolina's Larry Davis from going to the basket during first half play Saturday.

No. 13 Duke 78, Virginia 59

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke didn't waste much time attacking a Virginia team that was missing point guard Harold Deane, grabbing an 18-point lead 8:22 into the game en route to a victory.

The 13th-ranked Blue Devils (14-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) have beaten the Cavaliers 23 of the last 31 times since Ralph Sampson graduated from Virginia in 1983.

No. 16 Villanova 79, Rutgers 56

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Alvin Williams scored 17 points to lead four Wildcats in double figures and No. 16 Villanova easily handled Rutgers.

Purdue 70, Indiana 53

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.— It didn't matter who guarded Brad Miller.

The Purdue center matched his career high with 25 points, all from either under the basket or at the free throw line, as the Boilermakers beat No. 17 Indiana.

But nobody had any luck against the 6-foot-11 junior, either, as he added nine rebounds, five steals and three blocked shots.

UMass 90, No. 19 Boston College 78

BOSTON — Edgar Padilla scored a career-high 24 points and his sixth 3-pointer of the game turned back a late Boston College rally and led Massachusetts to a victory over the 19th-ranked Eagles.

Vanderbilt 67, No. 20 Mississippi 64

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Howard Pride's free throw broke a 58-58 tie with 2:12 left and Drew Maddux scored eight of his 14 points in the final minute as Vanderbilt beat No. 20 Mississippi 67-64 Saturday, the Rebels' second loss in as many games since their first-ever ranking.

South Carolina 82, No. 21 Georgia 71

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Larry Davis scored 22 points and BJ McKie added 21 as South Carolina survived a defensive struggle with a victory over No. 21 Georgia.

The Gamecocks (11-5, 5-0), who have won six straight games, are the only SEC team with an unbeaten record.

Wolters has fun again; No. 1 UConn dumps St. John's

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kara Wolters scored 19 points as top-ranked Connecticut remained unbeaten with a 75-53 victory over St. John's on Saturday.

Nykesha Sales added 15 points for UConn (16-0, 8-0 Big East).

Andrijana Bedalov had 14 points and nine rebounds for St. John's (4-12, 2-6).

The Huskies led 46-20 at halftime, and increased the margin to 54-24 early in the second half. UConn coach Geno Auriemma then started substituting freely.

No. 4 Georgia 78, Mississippi 56

ATHENS, Ga. — La'Keshia Frett scored 26 and had 10 rebounds as No. 4 Georgia recovered from its first home loss in 23 games with a 78-56 victory over Mississippi on Saturday night.

Tracy Henderson added 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs (12-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who lost to No. 5 Alabama.

No. 10 N. Carolina 87, No. 19 Duke 73

DURHAM, N.C. — Chantel Wright scored 19 of her 22 points in the second half as No. 10 North Carolina beat No. 19 Duke.

Tracy Reid had 26 points and 11 rebounds as the Tar Heels (14-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their seventh straight.

Duke (11-6, 3-4) lost its third straight league game despite Kira Orr's 22 points.

No. 13 Arkansas 82, South Carolina 71

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Kimberly Wilson scored 22 points and Karyn Karlin added 15 points and 15 rebounds, leading No. 13 Arkansas to an win over South Carolina.

Arkansas (13-3, 3-1 SEC) led only 35-34 at halftime, but the Lady Razorbacks rallied behind Wilson's 18 second-half points.

No. 24 Florida 74, No. 17 LSU 57

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — DeLisha Milton had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 24 Florida to a victory over No. 17 Louisiana State, snapping the previously unbeaten Lady Tigers' 15-game winning streak.

LSU (14-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) outscored the Gators 18-4 at the start of the second half to close to 34-33. Florida (13-4, 3-0) countered with a 21-7 run to lead 55-40 with 7:07 remaining.

Maryland 54, No. 15 N.C. State 51

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sonia Chase scored 14 points and made a key defensive play down the stretch as Maryland beat No. 15 North Carolina State.

No. 21 Notre Dame 65, Pittsburgh 49

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Reserve Sheila McMillen sparked a 31-0 first-half run that lifted No. 21 Notre Dame to a victory over Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame trailed 14-2 before McMillen entered the game. She started the rally with a layup and went on to score six straight points during the amazing 15-minute run.

No. 22 Auburn 77, Mississippi St. 59

AUBURN, Ala. — Tara Williams scored 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as No. 22 Auburn defeated Mississippi State.

Auburn (12-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) trailed by 11 points at halftime after shooting 24 percent.

■ NCAA Roundup

Fortsan dominates inside; Cincinnati hands Arkansas worst defeat in 39 seasons

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Nolan Richardson has seen his Arkansas teams dismantle opponents. He has never been on the receiving end — not quite like this, anyway.

Arkansas gave up a 25-point run Saturday and wound up with its worst loss in 39 years. Danny Fortson had 27 points and a career-high 18 rebounds as No. 4 Cincinnati pulled away to a 92-57 victory that will become a measuring stick in Razorback futility.

It was Richardson's worst loss in 12 seasons at Arkansas (9-5) and tied for the second-worst defeat in school history. The Razorbacks had not been beaten so soundly since Cincinnati defeated them 97-62 in the NCAA tournament in 1958, an identical 35-point margin.

"Today was probably the best exhibition of basketball in my 17 years of coaching by another team," Richardson said. "I remember getting runs like that, but I don't remember giving up runs like that."

There were two things at work: Cincinnati (12-3) was still stewing from its worst loss in three years, and the Razorbacks had no one to guard Fortson.

Fortson, held to nine points in a 70-55 loss to Temple last Thursday, scored 17 as Cincinnati opened a 17-point lead in the first half. Arkansas never recovered, trailing by double digits the rest of the way.

Temple controlled Fortson and Cincinnati by squeezing the middle with a zone defense and daring the Bearcats' erratic guards to fire away. Fortson's streak of 43 consecutive double-digit games ended as Cincinnati never figured out how to attack the zone.

Arkansas followed a different approach, spreading its man-to-man defense to cover the perimeter while double-teaming Fortson inside. That left the 6-foot-8 power forward plenty of room to maneuver, resulting in easy baskets or free throws. Fortson was 13-of-14 from the foul line.

Fortson was delighted to see a man-to-man instead of a suffocating zone.

"For this team, that's real good," he said. "That's not our style of play, against Temple. We can't play like that. Arkansas is an up-and-down team and we like to play up-and-down."



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Cincinnati forward Danny Fortson (25) scores against Arkansas defender Pat Bradley.

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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 Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge at Lee High School...

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 **Champ Athletic Club** will take place on Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 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 Road-runner Room in Midland College's Scharbauer Center...

Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club will meet Jan. 16 in the high school cafeteria...

Gymnastics...

Odessa College offers several gymnastics clinics for children ages 2 and up. Call 335-6348 for more information...

Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Midland will have their first 3-on-3 basketball league for boys and girls 13-18 years old. Fee is $8 for members, membership is $3. For more information call Sherman Petterson at 683-5297 or 567-6373 on weekends...

Skiing...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has current plans for trips to Val Di Fassse, Italy (Jan. 17-25), Purgatory, Colo. (Feb. 12-16), Taos, N.M. (Feb. 28-Mar. 2) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15). There will also be a ski swap sale Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Ski Skellar Sports. Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at 550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600...

Tennis...

A winter mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for Jan. 18-19 at Midland College with play slated for open, A, B and C levels. The entry fee is $6 per person with two matches guaranteed. Deadline for entry is noon Jan. 17. For more information, call 687-4046...

The USTA adult season runs from April 15-June 1. MXD season is from May-July. For more information call Juannell Fort at 686-0277 or Lance Armstrong at 687-4046...

The Midland Tennis Club's annual meeting will be Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Results (formerly Midlander) with free barbeque, meeting and indoor tournament if dues are received by Jan. 15. Dues are $30 adult, $15 junior and $65 family. After March the dues will increast $10 each. MTC has scheduled 18 tournaments for the season of March through October on Saturdays and Sundays at the Midland College courts. MTC is supportive of Midland College in the maintanence and upkeep of the college courts. In the last three years 14 courts have been added and the last four should be finished this year. For information call Darlene at 563-1333, Bettie at 570-6511, Billie at 694-0476 or Lance at 687-4046...

The Tennis Association of Midland is accepting registrations for the Spring Youth and Junior Team Tennis Leagues. Fundamental tennis skills are required to sign up for the leagues. Play runs from Feb. 24 to late April. Cost for the league is $15 and TAM membership is required. Deadline to register is Jan. 28. For more information, call Barbara Leeton at 683-7560. TAM is holding its annual awards banquet Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Greentree Country Club. Cost is $10 for adults and children over 12 and $8 for children 12 and under. For more information, call JoAnn May at 699-4351...

Bicycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. On the Jan. 16th club members will present "Bicycle Commuting 101 for Wannabes, Hasbeens and Shoulda-woulda-couldas." Pizza will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the presentation of equipment and bicycle tips. 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...

The Midland Softball Assocation is holding its organizational meeting Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Ballroom B. Spring league sign-ups and practice schedules will be available. The sponsor fee is $250 with a March 10 entry deadline. The season runs from April 7-May 22...

Soccer...

The Midland Soccer Association is holding its spring registration through Jan. 31. All participants must be at least four-years-old by Dec. 31, 1996. The fee is $40 for returning players and $44 for all new club players. There is also a $10 late fee after Jan. 31. Registration is Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall Suite N or at the Mall registration Jan. 18-19 during regular mall hours. For more information, call 684-5425...

The MSA is holding coaching clinics for "G" and "F" levels Feb. 22. Cost for the "G" is $5 and the "F" is $35. Fees are due Jan. 31. For more information, call 684-5425...

The Blast Soccer Club is holding spring tryouts Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. at Dunagan Park for both boys and girls teams 1980-86. For more information, call coach Manu Sanon at 685-1018 or Shane Barden at 682-8977...

Running...

Resolution Run Relay, sponsored by the PBRA, will be held Jan. 18 at Midland Centennial Plaza with cash prizes. Call Thomas Schneider at 520-4421 for information. Love Run is Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Call Alfredo McGuire at 335-8044 for information...

Banquets

The Midland High football banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Midland Center. Guest speaker will by Spike Dykes, head football coach of Texas Tech. Tickets are $10 per person and may be purchased on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23, at the Memorial Stadium ticket office each day between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m...

The Midland Lee football banquet is Jan. 23 at the Midland Center. Call 689-1600 for ticket information...

Sanchez Vicario simply didn't show

By Robin Finn
N.Y. Times News Service

MELBOURNE, Australia — Confronted by a limp second serve on her opponent's second match point, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario did not make a vintage reply. Instead, she plopped a limp forehand return into the net. Suddenly confronted by the worst Australian Open loss of her career, she ran away from the same stadium court where she had twice been a runner-up.

Sanchez Vicario, a finalist at this Open in 1994 and 1995, paid for a pedestrian performance in the third round on Saturday with a 1-6, 6-4, 8-6 loss to Belgium's 43rd-ranked Dominique van Roost. The underdog exploited the Spaniard's listless up-the-middle play-making by taking hard-angled risks from the backcourt.

"I let her play, and she got better all the time; if you let it go, it happens that you can lose the match," said Sanchez Vicario, who hit only nine winners. The Spaniard, who has not won a Grand Slam since 1994, when she captured both the French and U.S. Opens, refused to interpret this setback as an indication that her game is slipping.

"I'm not going to think that something is wrong; if I became No. 1, it's because I had the strength, and I know I still have that," said Sanchez Vicario, who briefly held the top ranking in both singles and doubles in 1995.

The defeat was Sanchez Vicario's earliest failure at a Grand Slam in 17 entries. Not since she was foiled in Wimbledon's second round in 1992 had the world's second-ranked player failed to assert herself on the Grand Slam front. Van Roost's victory equaled her career-best Grand Slam result, a round of 16 finish here in 1992.

"My serve was really off," said Sanchez Vicario, whose 6 double faults paled in comparison with 11 from her opponent.

The 23-year-old Belgian, who has won only two small WTA tournaments in six years on the tour, said she was compromised by nerves in the opening set and sensed the same thing happening to Sanchez Vicario in the third.

Down an early break in the final set, Sanchez Vicario seemed to correct her plight by turning a 1-2 deficit into a 5-2 lead.

But then, her tenacity deserted her and van Roost leveled the match at 5-5 by taking control of the rallies with angled strokes from the baseline that she followed up with finishing-touch volleys at the net.

Though van Roost, bothered by a muscle strain in her right forearm, missed her first chance to serve for the match at 6-5, she broke Sanchez Vicario for a 7-6 lead and connected from the service line on her second try.

"I don't realize at the moment what I just did," said van Roost, whose husband, Bart, tossed his hat onto the court in celebration.

"I was just trying to play hard and long, trying to go to the net to put more pressure on her, and it worked," said van Roost, who hit 46 winners.

In an earlier match, Thomas Muster of Austria, seeded fifth, and Jens Knippschild, a qualifier from Germany with a copycat Day-Glo yellow hairstyle but absolutely no Grand Slam experience, pecked away at each other in the bright sunlight on Showcourt Three.



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Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario wipes her forehead during her surprise loss to Dominique van Roost of Belguim Saturday at the Australian Open in Melbourne.

In order to force a second-set tie breaker, Muster had to nullify four set points held by his clone, who made a point of pestering him with drop shots.

But Muster dominated the tie breaker as well as the match and advanced with a 6-4, 7-6(7-2), 6-3 victory.

Muster last did himself proud here in 1989, when he reached the semifinals. Three months later, his knee was crushed by a car bumper; since then, his results have mirrored the discomfort the hardcourts now cause him.

BREWSTER: Midland star came back

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still-developing teenagers in his first crack at a high school head coaching job. He has discovered — or perhaps rediscovered — the differences between college and high school basketball.

"It's a little bit different out here because these guys have never been pushed to play hard," Brewster said. "Coaching is basic, but getting them to (play hard) is another matter."

Having coached at a major college program, many of the players Brewster dealt with at UTEP were finished products, outstanding athletes who relied on instinct and rarely had to be told how to do things. At Trinity, Brewster is dealing with his young athletes far closer to ground level.

"I don't see a lot of difference (between college and high school) besides athletic ability," Brewster said. "If you can teach them fundamentals they will respond. If you play good defense, you win, and if you don't, you lose.

"What we've got to do is start with young kids. We've got a lot of things to offer for kids coming over from public schools as far as education. We've got a lot of sixth through eighth grade kids who are great athletes."

Already, Trinity has made progress in its first year under Brewster. The Chargers won only two games last season, but this year they are 9-8.

If Brewster's track record as a player and a coach is any indication, Trinity should soon be winning more games than it is losing. It all started at Midland High, where in Brewster's senior season the Bulldogs of coach James Cagle rolled to the District 5-4A crown. Brewster was unanimously named district MVP, averaging 24.1 points a game.

During the postseason, Brewster was every bit as dominant, scoring 40 points and grabbing 20 rebounds in a 92-83 first round win over Wichita Falls. He then scored 27 points in a 58-53 win over Highland Park which put Midland High in the state tournament, where they finally lost to San Antonio Jefferson 54-52 on a pair of free throws in the last second.

"We had an exceptionally good team," Brewster said. "The rules were different then. We could practice three hours a day and we spent a lot of time in the gym."

Brewster then took his talents to UTEP, where he started at forward his entire four years with the Miners. His junior season, he was a first-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection, leading UTEP to the 1975 NCAA Tournament's first round against unbeaten Indiana, who beat the Miners and went on to win the national championship the next season.

That next season, Brewster injured his back badly enough to require surgery and he was only a second-team All-WAC selection. The Buffalo Braves still thought enough of Brewster to make him a second-round draft pick, and Haskins called him as good a player as he had ever coached at UTEP. When Brewster arrived in Buffalo, though, his back simply wouldn't cooperate.

"My back was at a place where I just couldn't function," Brewster said.

Brewster gamely gave it a try in camp and even stuck with the Braves briefly in the regular season, but Buffalo more or less farmed him out to play in Italy where he attempted to rehabilitate his career.

'I want to be with my family. People don't understand — the first three years I was at UTEP I didn't get a vacation.'

— Gary Brewster, Basketball coach at Trinity

Despite only being with the Braves for a cup of coffee, Brewster still learned about the politics of the NBA. The Braves' star at that time was league-leading scorer Bob McAdoo, whose reputation as a high-scoring ball hog was exaggerated according to Brewster. McAdoo also wasn't even the best-paid player on the Braves, as Brewster claims that other Buffalo players were making twice as much money.

"I discovered that the best players aren't always treated the best in the NBA," Brewster said.

He bounced back and forth between the U.S. and Europe over the next several years, and played successfully in Italy and Austria. Brewster also had tryouts with the Denver Nuggets and Portland Trail Blazers in ensuing years, but just before training camp suffered freak injuries ranging from skiing to lawnmowing accidents which cut tendons in his foot. He coached semi-pro basketball in Mexico for a spell before finally returning to Midland where he established Brewster Construction and ran it successfully for seven years.

But Brewster still hadn't exorcised the basketball bug out of his system, so in 1989 he decided to get in touch with Haskins again, even though getting involved in coaching meant he would make less money than he was making in construction.

"I got to where I was missing basketball and the kids," Brewster said. "I called coach Haskins to see if he had a job opening on his staff. He really likes ex-players to get involved in coaching and he likes to see guys finish their educations."

Brewster returned to UTEP to earn his degree in business and began his stint as an assistant. Although Brewster says that Haskins was a demanding coach time-wise, he claims that Haskins gave his assistants a lot of leeway.

The highlight of Brewster's stay at UTEP was the 1992 season when the Miners made the NCAA Tournament and shocked Kansas, the top seed in the Midwest Regional, 66-60 in the second round by using a spread offense. UTEP then threw a scare into eventual Final Four participant Cincinnati, cutting down a huge deficit in the final minutes before losing 69-67.

The UTEP staff devised a triangle-and-two defense which frustrated the Bearcats into committing several late turnovers, and Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins had praise for the plan.

"(Huggins) told us if we had 30 more seconds we could have beaten them because they were having trouble with it," Brewster said.

The lights aren't as bright back in Midland, but Brewster doesn't seem to be regretting his decision. He and his wife both have immediate family in the area, and Brewster says he would like to continue his coaching career in the area for the next several years.

While Brewster's oldest son, Gary Jr., is playing basketball as a junior at Cleveland State, Brewster now is trying to make up for lost time with his two younger sons, Ronnie, a ninth-grader at Trinity, and David, a fifth-grader. Ronnie could possibly end up playing for his dad next season on Trinity's varsity.

When it comes right down to it, Brewster says that his family was the main reason he decided to return home.

"I want to be with my family," Brewster said. "People don't understand, the first three years I was at UTEP I didn't get a vacation. It was a sacrifice for my wife to be traveling all those years while I was chasing basketball."

It looks as if Brewster has finally caught up with it, back where he first started chasing it.





Calcavecchia equals record set by Hogan at Bob Hope Classic

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Mark Calcavecchia has played four rounds about as well as any golfer in history, matching a 72-hole record set by Ben Hogan more than a half-century ago.

Calcavecchia, however, hasn't even won the tournament yet.

With one round remaining in the five-day Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Calcavecchia went to 27-under par with a 64 Saturday.

That equalled the 72-hole record against par established by Hogan in winning the 1945 Portland Invitational, and equalled by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open. Both those, however, were four-day tournaments.

Although Calcavecchia has torn up the four desert courses used for the Hope, he still has just a three-shot lead over John Cook, with Don Pooley another three strokes behind and John Daly and Mark O'Meara at 20-under.

And Calcavecchia will have to shoot another 64 during Sunday's final round to even equal the Hope record, Tom Kite's 35-under total in 1993.

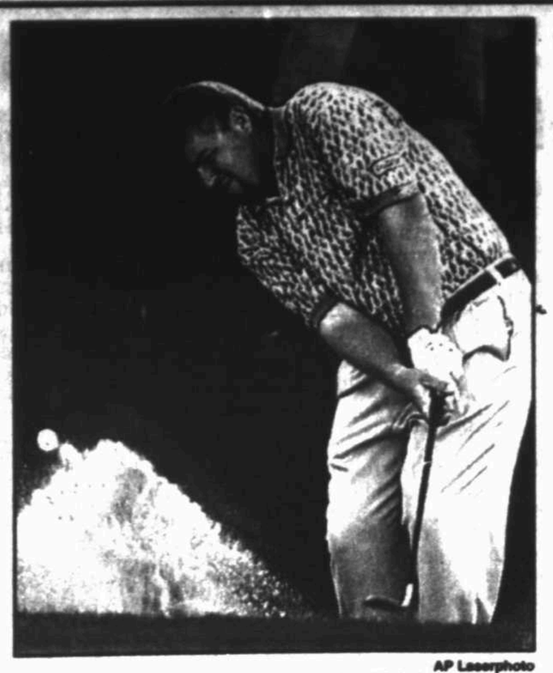
Records aside, Calcavecchia is considerably more interested in winning the tournament.

"I'm not setting a goal to get to 30-under or anything," Calcavecchia said. "I did a good job out there of not thinking too much. I just want to play each hole, try to birdie each hole and not think about my score or what anybody else is doing.

"Hopefully I'll be calm tomorrow. I'm obviously very confident."

Kite shot a 62 the final day to set his Hope record, also a tour standard for a 90-hole event.

Calcavecchia, whose "worst" round this week was a 67, gave himself a bit of breathing room with his second 8-under-par 64. Cook shot a fourth-round 62, but that was good enough to make up only two strokes on the streaking Calcavecchia.



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John Daly blasts out of a trap on the 18th hole at Indian Wells Country Club during fourth round play in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic golf tournament Saturday, in Palm Desert, Calif. Daly is in fourth place.

"There won't be any layups out there tomorrow," Cook said, knowing birdies should again be plentiful.

Pooley had a 65, and Daly, coming back strong from a 73 the second day, and O'Meara each shot 66.

"After shooting a 73, I'm very happy with where I stand now," Daly said. "I've been working on my putting, and I'm still not real comfortable, but I've been making some putts."

Calcavecchia, looking for his first victory since 1995, trimmed three shots off par with a 33 on the front nine at Bermuda Dunes. He finished the round even stronger, with a 31 on the back. He had nine birdies and a lone bogey to hold off the charging Cook.

Webb straightens out posture, game to share lead at LPGA Health-South

By Doug Ferguson
AP Sports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — It took 12 holes before Karrie Webb realized her posture was wrong. It then took her only five holes to catch Michelle McGann in the second round of the HealthSouth Inaugural on Saturday.

With swirling wind compounding another frosty Florida day, Webb birdied three of the last five holes to shoot a 2-under-par 70 and share the lead with McGann at 6-under 138 heading into the final round.

"Karrie and I have played together quite a bit these last few months," McGann said. "We hit it about the same length. I think it will be a good time tomorrow."

Joanne Morley took the lead at 6-under when she made birdie from four feet at No. 8 and McGann three-putted from 30 feet on the ninth. But the rookie from England had two bogeys on the back nine and finished at 4-under 140.

Beth Daniel birdied the 18th hole for the second straight day and was at 3-under 139 after a 72. Only five players broke par, including Nancy Lopez, who shot a 69 and was five strokes off the lead.

McGann and Webb had late morning tee times to accommodate television, but the temperature never got past 48 degrees and a deceptive wind made conditions cooler and tougher.



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Karrie Webb, from Ayr, Queensland, Australia takes a swing at her putter after making bogie on the 8th hole during the second round.

Still, they displayed an enticing duel that figures to be even better on Sunday with the tournament on the line.

"It's a friendly rivalry," Webb said. "Even though we're friends, we both want to win."

McGann, who wore her glove while putting early on to try to get some feel in her hands, three-putted from 60 feet on No. 3 for a bogey and also missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the par-5 eighth hole.

Webb, wearing heavy mittens between shots, made one of only two realistic chances at birdies on the front nine but slipped two strokes back when she failed to get up and down from the rough on No. 11 and three-putted from 35 feet off the fringe at No. 13.

She rolled in an 18-foot putt for birdie on No. 14, then hit a 9-iron to two feet on No. 16 and birdied the 502-yard 17th hole with a 3-wood to the fringe and two putts from about 40 feet.

But McGann matched her stroke for stroke — a 10-footer for birdie on No. 14 to keep a two-stroke lead and another 10-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to stay one ahead.

She lost a stroke on No. 15, and was lucky it was only that. The wind picked up as struck a 9-iron and it landed on the front hump of the green, bouncing back toward the water. But the ball caught the edge of a railroad tie and settled on the wood.

"I thought that wasn't a bad shot," McGann said of her approach. "Then the wind actually came back into us. The wind was a lot tougher today."

Irwin ties Morgan at senior MasterCard

By Gordon Sakamoto
Associated Press Writer

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Gil Morgan and Hale Irwin share the lead at 3-under 141 after two rounds of the 54-hole MasterCard Championship, but they took opposite routes to get there Saturday.

After both got off to bogey starts in the second round, Morgan appeared to steady himself in the tournament, open only to winners on the 1996 Senior PGA Tour.

At the turn on the Hualalai Resort course on Hawaii island, he birdied the final three holes on the front nine to open a 3-stroke lead over Irwin.

But that was all he could muster in picking up strokes.

Irwin then went on a mini-run with four birdies on the return nine, capping it with an 8-footer on the final hole to pull even.

Irwin finished with a 68 to go with an opening 73, while Morgan ended up with a 69 after his 72 in the windswept opening round.

Bob Charles (68) and Dave Eichelberger (70) were at 143 with Al Geiberger improving by eight strokes (76-68) to hold down fifth place.

"It took a while to get used to the new golf course again," Irwin said of the day-and-night change in playing conditions. "Today, we were able to get the ball in the air, unlike yesterday."

Irwin was referring to the howling, gale-like winds that swept over the 7,053-yard oceanside course on Friday.

Morgan, the only player to hit par in the first round, said, "We were just trying to survive yesterday. Whereas today, we had an opportunity to make birdies."

The scores told the story. Eleven players had under par rounds and seven were at par.

Defending champion John Bland was among those who took advantage of the milder playing conditions, going from a 77 to 68. He was tied for sixth with Jim Colbert and Tom Weiskopf at 1-over 145 with Jim Dent, Isao Aoki, Vicente Fernandez, Jimmy Powell and Graham Marsh at 146.

U.S. sets sights on Mexico at U.S. Cup

By John Powers
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PASADENA, Calif. — This isn't a soccer match, it's a poker game. Holding, bluffing, maybe even a tactical fold.

"There'll be a lot of games played within the game, both on and off the field," predicts US defender Alexi Lalas of the Americans' match with archrival Mexico in the US Cup at the Rose Bowl Sunday afternoon. "You want to set a tone, but you don't want to give anything away."

Not that the Yanks don't want to win the US Cup after finishing third last year. And not that they don't have to beat the Mexicans to have a chance, after losing, 1-0, to Peru in San Diego Friday night.

It's just that they have two more vital World Cup qualifying matches with their neighbors coming up — in the States (possibly Foxborough) in April and in Mexico City in November. "It's important to look at the big picture," said Lalas. "If we win the US Cup and don't go to France for the World Cup next year, it means nothing."

With 10 more regional qualifying matches to play between March and November, both the US and Mexico are desperate to give promising players international experience. The US Cup is the chance. That's what US coach Steve Sampson kept reminding people after he started rookies Steve Ralston and Frankie Hejduk and brought Jason Kreis off the bench and his squad was shut out for the first time in nine matches.

Even with a mix-and-match lineup the Americans still dominated Peru after yielding an eighth-minute goal to German Carty and had at least four fine chances to score, two by jackrabbit striker Roy Lassiter. "I told them I was pleased with their play with one exception," said Sampson.

Being blanked inside Jack Murphy Stadium by Peru is one thing. But the Americans can't risk getting goose-egged by Mexico Sunday before 70,000 or so in the Rose Bowl. Not with those two Cup qualifiers on the horizon.

After winning the first meeting in 1934, the US didn't beat Mexico on the field again until 1980, frequently falling by scores like 8-0, 6-0 and 7-2. But the Americans have dropped only one of their last eight matches in the series and haven't lost to Mexico on home turf since 1974.

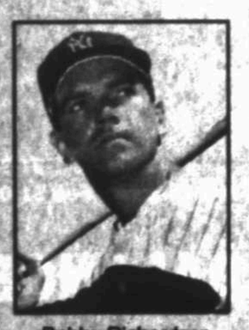
The Mexicans, who won the last US Cup by tying the Americans, 2-2, in the finale before 92,000 in the Rose Bowl, need a victory more than their hosts do. They played listlessly in the first World Cup qualifying phase, losing to Honduras and Jamaica, and are under pressure at home.

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Packers' fever hits Favre's home town

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

KILN, Miss. (AP) — These are normally quiet days in this tiny Gulf Coast town. It's too cold for the beach, too early for Mardi Gras.

Of course, these aren't normal days. Tabloid television is covering high school pep rallies, cheese has replaced jambalaya as the favorite food and Packers' gear is on every dress code.

With the Super Bowl headed for New Orleans, about an hour west of Kiln, the home of Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre has suddenly become a mecca for Packer fans and media.

"This is the most exciting thing that's ever happened around here," said Judi Johnson, 15. "I hear John Madden is going to come here and they may do the Tonight Show from the school."

Even if Madden and Jay Leno don't come, enough reporters and fans have arrived to keep things buzzing in the town, which has less than 5,000 people.

"It's been pretty wild," said Irvin Favre, Brett's father. "I guess we've had half a dozen television crews and at least 15 newspapers, not counting the local people, out here wanting to talk to us."

On Saturday, the sign saying "Welcome to Kiln, Home of Brett Favre" went up just before the crossroads that marks the heart of the town named for the tar kilns or furnaces that operated here in the 1800s.

Houses along the road sport signs for the Packers, the bank has a sign welcoming Super Bowl visitors and stores and businesses put up signs cheering Favre and his team on.

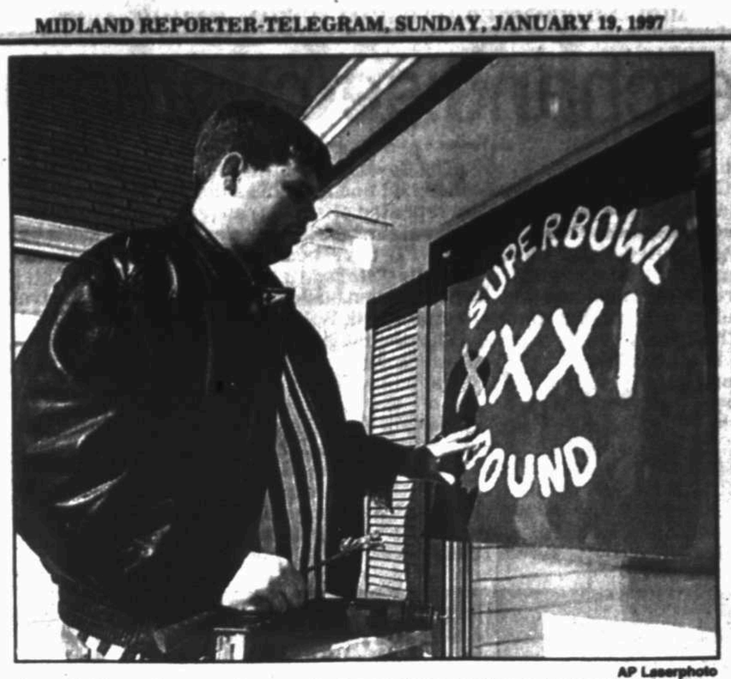
At the grocery and gas station next to the post office, 18-year-old Drew Ladner was taking orders for T-shirts reading "Packer Backers, Kiln, Miss." At a cost of $16 apiece, 200 had already been ordered, Ladner said.

"There are probably as many fans in Kiln as in Green Bay," Ladner said. "Everybody around here is pulling for them and for Brett."

School buses from Hancock County High School have been lettered with signs proclaiming "Packers Rule, Patriots Drool." Art students painted a mural that shows Favre's career from the school to Southern Mississippi to the Packers.

On Friday, a Packers' pep rally will kick off the start of the school day. "A Current Affair," and "Hard Copy" are expected to cover it.

"I don't think anyone in town ever gave an interview before this, but all of a sudden, we're all stars," Buddy Barnett, 38, said.



AP Laserphoto
Dale Holliman hangs a banner in front of his mother's hair salon in Kiln, Miss., Thursday. Kiln in the home town of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre.

"It's sure been a big deal around here."

Bonita Favre, Brett's mother, is worried about getting the cases of cheese-heads, cheese-shaped beer holders, Favre T-Shirts and Packer flags she ordered from a K-Mart in Wisconsin distributed to family and friends. The 28-family members are expected to help when they come by to get their game tickets.

"This is fun, but it's hectic," Mrs. Favre said.

At Rooster's Cafe, the "Brett Favre Special," a stuffed ribeye that Favre likes when he dines there, is featured. At the Broke Spoke, a biker bar that Favre has never visited, has placed his picture in a place of honor.

At Donna's Quick Stop there's talk of stocking a Brett Favre doll made out of cheese.

"I'm pretty sure that would be a big seller," said Tom Felton. "We expect a lot of people to visit us in the next week. We're taking advantage of Super Bowl fever I guess you'd say."

Hula Bowl possibly Holtz' final game on sidelines

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Lou Holtz will coach the North team in Sunday's Hula Bowl, possibly his last game as a college football coach. South coach Bobby Bowden says that's not a good enough reason for him to let Holtz win.

"Oh no!" Bowden said, laughing. "I hope it's not his last game because, if it is, people don't realize how significant this is. If it is, Lou Holtz will go down as one of the great coaches ever, and that goes all the way back to the days of Rockne."

Holtz stepped down after 11 seasons at Notre Dame, during which time he won a national championship, went to nine straight New Year's Day bowl games and finished with a 100-30-2 record, second on the school's career list and just five behind Rockne.

The Irish did not play in a bowl game, so Holtz hasn't coached since the end of November. Has he missed it? Enough to want to get another job?

"I've been away from it only a month, but it feels good to be back. If you watch me, you can tell I'm having a good time," Holtz said. "I could probably live without coaching, but in all honesty, it would be difficult for me to stay out of coaching the rest of my life. That doesn't mean that I won't."

Holtz and Bowden worked this week to install a basic pro offense for players coming from dozens of different systems, with only a few days to get them in sync.

"If you have outstanding defensive personnel, it's a tremendous advantage," Bowden said. "It's much easier than putting in an offense. In these types of games, some skilled athlete usually takes over and wins the game with his ability."

Bowden will start Florida quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel, who beat Bowden's Florida State team 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl to give the Gators the national title.

Wuerffel will only play a few downs because of a sore right shoulder. He's backed up by Southern Cal's Brad Otton and Fresno State's Jim Arellanes.

They will throw to a crew of receivers including Florida State's Wayne Messam; Kalief Muhammad of Baylor; Chris Miller of Southern Cal and Dedric Ward of Northern Iowa.

Holtz will start Brigham Young's Steve Sarkesian, with Colorado's Koy Detmer and Beau Morgan of Air Force coming off the bench.

The North receiving corps includes James Kidd of Colorado; Brian Manning of Stanford; Marcus Harris of Wyoming and Kaipo McGuire of Brigham Young.

"With Sarkesian as my quarterback ... we'll probably throw the ball more," Holtz said.

Byars' confidence grows as big game nears

By Kevin Paul Dupont
The Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Great place, Miami. Keith Byars isn't from there anymore, doesn't have that Flipper logo branded on the side of his helmet, but he doesn't harbor his former employer any ill will since leaving early this season as one of coach Jimmy Johnson's most unwanted people.

"I was in the league before Jimmy Johnson, I was in the league with Jimmy Johnson — and I was still in the league when Jimmy Johnson came back," Byars said Thursday, sitting in front of his locker amid the horde of Super Bowl media swarming the Patriots' dressing room. "I didn't need him to qualify me as a player."

Byars, who was about to turn 33 when the 1996 NFL season began, found that he and Don Shula had more in common than he ever expected. A new season was dawning and the Dolphins were going forward without their legendary coach. And, by Johnson's calculation, they also were going forward without Byars.

"My self-esteem and confidence was strong enough that I knew I could play," said Byars, who quickly signed on with the Patriots Oct. 15 as a free agent, head coach Bill Parcells only too happy to fit his bandwagon with a vesatile retread, one who could play fullback, tight end and fill just about any pass-catching spot that might become available. "A few bad weeks won't sour me on my whole Miami experience. There's a lot of good things in my heart when I think of the Miami Dolphins."

The Patriots are 10 days away from a return trip to the Super Bowl, in part because of some key free agent acquisitions, including Byars, cornerback Otis Smith, a welcome-back-to-the-Bay-State Jerome Henderson (also a cornerback) and Adam Vinatieri, the former placekicking pride of the Amsterdam Admirals.

"Our star kicker," is how Parcells constantly refers to Vinatieri — the coach's way of applying the long-distance needle to one of the club's favorite media subjects."

Bring up the subject of Byars, however, and Parcells is only too happy to pick up the baton of bon mots. Dating back to his days as the Giants' head coach, Parcells had watched Byars with the Eagles and Dolphins and was both fascinated and frustrated with how the former Ohio State star had a way of turning games upside-down. There are a million situations and needs that arise in a season, and it's important to have someone on the roster who can act as a valuable patch.

"Whatever you ask him to do, he can do," said Parcells. "He's a jack of all trades. I realized that eight or nine years ago, when we had to play against him all the time — let me tell you, he was a thorn in my side. During the Giants game (this year), LT (Lawrence Taylor) came up to me and said, 'Bill, all the names you called him, and now you're coaching him?' And it's true, I'd call him some names."

Gilbride hired as Chargers' coach; Rams near decision

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Kevin Gilbride got his first NFL head coaching job today when he was hired by the San Diego Chargers to replace Bobby Ross.


Gilbride

Gilbride received a five-year contract.

"He's a very progressive offensive coach who has a good track record wherever he's been," general manager Bobby Beathard said at an afternoon news conference.

Gilbride, 45, had been offensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars the last two years. He helped develop quarterback Mark Brunell, and devised the game plans that helped the Jaguars upset the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos en route to the AFC championship game, where Jacksonville lost to New England.

Gilbride beat out Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator Vic Fangio and former New Orleans Saints coach Jim Mora for the job. Gilbride also had been a leading candidate for the St. Louis Rams' job.

"If I had to lose one of them I thought the one who would hurt the most ended up being Kevin," Beathard said.

Gilbride was once best-known for getting punched by Buddy Ryan on the sideline of a Monday night game in 1993 when the two were with the Houston Oilers. Ryan was critical of Gilbride's run-and-shoot offense, calling it the "chuck-and-duck."

But that connection faded to the background as Gilbride helped build the Jaguars into a playoff team in just their second season.

Gilbride's first head coaching job was with his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State, where he compiled a 35-14-2 record from 1980-84. He was the Oilers' offensive coordinator from 1989-92 and assistant head coach/offense in 1993-94.

Ross, the only coach to lead the Chargers to the Super Bowl, resigned Jan. 3 because of differences with Beathard.

Rams near decision on new coach

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams hope to have a new coach by the end of the weekend, but it won't be Kevin Gilbride.

"Probably on Sunday, I'll see one or two or all of you guys," team president John Shaw told reporters Friday.

Shaw had a busy day Friday, touching base with Gilbride, Jim Mora and ex-San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert. He was unsuccessful in his efforts to talk Seifert, who resigned on Wednesday, to return to coaching next year.

"We pursued him quite aggressively," Shaw said. "On each call, he told me he wasn't going to coach this year."

Gilbride is, but it won't be in St. Louis. He was hired Saturday to succeed Bobby Ross in San Diego.

Shaw said he told Seifert "I told him that he would be our top candidate and that we'd give him a very attractive offer if he wanted to coach, but he's now gone duck hunting and is not reachable for two days."

Shaw said it's "extremely unlikely" that Seifert will change his mind. With Gilbride gone, the 61-year-old Mora, who resigned in mid-season after 10 1/2 years as coach of the New Orleans Saints, apparently is the top candidate.

Mora was 93-78 at New Orleans, leading the Saints to their only four playoff spots in franchise history.

The Rams have been looking for a coach since firing Rich Brooks following a 6-10 season. Brooks was 13-19 in two seasons.

■ NFL Coaching

Defensive coordinator succeeds Mariucci as Cal-Berkeley's coach

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Moving quickly to fill the vacancy left by Steve Mariucci's departure for the San Francisco 49ers, California promoted his defensive coordinator, Tom Holmoe, to head coach on Saturday.

Holmoe, 36, a former NFL defensive back who played on three Super Bowl-winning teams with the 49ers, is Cal's fourth coach in six years. It is his first head coaching assignment.

Mariucci resigned Thursday after leading the Golden Bears to 6-6 record in his only season at the school before moving to the 49ers, replacing George Seifert.

Before leaving, Mariucci endorsed Holmoe as his successor at Cal.

Athletic director John Kasser, wanting a replacement in place quickly to preserve the school's recruiting season, settled on his choice after a series of interviews over the past three days.

"Sometimes you find all the qualities you really admire in one person and that's why I feel so comfortable in announcing we have selected Tom Holmoe as our new football coach," Kasser said. "He has a great football mind, high energy level, a positive outlook on life. He's a great recruiter. Nobody can match his integrity and he'll be a first-class representative of the University of California."

Holmoe signed a five-year contract which will extend through the 2001 season. He said he'll continue running the West Coast offense that Mariucci installed with great success at Cal last season.

"I'm excited about the challenge and feel extremely confident that I can continue to build on the foundation that we've started here at Cal this past year," Holmoe said. "I absolutely believe we can build a consistent winner and do it with student-athletes who want to excel not just on the football field but also in the class room."

Holmoe did come in for some criticism as coordinator of a defense that gave up 5,063 yards, ranking 105th (out of 111 Division I-A programs) in the nation before surrendering 42 points and 646 yards to Navy in an Aloha Bowl loss.

But Mariucci said it would be a mistake to judge Holmoe on last season's defensive results, considering Cal's defense was hit by key injuries and was forced to start five freshmen for most of the campaign.

"I don't have any reservations about the guy," Mariucci said. "People talk about our defense, but if it was anyone else (as coordinator), it would have been 0-11. We had more youngsters than JC teams. Tom was steady every week. He never lost his composure. I admired his demeanor."


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Tom Holmoe fields a question from the media after he was introduced as the new head football coach for the University of California-Berkeley Golden Bears.

Kasser was more interested in maintaining some continuity and with the Feb. 5 letter of intent deadline looming for recruits, also wanted to make sure the school had its new head coach in place.

Holmoe, Brigham Young's starting cornerback from 1980 to 1982, was a fourth-round pick of the 49ers in 1983 and went on to play seven years for San Francisco. He was a member of Super Bowl winning teams in 1984, '88 and '89.

Owner's estate ordered to pay widow millions

■ Wife of former Tampa Bay Owner Hugh F. Culverhouse will receive $25 million.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A judge ordered the estate of former Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Hugh F. Culverhouse to pay his widow the $25 million she claimed against her husband's estate.

Circuit Judge Dennis Alvarez ordered the payment Friday, rejecting the estate's request for an extension to refute the claim. But two other cases related to the estate are still pending.

Trustees Steve Story, Fred Cone and Jack Donlan — in their capacity as personal representatives of the estate — failed to file an objection by the May 1, 1995, deadline.

By not filing the objection, the trustees in effect agreed that Joy Culverhouse's $25 million claim is valid.

The three men have testified in depositions that they did not object because then-trust lawyer Tom Purcell, Cone's partner, advised them they did not need to. Purcell testified Thursday that he gave the trustees options, and they chose not to object.

The $25 million payment will come from the trust set up by Hugh Culverhouse to manage his assets.

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Cowboys remain merchandise champs

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson is convinced. So is Green Bay star Reggie White. The Super Bowl-bound Packers are the "real America's Team."

Not so fast.

Green Bay may be have surpassed Dallas on the field, but the Cowboys still lead the NFL in television ratings and merchandising — the most important categories after wins and losses.

Although the Packers are also charging toward No. 1 in those areas and would get a huge boost by winning the Super Bowl, officials at Fox Sports and NFL Properties say the turnover at the top will have to wait.

"The Cowboys are still certainly one of, if not the, ratings grabber," said Fox Sports spokesman Vince Wladika.

The Packers' NFC Championship victory over Carolina was the highest-rated early championship game in 11 years. However, it fell short of the ratings generated by the Cowboys in the four previous NFC title games.

NFL spokesman Chris Widmaier said the league projects that Dallas will win the merchandising battle for the fifth straight year when the fiscal year ends March 31.

"All of our talks with retailers and fan research shows the Cowboys are the NFL's most popular club," he said. Dallas picked up the "America's Team" moniker mostly as a publicity stunt during its glory days of the 1970s. The nickname stuck and was backed by high merchandise sales.

But over the last few months, Dallas has done its best to abdicate the throne.

The Cowboys just finished their worst season since 1991 and have been dogged for two years by repeated off-field transgressions.

Six of the last 13 drug-related suspension by the NFL have been against Dallas players, including stars Michael Irvin and Leon Lett, who has been busted twice. Irvin and offensive lineman Erik Williams were recently cleared of an unfounded rape accusation, but their reputations suffered nonetheless.

Each bit of bad news has sent people jumping off the Cowboys' bandwagon. Callers to radio talk shows and letter-to-the-editor writers repeatedly insist they can no longer support a team with so many blemishes.

Roy Clark, general manager of The Marketing Arm, said there's been a dramatic decline in companies seeking Cowboys. to hawk their products

LOCAL SPORTS

Purple girls win

The Midland Freshman Purple girls basketball team defeated Midland Lee White 67-56 Saturday.

Amy Rankin scored 17 points for Lee, while April Rankin had 11 steals and Lesile Shive pulled down eight rebounds.

Midland White defeated Odessa Bonham, 64-46. White, 5-2 in district, received 21 points from Meredith Myers while Terri Meldrum scored 15 and had 14 steals. Cornell's 13.

In other ninth grade action, Odessa Hood defeated Lee Freshman Maroon, 70-67. Maroon, 2-5 in district play, received 21 from Taborik Ephriam, 18 from Dick Whitley and 16 from Salvador Torres.

Midland White defeated Bonham 74-68. White, 5-9 for the season, was led by Blake Johnston's 15 and Shawn Anderson's 14. Justin Smith threw in 12, Bryson Mitchell scored 11 and Tony Zarate had 10.

Purple now 13-1

The Midland Freshman Purple basketball team defeated Midland Lee White 60-46 to improve to 13-1 for the season. DeJuan Andrews led Purple with 16. Justin Scott scored 15 while Randy Gardner and B.J. Alenxader had 10 each. Lee was paced by Glover's 11 and Tobi Michael and Lauren Pond.

Abell Blue took third place with a 32-16 win over Goddard White. Ashton Stahl had six rebounds and five steals whiel Angela Urtado had eight points.

Goddard Red wins tourney

The Goddard Red eighth grade girls team defeated Alamo White 63-51 in the finals of the preseason tournament.

Edrea Rogers and Ashley Murray each scored 16 points for the 3-0 Red team. Bailey Rucker netted 13 and Becky Valdez threw in 11. For the White, Linsey Johnson scored 19 and Christy Burnett had 15.

Eighth Grade Preseason Tournament

Last Place Game: Alamo Grey 51, Goddard Black 39 High point -AG: Raffe Belizaire 25 points, G. F. Scott 15

Consolation Finals: Alamo Blue 57, SJ. White 35. AB. S. Neatherlin 23, SJ: Drew Branum 11.

Third Place Game: SJ. Green 73, Abell Blue 50. SJ Jenny Jones 20, Chrystal Lange 18, Laura Koch 14, Sarah Butler 10, Abell: Shamera Bryson 20.

Championship Final: Goddard Red 63, Alamo Red 50. Edrea Rogers 16, Ashley Murray 16, Bailey Rucker 13, Becky Valdez 11. AR Lindey Johnson 19, Christy Burnett 15.

SJ Green wins 7th grade title

San Jacinto Green won the seventh grade preseason basketball tournament Saturday with a 17-14 win over Goddard Red in the low scoring championship finals.

Green got four points each from

MHS netters take titles

ABILENE — The Midland High junior varsity tennis team won three individual titles Friday in the District 4-5A JV tennis championships.

Russell Booth won the boys singles while Marlin Geib and Quillan Harris won doubles as did Clayton Vandergriff and J.T. Pitts.

Lindsay Cates and Tenille McDonald were runnerups in girls doubles. Travis Vandergriff was third in boys singles as was Brandey Johnson in girls singles.

Lady Rebs fall in Temple final; Coronado wins ECISD tourney

Staff Report

■ Soccer Roundup

TEMPLE — The Midland Lee Lady Rebels fell just 10 minutes short of winning their second tournament title of the season, butran out of gas in a 3-2 shootout loss to Kilgore in the finals of the Temple Tournament.

Lee, 7-2 for the season, got goals from Ritha Belizaire and Tiffany Zachry to lead 2-0 and held the lead with with just 10 minutes to go in the match but couldn;t hold on. That lead fell, and the Lady Rebs went into two overtimes before falling 3-2 in the following shootout.

For the match, Lee outshot Kilgore 21-4 but just couldn't convert the shots into goals.

"We played 80 minutes of the game on their side of the field," coach Mike Simpson said. "It was a long trip, and playing straight through, we were just out of gas. Our defense played phenomenal."

Belizaire, Lesley Keel and Valli Shumake were named to the all-tournament team.

Ealier in the day, Midland Lee got a strong defensive performance to shut down Leander and win 5-1 in the semifinal. Maggie George, Erin Epley, Shumake and Keel held Leander to just two shots. Leander's only goal came on a penalty kick in the first half.

Offensively, Lee got goals from five goals from five different scorers. Keel, Susie Prucka, Cassie Taylor, Tara Marshall and Belizaire all found the net for the Lady Rebs.

Lee will host OHS on Tuesday.

MHS girls place fourth

The Midland High Lady Bulldogs dropped their second straight game on Saturday. This one was a 1-0 shootout loss to Lubbock Coronado in the third place game of the Lubbock Tournament.

The weekend was filled with ups and downs for Scott Hodkinson's ball club. After a 3-2 shootout win over El Paso Andress and 2-1 win over Amarillo High. The Bulldogs dropped two straight to Lubbock Schools (Lubbock High and Coronado).

"At times we looked awesome, and at times, we looked weak," Hodkinson said of his 4-2-1 team. "My defense is pretty solid. I think we are missing something in terms of getting good shots off."

One big concern for Hodkinson is the potential loss of all-district sweeper Meg Bennett to a quadricep injury, who is questionable for Tuesday game with Permian.

Final Results from the Lubbock Invitational.
Championship: El Paso Franklin 1, Lubbock High 0
Third Place Game: Lubbock Coronado 1, Midland High 0 **Consolation Finals:** Tascosa 3, El Paso Andress 1

Lee boys finish on empty

AUSTIN — The Midland Lee boys soccer team lost to Round Rock Westwood 2-1 Saturday to finish the weekend with one win and two losses at the Governor's Cup.

Lee, 2-2 for the season, loss to Clear Lake 2-0 on Thursday. Then, the Rebs defeated Killeen 3-0 on Friday, thanks to goals from Matt Renfro, Kyle King and Adrian Castresana.

Castresana, again, scored in the finale, but McColloch's team didn't have the wheels at the end.

"I was happy with the way they play considering that was four games in four days," McColloch said. "We worked on some stuff there and certainly got into shape. We needed to play a lot of games to get in game shape."

Midland Lee will play Odessa High on Tuesday.

Dogs fall in Duncanville

DUNCANVILLE — The Midland High boys soccer team dropped their second of two Duncanville Tournament games on Friday to North Garland, 4-2.

The Bulldogs ran wild at the beginning of the game with goals from Scott Kamis and Michael Ratanasavetana to open the scoring. MHS, however, allowed four goals in the second half, two coming on penalty kicks. MHS fell to Arlington Martin in the first round on Thursday.

"We defeated ourselves. We played well but not well enough to win," MHS coach Tom Eskihati said.

MHS will host Odessa High on Tuesday.

Lubbock Coronado wins ECISD Invitational.

ODESSA \- The Lubbock Coronado boys soccer team defeated El Paso Hanks 2-0 to win the championship game of the ECISD Invitational tournament.

Lubbock Coronado got two goals from Jason Weems in the second and 43rd minute to beat Hanks. Odessa Permian finished fourth while Odessa High lost in a fifth place semifinal.

This weekend's scores from the ECISD Invitational Soccer Tournament.

Friday: Wichita Falls 2, Abilene Cooper 0, Odessa High 1, Pampa 0 (3-2 shootout), Lubbock Coronado 5, EL Paso Bel Air 0, El Paso Coronado 3, Killeen Ellison 0, Kerrville Tivy 2, El Paso Jefferson 1 (SO), Permian 4, Brownwood 0, San Angelo Central 4, Lubbock High 0, El Paso Hanks 5, Grand Prairie 2

Championship Quarterfinals: Wichita Falls High 3, OHS 2, Lubbock Coronado 1, El Paso Coronado 0 (SO), Permian 2, Kerrville Tivy 1, EP Hanks 2, SA Central 1

Consolation Quarterfinals: Abilene Cooper 3, Pampa 0, EP Bel Air 1, Killeen 0, EP Jefferson 3, Brownwood 0

Saturday

Championship Semifinals: Lubbock Coronado 2, Wichita Falls High 0, El Paso Hanks 3, Permian 2

Consolation Semifinals: Cooper 5, EP Bel Air 3, Grand Prairie 4, EP Jefferson 3

Fifth Place Semifinals: El Paso Coronado 2, Odessa High 1, San Angelo Central 6, Kerrville Tivy 0

Championship Game: Lubbock Coronado 2, EP Hanks 0 **Third Place Game:** Wichita Falls High 5, Permian 1 **Fifth Place Game:** SA Central 4, EP Coronado 0

Other District7 Results

Odessa Permian girls (at Killeen): Defeated Round Rock McNeil, 2-1, lost to Killeen High, 1-0; lost to Round Rock Westwood, 7-0; defeated OHS, 5-1

Odessa High girls (at Killeen): Defeated Lampasas 7-0; Defeated Killeen Ellison, 1-0; Lost to Killeen High, 3-1; Lost to Permian 5-1

Abilene Cooper (at Arlington Tournament): Defeated Fossil Ridge 7-0; Defeated Southlake Carroll, 2-1 SO win; Lost to Keller 3-1; Second place at Tournament

USOC to decide next month on bid for 2008 Summer Games

By Larry Siddons
AP Sports Writer

The United States Olympic Committe will vote next month whether to pursue a bid for a third Summer Games in 24 years or to wait until at least 2012 to go again.

The committee's governing executive panel, meeting in Colorado Springs, discussed the possibility Saturday of bidding for the Games in 2008 and decided to place the issue on the agenda for the full board of directors meeting in Philadelphia on Feb. 15-16.

It also agreed to meet with cities interested in staging the Olympics or bidding for any other event through the USOC, including the 2007 Pan American Games and annual board meetings. That seminar is scheduled for Philadelphia on Feb. 12.

William Hybl, the USOC's new president, said earlier this month that he thought it would be good to seriously consider a bid for 2008 even though it is less than six months since the Centennial Games ended in Atlanta. The United States, which has held eight Olympics, also hosted the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., and the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles and has the 2002 Winter GAmes in Salt Lake City, and no country ever has had so many Olympics in so short a time.

Hybl said the decision Saturday covered a broad range of issues but did not signal a backing off from his hopes of bringing another Games to the United States in the near future.

"It's part of the process," he said. "We put emphasis on dealing with the issues fully. It will be on the agenda in Philadelphia. There are a lot of questions that need to be answered in the next two or three weeks but in fairness to everyone we need to make a decision."

Hybl said he "still feels the United Sttes should bid for the Games in either 2008 or 2012."

"That's why we are gathering the information we need to make the decision."

Bids for 2008 are expected from organizations in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, New York and Seattle, all with budgets of more than $10 million on just the initial phase of the process.

A U.S. city would be nominated by the end of 1999, entering a two-year international campaign.

The IOC also is looking to expand the games into Africa, South America and Asia. Eleven international cities are bidding for the 2004 Games, and many of the also-rans there are expected to run again for 2008.

More might be involved in another U.S. bid, however.

While they were the biggest, most expensive Olympics ever, featuring top-level competition and record crowds, the Atlanta Games left a bitter taste, too.

A fatal pipe-bombing in Centennial Olympic Park, the main public gathering spot for the Games, was the first terrorist attack at the Olympics since the massacre of Israeli athletes by Palestian factions at the 1972 Summer Games at Munich.

Technology and transportation, two areas promoted as strong points of America's infrastructure, broke down in Atlanta, embarrasing organizers and the IOC.

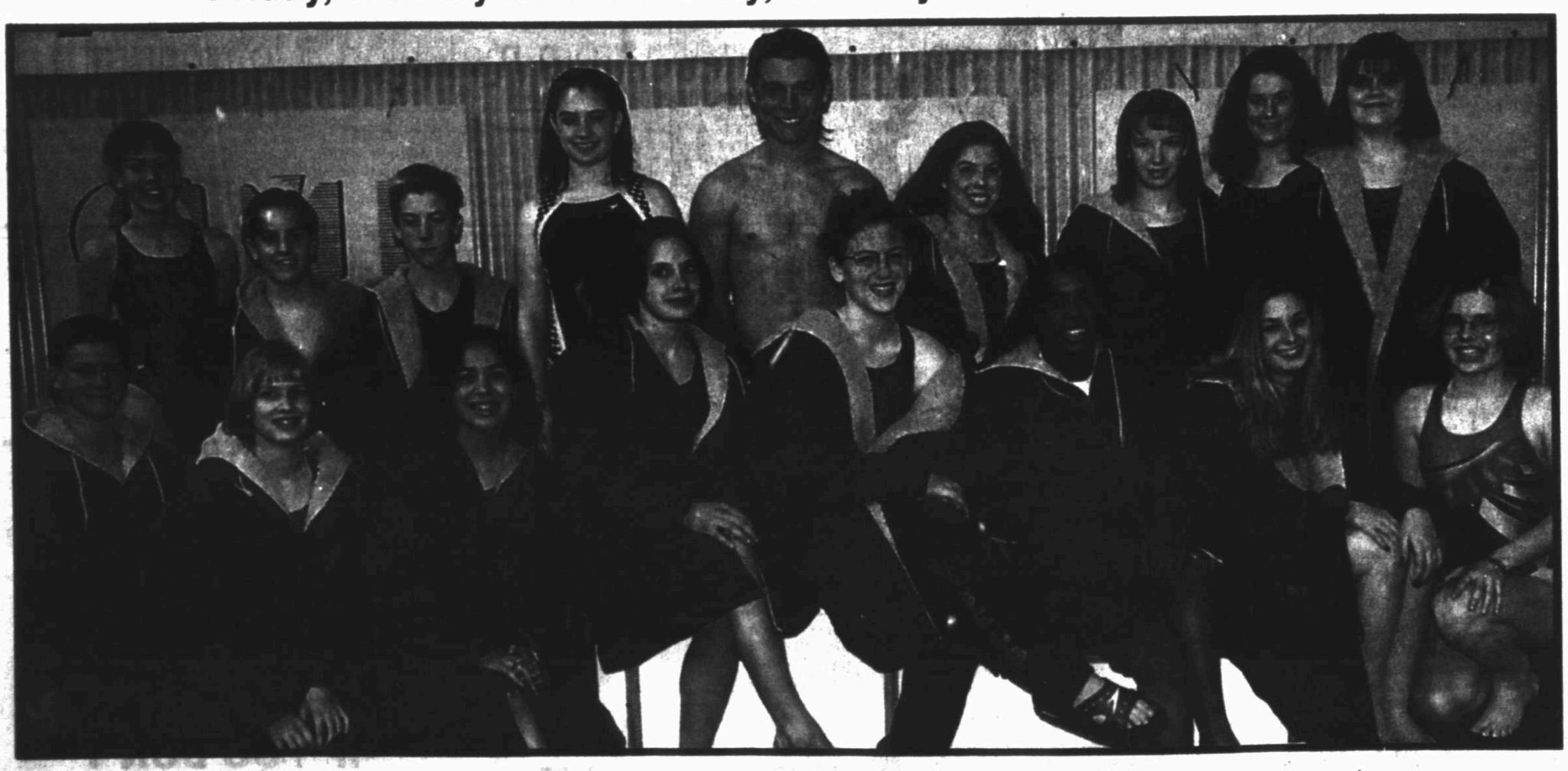
In addition, the international committee was dismayed by the commercial sprawl of unofficial vendors that surrounded Olympic sites, creating a tawdry backdrop for the 100th birthday of the modern games.

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BASIN BRIEFING

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Complaints can be addressed to the Midland Police Department's traffic division at 685-7122. After a complaint is received, an officer will tag the vehicle with a warning stating that the owner has 72 hours to move the vehicle.

— Tina Sanders, public information officer for the city of Midland

Readers with questions should send them to "Answer Line," c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701.

School holiday

Schools in Midland Independent School District will be closed Monday and Tuesday. The schools are closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and Tuesday for teacher inservice. Classes will resume Wednesday.

Dance lessons

Central YMCA is registering interested persons for country and western dance lessons with Susie Hitchcock-Hall. The classes are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. [illegible]. The fee is $24 for YMCA members and $28 for non-members. In addition to country and western dances, the Macarena, will be taught. For additional information, call Thomas Talley at 682-2551.

Parker Place

Applications for Parker Place are still being accepted at the Housing Authority, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive. William Howard, president for Midland Parker Place Inc., said 29 applications have so far been submitted. To qualify for Parker Place, the head of household must be at least 62 years of age with a maximum income of $12,450 for singles or $14,250 for couples. For more information, call the Housing Authority at 682-0011.

Appointments

Former mayor, Ernest Angelo Jr., an indepedent petroleum engineer, is one of three persons who Gov. George Bush appointed to the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Bush has also appointed John Avila Jr. of Fort Worth, president and CEO of a general contracting company; and Houston lawyer Carol E. Dinkins, who practices environmental law. The appointments require confirmation by the state Senate.

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.

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Midlanders enhance art skills at Disney Institute's 5-day course

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Animation is not child's play, though it appeals to the child in all of us.

Two Midlanders recently let the child in them come out during a five-day animation course at the Disney Institute in Orlando, Fla.

"I always wanted to learn more about animation," said optometrist, Dr. Billy Cook, who talked artist Norman Johnson into accompanying him to the institute.

Cook learned about the institute from Disney's site on the World Wide Web.

"My emphasis was on learning more about animation because I want animation on my home page when I have one. Knowing Norman and his interest in graphics, I talked him into going with me."

"What I've done in the past, I've been an illustrator and cartoonist," Johnson said. "Suddenly, I find myself doing things on the World Wide Web and Internet, a lot of things geared toward the computer. I wanted to see the possibilities of going into full-scale animation. On a small scale, it looks feasible, but nothing like the big guys on the block."

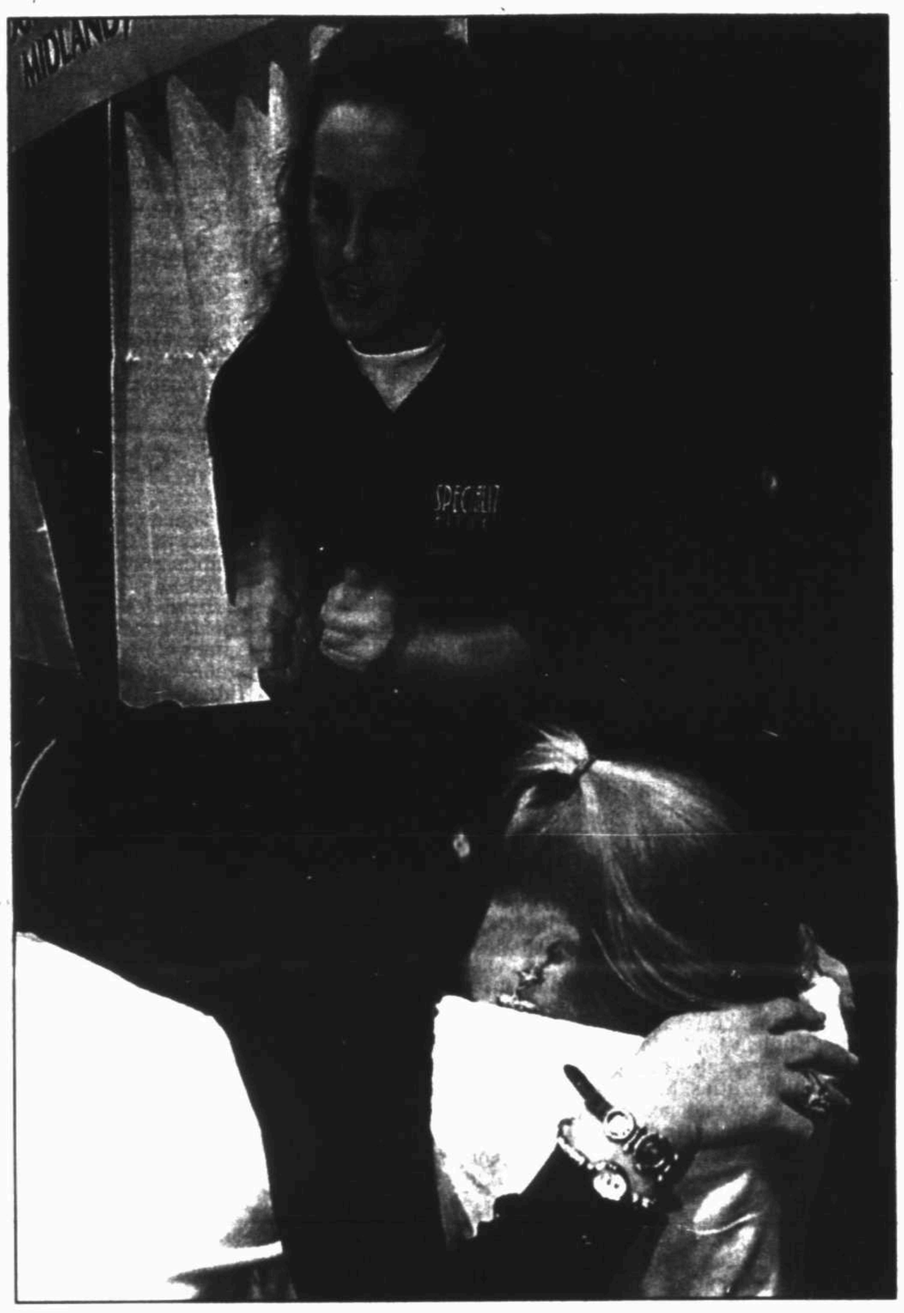
Cook called the visit "a wonderful deal. The instructors work with Disney artists so we were getting first-class

Please see ART/2C



Midlanders Norman Johnson and Billy Cook watch the claymation project they worked on recently at the Disney Institute in Orlando, Fla.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Second Fitness Fair helps Midlanders stay healthy

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Helping Midlanders keep their New Year's resolution to get fit, healthy and lose weight, was the focus of the second Fitness Fair Saturday at Midland Center.

At the fair were more than 25 exhibit booths, offering everything from vitamin drinks to information about becoming an organ donor.

There were magnetic soles, blankets and plates promoting better circulation and relief from muscle pain.

Along with magnetic cure-alls, there were drinks, power shakes, liquid or powder; lotions and creams offering vitamins from A to zinc and promising varied results of removal of fine lines and wrinkles, weight loss, lessening of menstrual cramps, prevention of cancer, and increased libido and energy levels.

When you do become fit, don't let those healthy organs go to waste, said B.J. Craft of Legacy for Life. He was urging Texans to say "yes" to organ donation on their driver's license application, and giving out donation cards.

"What people don't realize is that if you're in an accident, you're sent

Please see WELL/2C

Kim Johnson, left, registered massage therapist, gives a free massage to Cindi Mladenka at the Specialized Fitness booth Saturday during the Fitness Fair. Registered nurse Laura Douglas, below, checked Toni McMillan's blood pressure at the Nurses Unlimited booth at Saturday's Fitness Fair.

Photos by Tim Fischer





Six finalists were chosen Saturday from 60 competitors in the National Young Artists Competition: from left, Trent Hanna, Huntsville, piano; Christina Jennings, New York City, flute; Wei Wei Le, Cincinnati, violin; Heather Conner, Pennsylvania, piano; Ronald Gardiner, Rochester, N.Y., cello; and Brent Shires, Manitowoc, Wisc., French horn. The performing winner is Heather Conner.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

National Young Artists Competition

Midland co-workers split money from matching 5 lotto numbers

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

■ Photo on 2C

A group of Midland co-workers were one number away from becoming millionaires in Wednesday's Texas Lottery drawing that had an estimated jackpot of $35 million.

Thirty-one workers at Duo Delights had one of 206 tickets that matched five out of six numbers, said Leticia Vasquez, a lottery spokeswoman.

Each co-worker put in $5 each for 155 tickets; they won $2,054, or about $66 each.

Wednesday's lottery numbers were 26-27-35-36-39 and 50. Their winning ticket matched all the numbers except 27. They had 37 instead.

The odds of matching five out of six numbers are 1 in 60,192 and for matching all six numbers, it is 1 in about 60 million, Ms. Vasquez said.

The one ticket that matched all six numbers Wednesday was sold in Ballinger, Ms. Vasquez said.

The next day, some of the Duo Delight winners were quick to try their luck again.

"Yeah, we went to bingo last night," said Carlene Buchanan, a confectionist, said. "We're so bad."

However, they haven't given up on the lottery.

They had pot for Saturday night's drawing, she said.

GARY OTT

Even though it's naughty, overhearing phone calls fun

One of the really fun things about working in an open office environment is that you get to overhear telephone conversations involving your co-workers ... and that includes their, ahem, "personal" calls.

You can tell when they are having a personal call by the volume of their voice.

If, for example, they are speaking in a "normal" tone, then you can pretty much assume that they are engaged in a legitimate business call.

If, on the other hand, they suddenly drop the volume a decibel or two, cup a hand over their mouth and begin whispering into the receiver, you can be certain one heck of a personal phone call is under way, the kind, in fact, that can be downright enjoyable to overhear.



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Now, as you might expect, most of these "non-business" calls involve conversations between your co-workers and their, shall we say, "significant others," who, during these liberated times, may or may not be members of the opposite sex.

But be that as it may.

The point here is that they — your co-workers — don't want the details of what is being whispered to be heard by others ... especially you.

So that means you will have to work even harder to get the inside scoop, especially the juicy stuff that you can then pass on to your other co-workers, thus making you the No. 1 busybody in the office.

Still, believe it or not, the gathering of this highly volatile information is not as easy as it may seem.

Straining with all your might, for example, just might not be enough.

Indeed, a little ingenuity is often required, and not just learning the art of lip reading, either.

And that's where I enter the picture. As usual, I'm here to help.

Following are three sure-fire tips for overhearing juicy conversations:

1. "Drop" your pencil in the general direction of the person doing the whispering. This, of course, will then necessitate you getting up from your desk and walking — very slowly — over to his (or her) desk in order to retreive the pencil, thus providing you with the ideal opportunity to ease even closer to the conversation.

If you play your cards right, and fake a bad back while bending over, you should be able to overhear all types of steamy details.

2. Pretend your co-worker has just received an "urgent" message from the boss, which, quite naturally, will require you to walk to his (or her) desk and hand-deliver the message, all the while turning your ears into tiny, yet highly sensitive, antennae.

By doing so, and then exaggerating what you actually "hear," you should be able to accumulate all types of damaging gossip to pass onto others.

3. While your co-worker is shamelessly whispering — and giggling — into the phone, casually mosey over to the desk and say, "Yes?" When he (or she) quicky covers the phone with his (or her) right hand and looks up at you in horror, merely reply, "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were talking to me."

When the person frantically shakes his (or her) head from side to side, simply shrug your shoulders, as if you haven't a care in the world, and nonchalantly say, "You might want to speak up a tad. I'm having a hard time hearing you."

Sometimes the direct approach is the best approach.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Police Reports

Sexual assault

A report of sexual assault was made Saturday afternoon.

The incident occurred Tuesday in the 400 block of Edgewood Drive, police said. No further information was available.

Midland Police Department
Friday

Theft: A purse was taken at 1822 E. Pecan Avenue, reported Diane Miller at 3:38 p.m.

Theft/forgery: Checks were taken at 3209 Courtyard Drive, reported Bank One at 4:27 p.m.

Burglary of a building: Cash, two microphones and six whole chickens were taken at 3817 Roosevelt Drive and the building was vandalized. It was reported by Madonna Clark at 4:44 p.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 1606 W. Industrial Ave. by Frank Yanacek at 4:54 p.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 3601 Andrews Highway by Lanett Chambers at 5:55 p.m.

Saturday

Stolen vehicle: A black, 1996 Ford Thunderbird was taken at 1002 Andrews Highway, reported Eddie Zachery at 6 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Friday

Burglary: A report was made at 5007 W. County Road 116, reported Clifford Williams at 5:54 p.m.

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



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Lotto winners

Thirty-one employees of Duo Delights matched five of six numbers in Wednesday's lottery. They split $2,054, or about $66 each.

ART: Two Midland men learn more animation techniques

(From 1C)

instruction. We learned classic animation, computer animation, clay animation. It was really a neat experience.

"The animation was wonderful. I have a much more critical eye and appreciation for what's being done, how it's done and how time-consuming original classic animation was. Even computer animation has some classic elements to it. They still have to make the actors, the characters, move in a fluid way."

Johnson said that as a professional artist, "I knew about animation and I knew things were moving toward computerized animation. I'm always running X-number of years behind technology. I was surprised (at the institute) not because classic animation is still done — the Disney people say it will never really die out. The only thing is, they're using computerized animation sandwiched in with classic animation. They're not that far ahead of anyone, just in their abilities and their budget."

As part of the class, Johnson and Cook had to provide voices for the animated characters.

"What we were taught was how to get the voice with the character," Johnson said. "We were both recording voices and they played them back for us. Then they put us in an impromptu situation where we weren't given scripts, we were to just start talking in character and stay in the character's voice."

He said his new skills will allow him to expand services offered by his commercial art studio.

"The neat thing about art right now is there are so many options and so many new ones coming online there are no boundaries anymore," he said. "Like the artwork I just finished for a rugby team and e-mailed to Australia. I never printed it out, it all came through the computer."

The rugby team was searching for an oil cartoonist on the Internet and a friend of Johnson's put the two together. "I started working with a guy in Brisbane and we did it all through the computer — communications, rough draft and final product."

Johnson said he was very impressed with the institute. "It's just the corporate atmosphere. Disney has the 'Imagineers' who set up the institute; it almost looks like a movie scene. Even the buildings looked animated, everything's so immaculate. I was noticing the physical plant, it was an imaginary theme that's real."

Cook said the institute — which offers classes on a variety of topics, from rock-climbing to topiaries to cooking — is a unique way to spend a vacation and he looks forward to repeating the experience.

"The classes are limited to 15, so you always have one-on-one instruction. The way the whole institute works, it's very relaxed and enjoyable and you can just learn. It was a great experience."

Johnson highly recommends the institute.

"I'm still kind of a kid at heart," he said. "But out there, I was definitely a kid again."

WELL: Residents take advantage of second Fitness Fair at Midland Center

(From 1C)

to the hospital without your driver's license because the police have taken it. So the doctors don't know if you're a donor or not," Craft said.

If talking about organ donation was a downer, close by was exhibitor Renaissance Designer Gallery, which was giving samples of its "high-fiber, low-fat, low calorie" cookie. It comes in either oatmeal-raisin or chocolate chip and supposedly suppresses the appetite, contributing to weight loss.

"Just don't eat it with a cola," said Janie Leary, a De"Lite"Full Cookie representative.

It probably was better to eat it before Chef David McCartney, a member of the Permian Basin Chefs Association, made braised quails with blueberry and chambord sauce. However, giving in to temptation would have only been around 240 calories and about 2 1/2 grams of fat, McCartney said.

To help fight temptation, fitness consultants, or personal trainers, averaging about $150 for four one-hour sessions, were on hand to motivate and cater to individual health needs.

If even the thought of fitness sounds tiring, the best bet was to get a free massage and delay the New Year's fitness resolution until next year.

Deaths

Walter Hinners (697-1004)

URBANA, Ill. — Walter Hinners, 93, father of Midlander Margaret Sanders, died Sunday, Jan. 12, in Illinois.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Renner-Wikoff Chapel in Urbana, Ill., with the Rev. Rogers Digges officiating. Burial was at Grandview Cemetery under the direction of Renner-Wikoff Chapel.

He was born Oct. 3, 1903, in Philo, Ill.

He was a farmer and a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Champaign, Ill. He married Wilma Koss on Dec. 17, 1932, in Philo, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a son, Howard Hinners, and three brothers.

Other survivors include a son, Charles Hinners of Champaign, Ill.; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimers Association, Alzheimers Chapter of East Central Illinois, 707 Devonshire, Champaign, Ill. 61820.

Elmer L. Shortes

STANTON — Elmer L. Shortes, 89, of New Braunfels, died Friday, Jan. 17, in New Braunfels.

Graveside services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born Dec. 29, 1907, in Goliad. The former Odessan was a building contractor and member of First Presbyterian Church in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Willie E. Shortes of New Braunfels; two daughters, Sue Davis of New Braunfels and Nancy Stewart of Taos, N.M.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Marion Stroud

OZONA — Marion "Pete" Stroud, 60, of Ozona, father of Midlander Roger Stroud, died Thursday, Jan. 16, in Ozona.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 19, at First Baptist Church in Ozona. Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home in Ozona.

He was born Feb. 20, 1936 in Brookhaven, Miss. He was self-employed and had lived in Ozona for 23 years.

Other survivors include his wife, Dean Stroud of Ozona; two daughters, Theresa Walters of El Paso and Paula Westmoreland of Ozona; two other sons, Wayne Stroud of The Woodlands and Terry Gardner of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mamie Gaston of Andrews and Ann Ford of Odessa; a brother, W.D. Stroud of Midland; 14 grandchildren and twp great-grandchildren.

Floy Smith

Floy Smith, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 16, in Midland.

Memorial services are to be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 23, 1912, in Frederick, Okla.

She married Cecil Smith in 1936 in Guthrie, Okla. She moved to Midland in 1947.

Survivors include her husband of Midland.

Helen S.Edmiston

McCAMEY — Helen Stell Edmiston, 58, of McCamey, died Friday, Jan. 17, in a automobile accident near Mason.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at First Baptist Church in Crane with the Revs. Steve Beckwith and Larry Brownfield officiating. Burial is to be at Crane County Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in McCamey.

She was born Aug. 10, 1938, in Odessa.

She graduated from Sull Ross University with a bachelor's degree in art and was a teacher for 28 years before retiring in 1985. She was a member of TSTA and McCamey Womens Study Club. She married Gary Edmiston on Aug. 11, 1961, in Crane.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Stell.

Survivors include her husband of McCamey; a daughter, Christy Hodges of McCamey; a son, Michael Edmiston of Crane; a brother, Dan Stell of Friendswood; two grandchildren; an uncle; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mary Laschkewitch

Services for Mary Laschkewitch, 58, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Ms. Laschkewitch died Saturday, Jan. 18, at her residence.

Robert Lee Jones

Services for Robert Lee "Bob" Jones, 50, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Jones died Friday, Jan. 17, at a local hospital.

Obituary

Nell Sikes Johnson

Nell Sikes Johnson, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, at her home.

Services were held on Friday at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Wayland, Texas, and graduated from Weatherford High School. She married John Johnson Jr. on Feb. 11, 1940. They moved to Midland in 1949.

She is survived by her husband, John Johnson of Midland; her son, Sikes Johnson of Midland; two daughters, Vicki Johnson Miller of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Teresa Johnson of Midland; her brother, Charles Sikes of Kermit; and three grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials should be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., Midland, Texas 79701 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Pallbearers were John Sikes Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Julian M. Simpson, Martin Neill, John Friberg and James J. Stockton.

Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Buddy Wood Sunday School Class.

Danny Dale Brewer

Services for Danny Dale Brewer, 44, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Brewer died Saturday, Jan. 18, at a local hospital.

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.

Tex-Mex language claim feeds growing discussion

By Russell Gold
Associated Press

Baird, a social linguist, studied the evolution of language on gravestones in family plots and found something telling.

SAN ANTONIO — Trinity University Professor Scott Baird believes Tex-Mex, the blend of Spanish and English spoken in South Texas, is evolving into a distinct language.

He unearthed his proof in an unexpected locale: the graveyard.

This unique premise is disputed by some of his fellow language experts, even if it hasn't sparked the kind of national furor inspired by the Ebonics issue.

Baird, a social linguist, studied the evolution of language on gravestones in family plots and found something telling.

Gravestones bearing a mixture of Spanish and English seem to persist for generations while earlier immigrant communities, like the Czech and German, abandoned their native languages in favor of English within three generations.

"The Spanish speakers in large numbers, significant numbers, are going back to the mixed code (of Spanish and English) and hanging on to it, fourth generation, fifth generation, sixth generation," Baird said at a lecture last week.

He thinks this indicates an unusual occurrence — the emergence of a new language.

The spoken version of Tex-Mex takes English words and adds Spanish conjugations and applies English grammatical rules, like word contraction, to a Spanish foundation. For instance, the expression "to back up" becomes "baquear pa'atras."

Baird's controversial claim is that Tex-Mex is a creole, an independent language that neither English nor Spanish speakers can readily understand.

Most other linguists regard it as a dialect of Spanish.

"I'm afraid that Professor Baird is barking up the wrong tree," said MaryEllen Garcia, associate professor of foreign languages at UTSA who has studied the Spanish spoken in San Antonio since 1990, the past three years with a National Science Foundation grant.

"In this case, speakers of Mexican Spanish do understand San Antonio Spanish," she said.

As demonstrated by the recent national flare-up over Ebonics a form of African-American vernacular English endorsed as a distinct language by the Oakland, Calif., school board the difference between a dialect and a language is a whole lot more than semantics. It often involves cultural pride and political ideology.

Also, Tex-Mex is sometimes viewed as "bad" English or "bad" Spanish. A stigma is attached to speaking it, much like Ebonics, or black English.

But Baird said that Tex-Mex, or Spanglish as he prefers, is a complex, evolved language that mixes words from English and Spanish. For example, the English "to park" has become "parquear," supplanting the word in formal Spanish, "estacionar."

San Antonio is a popular location for academics interested in studying Tex-Mex because it is near the floating, dividing line separating the Western hemisphere. To the north, there are 300 million English speakers. To the south, 400 million Spanish speakers.

In addition, linguists agree, Spanish and English mix here on a daily basis. And in many West Side conversations and on Tejano radio, the mixing often takes place in the same sentence.

"What you hear on (radio station) KXTN is 'Escuche,' the popular song of the " manana,' " said Robert Bayley, an assistant professor of bicultural-bilingual studies at UTSA.

"What happens with the language mixing is that you get something different. It becomes something of an identity marker for Texas and U.S. Latinos," he said. "You have to be brought up in that kind of community to do it right."

Baird, who speaks Japanese and wrote his doctoral dissertation on black English, said he realized what was happening while looking at a family plot in the San Fernando Cemetery.

The first generation's gravestones were in Spanish. The second generation mixed English and Spanish. The third generation was entirely in English, including changing the spelling of the name. The fourth generation, however, brought back the original spelling and wrote the epitaph in Spanish. It stuck.

Baird said there still is some natural confusion about how the languages are mixing.

"How did the combination of Arabic and Latin produce Spanish? The answer is, we don't know. How did Latin and German combine to produce French? We don't know," he said.

"And how is Spanish and English combining to produce a new Indo-European language? We don't know, but it is happening right here under our eyeballs."

Missing documents may get convicted killer new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A missing box of documents could be the key to a new trial for Yolanda Saldivar, the woman convicted of killing Tejano singing star Selena almost two years ago.

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar and Nueces County prosecutors were set to return to Houston on Monday for an evidentiary hearing requested by the 14th Court of Appeals, which is reviewing Ms. Saldivar's conviction and life prison sentence.

Ms. Saldivar, 36, fatally wounded the Grammy Award-winning singer March 31, 1995, during a confrontation at a Corpus Christi motel. She contended the .38-caliber revolver went off by accident.

At issue is the whereabouts of a box of files that belonged to Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr.

The papers were ordered withheld from evidence by State District Judge Mike Westergren, who presided over the October 1995 trial. Westergren also ordered the documents sealed as part of the court record.

But that's the last anyone apparently has seen of the files, which Westergren brought to Houston when he granted a change of venue for the murder trial, moving it from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi to Harris County because of pretrial publicity.

The judge said he left the box with a court clerk with instructions to make them part of the trial record.

"Where we're at right now is: Who had them? Who was the last one to have them? What was in them? And if whatever was in them is applicable toward whether her trial was appropriate and sentencing appropriate," Marilee Roberts, Westergren's court manager, says. "And if they can't find them, is not having them now reason to give her a new trial?"

The appeals court says that could be the case.

"If records are lost or destroyed without appellant's fault, appellant is entitled to a new trial," the court said in a Dec. 12 order. "Exactly what documents are missing from the record and whether appellant is responsible for any loss are questions that we cannot decide without an evidentiary hearing."

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar, who is not eligible for parole until 2025, contend the records are critical to her appeal because trial witnesses should not have been allowed to testify about their belief that Ms. Saldivar embezzled money from Selena.

Prosecutors during the trial accused Ms. Saldivar of embezzling more than $5,000.

Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez has described the situation as a "sticky mess."

"For our conviction to be jeopardized by something like this is horrible," he said.

The appeals court judges gave Westergren until Jan. 30 to make a recommendation to them regarding the missing files.

"As far as our records reflect, those files are not here," Raymond Pasado, manager of support systems for the district court clerk's office in Harris County, says. "We have made a thorough search of our records and they're not here. Never seeing the records, the box ... I don't know what it is. They just said a box."

Ms. Saldivar rose from fan club president to overseer of the singer's Selena Etc. clothing business. Selena's family, however, later claimed the former registered nurse embezzled thousands of dollars and told the woman they were going to go to police with their allegations.

Prosecutors said Ms. Saldivar deliberately shot Selena after the singer went to the motel to confront her about the embezzlement claims. Ms. Saldivar said she picked up the gun, put it to her own head and told the singer to leave the room. When Selena refused and went to close the door, Ms. Saldivar said she waved the gun and as she was gesturing the weapon discharged.

After the shooting, Ms. Saldivar held police at bay in a 9 1/2-hour standoff outside the Days Inn motel, holding a gun to her head and wailing that she wanted to kill herself.

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WEST TEXAS BRIEFS

■ Civil War veterans honored

The Midland Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will honor Civil War veterans buried at Fairview Cemetery at a ceremony set for 1 p.m. today.

In Texas, Jan. 19 is Confederate Heroes Day, to observe Robert E. Lee's birthday and to remember Civil War veterans.

■ Volunteer meeting for planetarium

A volunteer recruitment meeting for the Marian Blakemore Planetarium is set for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday at the planetarium.

Positions for which volunteers are needed are usher, cashier and telescope and console operator for sky shows. Help is also needed Tuedays through Fridays visiting school groups, building or installing special effects and arranging gallery displays.

To register or for more information call the Museum of the Southwest at 683-2882.

■ Public reception honoring artist

ODESSA — A public reception honoring local artist Becki Smith will be 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Options Gallery at Odessa College.

Works by Ms. Smith are on display through Feb. 6 in the gallery. Ms. Smith has participated in a number of local art exhibits and received a merit award from the Midland Art Association in 1996. She is a former board member of the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday thorugh Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Auxiliary to visit High Sky Ranch

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 2982 Auxiliary will visit High Sky Children's Ranch Wednesday evening and then meet 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Club on Brinson Lane.

Carol Inge, grand madam president of the auxiliary, is to be the group's guest.

■ Dog show continues in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Kennel Club dog show continues 8 a.m. today at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition, microchipping will be done 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. at the coliseum's northeast corner.

Owners who bring in their pets for microchipping are asked to take their animals home before watching the competition.

Also, vendors will have dog supplies and collectibles for sale.

For more information call Carole Owen at 263-3404.

Texans planning for inaugural galas, parades

By Michelle Mittelstadt
Associated Press

One of the myriad unofficial balls rivaling the 14 official balls for guests and entertainers, the Texas gala is renowned as one of the more fun stops on the inaugural party circuit.

WASHINGTON — When William Jefferson Clinton takes the oath of office Monday on the West portico of the Capitol, thousands of Texans will be among the hordes thronged on the Mall to witness the pomp and pageantry.

They'll also be front and center for the inaugural parade — whether in the chilly outdoors or watching from pricey hotel suites overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue — and later dancing the night away at one of the many swank inaugural balls.

A whole weekend of revelry precedes the swearing-in, from sightseeing for out-of-town guests to lawmakers throwing open their congressional offices and homes to visiting family, friends and constituents.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who headed the Clinton-Gore campaign in Texas, is planning on soaking up every minute of fun.

"I'm really excited about it," he said in an interview. "I'm going to see a lot of old friends."

The Clintons are among those Mauro numbers as old friends — giving him more of an up-close-and-personal view of the inaugural than most will have. Mauro's dance card includes "a couple" of visits to the White House as well a drop-by at the Naval Observatory, the home of Vice President Al Gore.

Mauro, a likely gubernatorial contender in 1998, also will be rubbing elbows with his fellow Texans as the first day of Clinton's second term draws to a close.

The Black Tie & Boots Gala thrown by the Texas State Society "is always the highlight of the weekend," Mauro said.

One of the myriad unofficial balls rivaling the 14 official balls for guests and entertainers, the Texas gala is renowned as one of the more fun stops on the inaugural party circuit. It's also one of the more colorful, where sequins and big hair are side-by-side with ropers and blue jeans.

Black Tie & Boots holds itself out as a bipartisan event for the 5,500 or more guests who wander through the cavernous Sheraton Washington Hotel munching on guacamole, salsa and other Tex-Mex fare while listening to musicians who hail from the Lone Star State.

Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is among those expected to attend the gala, as are other members of the Texas congressional delegation.

One who plans no public appearances on Monday beyond the president's swearing-in is Sen. Phil Gramm — who had envisioned Jan. 20th in much different fashion.

Given his druthers, Gramm would be saying: "I, William Philip Gramm, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States ..."

But, after a yearlong presidential campaign that failed to catch fire, Gramm refocused his sights on Texas and won election in November to a third Senate term.

After the swearing-in, which members of Congress customarily attend, Gramm is planning a quiet day with the family, said spokesman Larry Neal.

"His son is in town for another couple of days, and he wants to spend time with the family," Neal said. Referring to Gramm's son, who is a doctoral student at Texas A&M, Neal said: "Ultimately, Marshall is more important than the inaugural parties."

One batch of Texans excitedly awaiting Black Tie & Boots is the state's official representative in the inaugural parade: the Lake Highlands High School Wildcat Wranglers country-western dance team.

A weekend of sightseeing behind them — spanning the ornate wonders of the Capitol to the more pedestrian Washington subway system — the Dallas teens were happily awaiting their parade appearance and evening entertainment at the Black Tie & Boots Gala.

"They are so excited," said dance team director Katha Black.

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Police hold three suspects in 11 home-invasion robberies

FORT WORTH (AP) — A traffic ticket left at the scene of a crime helped lead to the arrests of three men believed responsible for nearly a dozen home-invasion robberies, police said Saturday.

The suspected ringleader, Jerald McClothin, 19, was being held at the Tarrant County Jail, police said, but was not listed in the jail's computer system.

Eddie Davis, 23, and Randel D. Johnson, 18, were each being held on one count of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon with bail set at $100,000 apiece, a jail spokeswoman said.

The men are believed to have committed nine Fort Worth robberies, as well as one in nearby Arlington and another in suburban Forest Hills over the last four months, police said.

A group of two to four armed, ski-masked men dressed in black would kick in the front door in the middle of the night, yelling "Task force!" to suggest they were authorities on a drug bust. They would bind residents with duct tape and ransack the home of valuables. Some victims willingly surrendered, believing the gunmen were police.

The men arrested Friday are suspects in 11 of the 13 home-invasion robberies Fort Worth-area authorities have recorded since October.

They were identified as suspects through information provided by the victims, tips and a suspect in another crime, police Lt. Mark Krey said.

A traffic ticket containing McClothin's name that was left behind of the Oct. 6 Forest Hills robbery provided investigators with a major break in the case, he said.

"That helped us in tying some people to a particular scene," Krey said. "It led us in a good direction."

Police charged the three men in connection with a Dec. 17 robbery in which one victim was struck in the back of the head and made off with as much as $100, Krey said. Police are expected to soon file additional robbery charges against the men, he said. Additional suspects also could be charged.

Officers said they spotted Johnson and Davis in east Fort Worth about 5 p.m. Friday. Johnson was arrested, but Davis fled and was caught around 8:30 p.m. at a friend's house. McClothin was arrested around 9:15 p.m.

Aggravated robbery is punishable by up to 99 years in prison and a $20,000 fine. No stolen property has been recovered, Krey said.

The lieutenant would not divulge any information about how the suspects might have known the victims, who appeared to be specifically targeted in some of the robberies.

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Science III
Physical Science
Social Studies English, Grades 1-6
Social Studies Spanish, Grades 1-5

If requested, a public hearing will be held February 6, 1997.
For questions, call Jane Carrens, 689-1984.

Anti-Republic measure gets quick attention

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation that would crack down on the Republic of Texas' use of phony court judgments and liens may get quick attention from the state of Texas' Legislature.

Gov. George W. Bush on Friday declared the issue an "emergency." That means constitutional time limits are waived and lawmakers can give it immediate attention in the session that opened this week.

"It is a significant enough concern that we want the Legislature to address it quickly," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "It's really an issue that has hampered county clerks and local officials."

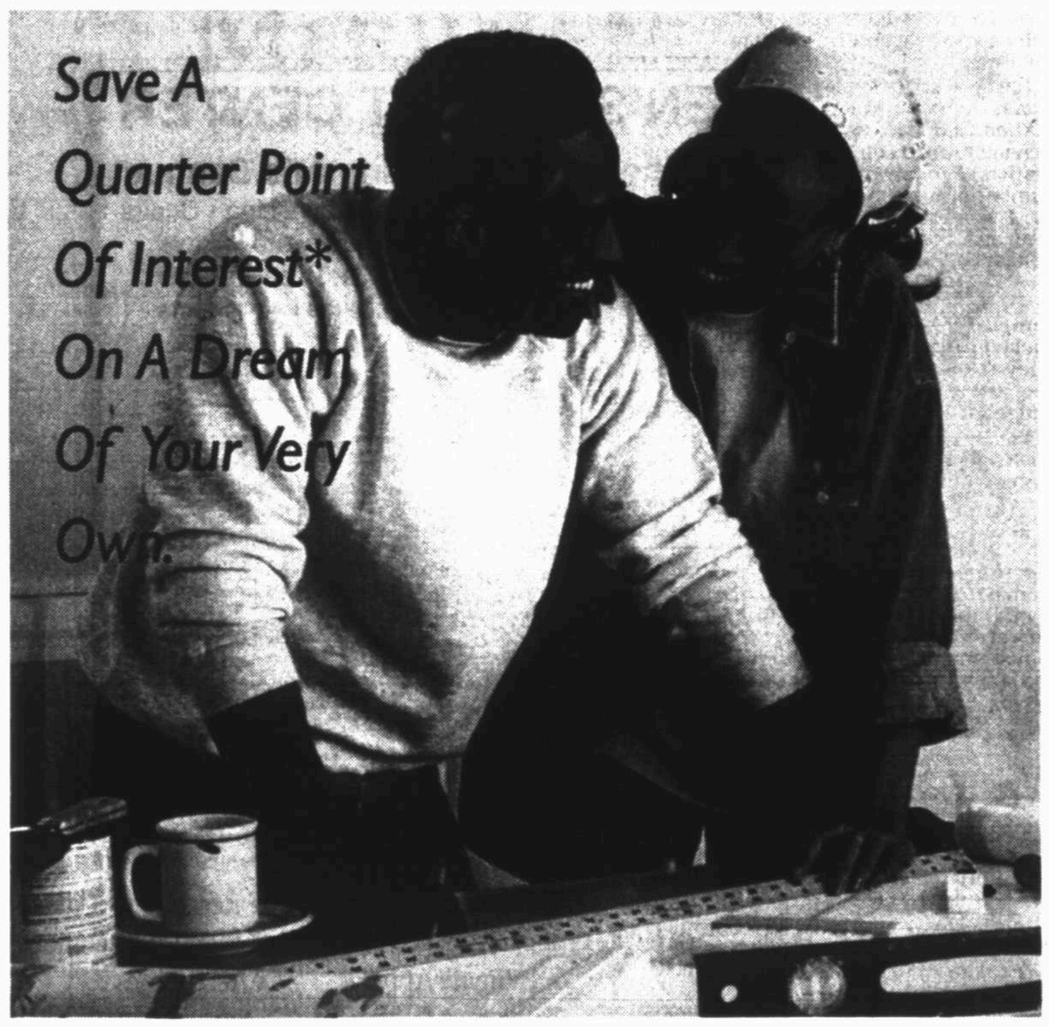
Members of the Republic group contend that Texas was unlawfully annexed as a state by Congress in 1845.

Because of that, they refuse to acknowledge state or federal laws and claim Texas is a "free and sovereign nation."

Attorney General Dan Morales has been engaged in a long-running legal skirmish with Republic officials.

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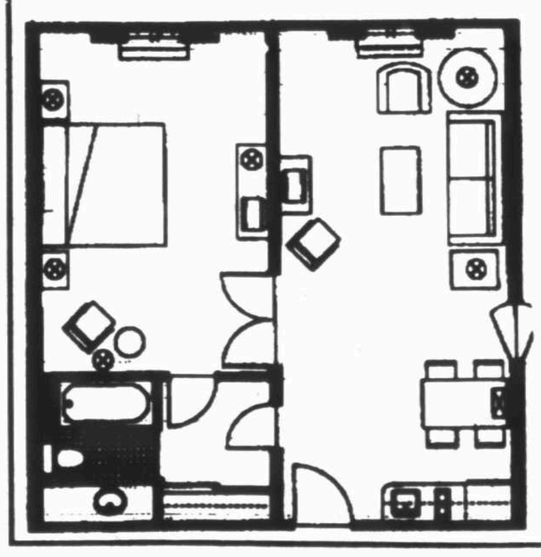
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Man's search for missing brother brings closure after 50 years

By Christi Mays
Associated Press

STEPHENVILLE — It was the anniversary of D-Day — June 6, 1994 — when Frank McAnally knelt beside his bed.

"If I am to do this research, then open it all up to me and I'll do all the work," he prayed. "If I am not to do this research because it might bring back old, unpleasant memories to myself and my family, then I would cease my search and stop my effort."

After two-and-a-half years, the research, which spanned the length of 27 states and eight countries, has ended. After 50 years of wondering what happened to his brother Billy, who was declared missing in action during World War II, McAnally finally has the answers — heartbreaking as they are.

"I finally met the man that saw my brother's plane come down," McAnally said. "It was very emotional. Lots of tears were shed."

Tech Sgt. Elworth Billy McAnally, a flight engineer and top turret gunner on a B-24 bomber, was listed as "missing in action" July 11, 1944, on a bombing mission to Munich, Germany.

There are no records that the large bomber and its nine crewmen were ever found.

McAnally learned that his brother's plane had crash-landed in France. When he traveled there with another brother, John, and sister-in-law, Virginia, in November, he finally learned the complete story.

Jean-Louis Vincler told the McAnallys what he saw on July 11, 1944. That morning, hundreds of American bombers were heading for targets in Germany. In the early afternoon, the bombers returned, going back to their bases in England. One B-24 had developed engine trouble and had heavy antiaircraft damage. It had one engine out, flying at about 4,000 feet. Vincler saw five parachutes from the plane.

"One of those parachutes was my brother, who was wounded," McAnally said.

The Vinclers ran toward the downed fliers.

"Mr. Vincler said he and a friend saw one of the American parachutists lying on the ground unable to get up," McAnally said. "They tried to help him and as they did, they noticed the name 'McAnally' on his flight jacket."

German soldiers were there before Vincler could help the airmen. The Germans told his brother to get up off the ground, and mistreated him when he couldn't, McAnally said Vincler told him. The wounded airman finally got up and slowly walked to the German truck, apparently in pain. The Germans took the five Americans to jail in Chateau Salins. They never were seen again, and their graves were never found, McAnally said.

"All this was very emotional for my brother, John, and me. But this was why we had come to France — to see and hear all the details of what took place on the final day of my brother's life," he said.

McAnally will never forget the day he received word on his brother's disappearance over 50 years ago.

He was in the U.S. Third Army under Gen. George Patton, fighting across Europe, when he received the heartbreaking letter from his parents.

The McAnallys had six sons serving at the same time in World War II. Three were wounded and Billy was presumed killed.

Frank McAnally vividly remembers the last time he saw Billy.

"I brought him up here to the bus station to go back to El Paso where he was stationed," McAnally said. "He had been on leave. He got on the bus and the bus pulled off but stopped about 40 feet out. He got off the bus and came back to me."

McAnally said his brother had a premonition that he would never return if he went back to the Air Force.

"I can't go," Billy said. "I won't ever come back."

"You have to go," McAnally told him. "He got back on the bus and that was the last time I ever saw him."

McAnally holds dear the stillshiny silver wings his brother left with his fiancee before returning to the Air Force.

"We always wanted to know what happened to him," McAnally said. "I promised my mother before she passed away that I would research what I could on my brother."

He kept his promise and after he retired from the grocery business in Hico, he began the search, working day and night.

McAnally wrote 363 letters. With 50-year-old addresses, many of them ended up back in his mailbox.

More than 400 people assisted him in his research, including 108 in France.

He spent more than $2,500 just on the phone bills. That doesn't count faxes, letters and copies he made, or his trips to libraries and archives. He has accumulated more than 1,500 records and documents and thousands of pages of notes.

"Many professional historians were telling me that I couldn't do this research in less than five years," he said. He found his answers in half the time.

"You know why I think I did? Divine guidance, pure and simple," he said. "I knew it would take a long time, but I was determined to find my brother. ... I was a person without authority and no clout, but I was headstrong and determined."

People from eight foreign countries helped him.

So did President Clinton, who asked the POW/MIA Commission to search Russian archives to see if any of his brother's crew had been prisoners of war in Russia. No record was found they were held in Germany, France, Poland or Russia.

"It made me feel god that he wasn't a POW. But it also made me sad because now I know that he died and was buried some place in France or Germany," McAnally said.

Eagle Scout Awards

From Staff Reports

Bryon Adams, Chad Bushman, Chad Carroll, Eric Diaz, Russ Farr, Steve Heller, Ty Morris, and Bryce Ott received their Eagle Scout Awards Friday at the Gateway Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

P.K. Hurlbut, a 66-year Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver recipient, presented the awards.

Byron, son of Larry Adams, scraped and painted the safety railing at Casa De Amigos for his Eagle project. Bryon attends Lee High School.

Chad Bushman, son of Blaine and Margene Bushman, painted a parking lot stripes and handicapped stalls at Casa De Amigos. Chad attends Abel Junior High School.

Chad Carroll, son of Quinn and Margaret Carroll, organized and taught CPR classes at Midland College. Chad is a junior at Lee High.

Eric, son of Joe and Shauna Diaz, repainted the parking stripes and concrete headers in a Casa De Amigos parking lot. Eric attends Lee High School.

Russ Farr, son of Jayne Box, helped set up a bilingual computer lab at Casa De Amigos. Russ attends Lee Freshman High School.

Steve, son of Thomas and Cheryl Heller, sent fliers to Green Hill Terrace & Melody Acres residents informing them of well safety and sanition. He offered his services in sanitizing wells, and took water samples to the Health Department for testing. Steve attends Lee Freshman.

Ty, son of Robert and Michelle Morris, painted parking lot stripes at Casa De Amigos. Ty attends Lee Freshman.

Bryce, son of Valen and Robyn Ott, helped organize a blood drive with the Permian Basin Regional Blood Center. Bryce attends Lee High.


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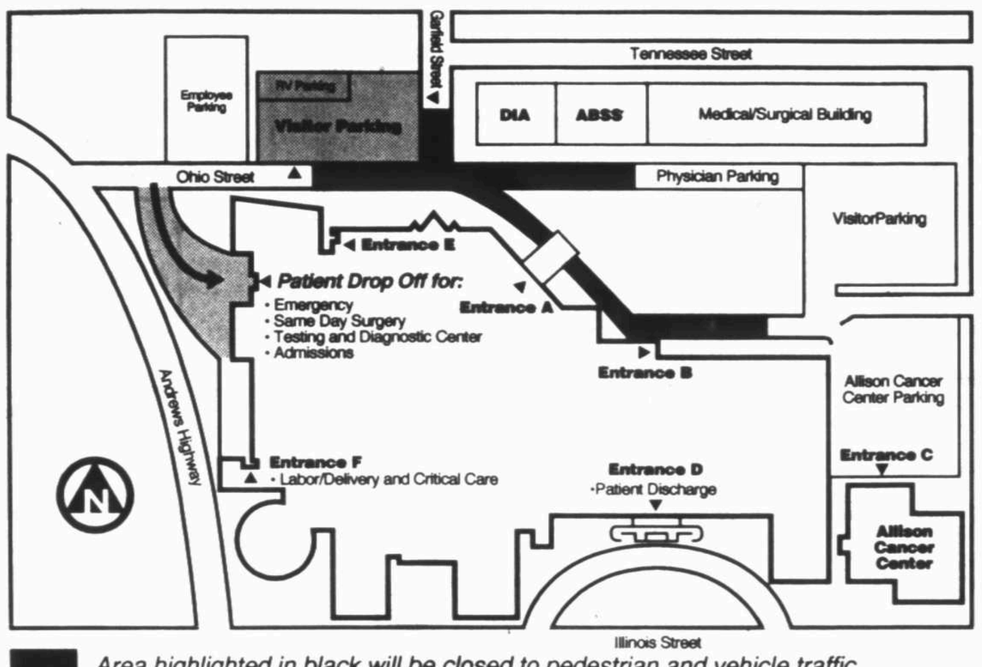

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He is a certified NLP practitioner with degrees in secondary education and American history.

The workshop is being presented by Nurturing the Life Process and the Discovery of Life Church. Suggested donation is $15. For more information call 684-4230.



Geoff Ludlow, left, and Jill Ludlow perform here Thursday as members of Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers. the 7:30 p.m. concert is set for St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive. The concert is free. A free will offering will be taken

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LEVELLAND — South Plains Church, 1421 E. Cactus Drive, here, and pastors Eddie and Pat Trice are hosting "The Glory and the Fire" at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and at 7 p.m. Jan. 27-29.

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Study Group meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by church service at 11 a.m. Frank McFarlin is teaching "The Infinite Way" path using Barbara Mary Muhl's Text, "The Royal Road to Reality."

Church relocates

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has moved to a new location on South Midland Drive.

The church is meeting at 4404 Comanche, behind the 7-11 store.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. with worship services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

The Rev. Van Camp, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Midland, is beginning a new series of sermons Sunday evening on Contemporary Issues and the Word of God.

Wednesday evening Bible Study continues at the new location at 7:30 p.m. The subject is the Life of Christ.

Support offered

The Family Ministry of Golf Course Road Church of Christ has started SHARE, a support group for parents who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

The meetings, designed to offer compassionate support through group sessions and individual contact, also provides crises intervention, hospital visits and a lending library. Scheduled group meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 16 of the main building of the church.

The non-denominational, nonprofit SHARE began in 1977 in Springfield, Ill., and has grown to 240 chapters internationally.

For more information call Tim or Dena Baugh, 697-5154, or Cleon or Sheila Dowlen, 530-0898.



David Donald, from left, Bonnie Dick, Helena Schubert, Doug Palermo, Danielle Carter and Phil Carter are members of the Celebrant Singers. The group will perform here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive.

Church relocates

Community Bible Church, an Evangelical Free Churches of America affiliate has moved to its new location at 4629 Andrews Highway, just east of the Midland Central Appraisal District office. The new construction has been completed and services are now being conducted for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., church services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sundays, with a Wednesday midweek service at 7 p.m.

The church telephone is 689-0655 where Pastor Earl Blomberg can be reached.

TU Electric chariman helps ensure nation's power grid

From Staff Reports

Texas will have a key voice in recommending ways to maintain the high reliability of the nation's electric system.

TU Electric Chairman Erle Nye is among 21 members of a task force appointed to advise the secretary of Energy on issues and structural problems affecting the reliability of the nation's electric power grid. The panel is also charged with evaluating new challenges to the dependability of bulk power delivery systems posed by changes in the electric industry.

The first meeting of the task force was Thursday in Washington. Nye is the only panel member appointed from Texas.

The task force was formed in response to major power outages in the western United States last summer at a major hub of power trading.

In the Department of Energy's report to President Clinton on the power outages, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary said the department would establish a task force to examine technical, institutional and policy questions surrounding reliability issues. The task force will report to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

"The power grid in Texas has been among the most dependable in the nation," said TU Electric Midland District Manager LuAnn Morgan. "The careful attention to long-range planning and controlled operation of its electric system by TU Electric and other utilities in Texas has resulted in a very reliable electric system that has made it possible to attract and support continued economic growth. It is reassuring that Texas will be able to share this expertise through TU Electric's membership on the task force."

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STATE IN BRIEF

■ School board member's son files suit

AMARILLO — A school board member's son is suing the Tulia school district and its trustees in federal court challenging the district's drug-testing policy.

Hollister Gardner, 18, a senior at Tulia High School and president of the school's National Honor Society chapter, is seeking a federal court order that would declare the district's drug policy illegal.

"Under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, it is unconstitutional to search someone without a reasonable cause," Gardner is quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the Amarillo Globe-News. "During all the discussion of this, there's not been one person state we have a drug problem in Tulia, Texas."

Gardner has refused to be drug tested, and the school system has not allowed him to participate in extracurricular activities, according to the lawsuit.

■ Harlingen's mayor won't run again

HARLINGEN — Bill Card, who is serving his fourth term as Harlingen mayor, says he won't seek re-election.

"I make a prediction that in 1998 Harlingen will have a new mayor," Card said Friday while holding a crystal ball during an emotional state-of-the-city speech. "It's been a labor of love for me. But it's time to give someone else a chance."

Although Card has about 18 months left to serve, he said he wants to give Harlingen residents time to carefully select a new mayor.

"I think the citizens should have time to reflect on the leadership of the community," he said. "It shouldn't be decided in two months."

Card said he has taken pride in his accessibility to those affected by City Commission decisions by inviting the public to several question-and-answer sessions yearly.

Card has occasionally chastised public leaders who don't publish their phone numbers.

He also makes sure that residents who attend public city meetings have the opportunity to voice their opinion, even if their comments are critical.

"It's my belief that if there is any citizen in Harlingen who has a question, I think we should give them the opportunity to ask it," he said.

■ Austin pastor protests stance on gays

AUSTIN — An Austin pastor has joined 14 other United Methodists from across the country in circulating a "statement of conscience" taking issue with the church's policy declaring that homosexual "practice" is incompatible with Christianity.

Sidney Hall, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, said the statement has been sent to United Methodist clergy members throughout the United States who are being asked to sign it.

The statement terms "unacceptable" the church's stance that while homosexuals are "of sacred worth," the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.

"One does not 'practice' one's sexual orientation," the statement says. "One lives it."

The current language condemning the practice of homosexuality was approved in the church's Social Principles in 1972. Delegates to the quadrennial Methodist General Conference have upheld the language ever since.

The principles are guidelines but not part of the church's constitution.

Trinity United Methodist is one of at least two Texas Methodist churches that have voted to become part of the Reconciling Congregation Program. A reconciling congregation is one that actively welcomes all people, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Texas may decide to settle Klan lawsuit, officials say

AUSTIN (AP) — The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would face stiff fines if members threaten Texans' equal housing access under a proposed lawsuit settlement that would be the first of its kind nationally, says the state human rights director.

The group wouldn't, however, have to pay anything up front to get out of the $1.5 million state lawsuit, Bill Hale of the Texas Commission on Human Rights told The Associated Press.

"We got everything we wanted," Hale said. "It's the first time that something like this has ever happened under (any) fair housing law. It establishes a way to approach this particular problem nationwide."

One civil rights lawyer said the proposal appeared to be a "PR stunt," but others said it sounded like a reasonable deal. A copy of the proposal wasn't available; Hale described it for the AP.

The proposal, including an agreed judgment and permanent injunction, has been signed by director Michael Lowe of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Lowe's lawyer. The Klan group admitted no wrongdoing in signing it.

"We decided it was in our best interests to go ahead and settle it," Lowe said. "We didn't admit any wrongdoing. We're not paying any money.

"I was concerned if it did go to jury trial, if we had the wrong people on the jury, even though we are innocent of any wrongdoing ... they may go against us because we are the Ku Klux Klan," he said.

Hale said he and a state lawyer will sign the agreement, then it will be presented to a state judge in Orange, Texas, for approval.

If approved, it would be the first fair housing case to be resolved against the KKK since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development began keeping records in 1988, said HUD spokesman Victor Lambert.

Texas sued the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and another Klan group, the White Camelia Knights, in 1994 contending they threatened black people to try to stop desegregation of an all-white public housing project in East Texas' Vidor.

While the agreement would settle the lawsuit against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the lawsuit will continue against the White Camelia Knights, Hale said.

"Our evidence is better" against that group, he said.

Under the agreement, fines of $10,000 per violation of fair housing law could be assessed against the group, its members or its associates, Hale said.

The agreement would cover residential housing statewide and public housing in 36 East Texas counties where a federal judge has said public housing must be desegregated.

"It doesn't violate the Klan's First Amendment rights, but it clearly restricts any conduct that would violate the citizens of Texas' equal housing opportunity rights under the law," Hale said.

"They can't go commit the kinds of activities that were going on in Vidor ... They can't threaten people. They can't go burning crosses in people's yards. They can't threaten to blow up housing. They can't commit acts of violence or threat of violence of any kind to stop people from exercising equal housing rights," he said.

Attorney Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project questioned the agreement, saying criminal behavior would mean prosecution of Klan members anyway. He said it would be better for the state to pursue a court judgment that would allow seizure of Klan assets.

"I think it is a big PR stunt. It's a lot of sound and fury, but at the heart of it, it means nothing," Harrington said.

"The only way to bust this Klan infection in Texas is to bust it financially, and here you have an agency that had the prime opportunity of a lifetime to do it, and they blew it," he said.

Hale said the proposal would make it easier to go after Klan members.

The injunction and penalties represent "probably more than we would have gotten if we had gone to trial, with respect to the restrictions on Klan conduct," Hale said.

"Further, even if the jury had awarded some amount of damages, they would not have been collectable, because I don' think they've got the assets," Hale said.

Willie Abrams, assistant general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore, said the settlement may just reflect reality.

"When you have an agency ... going after groups of individuals who may have committed violations of federal civil rights laws, you would love to have sufficient evidence not to have to bargain with them at all, and the time and resources not to have to bargain with them," Abrams said.

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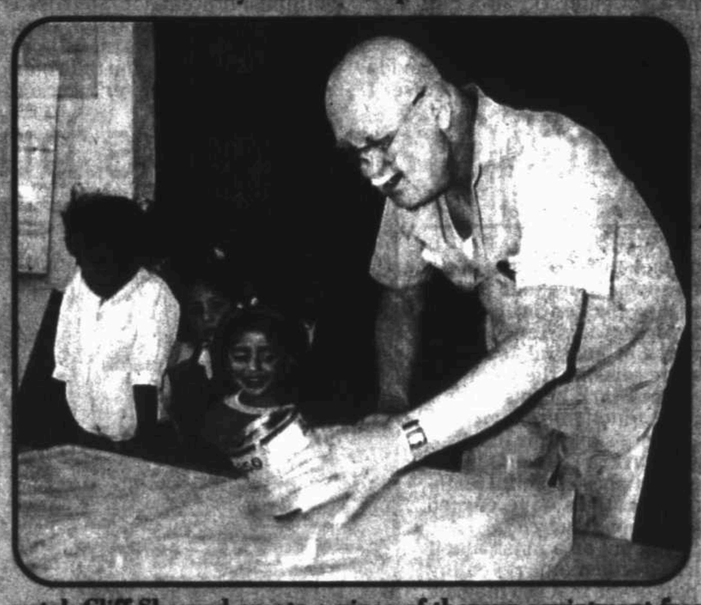
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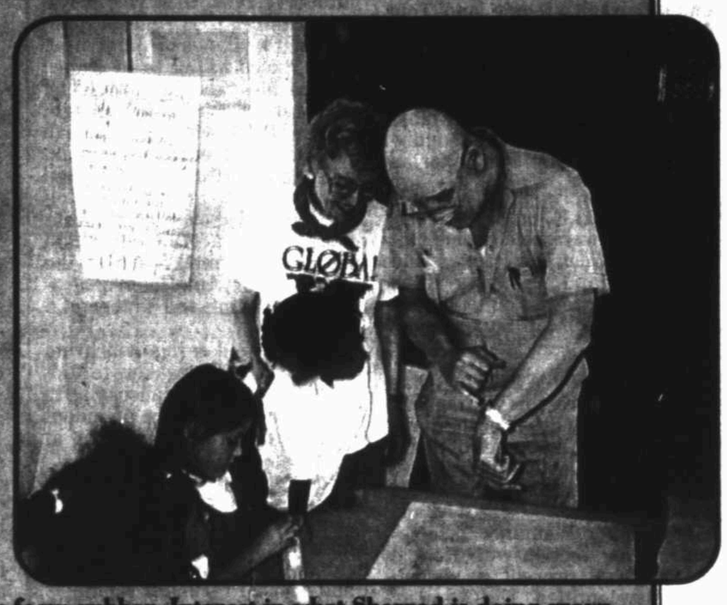
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Global Volunteer Joyce Sherrod helps a day care worker in Quito, Ecuador, wash a child's hands after breakfast. The day care is set up to aid needs of children with disabilities.







Children at a daycare (left) in Quito, Ecuador, gather to watch Cliff Sherrod create a piece of therapy equipment from foam rubber. Interest in what Sherrod is doing grows (center) as more children watch on. As a Global Volunteer, he also answers the children's questions about his watch, (right) teaching them about how to tell the time and

Volunteers travel the world offering

Global Warmth

Text by Linda Anderson Photos courtesy Global Volunteers Design by Elizabeth Edwin

Travel can be enlightening, entertaining, memorable and fun. When Joyce and Cliff Sherrod of Midland travel, they find all these things on their trip plus one more — service.

The Sherrods have spent three of their most recent trips as part of a team from Global Volunteers, helping residents of where they travel with whatever needs to be done.

In the spring and fall of 1994, they taught English in rural Poland.

This past November found them spending time in Quito, Ecuador, helping provide services for some of the children there.

Global Volunteers defines itself as "a nonprofit, nonsectarian international organization based in St. Paul, Minn. Co-founded in 1984 by Burnham J. Philbrook and Michele Gran, Global Volunteers strives to wage peace throughout the world by helping establish mutual international understanding between people of diverse cultures.

"Each year, Global Volunteers coordinates some 100 teams of North Americans who participate on short-term human and economic development projects. From all backgrounds and of all ages, our volunteers become 'servant-learners,' living with, working with and learning from people in 15 countries worldwide including China, Vietnam, Tanzania, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Spain, Italy, Greece, Ecuador, Turkey and the Southern United States. These one-, two- and three-week service-learning programs are led by Global Volunteers team leaders. It is a short-term commitment with long-lasting effects."

The Sherrods, speaking together, added this:

"The philosophy of Global Volunteers is to give service ...," said Mrs. Sherrod.

"... to respond to stated need," continued her husband. "They do not decide the program in the home office in St. Paul, Minn.," and then inform the recipients what they are going to do.

Instead, Global Volunteers prefers to be invited to the situation, "assess the needs of the local people and then establish the program."

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While serving as a Global Volunteer in Quito, Ecuador, Joyce Sherrod (right), who is a speech therapist, helps Susan, a speech therapist in Quito, outline a program at a day care for children who are disabled.



As a part of the Global Volunteers program, Joyce Sherrod helps feed breakfast to a young girl in Quito, Ecuador, who suffers from cerebral palsy.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Opera, football make up weekend activities

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Saturday Night Opera and Sunday Afternoon Football occupied Midlanders last weekend.



McKnight-Harrison

Opera lovers had the opportunity to hear soprano **Helen Donath** and bass-baritone **William Rhodes** perform in concert in the Lee High School auditorium. Their program included scenes from the works of Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Wagner.

The concert was presented through the joint efforts of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale and the Midland Opera Theater.

Afterwards, a reception was held at Venezia Restaurant, where the concertgoers mingled with the guest artists.

Among those seen in the crowd were **Ruth Ann and Horace Griffin, Chan Driscoll, Jeanie and Tom Johnson, Grace and Walter Osadchuk** with his sister, **Vera Osadchuk, and Scott Long.**

Before departing Midland, Ms. Donath conducted a master class for aspiring singers last Sunday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church.

MEANWHILE, numerous football parties were held throughout the city as Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots fans cheered their teams on to victory in anticipation of Super Bowl XXXI.

OLD MAN WINTER has arrived, and as of this writing, has plopped himself down for the duration. However, a number of forthcoming social events promise to brighten up what otherwise could be dreary days.

The Junior Woman's Association, in conjunction with Robbie Casey's, will present its spring style show, entitled "The Glamour Is Back," on Jan. 27 at Midland Center. A luncheon catered by Murray & The Frenchman will precede the show.

The Memorial Hospital Pediatric Fund and Clinic of the Community Children's Ministry will benefit.

Theresa Clingman is chairman of the fund-raiser, and **Jessica (Mrs. Jimmy) Carlile** is JWA president.

The Museum of the Southwest is gearing up for a major fund-raiser, Auction '97, on Feb. 13.

The formal event, which includes cocktails and dinner, along with the posted, sealed and live auction of glamorous donated items, is held every three years. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating, acquisitions and endowment funds.

Lora (Mrs. Lee) Jones and **Lois (Mrs. John) Smitherman** are chairmen of this year's auction, which will sport the theme, "Paint the Town Red."

The Midland Symphony Guild has moved its ninth gala weekend from December to February of this year.

Entitled February Fantastique, the event will begin on St. Valentine's Day with a ball, featuring La Masquerade, a troupe of entertainers from New York; presentation of the Senior Belles, and a dinner buffet. The following day, Feb. 15, a brunch, style show by Skibell's and presentation of the Freshman Belles conclude the festivities, which are traditionally held in the ClayDesta Atrium.

The weekend is the major fundraiser of the guild for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. **Pat (Mrs. Brit) Meadows** is chairman of the event, and **Gail Essex** is guild president.

Scheduled for March 1 is the Midland Downtown Lions Club's annual Pancake Jamboree. Nostalgia buffs will be interested in its location. It will be held in the old Hodge Theater, just west of the Village Shopping Center, and what is now the new Lions Activity Center.

The jamboree is billed as the oldest, continuous charity event in Midland, and the club members hope to feed as many as 10,000 persons, as they introduce the activity center to the public.

Robert Truitt, first vice president of the club, is general manager of the Pancake Jamboree. Funds raised will go to a number of Lions and community projects.

On March 6, **David McCullough,** Pulitzer Prize winning historian and author, will be the first speaker in the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series at Midland College. Mr. McCullough is the author of six widely-acclaimed books, including "Truman," one of the most popular American biographies of all time and winner of a Pulitzer.

The endowed series will bring outstanding guest speakers to Midland twice each year, according to **Dr. Eileen Piwetz,** vice president of institutional advancement at the college.

When spring rolls around, the Crystal Ball is not far behind. The event, which benefits High Sky Children's Ranch, is traditionally held in April, which is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The 23rd annual ball is scheduled for April 19 at Midland Country Club. There will be a live auction of crystal, including Waterford, Baccarat, Steuben and Orrefors; a silent auction of a variety of items, such as trips, jewelry and art; dancing to the music of The Project of Dallas, and a breakfast buffet.

Frank Cremer is chairman of the ball, while **Paula (Mrs. Gary Douglas** heads the board of directors, which sponsors the event.

Although the pleasant days of May seem far away, it is not too soon to mark your calendar for the Celebrations of the Arts, which is sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland. The three-day spotlight on the visual and performing arts is scheduled for May 16-18. The festive Preview Party on the 16th will draw about 1,000 arts enthusiasts into Midland Center to kick off the event. **Susan (Mrs. John) Nichols, Lora (Mrs. Lee) Lones** and **Kay (Mrs. Charles) Bird** are this year's party co-chairs.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

HELP: Midland couple travels to serve

(From 1D)

"It's always what the country and the people want, not what we think they ought to have," added his wife.

If Global Volunteers agrees to start a program in a certain area, the country and its residents make a commitment to that program as much as the agency does, Sherrod said.

That way, Mrs. Sherrod added, "it ends up being self-help, not a give-away."

On their most recent trip, Sherrod, who said he is "an independent geologist — self-employed — as ordinary as you can get in West Texas," helped in construction, including making renovations on a day care center for disabled or handicapped children — "everything from pushing wheelbarrows and using picks to mixing cement" — as well as constructing some of the equipment therapists needed to work with those children.

His wife, who has been a speech therapist and special education teacher and served on the school board in Midland for six years, helped the therapists and conducted some English classes.

"We made some things for the physical therapist, things she could use with exercise of the children. ... Since I had worked with the CP Center (in Midland) as a volunteer, this was easy for me. I enjoyed doing it.

"It was fun being able to provide material things they could use. I also set up an English program for the teachers in the day care center," some of whom could speak English relatively well and wanted to brush up on their skills, and some who spoke very little English.

The Sherrods' most recent trip was different from some of the agency's other efforts. "This was one of the first times they (Global Volunteers) had ever included physicians," Mrs. Sherrod said. "They went primarily to assess the needs with the Quito clinic physicians.

"All of the work we did there had to do with poor and disadvantaged people who were outside the loop of public service."

Primarily, the group worked with a day care center for these children who are disabled, which had been established by some of the local women who "saw the need for this kind of service for children who were not included in public schools."

They called the center Camp Hope, Sherrod said, which was "started by these ladies in Quito to serve the children who were just not being provided for."

One of these women from Quito is Bertha Barreiro, the Sherrods said, who for 12 years in the 1940s and '50s, was the woman golf champion of Ecuador. She also is a friend of one of Ecuador's generals, and convinced him to provide transportation for the volunteers and to "volunteer" some of his soldiers for construction work, the Sherrods said, adding that it's wonderful that "a person with that kind of positive notoriety will give her life to that kind of service."

"Those are the kind of people Global Volunteers wants to help because they are the kind of people who commit to the special needs in their community," Mrs. Sherrod said.

Besides, she added, "it's fun to work with them."

Working with Global Volunteers has been extremely rewarding for the Sherrods, who said that adults who want to volunteer don't need to have any particular skills, other than a desire to serve. They can be "single, married, young or old," Sherrod said. "We had 17 people and our leader, from their late 20s to 83."

"That guy had his 83rd birthday while we were there" in Ecuador, Mrs. Sherrod added.

Specific skills aren't needed, but Sherrod said his suggested qualifications for people interested in becoming volunteers include having "reasonably good health because it can be strenuous; ... time, (because) it takes about three weeks with travel (and orientation); ... (and a) willingness to commit to the needs" of the people in the area.

"And a willingness to serve," his wife added.

"And flexibility, because it's not exactly what you think it's going to be when you do your planning in the states!" her husband said with a laugh.

Volunteers also have to be able to pay their own way — "so we've got to space these things out!" Sherrod said — but the trips are "very reasonably priced," he added.

"You don't stay in plush quarters and you don't expect to," Mrs. Sherrod said.

But don't let the hard work fool you, the Sherrods said. Volunteering with Global Volunteers is far from being all work and no play. Team members get time off for personal travel of their own. "There's always the opportunity to explore the country," Mrs. Sherrod said. This past trip, the Sherrods took time off to visit the Galapagos Islands.

"Traveling with a mission or a purpose is so much different than going on a tour where you see the country from a bus window," Mrs. Sherrod said. "You get to talk and make friends with the people in that country.

"Making friends on the international level is (a wonderful) sign of a world community."

Her husband agreed, adding: "I like to think that these actions (as volunteers) lead to what we all pray for — world peace."

For information on Global Volunteers, the agency's work and/or how to become a team member, call 1-800-487-1074.

Mardi Gras masks bring 'magic' to wearers

By Siona Carpenter

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — If you pick up a Carnival mask and see no more than papier mache, plaster or leather, sequins, faux jewels and sprays of colorful feathers, you're missing the point.

Mike Stark knows there's much, much more there.

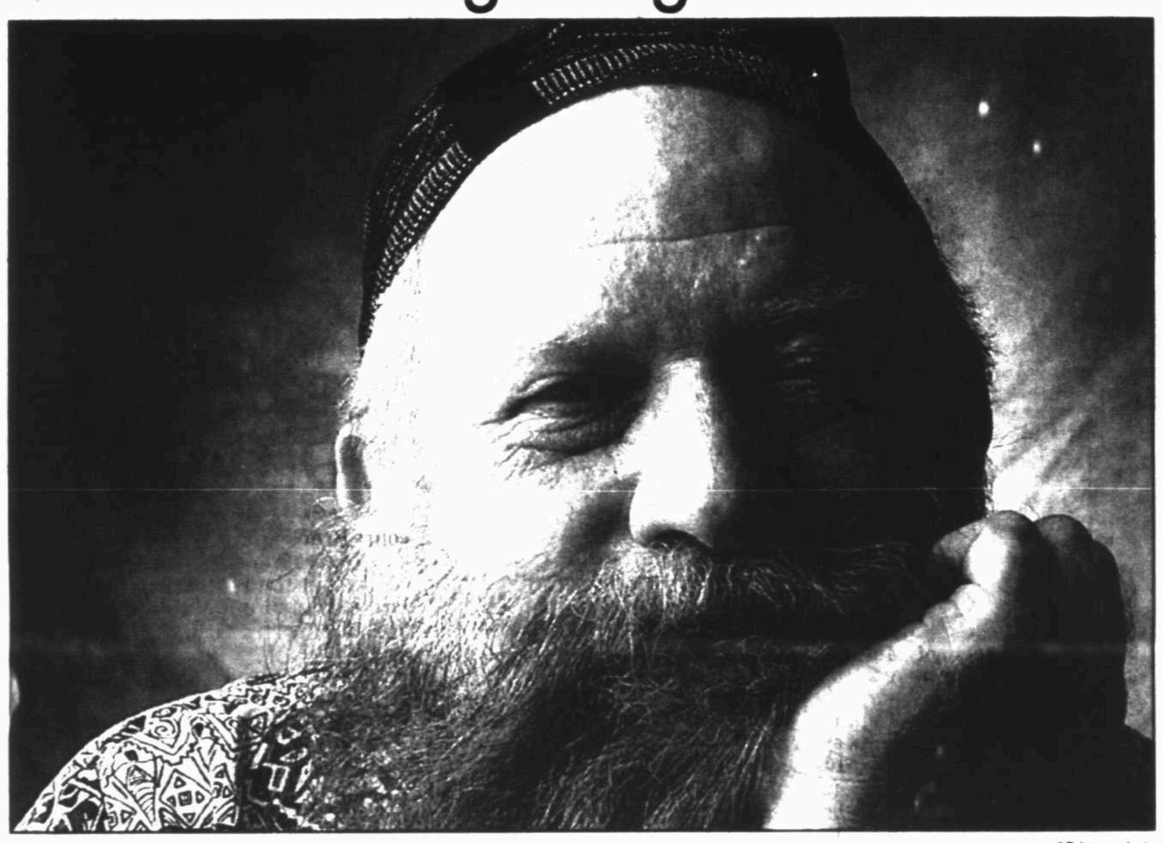
"There's magic in masks," says Stark, a French Quarter denizen whose fanciful feathered creations have earned him national notice.

"You put on a mask and it turns on the magic revealing a part of you that you may not have known before."

Pressed to elaborate, he laughed.

"The magic just happens. You can't explain magic."

Soft-spoken, good-natured and known for his long red beard and pattered caftans, Stark has been making and selling wearable masks in New Orleans for nearly 20 years.



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Mike Stark, shown in this Dec. 19, 1996, file photo in New Orleans, is the man behind the elaborate Mardi Gras masks. His fanciful feathered creations, which he has been making for nearly 20 years, have earned him national attention.

A MASK BY Stark usually starts with a handmade frame of plaster and fiber painted metallic gold or silver and bedecked with sequins, beads, ribbons and other material. He likes to scout garage sales for whatever he can find. He might also use leather, animal skulls or furs. No mask is complete without plumes of all sizes and colors.

"It's a must for me. A mask without feathers is boring."

He sells his masks (priced from about $30) as well as the work of more than 30 other artists and artisans at the Little Shop of Fantasy, which he operates with partners Jill Kelly, a costume maker, and Ann and Laura Guccione.

He wields his hot-glue gun at a desk cluttered with sequins, feathers and the current object of his attention.

Among his high-profile customers are Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr and Dr. John, who gets his feathered costumes and elaborate decorated staffs from Stark.

Born and reared east of Dallas, Stark didn't set out to be a dealer in fantasy. He had planned to attend Baptist seminary in Kentucky after his graduation from East Texas State University, but a side trip to New Orleans with his father changed his plans.

Charmed by the city and the music he heard at Preservation Hall, "I said, 'Dad, let's see if there's a seminary here.' It didn't matter what it looked like, I was going to seminary here.

"I finished my master's and one year of my doctorate, then I realized I wasn't going to be the Southern Baptist minister everybody thought I was going to be. And they weren't going to give me a job anyway. I hung around with too many 'strange' people," Stark said. He's an ordained Baptist minister, but has never worked for a church.

Stark found his calling in community service in the late '60s. He was director of the city's first free clinic and helped organize other French Quarter services, including an information resource line, a job cooperative and a commune.

HE HAD BEEN making Carnival masks for himself and friends since his days in seminary, but didn't think of it as professional pursuit until the late '70s. His friend Jo Ann Clevenger, who owned a vintage clothing store at the time, offered to trade him a bolt of fabric he coveted for whatever he could afford to pay plus a dozen masks.

He continued making masks seasonally for Clevenger's shop and later operated and sold his masks in other French Quarter shops. The Little Shop of Fantasy has been open for four years.

Stark also is something of an institution at Fantasy Fest, a 10-day costume festival in Key West, Fla., where he has made and sold masks for 17 years.

"It was amazing," Stark said of his early experiences at the festival. "People actually thought of me as an artist. I thought, wow! Up here, people were like, 'my mama used to make masks.'"

If mask-making has grown as a creative art, it is partly because of the efforts of the New Orleans Mask Making Guild, a group that Stark and fellow mask makers founded to promote the art and to encourage masking.

French Quarter streets are crawling with masked revelers now, but that wasn't the case 20 years ago, Stark said.

"At that point, few people were masking and very seldom did you see people wearing costumes. I think we were somewhat responsible for the growth in popularity."

THE GUILD sponsors the annual Mask Market, where mask makers from around the country sell their creations.

Clevenger, who owns Upperline Restaurant, remains a fan of Stark's work.

"People find them magnetic. They want to touch them, then they can see themselves as a fairy princess, or a knight in shining armor or a naughty boy. That's a wonderful gift he's able to give to people."

Frozen pipes equal a $450 million problem

By Gene Tharpe
N.Y. Times News Service

While Northern states experience colder weather than Southern states, as much or more frozen-pipes damage occurs in the South, according to the Insurance Institute for Property Loss Reduction.

Approximately $450 million is paid each year nationwide for property damage caused by flooding from frozen pipes that rupture and cause water damage in homes, the institute said.

Until recent years, home builders in the South usually did not consider the threat of freezing weather and placed water pipes in locations vulnerable to freezing, such as attics or unheated crawl spaces underneath homes.

In the North, with winter temperatures often far below freezing, home builders usually don't place water pipes in unheated portions of a home or in uninsulated areas, such as outside walls.

Indoor water pipes that are unprotected usually won't freeze until the outdoor temperature is approximately 20 degrees. Properly protected pipes will withstand much lower temperatures.

In any case, first check your homeowners insurance policy to be sure it covers water damage caused by burst pipes and the cost of repairing them. Most do, but not all. Then, act to insulate or otherwise protect your water pipes from freezing when cold returns.

Chart: How to protect against frozen pipes

These are things Southern homeowners can do to "retrofit" pipes to protect them from freezing:

■ Insulate or heat pipes in attics and crawl spaces. Pipe insulation in foam or fiberglass sleeves is available from hardware or home-supply stores. Electric heating tapes that wrap around pipes may be used in some cases.

■ In crawl spaces, usually only pipes near unsealed vents or openings need insulation, because heat leaking through the house floor is sufficient to prevent pipes from frozing.

■ In crawl spaces, if possible, seal vents and other openings through which cold wind might blow against pipes and speed up freezing. Old newspapers or cardboard can be used for this purpose.

■ Open doors under sinks to allow heated air inside the house to circulate under the sinks and help warm pipes in outside walls.

■ Let indoor faucets — both hot and cold — drip slowly to keep water flowing through the pipes, especially those in outside walls. Except in very cold weather, moving water doesn't freeze.

■ If you have an indoor valve to do it, shut off lines leading to outdoor faucets and drain them. If there is no valve, cover the faucets with some kind of insulation. Hardware and home supply stores sell products designed specifically for this purpose.

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AROUND TOWN

For Men Only, a cancer support group for men, will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at Allison Cancer Center's ground-floor reception area. Bryan Broughton, social worker with Hospice of Midland, will lead the discussion.

Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 21 in the center's second-floor reception area. Angela Peterson, LMSW, social worker for Allison Center, will lead an open forum discussion. The group is open to any woman who has had a breast cancer diagnosis.

For more information about either program, call 685-6606...

...MUSEUM OF the Southwest will present a series of exhibits on "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists" throughout the year. The first exhibit will be paintings by Doug Sweet on display today through Feb. 23. Opening reception and lecture are scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at the museum. The lecture series is sponsored in part by Midland Hilton and Towers.

Sweet earned a bachelor of science degree in fine arts from the University of Colorado in 1972, and a master of fine arts degree from Idaho State University in 1976. He lives in Houston and is represented by Craighead-Green Gallery in Dallas. The exhibition series is sponsored by the de Compiegne-Wallace Foundation.

Call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...WEST TEXAS Writers Club will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 1 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. All interested persons are invited to attend. Midland author Eileen Wilks, whose new book, "The Wrong Wife," is scheduled for March release, will speak on "Pacing Your Story." For more information call 682-5370...

...MIDLAND SENIOR Citizens Center will present Jazz Ensemble featuring Walter Osadchuk, Midland College music instructor, 7-9 p.m. Jan. 24 at the center, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. All interested people are invited to attend...

...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. Call 683-2867 for more information...

...WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild will have a meeting and short workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in Midland County Public Library's upstairs meeting room. The workshop, on "So You Want To Be A Storyteller," will be presented by Annalon Gilbreath, teacher at Carver Cultural Center and president of the guild. All interested persons are invited to attend...

...HOSPICE OF Midland will host a Grief Recovery Program for anyone who has felt grief through death, divorce, moving, unemployment or any other traumatic experience. Sessions will be 7-9 p.m. Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Hospice House, 911 W. Texas. Call 682-2855...

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 21 and 23 at Midland College. Those participating are asked to attend both nights. For more information or to reserve training packets, call 685-4572...

...MIDLAND COUNTRY Club Ladies Association will meet Jan. 24 at the clubhouse. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at noon. Nancy Hutson, assistant professor of English at Louisiana State University, will speak on Southern literature.

Members may bring guests. Reservations must be made by noon Jan. 22 and cancellations by noon Jan. 23...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. Call 682-2855...

...MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals, Monday through Friday, to low-income, homebound and elderly disabled persons. Delivery takes about one hour. All interested persons call 689-6693...

'Green Angels' can mow down competition

By Loraine Lawson

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — If you could name one group that best symbolizes the city of Edmond, what would it be?

The bulldogs? The huskies? The wolves?

How about a pack of lawn-mower pushing, middle-age fathers wearing luau shirts, shorts and black knee socks?

Welcome to Edmond, home of the Green Angels Stunt Mowing Team, where tan lines and fashion are of little concern.

"Tan lines don't count," said Green Angel 'Lon Moore' in a superhero voice. "It's getting out there and taking care of your lawn safely and seriously."

Besides, joked Moore, a.k.a. Andy Oden, the Angels are mostly working joes who wear long pants all the time anyway.

The Angels made their debut in last year's Fourth of July parade and they were an unquestionable hit, taking first place in the parade with their "precision mowing maneuvers."

And they have already got a highly secret plan to top that performance. Although Oden refused to release any details — "I really think it'd be premature," he said — he confirmed it will involve Elvis.



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The Green Angels Stunt Mowing Team from Edmond, Okla., draw some chuckles at their debut during the Liberty Fest Fourth of July Parade last summer. This year will make the second appearance of the 17-member team, that took first place in last year's parade with their precision mowing maneuvers.

The Green Angels got their start at a Christmas party. Some friends were sitting around talking about Edmond's LibertyFest parade and decided the only thing missing was humor.

The friends started talking up the idea to their friends and it quickly grew into a unit of 20 mowers and professional men.

There was never any question, Oden said, about what they would carry during the parade. Lawn chairs would have been way too light for these fellows.

But as it turned out, the lawn mowers were more of a burden than they first anticipated.

"We discovered we weren't in quite as good a shape as we thought we were," said a man calling himself I.V. Greene. He refused to give his real name, insisting he had a family to feed. Mowing lawns is not as aerobic as hauling a mower down Broadway, he said.

That hasn't dissuaded them, however.

"We all have pretty stressful jobs," Greene said. "Once a year, we get to be really silly."

And the crowd loves it. The Green Angels were greeted with cheers of "Angels Rule" and were even given business cards. They received fan mail and volunteers.

"I know my wife was left speechless by last year's show," Oden said. "There's probably thousands of men out there who are Green Angels in their hearts."

Outsiders even tried to woo them to other towns. They refused to turn their collective backs on Edmond, however.

"We chose to keep the Green Angels in Edmond," said Oden, citing Edmond's civic pride in its lawns.

The Green Angels know there are others out there yearning to let loose and challenge them to top the Green Angels.

Also, they ask parade watchers to show civic pride by cheering "Angels Rule" as they mow by.

The Green Angels are currently winterizing their lawn mowers and mulching their lawns in preparation for spring, said Oden.

Christmas provided an opportunity to restock the shelves with luau shirts and black socks, he said.

The Green Angels don't meet regularly; their activities are primarily restricted to preparation for the Fourth of July parade. Oden said the group will certainly be ready when the 1997 parade rolls around.

"The people of Edmond make it all worthwhile," he said.

So forget bringing in the clowns. In Edmond, Angels rule.

Billiards booming, thanks to upscale pool halls

By M.L. Lyke
Hearst News Service

SEATTLE — The old wooden floor's uneven. Fans barely cut the cigarette smoke. It's so still you can hear chalk squeak on cue tips.

"This is a pool hall, not a social club," says Lazette Kunzi, working the front desk of the venerable 2-11 Billiard Club in Seattle's Belltown neighborhood.

Signs inside warn:

"No whistling.

"No boisterous or profane talk."

Players frown in concentration. Instead of a whoop, killer shots are awarded a tap-tap of the pool cue. This is serious pool.

Up the hill at Garage, a car-shop-turned-pool-hall, it's the same game, different world.

Boisterous talk is welcome at Garage. "If a rowdy person walks up the stairs at the 2-11, they turn them right around and send them here," says Alex Rosenast, part-owner of the hip new Capitol Hill billiards hall backed by a team of investors that includes Pearl Jam guitarist Mike McCready.

IT IS ONE of more than half a dozen high-class pool joints that have sprung up in Seattle the past few years.

Inside them, a new generation of players — called "upscalers" by downtown traditionalists — suck up microbrews, munch on penne pesto, groove to acid jazz or progressive rock, chatter happily and eye each other as often as they eye the cue ball.

"People come here to have fun — the game's secondary," says Rosenast, who helped degrease and revamp the 1928 brick building into a trendy restaurant/pool hall in August.

Five months later, the joint's jumping, and entrepreneur Rosenast, former owner of RKCNDY nightclub, is smiling. Garage is his second hall. His first, Temple Billiards, opened in Pioneer Square three years ago, a boom year for billiards in the Puget Sound region.

"Seattle," says Rosenast, "is one of the last to get in on it."

THE POOL-IS-COOL boom started a decade ago on the East Coast, where yuppies began jamming halls outfitted with chandeliers, oak floors, faux marble pillars, French windows and brass rails, paying pricey $12-an-hour table rental fees with plastic.

Within 10 years, the number of players in the country swelled from 35 to 42 million.

Clearly pool — once pictured as a marginal sport delegated to dusty, smoke-darkened dives — had stepped out for a big night on the town.

Traditionalists weren't impressed. "Survey the scene in any of the new upscale rooms, especially on a busy weekend night, and you'll be struck by the number of players who can hardly make a ball," writes Robert Byrne in his new "Wonderful World of Pool and Billiards" (Harcourt Brace, $18).

But entrepreneurs were quickly rolling out the red carpet — and racking up profits. Billiards, it appeared, was a business to bank on.

"A lot of new rooms have gone up all over the country," says Jim Bakula, president of Brunswick Billiards, the nation's leading manufacturer of pool equipment. Bakula estimates there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 upscale halls across the country.

HIS RESEARCH also shows dramatic demographic shifts.

In the '90s, the fastest-growing segment of players is baby boomers, aged 35-54. Plus, pool is no longer a "man's game." In the past decade, the number of women playing has increased 32 percent.

Pool pundits cite numerous reasons for the recent renaissance of this "low-impact" sport.

Some say it's evidence that Americans are yearning to go back to the past, to old-fashioned fun. And pool, a game for fools and kings, is an easy link. "Anybody can play it," says Les Walden, editor of Cue Ball Gazette, a free pool newspaper published out of Olympia, Wash. "Even a casual player can really enjoy himself."

Others point out a certain narcissistic appeal. Pool's a see-and-be-seen scene. "Everyone watches the person playing," says Jill Rosenast, Alex's wife and business partner at Garage. "You're in the limelight for that one minute you're shooting."

IT'S ALSO a relatively inexpensive night out, even at its priciest. "It's one of the last recreations where you can eat, drink, talk and play at the same time," says Ben Nakashimo, who works at 3-year-old Belltown Billiards and Restaurant, which reaped praise in Architectural Digest for renovating a metals and chroming shop into a chicly retro room.

Some of the nouveau halls have dress codes, a policy that makes hard-core tavern players chortle. At Jillian's Billiard Cafe in Seattle, no sweat suits, tank tops, ripped jeans, hats or soiled clothing are allowed. "The idea is that one needs to be covered from chest to rear end when bending over a pool table," says Patricia Ambur, general manager at the Seattle hall, part of the Jillian's chain that started on the East Coast and moved West in the '90s.

MOST OF SEATTLE'S new upscale halls rent tables by the hour, charging up to $12 a person at peak hours. But downtown at the 2-11, where top-of-the-line felt ensures what pros call the fastest, most consistent shots, the rental charge is still modest: a single player pays $2.17 on off hours, $3.90 at peak times.

"I don't know why people pay the prices they do in some of those places," says John Teerinck, owner of the 2-11, which took its name from its original address at 211 Union St. downtown.

Teerinck, a well-respected player in his own right, is proof that not everyone is profiteering off the pool boom. "Our business is down," he says. "It's because there have been five rooms opened up in the Greater Seattle area in the last three years."

Market saturation is a hot topic in the billiards world. No one is sure if Seattle's boom will go bust. But investors are watching other areas closely. "Up until last year, Canada was opening a room a week in Vancouver. Now they're closing one every couple of weeks," says Mike Zangara, owner of Mr. Z's Billiards in Lynnwood, Wash., north of Seattle. "I think we're pretty much maxed out on pool halls here, too."

ENTREPRENEURS' concerns are understandable. The 500-year-old game of pool, once played on round tables covered with pink cloth, has gone in and out of fashion in America as frequently as cigars and bustiers. And despite its new glam-o-rama incarnation — pool's so darn respectable in the '90s it's being considered for Olympics competition — the game still suffers image problems.

One positive sign for continued growth is burgeoning home pool table sales.

"A lot of people who have never really played pool go to the upscale places, enjoy playing, and say, 'Hey! I want to be able to practice at home,' " says Dave Gerhardt, part owner of Golden West Games in Tacoma and Kirkland. He estimates his business has increased at least 25 percent a year over the past three years.

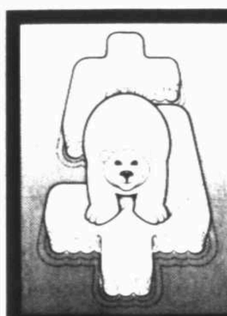
The thing is, say players, once you pick up a pool cue, it's tough to put it back down. "I only have to shoot one good shot and I'm completely happy with the evening," says 26-year-old Jordan Hukee, surveying the eclectic scene at Garage. He averages three nights a week at the halls, banking shots and occasionally waxing philosophic about this alluring "pastime."

"You can make every shot you can conceive," he said. "If you hit the ball the same way each time, it will do the same thing."

Alas, you don't. And it doesn't.

"And that," said Hukee, "is what keeps you coming back for more."

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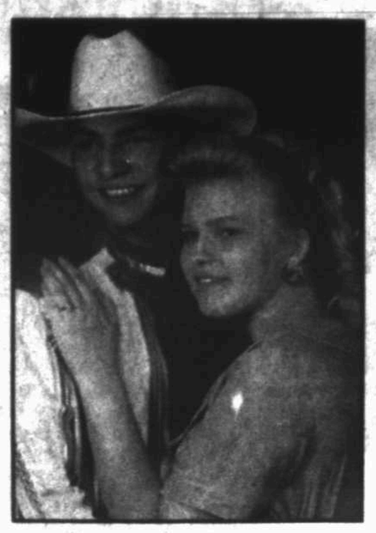
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ENGAGEMENTS

COOPER-BLEVINS

Christi Lynne Cooper and Andrew Gelbert Blevins, both of Midland, are planning to be married 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Best Western Hotel in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cheryl Cooper of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Blevins Jr. of Midland.

Miss Cooper is a 1996 graduate of Midland High School, where she was president of DECA. She is employed with Parker and Parsley Petroleum. Her fiance graduated from Texas Tech High School in 1996 and is serving in the U.S. Navy.



Christi Lynne Cooper and Andrew Gelbert Blevins

BOX-BROWN

Angela Susanne Box of Midland and Stephen Bradley Brown of Houston are planning a 7 p.m. Feb. 1 wedding at Merket Alumni Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Box of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Bill and Bettie Brown of Odessa.

Miss Box is a December 1996 graduate of Texas Tech. Her fiance, a May 1996 graduate of Texas Tech, is employed with Warren Petroleum.



Angela Susanne Box and Stephen Bradley Brown

WEDDINGS

COX-PARKS

LEAGUE CITY — Former Midlander Sonya "Suni" René Cox of Clear Lake City and Curtis Phillip Parks of San Marcos were married 4:30 p.m. Dec. 22, 1996, aboard "The Star Gazer" entertainment yacht in League City. Douglas F. Parsons, formerly of Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jana Lloyd Koehn of Clear Lake City and Stephen Ray Cox of Carl Junction, Mo. She is the granddaughter of Leon Lloyd of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Lloyd Parks of Baytown and Becky Parks of New Braunfels.

Meredith Williams of Charleston, S.C., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were JoAnn Garza of San Antonio and Jennifer Curlee of Austin.

Eli Stovall of Spring Hill, Fla., served as best man. Groomsmen were Brian Stovall of College Station and Bruce Allen of San Marcos. James R. "Buddy" Lloyd of Lawrence, Kan., was usher.



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Phillip Parks

Following a honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple resides in Weeki Wachee, Fla.

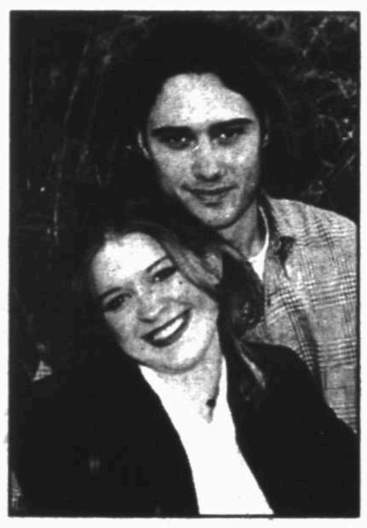
TUDOR-BLAKE

St. Paul United Methodist Church in Midland was the setting for the 4 p.m. Dec. 21, 1996, wedding of Jill Jennifer Tudor and Brian Blake, both of Midland. The Rev. Freddy Haltom officiated.

Parents of the bride are Steve and Judy Tudor of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Don and Debra Blake of Savannah, Ga.

Kim Tudor, sister of the bride, and Angie Tudor, both of Midland, were bridesmaids.

The bride attended Baylor University. Her husband, a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School, is technical director at Fox/KPEJ.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Blake

DUNN-WELLS

West Kentucky Baptist Church was the setting for the 8 p.m. Dec. 10, 1996, wedding of Kelly M. Dunn and Johnny W. Wells, both of Midland. The Rev. Bob Porterfield officiated.

Parents of the bride are the late Richard and Loura Braggs. The bridegroom is the son of Joyce Sells of Stanton and the late Billy Wells.

Cristy Dunn was maid of honor for her mother. Theador Wells of Stanton served his brother as best man.

The couple lives in Midland.

New trend embraces large-sized people

■ There is a backlash against thinness by a group of overweight people who are tired of critism and convinced that diets don't work. The fat fight back.

By Kristin Eddy
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Often the reason was merely implied, but Judi Dandy can remember an instance several years ago when she was flat-out told that her application for a job was being denied because of her weight. Sally Smith knows fat people who have had food snatched out of their shopping carts by another customer insisting, "You shouldn't be eating this."

Millions of overweight people from the carriers of a middle-aged paunch to the seriously obese have endured lectures, taunts and disapproving looks from both family members and strangers. That's why a new trend that embraces large-size people is so refreshing for women such as Smith, executive director of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance, and Dandy, owner of the ReFinery "plus-size" clothing shop in Roswell, Ga., a suburb north of Atlanta, and a local representative of the group.

A PARADE OF new publications is encouraging the overweight to accept themselves as they are, in books such as "Thin Is Just a Four-Letter Word" (Little, Brown, $19.95); "Well Rounded: Eight Simple Steps for Changing Your Life, Not Your Size" (Pocket Books, $22); and "Big Fat Lies: The Truth About Your Weight and Your Health" (Fawcett Columbine, $23).

At a time of year when casual conversation frequently turns to the need to diet, these books, along with others published in the past year or so, represent a backlash against the nation's obsession with thinness. Consumers have seen plus-size clothing salons become part of every major department store chain; airline companies are being forced by gender-based lawsuits to revise their weight guidelines for flight attendants; and legal complaints have been filed alleging weight discrimination.

"I think the reason we are seeing more size acceptance is that the message 'diets don't work' has been mainstreamed," says Smith. "Genetic research *on weight* has come out that has removed some of the stigma for people who have unsuccessfully dieted all their lives."

JAQUELYN SIMS, a part-time Atlanta model, says she is perfectly happy with her size-20 figure. It's a shape that has put her into fashion shows and beauty pageants.

The aesthetics of fat is just one issue. Miriam Berg, president of the Council on Size and Weight Discrimination, an advocacy group in Mount Marion, N.Y., says the organization is pushing for diet drugs to be held to strict safety standards, not rushed onto the market in response to a fad. And advocates for the overweight say they face a range of societal hurdles that need to be removed, from the discomfort of theater and airplane seats to doctors who assume that all their health problems are weight-related.

"Airline travel is a nightmare for fat people," Smith says. "I buy two seats when I fly, and they only give you frequent-flier miles for one ticket. I resent that. I think in a perfect world, it should be one person, one fare, no matter what your size is."

But while the trend toward boosting self-esteem is positive in many ways, health professionals fear that the new effort to embrace fat people may lead to complacency among the obese.

"There is definitely a difference between someone who is happy with himself and someone who is at risk," cautions Dr. Lonny Horowitz, a weight-disorders specialist with three offices around Atlanta. "There is nothing in any of the medical literature which supports that being overweight is healthy. I agree that overweight people are grossly discriminated against, but this doesn't have to do with social pressure; it's basic mechanics."

A GROWING BODY of research has linked extra weight to everything from stroke and heart disease to diabetes and certain cancers. At the same time, weight alone does not determine health. Experts say that a variety of other factors blood pressure, cholesterol, activity levels and diet may be better indicators of a person's overall health than simply meeting federal height-weight guidelines. And some note that being too thin may be as great a health risk as being too fat.

DR. LOUIS ARONNE, director of the weight control program at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, agrees that the social emphasis on being slender has produced ludicrous behavior, citing unhappy patients who have gained 10 pounds and some unwanted cellulite on their thighs but face no health risk.

"The problem in this country is we have thin people trying to be perfect and overweight people who are completely demoralized," Aronne says. "At the same time, I can't in my heart of hearts believe that being 400 pounds is a healthy thing."

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A medical view of fat obsession

N.Y. Times News Service

Standard height and weight guidelines continue to be revised, but there are medical reasons why excess fat on your frame can be a health problem, experts say. For instance:

Every single extra pound forces your heart to pump blood through five extra miles of capillaries.

Most cancer and heart research indicates that half of all cancer in men and women is linked to dietary factors.

Size alone isn't the only problem. Fat in the diet which leads to the quickest weight gain is strongly linked to heart disease and to colon, endometrial and prostate cancer. There are suggested links to breast cancer as well.

Lists offers books on weight loss

N.Y. Times News Service

The books "I believe that one can be physically fit and not be at their low ideal weight."

JUDI DANDY, Georgia representative for the National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance

■ "When Women Stop Hating Their Bodies" by Jane R. Hirschmann and Carol H. Munter (Fawcett Columbine, $12). "Replace self-reproach with self-acceptance."

■ "Thin Is Just a Four-Letter Word" By Dee Hakala (Little, Brown, $19.95). "You can be fat and fit."

■ "Hunger Pains" by Mary Pipher (Ballantine, $10). "Accepting our bodies the way they are is the greatest gift we can give ourselves."

■ "Self-Esteem Comes in All Sizes" by Carol A. Johnson (Doubleday, $10.95). "Change your focus from weight-loss to health."

■ "Big Fat Lies" by Glenn A. Gaesser (Fawcett Columbine, $23). "Thinner is not necessarily healthier."

■ "Well-Rounded" by Catherine Lippincott (Pocket Books, $22). "A generously shaped body is truly beautiful."

■ "Losing It" by Laura Fraser (Dutton, $24.95). The diet industry exploits weight obsession.

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomasons celebrate 50 years together

Gladys and Roland Thomason of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Jan. 12 in their home. Hosts were Jane and Mike Gale, Roland and Lindy Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale and Stella Flores.

Thomason and the former Gladys Nell Jones were married Jan. 11, 1947, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. L.L. Hill in Amarillo. They have two children — Jane Ann Thomason Gale of Poteet and Roland Harry Thomason of Millsap — and two grandsons.

Thomason attended Texas Technological College (now Texas Tech University) 1938-40 and 1945-47. He served in the U.S. Air Force in England 1940-45. After the war years, he was employed as an oil field scout for Stanolind Oil in Midland from 1947-62, and worked for the State Health Department 1962-86, when he retired. He was active in Little League for 10 years and was president of Oil Scouts Association.

Mrs. Thomason graduated from Lubbock General Hospital as a registered nurse in 1943 and worked at that hospital 1943-45. She was in the Army Nurse Crops 1945-46, serving at Santa Tomas and Clark Field in the Philippines.



Gladys and Roland Thomason

She returned to Lubbock General Hospital in 1946, where she worked until the couple married.

In 1947 they moved to Midland, where Mrs. Thomason worked as a public health nurse for 22 years. She retired in 1987. She was active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the PTA, serving as president at Lamar Elementary School and Alamo Junior High School.

Fletchers mark 40 years of marriage

Clifton and Gloria Fletcher of Midland celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a luncheon.

Fletcher and the former Gloria Downing were married Jan. 18, 1957, in Abilene. They have four children — Lane Fletcher of Dallas, Kayla Weitlauf of Lubbock, Doris Schmidt of Midland and James Fletcher of Odessa — and four grandchildren. They are members of Wilshire Park Baptist Church.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Lifestyle Department office by 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within six weeks of the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space available basis.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted.

The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

Photos can be picked up in the Lifestyle Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and articles.

Planting trees reduces home energy needs

SEATTLE (AP) — Planting trees near your house will help ease the greenhouse effect as well as reduce your energy needs.

Three mature shade trees next to every U.S. home could save enough utility-generated energy to decrease carbon dioxide emissions by up to 18 million tons annually, according to forest product managers.

The burning of fossil fuels contributes to the greenhouse effect, which is caused by higher atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide that trap heat and increase surface temperatures.

Trees, however, absorb carbon dioxide to produce carbohydrates for nourishment during photosynthesis and release oxygen.

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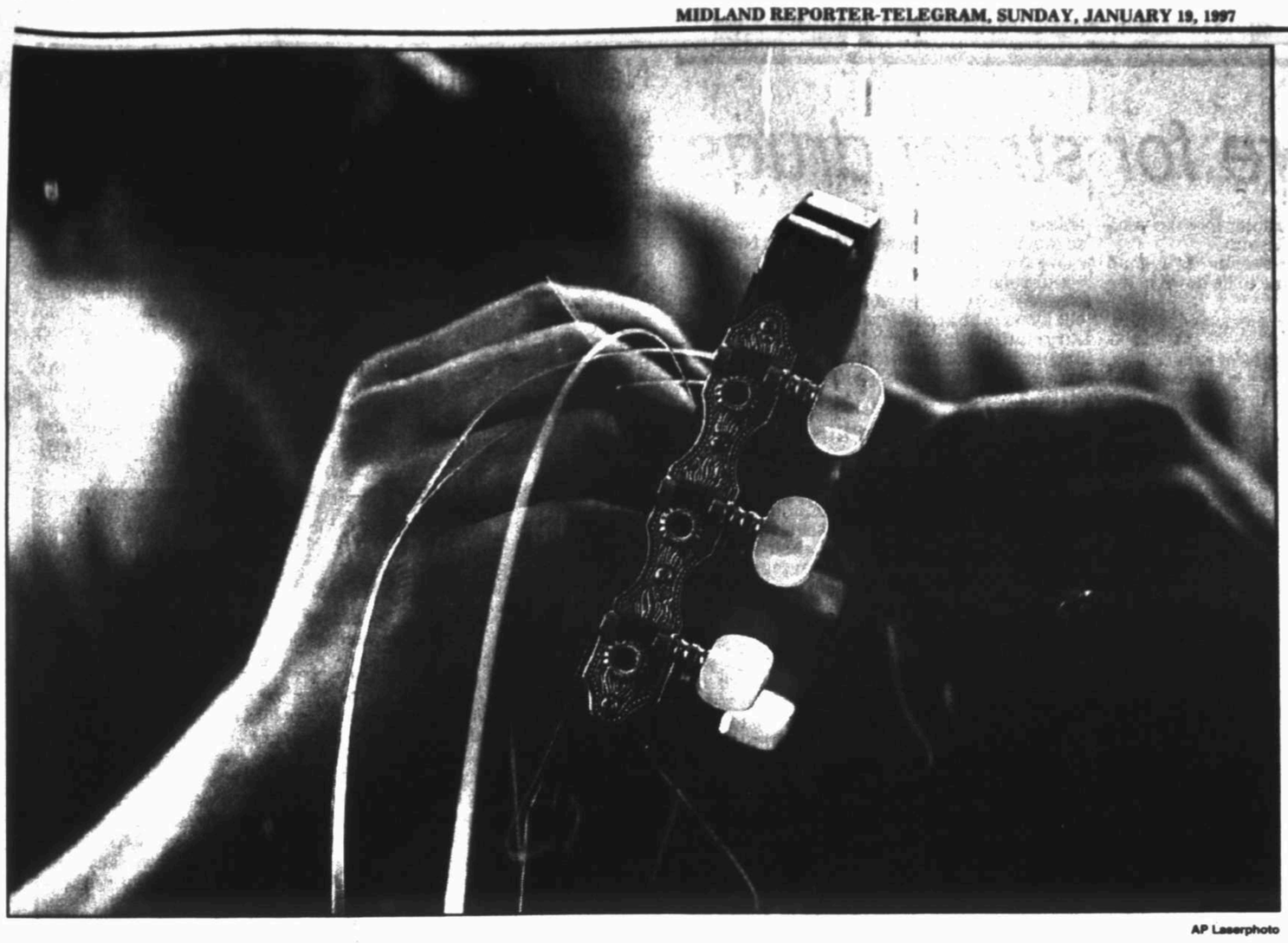
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German Vasquez, shown here Nov. 20, 1996, is a "luthier" or guitar maker. Originally from Paracho, Mexico, and now living in the Pico-Union area of Los Angeles, Vasquez has been making guitars for 33 years. He specializes in handmade high-end classical guitars that sell for $1,500 to $4,500. He does not use any power tools. Each of his guitars takes about a month to complete.

'Luthier' puts soul into guitar making

By John M. Gonzales

LOS ANGELES (AP) — German Vasquez earns his living by clutching untamed wood with thick fingers and carving out instruments that resonate with his soul.

He has been doing this for 30 of his 43 years, becoming one of the leading makers of classical and flamenco guitars in Southern California.

Like many residents of his native Mexican town of Paracho, Vasquez was introduced to the art of making stringed instruments about the same time he learned to tie his shoelaces.

But he is one of a few endowed with the patience and conviction to branch out from the colorful mariachi pieces of his homeland to more subtle flamenco and classical guitar creations.

"If you listen to a line of guitars like German's ... it has a very romantic sound to it," said John Silva of Guitar Salon International in Santa Monica, a leading dealer that carries Vasquez's guitars.

"It makes you want to curl up inside the instrument and listen. You can hear the personality of this soft-spoken, gentle man in the instrument."

Vasquez makes his instruments in an apartment in the Pico-Union district, west of downtown, next door to the unit he shares with his wife and their three children.

He is an average-size man with black matted hair and deep black eyes that seem to pierce the wood when he gazes down the neck of a guitar, looking for any signs of warping.

"You can never replace a guitar made by hand with one made by machines," he said inside his shop the other day. "It will not have the same sweet sound that comes from creating something from the heart."

Vasquez, who came to the United States about three years ago, has spent $2,000 on lessons in his craft, both here and in Mexico. Master luthiers, many of them European, often visited Vasquez's hometown in the north-central state of Michoacan, amazed by the town's reverence for the art.



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German Vasquez, shown Dec. 12, 1996, in Santa Monica, Calif., is a "luthier" or guitar maker originally from Paracho, Mexico, and now living in the Pico-Union area of Los Angeles. He is delivering three finished guitars that are sold in the Guitar Salon in Santa Monica. Vasquez's guitars take about a month to complete, since he uses no power tools.

Shortly after Spanish colonization, thousands of the town's Indians were perishing in the conquerors' copper mines, so the state's empathetic first bishop, Vasco de Quiroga, decreed that each village take up a craft. Some Michoacan villages made pottery, others leather goods or copper utensils, and Paracho became home of the luthiers.

Today, about one-third of the village's breadwinners are involved with the construction of guitars. They use no jigs or power tools and rarely employ workbenches.

Instead, handsaws and handmade knives are their implements. They brace the guitar against their bodies as they work.

Despite the advice of European masters, who say he could be more productive with a few simple tools, Vasquez still makes his guitars this way. "I don't know how to do it right," he jokes. His method makes his instruments special, musicians say.

"His workmanship is very considerate," said Miguel Espinoza, a formally trained guitarist with the flamenco recording group Curandero. "A friend loaned me one of German's guitars before German's work had become known. I took it for a weekend and told him, 'You're never getting it back.' "

The luthier's steady knife, its handle wrapped by sweat-stained masking tape, peels curly shreds of wood off the neck and the heel connecting it to the body.

"When I first started, I cut myself badly here and here," he said, first pointing the blade to his free hand's index finger, then his left thigh. "But I haven't done that in years."

He said it is difficult to estimate how many guitars he makes annually because the pace is affected by such factors as the availability of Spanish cedar and the natural glue from his homeland. But guitar makers on average make about one instrument a month.

He gets about a 65 percent cut from sales. His least expensive instrument is a $1,500 student model, the most costly a $4,500 advanced model of Brazilian rosewood. His earnings are determined by several factors. For example, a dealer might pay for his materials and compensate by granting less of a cut.

Vasquez is satisfied that he and his wife are able to give their children things he never had. "I came here to give my family a better life," he said. "And to make guitars."



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Top photo, German Vasquez checks the inside of a guitar to see if a special glue has dried so clamps can be removed. Bottom photo, Vasquez practices the craft of guitar making in an apartment in the Pico-Union area of Los Angeles, next to the unit he shares with his wife and children. Vasquez has been making guitars for 33 years. He specializes in high-end classical guitars that sell for $1,500 to $4,500.



Newseum celebrates all the news that's fit to print — and more

NEW YORK (AP) — The Newseum is scheduled to open in April in Arlington, Va., across the Potomac River from Washington D.C., billing itself as the world's first interactive museum of news.

The $50-million museum will focus on the past, the present and the future of news and offer hands-on, behind-the-scenes experiences to let visitors see what makes nes and how it reaches them.

For example, visitors will be able to act as TV newscasters or reporters in an interactive newsroom. Multimedia exhibitions with artifacts and memorabilia will recall the great news stories of all times. Visitors can see how news programs are produced in a broadcast studio where they can talk to journalists and newsmakers.

"In part, a visitor's experience at the Newseum will depend on what is happening in the world that day," Newseum executive director Peter S. Prichard said. "Imagine a family watching a space shot on the video news wall. Or discussing the day's news with a television producer in the News Forum."

Cara Sutherland, Newseum curator of exhibitions, is overseeing the inaugural exhibitions. Artifacts to be on display range from the first newspaper published in British North America (in 1690) to a statue of Thoth, the Egyptian god of scribes, dating back to 600 B.C.

The Newseum is in the The Freedom Forum World Center, adjacent to Freedom Park, site of The Freedom Forum's Journalists Memorial for those who died in the line of duty.

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DEAR ABBY

'Just say no' not cure for street drugs

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My heart aches for "Someone in Georgia," who buried her firstborn child who died from a drug overdose. I too lost my beloved son from an accidental overdose of "recreational" drugs.



Van Buren

My son was well-educated, talented and handsome. He was not a master of deceit, but he was a substance abuser who eventually became addicted.

I was aware my son had a problem and would have done anything to help him. The realization that I had no control over the situation or my son, that he had to want to help himself, was devastating.

The powerful grip these drugs have over mind and soul is incomprehensible. These young people do not want to die.

The "Just Say No" campaign was well-meant, but the truth is "It Takes a Village." Our families, friends, neighbors, police, teachers and clergy need to be aware and get involved. The drugs on the street today are stronger and more lethal than ever before. Our kids are addicted before they know what hit them.

As a mother who bonded with, nurtured and loved her firstborn son, I empathize with anyone who has lost a child. The void is painful and everlasting. — A SADDENED MOM WHO'S GOING TO STAY INVOLVED

DEAR SADDENED MOM: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved son. My heart goes out to you.

Kids who are in trouble with drugs are in over their heads. Anyone who can offer help should not hesitate to do so.

Many years ago, I printed the following, which had been published in the Congressional Record. I wish it were not as timely today, but sadly, it may be even more so:

" 'King Heroin is my shepherd; I shall always want ...'

"These tragic words, part of a twisted rewording of the beloved 23rd Psalm, were discovered recently in Reidsville, N.C., in a closed car alongside a dead heroin addict. She was 23 years old.

"Her death was ruled a suicide. A hookup with the car's exhaust had sent carbon monoxide fumes from a running motor into the vehicle. Here's the complete 'Psalm.'

" 'King Heroin is my shepherd; I shall always want. He maketh me to lie down in the gutter.

" 'He leadeth me beside the troubled waters.

" 'He destroyeth my soul.

" 'He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness.

" 'Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear no evil, for thou, Heroin, are with me.

" 'Thy needle and capsule comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family. Thou robbest my head of reason.

" 'My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned forever.'

"Also found in the car with the dead woman was this written message:

"'Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long. The doctor told my family it would have been better, and indeed kinder, if the person who got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out. And I wish to God he had. My God, how I wish it!'"

DEAR ABBY: I am a 41-year-old woman who has been divorced for 10 years, during which time I've had a few long-term relationships.

I have always been a passionate woman with the men I have cared about, and they have reciprocated. I have learned a lot about myself and men as a result.

Five months ago, after a long absence from a relationship or dating, I met a man who is two years older than I am. He is extremely well-mannered and sensitive. He's affectionate and seems to care about me. We share many interests and values, and best of all, he makes me laugh.

He is healthy and in excellent shape. There is one issue, however, that deeply concerns me. I know that he enjoys sex, but I am sorry to say he is a lousy lover.

He told me that he has never been "wild and crazy" in bed. I don't think one has to be "wild and crazy" to be a good lover; however, he doesn't even like to kiss. This makes me sad because I think kissing is an important part of foreplay and particularly important during romantic moments.

I now find myself holding back when I am intimate with him, and becoming more inhibited as well. After sex, I'm left feeling frustrated, unsatisfied and sad. I don't like to put so much emphasis on sex, but I think I deserve more consideration.

Our relationship is flourishing except for the physical part. I care very much for this man, but I long to be kissed and caressed, and I doubt our relationship can endure without intimacy. Should I approach him about this? And can I expect him to change? — NEEDING MORE IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR NEEDING MORE: Societal taboos, restrictive upbringings and unfortunate early experiences can cause sexual inhibitions.

You can help your lover change only if he is willing to cooperate. Honest communication is a must. There are many excellent books available to help partners improve their intimacy skills. Find a few and read them together.

A sex therapist can also help guide you to a more fulfilling sex life. Ask your physician to refer you to one.

DEAR ABBY: Our son is getting married soon. The bride's parents say this is the '90s and we should split the cost as they are "our kids." What the "kids" want will cost $6,000 total.

They claim they have gotten the lowest prices for this big day. Are we responsible for paying 50 percent?

I told my husband about the financing, and he said it's customary for the bride's father to pay for the wedding. Others who have married children say they've split the cost.

I don't think splitting the cost is such a bad idea. Perhaps when our two daughters get married, we can say, "Hey, this is the '90s — and we'll pay half."

What do you say, Abby? — STRESSED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STRESSED: Traditionally, the bride's family pays for the wedding and reception. However, today it is not unusual for the groom's family to offer to share the cost. In many cases, the couple will pay for their own wedding.

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Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

New swimsuit styles bring back past

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Like the Clintons, thousands of lucky folks head for someplace warm in January. And their one indispensable item of apparel is a swimsuit. The best-looking styles this year have a retro attitude, with boy-leg shorts or skirts that call to mind the 1930s and '40s. Even bikinis get matching shorts.

The quintessential '30s swimsuit is a form-fitting wave-patterned dress by Gottex ($162). Saks Fifth Avenue has the suit, along with a yellow gold corsetlike one by Shan that is pure '40s ($162), a polka dot two-piece shorts suit by Shan ($148) and a gray tank by Bondi Iceberg ($82).

Barneys New York has a pink terry swim dress with a bra top ($95) and a terry bikini ($85) with matching shorts ($45), all by Ci Dessous, and a striped bikini ($132) with matching shorts ($68) by Delphina.

Neiman Marcus has a black two-piece shorts suit by Baja Blue ($86) and a black swim-dress with a mesh waistband by Karla Colletto ($168).

Women's Care Update



by Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

FEELING TIRED?

Many expectant mothers are surprised at how tired they feel during the initial stage of their pregnancies. This can be partially explained by the fact that their bodies are busy manufacturing their babies' life support system (the placenta), which will not be completed until the end of the first trimester. It should also be noted that their bodies are adjusting to the other considerable physical and emotional demands of pregnancy. Once the body has made an adjustment and the placenta is complete (about the fourth month), mothers-to-be should become more energetic. There is no reason to stay home from work, unless the doctor has restricted activity or the work is strenuous or hazardous. It should also be recognized that, since the fatigue is legitimate, it should be taken as a signal to get more rest.

During pregnancy, women often feel guilty because they're not accomplishing everything they did before. But their bodies are working 24 hours a day, and they need to allow themselves to rest. I recommend that you take breaks or a nap whenever possible and get to bed earlier than you normally might. For more information about our services, or to schedule and appointment, please call me at 522-222, conveniently located at the Primary Medical Clinic-Westwood, 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite#100, in Midland.

CLUB NEWS

XI EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Shiela Cathcart with Jane Bronnenberg as co-hostess. Laurel Dow gave a program on Norwegian Rosemaling.

Chapter met in the home of Charlie Mathews with Lou Ann Duvall as co-hostess. Secret sister gifts were exchanged.

Socials included a star party, birthday lunch at On The Border, movie night, progressive dinner, trip to San Angelo to look at Christmas lights and performance of "The Nutcracker." Service projects included wrapping Christmas gifts for Child Protective Services.

LAUREATE NU CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Louise Vestal. Thank-you note from Marline Byrd was read. Members brought cans of soup for AMOS service project. Dixie Jordan reported on the city council meeting about the planned Sweetheart tea and dance. Program was on "Horoscopes." Also attending were JoAnn Gardner, Marlyn Butler, Caroline Holmes, Martha McNair and Melva Sizemore.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Inc. of Midland met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with Mary K. Rattan presiding. Ruth Price led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Altrusa grace. Minutes were approved. Foundation report was presented by Kathleen Wurtz. Updates on the Babies into Books project were given. Woman of the Year banquet was discussed.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met at Sibley Learning Center with Mildred Burkett presiding and 14 members attending. Clara Johnston presented a scrapbook to Neta Dill for her past year as president. Joy Marcum presented a slate of officers for next year: Ms. Marcum, president; Jean Shows, first vice president; Roberta Bain, second vice president; Katrena Cain, recording secretary; Leona Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mary Crosby, treasurer; Anna Mae Jones, historian-scrapbook; Mickey Hewitt, assistant historian; and Virginia Gilbert, director to Midland Woman's Club. Elizabeth McKenzie introduced Burr Williams, who gave a program on "Birds in Midland and Surrounding Area." Members had lunch at the Woman's Club.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Junior Woman's Club met at the Plaza Club with JoAnne Friesen presiding. Mayor Bobby Burns gave a program on "Impact on Current and Future Development in Midland." Kevia Buckley was a new member. Belinda Sheppard was a guest.

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Margo Hill for annual Secret Sister gift exchange and potluck dinner. Ornament exchange game was conducted. Attending were Karen Hopkins, Jane Weldon, JoAnn Cambron, Beverlye Bristow, Natalie Eustice, Marinell Glidewll, Diane Grenvik, Sandra Hayes, Paula Millhollon, Tammi Moffett and Karyn Wood. Ms. Grenvik reported on donations to Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children.

EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for luncheon and program at the Woman's Club. Dorothy Perkins reviewed "Once Upon a Time Again," fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm. Guests were Lavern Mills, Eva Dean Bennett and Alathea Blischke. Hostesses were Gettie Ingram, chairman; Mary Maud Hickman, Tommie Underwood, Tess Latham, Ruby Sharp and Marjorie Tyler.

PERMIAN BASIN GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geopysical Auxiliary met at Midland Country Club for guest day luncheon and program. "Lights, Camera, Action!" was presented by the Pickwick Players, who performed "Foxtales." Hazel Sommerville was chairman; Debbie Box was co-chairman. Hostesses were Betty Basham, Norma Hetzel, Charlene Bolden and Mim Curry. Laurel Caputo and Neva Rousselot won membership prizes. Connie Thacker won the guest prize.

Nominating committee members are Ann Roberts, Ms. Curry, Clare Kollaja, Bonnie Sanders, Esta Geron, Carol Hartman and Annette Casey.

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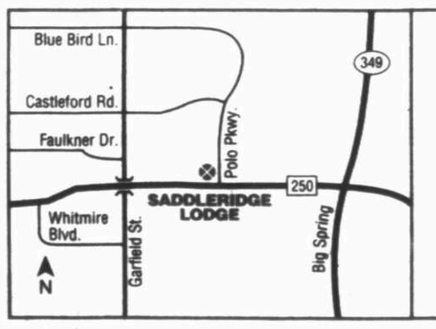
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By Anne-Marie

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Gardening schools planned for year

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

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Benge Frost

■ Spring Garden Schools Series, Part I: Vegetable Gardening (7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Confederate Air Force). Dr. Roland Roberts, TAEX vegetable specialist, will cover the basics of good vegetable gardening, including soil preparation, early planting techniques, planting dates, windbreaks, watering methods, soil temperatures and soil fertility. Roberts will cover information on the top backyard vegetables, including onions, tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, melons, okra and beans. Cost is $15 per household for the whole series or $5 per household for each individual session.

■ Spring Garden School, Part II: Pruning (7 p.m. Feb. 18, CAF). Nick Harrison, Texas Forest Service, will give guidelines for the all-important "training" of young trees and pruning of mature shade trees. Learn how to encourage a healthy, vigorous tree through proper pruning cuts, canopy thinning and removal of damaged wood. Safety, equipment and timing also will be covered. Guidelines for pruning ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and other landscape plants will be covered if time permits. Fees listed above.

■ Spring Garden School, Part III: Backyard Fruit (7 p.m. Feb. 25, CAF). Dr. Nancy Roe, TAEX horticulture specialist, will demonstrate how to incorporate conventional and unusual fruit in the landscape, and give information on types of fruit, varieties, microclimates, soils, sites, water, soil fertility, training and fruit thinning. Roe, former nurseryman and fruit grower, will share the practical side of raising fruit in your landscape, with special emphasis on environmentally friendly practices. Fees listed above.

■ Spring Garden School, Part IV: Home Lawn Care (7 p.m. March 5, CAF). Dr. James McAfee, TAEX turfgrass specialist, will teach how to have a healthy lawn without the water, chemicals and backbreaking rigors of the past. Learn how to deal with shade, clippings, bugs and fungi. Have the lawn quality you want without the worry of nuking the neighborhood. Fees listed above.

■ Totally Tomatoes, Part I (7 p.m. in March on a date to be announced, CAF). Local TAEX horticulturist and Master Gardeners will give the A to Z on growing tomatoes in the Permian Basin. Learn about the best varieties, planting dates, soil preparation, soil fertility, watering methods, caging, dealing with pests and harvesting — even learn how to grow transplants for those hard-to-find favorite varieties. Fee is $5 per household.

■ Professional Grounds Maintenance Conference (8 a.m. April 3 CAF). Dr. Richard Lee, New Mexico State University weeds specialist, Dr. Bart Drees, TAEX entomologist and other specialists will provide excellent subject matter training for full-time or part-time landscape maintenance personnel. CEUs pending. Fees to be announced.

■ The Xeriscape Landscape (7 p.m. April 15, CAF). Learn how to reduce water bills without sacrificing your landscape. Participants not only learn how to save water, but also how to have a more attractive, functional landscape. Nationally recognized speaker and author, Dr. Doug Welsh, TAEX horticulture specialist, will show the "how tos" in an educational and entertaining way. Fee is $5 per household.

■ Totally Tomatoes, Part II (7 p.m. June 23 and 24, CAF). Find out how to keep vines healthy and productive during harvesttime. Avoid and control pests and other problems that have plagued tomatoes in the past. Mulches, water and fertilizer schedules, harvesting techniques and tomato dishes will be included in this program, provided by local TAEX agents and Master Gardeners. Fee is $5 per household.

■ Chile Ristra Workshops (Oct. 7, 8 or 9, Midland County). Learn about chilies with respect to cultural use, nutrition, cooking and preserving them in brilliant ristras. In this two -hour workshop, participants learn to make gorgeous, fully-decorated chile ristras, with the instruction and help of Master Gardeners. All materials provided. Pre-registration is required in September or early October at Midland or Ector County Extension Service. Cost is $24 per person.

■ Home Landscape School (7 p.m. Oct. 13, 14, 20 and 21, CAF). Learn how to evaluate, plan, install and maintain an attractive, functional home landscape at this four-night school. Learn how to use design principles, framing, accenting, softening and screening; learn what the best trees, shrubs, vines and ground covers for the Permian Basin are; learn labor- and time-saving techniques for taking care of the landscape. Fee of $30 per household covers the cost of the landscape packet. Preregister in September or October at the Midland or Ector County Extension Service.

These are the major horticulture programs that will be offered during 1997 for area gardeners. Many of the speakers are state and nationally recognized authorities in horticulture. Some of the dates and times are not quite nailed down, but will be soon.

For more information call Midland (687-1351) or Ector (915-335-3071) County Extension Service.

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Stephanie Ann Wood

Suburban Lions Club chooses its 1996-97 Queen

Staff Reports

Stephanie Ann Woods, a senior at Midland High School, has been named 1996-97 Queen of Midland Suburban Lions Club. She will participate in the District 2 A-1 Lions Queen Contest in April in Midland.

Miss Wood, 17, plays the trumpet in the MHS band, has been in drama for a year and a half, and is a Texas Scholar. She earned a yellow belt in tai kwon do, has been a counselor-in-training for Camp Mitre Peak for the past three summers, is a volunteer for Summer Mummers and a kindergarten aide at Bonham Elementary School. She plans to attend the University of Houston on a Navy ROTC scholarship and major in marine biology and ecology.

Exotic cultures inspire fashions

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Fashion's fascination with exotic cultures, especially those of China, Japan, India and Africa, is never ending.

But rarely is the influence traceable to one specific culture, so a costumey effect is generally avoided.

More and more of these ethnic styles will be arriving at stores for spring, but there is already enough to catch the flavor.

Saks Fifth Avenue has a sleeveless pink sheath with a mandarin collar by Vera Wang ($230), a black jacket ($318) and pants ($238) with floral embroidery by Dana Buchman and a black Japanese-boy jacket ($225) and short pants ($68) by DKNY.

Barneys New York has a black satin dress with appliques and embroidery by Vivienne Tam ($305), a zip-front sweater in an Op Art pattern with a mandarin collar and frog closures by Jean-Paul Gaultier ($490), scarfs with Indian embroidery by Dries Van Noten ($135 to $235) and multicolored stoles in Asian-inspired prints by Kenzo ($200 to $275).

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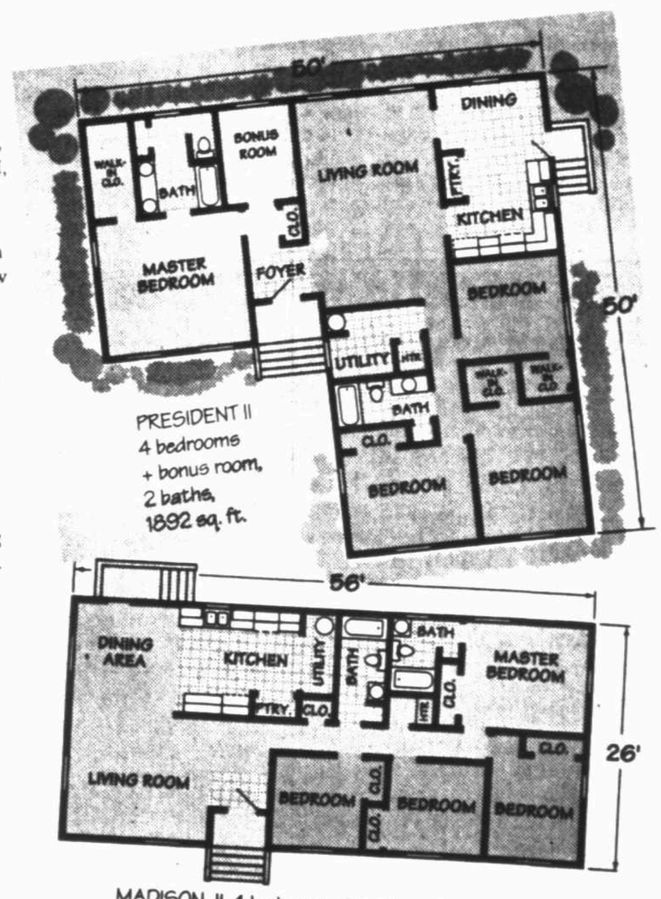
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Snowboarding hot new ride on cool slopes

By Neil Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

The first technical term added to a beginner's vocabulary when learning to snowboard is "face plant." These words describe what happens when the downhill edge of a moving snowboard touches the mountain, sending the rider flying with a violent jerk face first into the snow.

From the chairlift at Stratton Mountain in Vermont, snowboarders and skiers have a bird's-eye view of faces being planted all over the slopes. For beginners, face plants are a common occurrence; for the intermediate snowboarder, face plants are a constant fear, and for anyone who has spent a long day on the mountain, face plants are what happen over dinner in a hot bowl of soup.

On a recent Friday, some friends and I drove to Stratton with the purpose of learning how to snowboard. Although this is not the closest mountain to Manhattan (it's a more than four-hour drive), Stratton, which calls itself the birthplace of snowboarding, has distinct advantages over closer mountains.

Hunter, just 2-1/2 hours from New York City, tends to get overcrowded, with toddlers on leashes and large groups of teen-agers and families knocking one another over. Mount Snow, just south of Stratton in Vermont, offers more of a singles scene. As saturated with trails as it is with expensive ski wear, the medium-size mountain is a better place to ride once you have passed the face-plant phase of snowboarding. And though Killington, also in Vermont, is the biggest resort in the area, with the self-given nickname the Beast of the East, most of the trails are not snowboard-friendly.

STRATTON IS a well-groomed, picturesque mountain, almost entirely devoid of the ultra-steep, mogul-filled or bone-breaking slopes that attract hotshots. Even a tyro can ride to the top of the mountain and find a variety of long, gentle, winding trails to take. The mountain's specialty is intermediate trails: nice declines, long and wide, that evenly fluctuate from steep to not so steep. It's perfect for the beginning snowboarder.

There is also an area of the mountain set aside for snowboarders only, full of snow mounds that serve as jumps and a hollowed-out half-pipe dug lengthwise into the surface of the snow for those who are good enough for flips, spins and other stunts.

Though skiers and snowboarders often complain of pricey lift tickets and equipment rentals, the real robbery takes place before the trip even starts. It happens when shopping for ski apparel.

If you talk to the commission-oriented sales staff at most sports stores and gravitate toward the products labeled as specially made for snowboarders, it can easily cost $1,000 to buy the clothing you need to be warm, dry and safe. A waterproof outfit put together by scavenging department stores, vintage shops and friends' closets can look just as good and function just as well on the slopes, minus only the brand names.

Having become something of an expert in beginner hills, I can say that Stratton's was among the best. It was long and evenly sloped, which is an advantage over, say, Mount Snow's, which is so small that you hardly have time to learn anything on the way down. Stratton's is also shielded by trees from the rest of the trail, so that beginners aren't knocked over by experts.

Though snowboarding magazines offer hundreds of photographs of riders flying through the air as if jet-propelled, they never capture one of snowboarding's equally striking images: the tangle of bodies on the ground invariably found at the exit of the beginner-hill chairlift.

EXITING A CHAIRLIFT on a snowboard can be harder than traversing a mountain because only one of your feet is strapped into the board when you're not heading downhill, making maneuvering on the tiny exit ramp a difficult balancing act.

The Ski and Snowboard School is at the base of the bunny hill, which is where my friends and I signed up for $25 group lessons after renting boots and an all-purpose snowboard called a freestyle board for $31 a person. Though snowboarding has been around since 1969, when a Utah surfer named Dimitrije Milovich tried to find a way to entertain himself in the winter, it began entering the popular consciousness in the mid-1980s.

More so than in skiing, owning your own equipment for snowboarding can make a big difference. At the rental counter, none of us were given boots snug enough to prevent our feet from lifting out of the heel of the boot (a no-no in snowboarding); the Burton-brand boards, though new, were already worn away on the base and edge, and the bindings could not be set for our particular riding stances as we didn't know what they were yet.

As we split off into different lesson groups, some of us found the experience frustrating, others rewarding, depending on the size of the group and whether the instructor really wanted to teach or was a college-age student just working at the mountain so he could spend the winter skiing and partying. Though some beginners take lessons all weekend, we decided not to sign up for the next course and learn from our mistakes instead.

AS ANYONE who has switched from skiing to boarding will tell you, learning to snowboard is not all that difficult. It's easy to adjust to the fact that you can slide down the mountain facing any direction in a 360-degree radius, and that your feet are strapped fast to the board and won't come out even after a severe fall. The challenge is in learning a new type of balance and coordination, different from skiing, surfing and skateboarding, in which your legs and feet are in constant communication with the slope of the mountain.

After a few frustrating, bruising runs down the bunny trail, we decided to throw caution to the wind and take the poetically named American Express lift midway up the mountain. It proved to be the brightest idea we had all day. From the beginning to the end of each run down the mountain, we all became better snowboarders. Just having more time to fall, to get frustrated, to navigate through forking trails made all the difference.

FOR A NOURISHMENT BREAK, it's best to avoid the main base lodge, home to an overpriced junk-food cafeteria and a lost-and-found desk where people can be seen filling out stolen-property forms for snowboards that disappeared during their meal. (Tip: Invest $2 in the ski-and-snowboard checking hut.)

Instead, snatch some free orange juice from one of the tents offering ski-equipment demonstrations at the base of the hill and head to the resort's entrance, where there sits, well-groomed as artificial snow, an artificial town square with ski wear shops, restaurants and cafes. The best of these was Mulligans, a pub and restaurant no less overpriced, but with a light pecan-crusted salmon for those in need of a protein boost and smoky, sumptuous baby back ribs for meat-eaters who don't mind a few stains on their expensive ski clothes.

In the late afternoon and evening, Manchester is the destination of choice. In its own promotional brochures, the town sometimes calls itself Historic Manchester Center.

For dinner, we made reservations at the Black Swan, a 20-year-old restaurant operated by the Whisenhunt husband-and-wife team: Richard, the chef, and Kathy, the hostess. The restaurant is in a 160-year-old farmhouse that has been divided into several tiny dining rooms. The main courses we sampled were delicious, and the array of choices on the dessert tray were as beautiful to look at as they were to eat.

We spent Sunday all over the mountain, finding favorite trails and taking chairlifts like Snow Bowl and North American. Though the trails are generally well marked, about 60 percent of the runs from the top of the mountain are marked with black diamonds, for experts only.

Perhaps the greatest feeling of the day was catching the last lift up the mountain at 4:30 p.m., and winding down the trails all alone, actually able to snowboard with some coordination and a minimum of face plants after two days.

We decided to celebrate by eating at the one restaurant that every guidebook and ski instructor had recommended: the Birkenhaus, an Austrian-style inn and restaurant near the mountain.

Because it was Sunday night, and weekend warriors were already beginning their long drive home, it was almost empty. The best thing about the meal was the bread: we left our Wiener schnitzel, our salads, our potato pancakes and our duck half-eaten. Perhaps resorts do come to life only on holidays and Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays, they probably give their chefs the night off.

IF YOU GO:

N.Y. Times News Service

It is now possible to snowboard, rent snowboard equipment and take snowboarding lessons at most major American ski resorts. Aside from having to wear leashes connecting their boards to their boots, snowboarders are usually free to do anything that skiers do. Many resorts now have snowboard parks, which are runs for snowboarders only. Here are a few:

■ STRATTON, Stratton Mountain Road, Stratton Mountain, Vt., (802) 297-2200; 90 trails; 12 lifts. Open: November to April. Daily skiing: Weekdays and weekends, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 787-2886.

■ KILLINGTON RESORT, Killington Road, Killington Vt., (802) 422-6200; 212 trails; 32 lifts. Open: October to June. Daily skiing: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lift tickets: Mountainside accommodations: (800) 621-6867.

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■ OKEMO MOUNTAIN RESORT, 77 Okemo Ridge Road, Ludlow, Vt., (802) 228-4041; 88 trails; 13 lifts. Open: November to April. Daily skiing: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 786-5366.

■ STOWE MOUNTAIN RESORT, 5781 Mountain Road, Stowe, Vt., (802) 253-3500; 47 trails; 11 lifts. Open: November to April. Daily skiing: Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; skiing to 10 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 253-4754.

■ SUGARBUSH RESORT, Sugarbush Access Road, Warren, Vt., (802) 583-2381; 112 trails; 18 lifts. Open: November through May. Daily skiing: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 537-8427.

■ HUNTER MOUNTAIN, Hunter, N.Y., (518) 263-4223; 53 trails; 13 lifts. Open: November to April. Daily skiing: Weekdays and weekends, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 775-4641.

■ WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA, Route 86, Wilmington, N.Y., (800) 462-6236; 66 trails; 10 lifts. Open: November to April. Daily skiing: Weekdays and weekends, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountainside accommodations: (800) 447-5224.

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■ THE BLACK SWAN, Main Street (Historic Route 7A), Manchester Village, Vt., (802) 362-3807. Open: All year. Hours: Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.

■ THE BIRKENHAUS, Middle Ridge Road, Stratton Mountain, Vt., (802) 297-2000. Open: Summer and winter. Hours: Breakfast, 7:30 to 9 a.m.; dinner, 6 to 9 p.m.

■ MULLIGANS, the Village Square, Stratton, Vt., (802) 297-9293. Closed in May. Winter hours: Weekdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays, to midnight; Saturdays, to 11 p.m.

Getting to Stratton

■ BY CAR: Take interstate 95 North to 91 North in New Haven, Conn; stay on Interstate 91 from New Haven to Vermont Exit 2 at Brattleboro, Vt.; follow the signs to Vermont Route 30; drive approximately 40 miles north on Route 30 to the Village of Bondville; turn left at the Stratton Access Road, located in the center of Bondville; travel four miles to the resort.

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Red River is the playground of the southern Rockies, and winter is an ideal time for a family vacation.

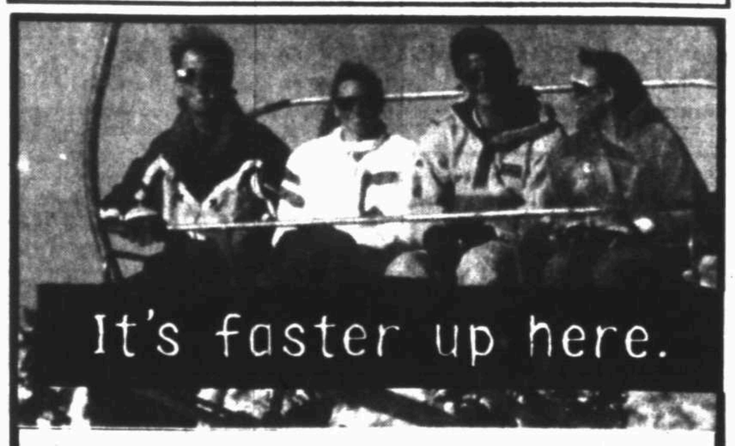
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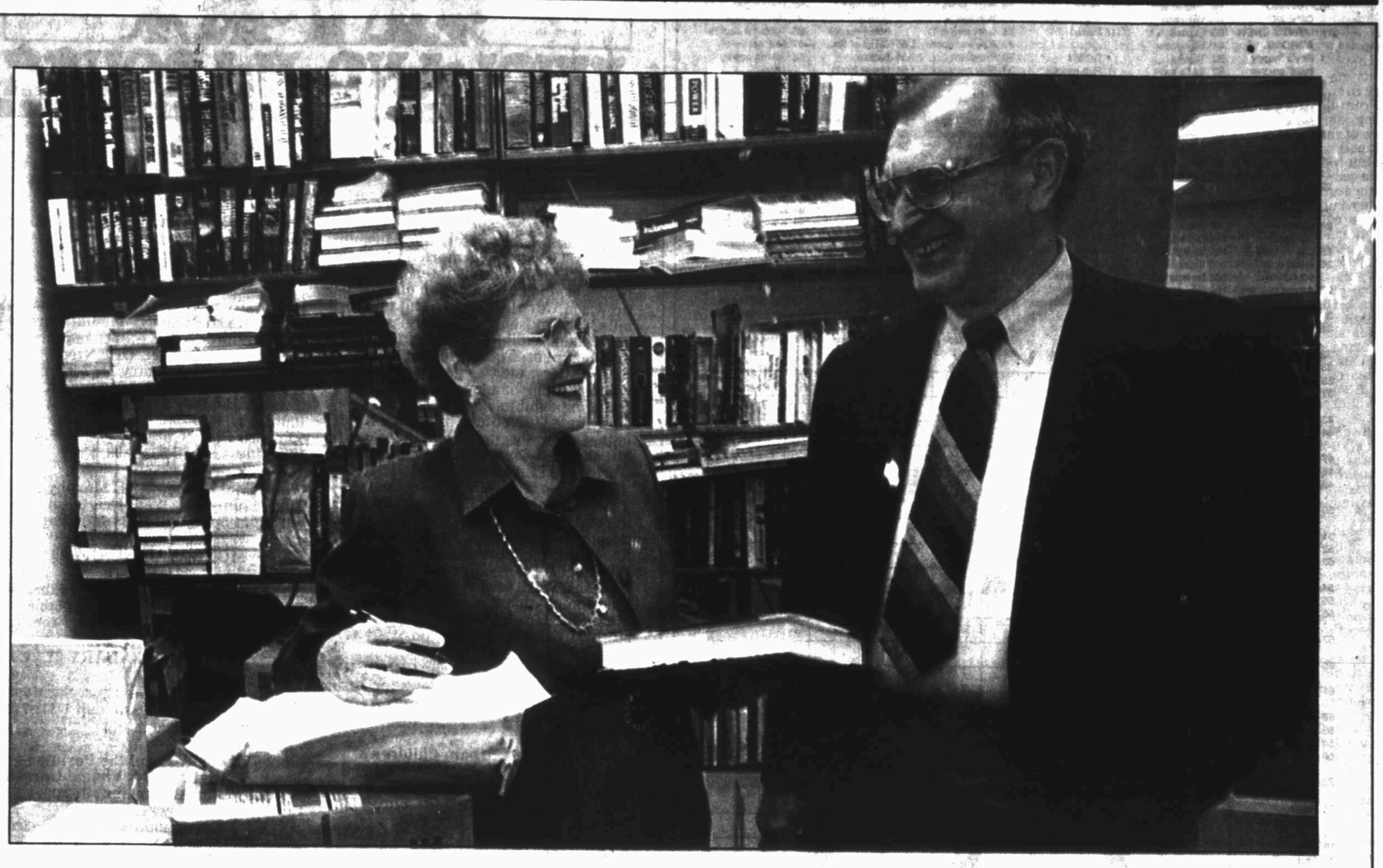
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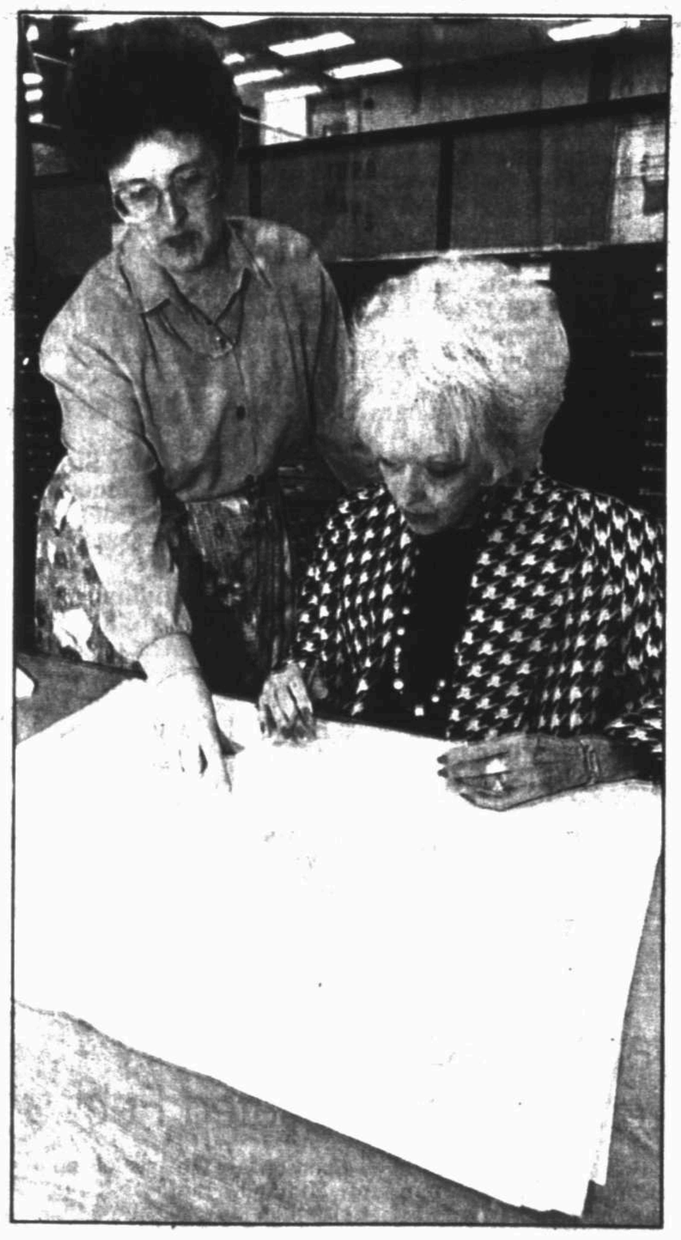
Crossword Puzzle/2E
Midland Marquee/2E



VALS

Volunteer Assistant to Library Staff

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Above, Sue Wray, a member of the Friends of the Library and of the newly formed VALS Program, volunteers her time in the Acquisitions Department. Here, she checks the invoices for recently acquired books and shows a new copy to Bill Stewart, president of the Friends. At right, volunteer Betty Miller, seated, and Barbara Davis, library staff member in the Special Collections Department, look over a county map as they place new bar codes on the maps for easier access. Below left, Virginia Summersgill takes a moment from alphabetizing the books to talk with Saul Herrera, volunteer coordinator for the Retired and Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP). Below center, Glenn Specht runs the books under the scanner to recheck them back into the Midland County Public Library system. Specht was the first volunteer in the VALS Program. Below right, Midland County Librarian Sandra Wegner, left, volunteer Marjorie Edwards and Patteann Daniel-Beverley, the library's coordinator of volunteers, talk at the library's front information desk. The desk is a project of the VALS Program.

Photos by Tim Fischer

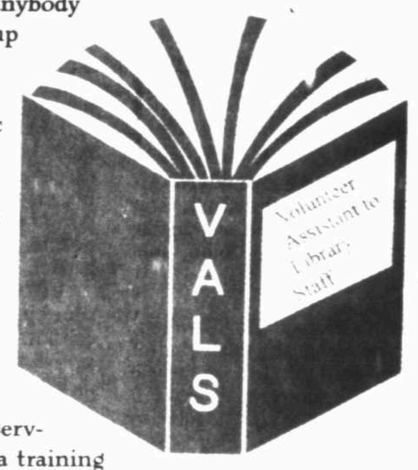
Story by Georgia Temple

A library is more than a building filled with books and movies and resource materials that people check out, use and return.

"I look upon libraries as being the repository of our culture, said Glen Specht. "And any community reveals its spirit and its soul by how well it maintains and uses its library."

Specht is one of the volunteers engaged in the initial stages of VALS — Midland County Public Library Volunteer Assistant to the Library Staff.

"With the computers and a lot of the technology that we have, I think a lot of people are becoming alienated from the library, and that is exactly what we don't want," said Specht, a geologist who retired from EXXON 2 1/2 years ago. "If anybody has any fear of using the library and that's holding them up from coming down, we'd like to let them know there's some friends there who will help them out."



The program officially kicks off Wednesday with a public coffee set for 10 a.m. in the meeting room at the downtown library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

At that time, County Judge Jeff Norwood will announce the VALS program. Speakers include Mayor Bobby Burns; M-Squad, Midland Chamber of Commerce; library director Sandra Wegner; Connie Roe, assistant librarian; and Patteann Daniel-Beverley, coordinator of VALS. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Stockton Williams of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

The goal of VALS is to have more qualified volunteers serving in the library. "Each of the positions that is filled has a training period, and we have a new handbook for all the volunteers," said Ms. Daniel-Beverley. "So there's training and a staff person is never very far away."

VALS is not designed to replace library staff.

"I want to make it very plain that we're not seeking volunteers to reduce our library staff but to enhance our services and do a better job," Ms. Wegner said during an interview that included several members of VALS. "When the library doubled in size, we didn't get double the staff. We didn't need it, but it sure would be nice.

"But to take care of all the different kinds of projects and services stretched us pretty thin. We've been using volunteers for the last three years in a project capacity, and we found out that volunteers are very worthwhile to have."

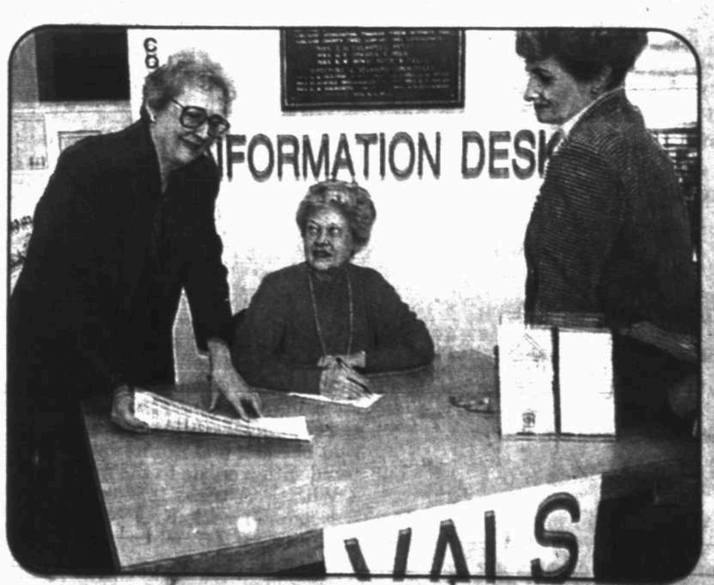
Several of the volunteers who have been working at the library were recruited by Saul Herrera, volunteer coordinator for Retired and Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP).

"It's my job to recruit senior volunteers for various agencies in town, and the Midland

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

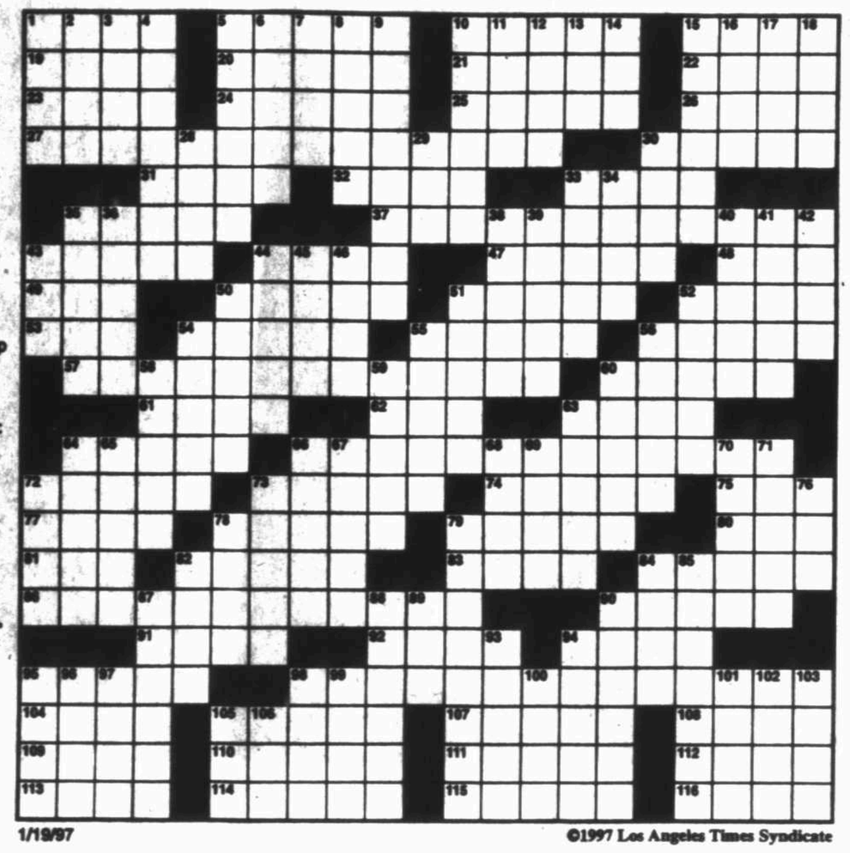
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"ALPHA AND OMEGA"
By HARVEY CHEW

ACROSS
1 Roy's "happy trails" partner
5 Catches flies
10 Mother-of-pearl
15 North Sea feeder
19 Wall St. institution
20 — nice day
21 Early anesthetic
22 Behold, to Caesar
23 Irritate
24 Common contraction
25 Les — Unis
26 Good time sound
27 A cowboy's final wrangle
30 Scuttlebutt
31 Bone: Comb. form
32 Russian sea
33 Harmful rain
35 Sra. Peron
37 Slogan for an isolationist
43 — a customer
44 Vintner's "very dry"
47 — nous
48 Amazement
49 Banned insecticide
50 Hot under the collar
51 Assailed
52 Ripener
53 Holiday's sobriquet
54 Religious group
55 Tree trunks
56 Behave like a peacock
57 "He — ... best": Proverb
60 Take away by force
61 Kind of language
62 Certain: Abbr.
63 Noodle
64 Swiftly
66 "— ask questions later"
72 Metalworker's tool
73 Raise apprehensions
74 Overact
75 Wrath
77 Part of TLC
78 Maxwell —, Agent 86
79 Pirates and Penguins
80 Excited
81 Silly goose
82 Teases
83 Sail's saint
84 Slow boat's destination?
86 "And — be first": Matthew
90 Norman Vincent
91 Wan
92 — the mark: obeys
94 Prosperity
95 Winged
98 Postal concern
104 Didrikson
105 Straighten
107 Selassie
108 Nevada city
109 Vex
110 Symbols of fidelity
111 Abalone
112 Antique autos
113 Yemen port
114 Belief
115 Approaches
116 Mailed

DOWN
1 Pub missile
2 Household help in Haiang
3 — majesté
4 Feat
5 Cascade peak
6 Author Bret
7 Affirm
8 Riviera city
9 Soak
10 Tease
11 Aleutian isle
12 Fellow
13 Leave the workforce, for short
14 Sounds of hesitation
15 Sir — Menuhin: violinist
16 Fraudulent scheme
17 Reverberate
18 Hitchcock's "— Window"
28 Concerning
29 60's war zone
30 Prevalent
33 Play parts, in Paris
34 Supermarket fixture
35 Bestow upon
36 Leguminous herb
38 Staggers
39 Map feature
40 Frenzies
41 Word with heart or tooth
42 Shore bird
43 Eccentric
44 Rocket scientist Werner von
45 Played carillons
46 Nevada neighbor
50 Effigy
51 Gasconade
52 Combat zone
54 "The Brady Bunch" housekeeper
55 Claire of film
56 Babble
58 Native North American
59 Fencing or fishing
60 Mae and Morris
63 Headache relief
64 Flooded
65 Analyze grammatically
66 Blind parts
67 Severe
68 — like a million
69 Muslim chief
70 Nothing, to Nero
71 Hum
72 Jazz, style
73 Friendship
76 Greek letter
78 Waistband
79 Jerry Lewis special
82 Despicable
84 Bus. bigwigs
85 Tools for Jack?
87 Nile sail
88 Taking one's ease
89 — Alamos
90 Puzzling problems
93 Frighten
94 Farm machine
95 Magician's word
96 "The best — plans ..."
97 Competent
98 A Mickey
99 "Bus Stop" author
100 Pizarro's "City of Kings"
101 Sheltered
102 Sacred image
103 "— in Space"
105 Actor Malik
106 Stretch the truth



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HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Complete pending business deals before launching a major new project or campaign. The financial payoff will be bigger than you think! Be more aggressive in your efforts to boost the bottom line. A partnership formed next August will benefit everyone involved. An idyllic vacation could leave you pondering a change of lifestyle and residence. Do nothing in haste. A heavier workload is featured next October. Guard against neglecting family ties.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: country music star Dolly Parton, rock icon Janis Joplin, baseball player Chris Sabo, poet Edgar Allan Poe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Putting your mate's needs ahead of your own helps restore domestic tranquility. An angry approach will not work; show your willingness to compromise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The emphasis now is on living up to your potential. Let nothing prevent you from pursuing your dreams. Friends offer conflicting advice; trust your instincts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The flow of creative ideas is fantastic today. Pay no attention to a friend's advice unless he is an expert. A club or fraternal group may sponsor fun activities for families. Get more information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A sermon or prayer holds special meaning. After a period of reflection, record your thoughts in writing. Someone asks questions you may not be qualified to answer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make amends for a mistake or slight. An older individual wants to help out but may not know exactly what to do. Be specific. Evening is the best time to discuss emotional issues. Be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If someone makes critical comments, consider the source. You need to be very tactful when expressing your dislike for a companion's bad habit. Perhaps it would be smart to spend more time with other friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be more positive in your dealings with members of the opposite sex. You and your partner reach an agreement on the handling of joint funds. Make a temporary sacrifice. The results will be terrific!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The past needs to be re-examined. Discussing a distressing situation with a counselor could give you a new lease of life. Call tomorrow for an appointment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An indirect approach could work wonders today. Your obvious sincerity will melt your toughest critic. Give a romantic relationship more time to develop, unimpeded by outside influences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Never underestimate the importance of good communication between you and your partner. You may be more dependent on someone than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love at first sight could bowl you over. You need some time alone to sort out your thoughts. A brisk walk or exercise session helps boost your energy level. Tidy up a cluttered room.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your usual Sunday routine has begun to pall. Get together with friends in a fun setting. New experiences beckon. Adopt a philosophy of "live and let live" toward your neighbors.

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COMING DOWN TO THE RIGHT SIZE

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠Q 10 9 2
♡A K Q 2
◇A 5 3 2
♣9

WEST
♠7 5
♡J 10 9 8
◇K Q 10 7 6 4
♣8

EAST
♠J 6 4 3
♡6 5 4
◇9
♣J 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠A K 8
♡7 3
◇J 8
♣A K Q 10 6 3

The bidding:			
NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♠	3◇
Dbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
4◇	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	5NT	Pass
6◇	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ◇

A player who preempts usually has a singleton somewhere. Should that player be on opening lead and attack a suit he did not bid, more than likely the lead is a singleton. If the player leads the suit in which the preempt was made, the singleton is probably in trumps.

In the recent Women's Team Olympiad, held in Rhodes, North-South for China landed in three no trump and settled for the 10 obvious tricks. The Danish North-South pair bulldozed into seven clubs on the auction shown. The contract was against the odds, and the trump break looked fatal.

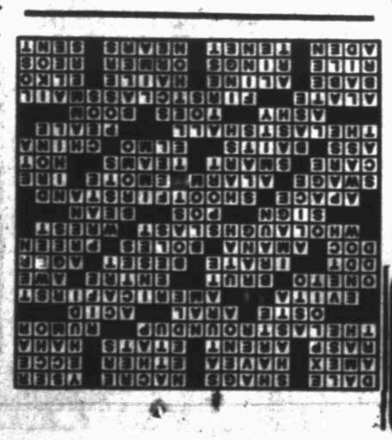
West led the king of diamonds, taken in dummy. Applying the principle stated in the opening paragraph, declarer ran the nine of trumps successfully. Next, declarer came to hand with the ace of spades and cashed the ace of clubs, only to learn that there was still work to do.

After cashing the king of spades, declarer played off the table's three high hearts, discarding a diamond from hand. A heart was ruffed to reduce declarer's trump length to that of East, and dummy was reentered with a spade to the queen.

With three tricks to play, declarer was poised with K Q 10 of clubs over East's J 7 5. When a plain suit was led from dummy, it made no difference whether East ruffed high or low — declarer would score the last three tricks regardless.

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PUZZLE ANSWER





SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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 online 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.

Crestview Baptist Church: CONCERT: Liberated Wailing Wall: Jews for Jesus, 6 p.m., sanctuary, 3300 Thomas Ave., Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBITION: Amazing Science Maze, through Jan 26, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Elliot Norquist Show, Santa Fe artist, through Feb.16, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

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 Arts Association: PROGRAM: Susan Randall, 2pm, Stables Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, call 683-2882, Free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Ansel Adams: An American Photographer, through March 2, EXHIBITION: "Under Starry Skies: Defining the Southwest," permanent collection; EXHIBITION: "The Search or Ancient Plainsmen: An Archaeological Experience", ongoing; EXHIBITION: The Collection, ongoing, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Permian Playhouse: COMEDY: "The Good Doctor", by Neil Simon, 2:30pm, call 362-2329, Admission charged.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat.& Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: 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, January 22 through February 21, OPENING RECEPTION: January 21, 7-9pm, EXHIBITION: 2-D & 3-D Student Show, through January 23, 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, JANUARY 20

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Presidential Museum: Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged..

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL "Forever Plaid," 8pm, Yucca Theatre , call 682-4111, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Center Stage Theater: COMEDY: "Barefoot in the Park," 8 p.m., 1617 E. 8th, Odessa, for reservations call 1-915-335-8881.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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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.

Mural painted, designed by 15 churches to be dedicated Feb. 9

Dedication of the "Churches in Harmony" mural is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 9 on Scharbauer Drive west of Lamesa road.

Fifteen churches designed and painted the 525-foot wide mural in October, November and December. It depicts the history of the world according to the Bible, beginning at Earth's formation. The large, colorful mural is painted on the building where Community and Senior Services holds its annual Texas-size Garage Sale to benefit Meals on Wheels.

The Rev. Roy Smith of True Life Christian Fellowship and Roe Sams, a member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, started the mural project as an opportunity for area churches to work together. Project director is Roe Sams, art director is Peter Himmelberg, assisted by Eric Huber.

Sponsors are the Arts Assembly of Midland, Builders Square, Christmas in April, Lloyd Innerarity, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and the Midland Association of Churches.

Participants included Bellview Baptist Church, Christian Life Center, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Goodwill Baptist Church, Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Mt. Rose Baptist Church, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church and True Life Christian Fellowship.

The public is invited to the dedication.

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United Way

It brings out the best in all of us.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

New exhibit

Artist Doug Sweet inaugurates "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists," a new exhibition series at the Museum of the Southwest Jan. 17-Feb. 23. His acrylic paintings will be in the Here and Now Gallery in the south wing of the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Sweet, a resident of Houston, speaks about his work at a Meet the Artist reception and lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The lecture is sponsored in part by the Midland Hilton and Towers.

"Painting pictures provides me with an avenue into perception, illusion and an interpretation of reality," the artist said.

He paints subject matter that appeals to him on visual and emotional planes and frequently works in series. Flowers, glass, cars and landscapes are frequent themes.

"Exploration into the illusion of three dimensions on a two-dimensional surface gives me the aesthetic satisfaction of experimenting with representational art which 'functions' on combined planes of classic, romantic and abstract concepts," said Sweet.

Whether it is a red rosebud with light shining through a just opening petal or the tail lights of a sporty car, light and vibrant color dominate Sweet's canvases. He details a highway scene picking up the texture of the paving and the surrounding environment.

Sweet's work is in corporate and individual collections in Texas, Louisiana and Idaho, and he has shown in solo as well as group exhibitions. He is represented by Craighead-Green Gallery, Dallas.

The artist was born in Kansas in 1950 and earned a master of fine arts from Idaho State University and a bachelor of science in fine arts from the University of Southwestern Colorado.

The 1997 Contemporary Artists exhibitions developed by Thomas W. Jones, director of the Museum of the Southwest, feature six artists working in Texas whose style is realism. Realism in art is the representation of things and experiences as they appear to be in actual, visible reality.

Jones's purpose is to introduce some of realism's many variations and to reintroduce the concept of contemporary art to the Museum's exhibition schedule.

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.

The series is made possible by the de Compiegne-Wallace Foundation which granted funds to renovate an existing gallery and to sponsor the 1997 exhibitions. Work is in progress on the series for 1998.

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.

Speech planned

Susan Randle will speak at the Midland Arts Association's first meeting of 1997, set for 2 p.m. today in the Stables Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Ms. Randle is a member of the art faculty at Midland College. The public is invited to attend.

Benefit event set

"Heartbeat '97" is set for Feb. 2 at the Midland Hilton, 117 W. Wall Ave., in the upstairs ballroom.

The event includes a benefit trunk showing of art by E.S. and Europen artists presented by Midland Gallery and Edelman Fine Arts, Ltd., New York. Price ranges from $200 to $20,000.

A percentage of the sale goes to the American Heart Association. The showing is open to the public from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 8.

A sponsor cocktail party is set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8.

Workshops planned

Kids will be acting up in Midland Park Mall Feb. 15 and 16 when the Arts Assembly of Midland brings in the Story Patch Players for two days of free acting workshops.

Kids Act workshops will start every hour on the hour that Saturday and Sunday 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. Feb. 16.

The Story Patch Players are from Fort Worth, where they put on "theater for the very young and young at heart," said a release from Linda Bond, director of the Arts Assembly.

In each 45-minute class children will engage in songs, creative movements and activities. There is no charge and children will receive a free T-shirt. The workshops will be held in the space next to KayBee Toys.

For the past two years, the Arts Assembly has brought the Missoula Children's Theater to Midland to help local children create a musical. The success of that program led to the invitation to Story Patch so more children can work with these creative theater professionals.

Midland Park Mall and NewsWest 9's KidZone are sponsors of KidsAct. Advance registration is not required. For more information call the Arts Assembly, 687-1149.

Meeting scheduled

The next meeting of the West Texas Writers Club will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 1 in the second floor meeting room at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Meeting are open to all people interested in writing of any kind, whether it be for pay or for self-satisfaction. Guests are welcome.

A special feature of this meeting will be a presentation by Midland author Eileen Wilks whose next book, her fourth, will hit bookstores the end of March. Her new book is entitled "The Wrong Wife."

Ms. Wilks will speak on the importance of "Pacing Your Story."

For more information call John Comeaux, president, 682-5370.

Show to be held

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. She is a winner of more than 300 awards and is listed in "Who's Who in American Art."

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.

Registration set

Registration for classes for the spring semester of the Fine Arts School at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., closes Monday.

The term meets for 15 weeks. Individual and class instruction is offered.

Teachers include Janice D'Agostino, Janet Menzie, Kim Perkins and Rebecca Sawyer. For more information call Ms. Sawyer, 684-7821.

Reception planned

ODESSA — The opening reception for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's invitational digital art exhibit "Virtual Reality" is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Third Floor Gallery.

exhibition dates are Jan. 22-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.

The public is invited to attend.

Chefs to serve

BIG SPRING — Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" is set for Feb. 22 here.

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. Chefs will be given their Chef's Pass and two free tickets.

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. Chefs must reserve their place at the event by Feb. 15. Forms may be obtained by calling the museum, 1-915-267-8255. Tickets for food tasters go on sale Feb. 15.

Auditions open

ODESSA — Open auditions for the Broadway musical "La Cage Aux Folles" are set for 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Center State Theatre, 1617 E. 8th, here.

Needed are female and male dancers and singer. Many roles are available for persons ages 18-60. For more information call 1-915-335-8881. Director is Jack Harding. The production will be presented Feb. 28-March 22.

Live broadcast

The double-bill of Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network and will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Australian conductor Simone Young will make her Met broadcast debut leading both operas.

The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

Musical to close

Midland Community Theatre's production of the popular musical "Forever Plaid," featuring Drew Anderson, C. Louis Renaud, Rob Montgomery and Rogers "Scooter" Tilley, closes Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

The Plaids are four guys who love to sing Sparky (Anderson - treasurer of the MCT Board of Directors) is the cut-up of the group, always looking to crack jokes. Jinx (Renaud) is the shy one who is usually too terrified to remember what song is next. Smudged (Montgomery) is the worrier of the group, with a chronic nervous stomach. Frances (Tilley) is the leader of the group, with a great deal of compassion. he is the caretaker of his fellow Plaids.

They all met in High School, when they joined the Audio Visual Club (1956). discovering that they shared an affection for music and entertaining, they got together and dreamed of becoming like their idols - the Four Aces, The Four Lads, the Four Freshmen, the Hi-Lo's, and the Crew Cuts.

They rehearsed in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing and supply company. It was here they became Forever Plaid--a name that connoted the continuation of traditional values of family, home and harmony.

Tracy Goodwin, the Educational Director of MCT, is the director and choreographer for the show and Bert Bostic is the musical director. Paul Fiorella has designed a nightclub set, Eddie Taylor is the light and sound designer, and Denise Larsen has handcrafted the plaid evening wear. Carolyn Sutton is the stage manager, with Kay Brokman and

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HELP: Volunteers assist library staff

(From 1E)

unty Public Library is one of those agencies," Herrera said. "We match their interest with what the community needs."

Finding volunteers for the library has not been difficult, Herrera said. "Actually, I have at least 10 retired librarians in my pool of volunteers."

"Where are they, Saul?" whispered Ms. Wegner.

Herrera laughed. "You have three or four of them already."

Retired school teachers such as Sue Wary also head the list of volunteers at the library.

"I'm from a family of readers," Ms. Wray said. "I read from the time I could and my children have. We all read — from the cereal box to the novel — we have to read."

During the interview, the volunteers and library staff emphasized that experience as a librarian or a teacher is not necessary to be members of VALS and enjoy volunteering time at the library.

"I'm recently retired, having operated a business here in Midland for 12 years," Marjorie Edwards said. "And I miss the contact with the public. When Patteann contacted me, it seemed a very good thing to do. I had time to clear out some of the storage areas in the house, get reacquainted with all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and now it's time for Grandma to get back to doing something constructive."

Ms. Wray interjected, "You might get the impression from all this that you have to be a retired school teacher or business owner. Anybody can help in the library. We're not going to make you use the computer."

More common among the volunteers is "the love of books and people," Ms. Wray said.

A "long-standing love affair with libraries and books" is what drew Virginia Summersgill to working as a volunteer at the library.

"When we came to Midland two years ago, one of the first things we did to help us decide whether we wanted to live here or not was visit the library," Ms. Summersgill said. "And I was really impressed with the staff as well as the facilities. They were all very professional as well as very friendly.

"I had heard about RSVP, so I kept watching their column in the Active Times page in theMidland Reporter-Telegram. And one day, I saw a thing that said the (library's) circulation department wanted volunteers. I called Saul and said, 'It's mine. I want the job.'"

Volunteer efforts are not new to the library, which is, Ms. Daniel-Beverley said, "Rich in the history of volunteerism.

"By 1903, the Stitch and Chatter Group, the '99 Club, the Time and Tide Club and the Woman's Wednesday Club had joined forces and organized their efforts."

Money was raised to buy books by hosting teas, ice cream suppers and by soliciting donations, Ms. Daniel-Beverley said.

The women bought two lots for $125 at the corner of Wall Avenue and Colorado Street, a building was erected for $1,550, and the women volunteered as librarians, she said.

In 1929, the women petitioned the County Commissioners to provide space in the new courthouse building and donated to the county the 3,000 books they had collected.

Today, the library houses more than 287,000 items. Last year, the staff responded to 79,714 requests for specific information.

Currently there are 32 employees to staff two locations and serve the public six days and four evenings a week.

The budget, Ms. Wegner said, "Is just over $1 million a year, or about $11 per citizen of Midland. Quite a bargain."

This budget does not include Special Collections, Genealogy and Petroleum, which are funded through private contributions; nor the Lending Art Program, for which the Friends of the Library provided funding. In the past few years additions to the collection have been made possible through a grant from the Arts Assembly of Midland.

"I think there's a lot of people not aware of the resources available," said volunteer Bill Stewart. "Being a retired geologist, I'd like to put in a plug for the Petroleum Section. With all the independent and consulting geologists and the engineers that should be a great source of information to them."

Stewart, who is president of the Friends of the Library, said of VALS, "This is a great program, and it's going to be a big benefit to the library. And it's also going to be a great opportunity for individuals who are thinking about volunteer work."

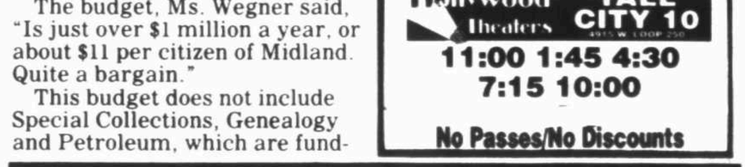
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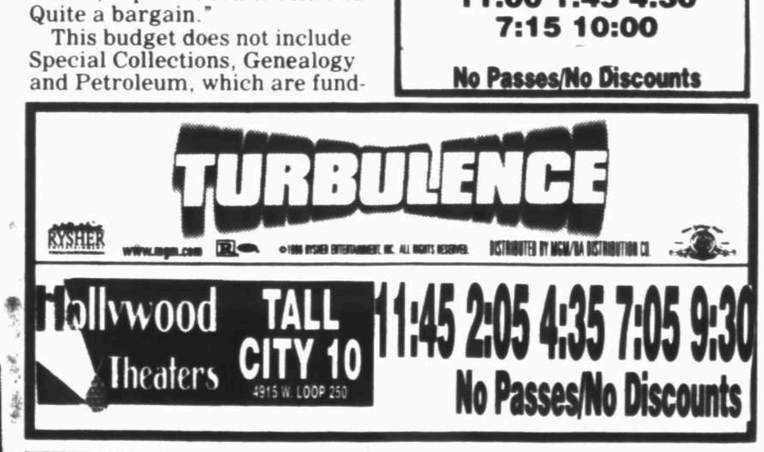
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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 3E)

Sharon Petty serving as assistant stage managers.

Stuart Ross is the playwright. The Plaids relive the fifties with a musical review of favorites such as "three Coins in a Fountain," "Chain Gang," "Catch a Falling Star," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," too name a few.

For ticket information and reservations call 682-4111.

Applications taken

ODESSA — Permian Playhouse is currently accepting applications for its Spring Theatre School.

This program allows younger students to lean about theater and to learn to used their imaginations creatively. Classes are available for students in grades kindergarten through sixth. Classes meet once a week and the semester will end in April with a "Show-Off Night" where students get the opportunity to invite their friends and family to see them on stage.

Classes cost $65 for non-members and $50 for Playhouse members. For more information call Elizabeth Cleveland, 1-915-362-2329.

Staff prepares

SAN ANTONIO — The Little Church of La Villita's staff is now preparing for the 35th Annual Starving Artist Art Show to be held April 5-6.

Artists and crafts persons who wish to participate may send a request by mail, together with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to the Starving Artist Art Show Office, 508 Paseo de la Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Works featured

Works by Santa Fe artist, Elliot Norquist, are being featured at Gallery 1114.

His work consists of prints, folded paper works, and what the artist terms 'sheet metal painting.' Norquist could be called minimalist. His gallery pieces employ quiet color, sensitive use of material and theories to attain a contemplative effect from geometric shapes and forms.

Norquist's work has been shown at the Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe. He has done numerous one-man shows and permanent installations around the Southwest.

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary art located at 1114 N. Big Spring St. Gallery hours are 1 to 5pm Thursday through Sunday.

Applications available

Applications are available for artists to show and sell their works at Celebration of the Arts May 16-18.

More than 8,500 people will come from Midland and the surrounding communities to enjoy the 14th annual three-day spotlight on the visual and performing arts. The festive Preview Party May 16 will bring about 1,000 art enthusiasts into Midland Center.

The deadline for entries is Feb. 14. Fine art and original handcrafted items are acceptable with the following restrictions: limited edition prints of art on approval only; no ceramics from commercial molds; no black&white photography which has not been printed by the photographer; no silk-screened T-shirts. Jurying is done by a highly respected artist who judges by looking at three slides per applicant.

This year the Arts Assembly has made some significant changes prompted by artists' comments and suggestions. For more information about Celebration of the Arts Assembly of Midland, PO Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, 915 687-1149, Fax 687-1600.

Public invited

The public is invited to attend "Make a Difference Evening" Feb. 2 at El Chico Restaurant.

The evening, sponsored by El Chico Restaurant, is a "kick-off" funding raising effort to honor the wecond Annual Short Story Award Contest. The contest is presented by the West Texas Writers in conjunction with the West Texas Storytellers Guild. The dinner is from 5 until 10 p.m.

There will be entertainment by Las Adelitas Folklorico dance group, Hispanic stories for children by Storyteller members and an honor/autograph table for local published authors.

Table time and reservations are needed. Call 699-7820 for more information.

Auction planned

Museum of the Southwest presents Auction '97 on Feb. 13.

Every three years, volunteers organize Auction, a formal event that includes cocktails and dinner along with the posted, sealed and live auction of donated items from individuals and local and national businesses. Proceeds benefit the Museum's operating, acquisitions, and endowment funds.

Now a major fund raising event, the first Auction was held in Dec. 1970 and netted over $35,000. Auction 94 netted over $290,000.

For more information call the Museum of the Southwest, 683-2882.



Photography exhibit

This photograph by Ansel Adams is in the exhibition of his work currently at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. An exhibition of more than 90 vintage photographs by master photographer Ansel Adams will be 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. Whether the subject was the broad expanse of sky and earth or the details of leaves on a forest floor, it has been said Adams could "realize a desired image: not the way the subject appeared in reality but how it felt..."

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.

Gala presented

Midland Symphony Guild presents February Fantastique, its ninth gala weekend.

The special date for the Ball is Friday, Feb. 14.

The Ball, which for the first time will be an alcohol-free event, will feature the returning New York entertainment sensation La Masquerade, an elaborate Senior Belle Presentation, a fabulous Dinner Buffet, and a Symphony Surprise Package. The Brunch, with our Freshman Belle Introduction and a unique fun-filled Style Show presented by Skibell's, will conclude the "Fantastique" festivities on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997.

This magical weekend filled with fantasy, feast, and fun is the major Guild fund raiser for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. Also, many outstanding young women, who have participated in the four-year Belle Program of the Guild, will be honored.

Seating is limited. The contribution is tax deductible and will benefit the MOSC.

Midland Community Theatre is accepting scripts until Jan. 31 for its annual McLaren Comedy Playwriting Competition.

The winning playwright will receive a $400 cash prize and his or her play will be produced as part of the next MCT season. MCT is seeking only unproduced comedy scripts. length, number of characters and setting is not limited. A $5 entry fee per script is required.

Send typed scripts and entry fee to McLaren Comedy Playwriting competition, Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

Scripts wanted

The Summer Mummers of Midland Community Theatre is looking for an original Melodrama to be performed during the summer of 1997. Scripts should contain the traditional heroes and villains, with good triumphing over the evil in the end.

Authors are requested to send scripts to Summer Mummers, c/o MCT, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Exhibit displayed

ODESSA — An exhibition "Bugs and Dreams & Other Things" is on display at Proteus Gallery, 112 W. Fifth, here, through Feb. 1.

Works in the exhibit are by Carol Bailey, Kathleen Kuchar and Susan Randle.

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.

January performances are as follows: Reed Boyd, Jan. 20-25, Reed Boyd; and Toy Subs, Jan. 27-31.

February performances are Toy Subs, Feb. 1 and also Feb. 24-28; Street Talk, Feb. 3-8; Dan & Rick, Feb. 10-11; Electric Gypsies, Feb. 12-15; and David Trout, Feb. 17-22.

For more information call Chelsea's at 368-0949.

Maze it open

The Amazing Science Maze is open at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. This giant walk-through maze will challenge and entertain children and adults alike as logic and memory are tested to find a way out.

For information about classes and other activities at the Children's Museum call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Hours for the Maze are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Singer to perform

FORT WORTH — Mezzo-soprano Susan Graham performs on the 1996-97 Cliburn Concerts series at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus of Texas Christian University.

Cliburn Conversations will begin at 7 p.m. in the Moody Building, Room 141N, and will feature Jon White, director of education for the Dallas Opera.

Ms. Graham is a former Midlander.She will be accompanied by Steven Blier, co-founder and artistic director of the acclaimed New York Festival of Song, now in its seventh season. As a vocal coach, he has helped to prepare Luciano Pavarotti, Marilyn Horne and Joan Morris for recordings and orchestral engagements.

Their program for the evening will include arias and songs by Mozart, Mahler, Strauss, Hahn, Rorem and Poulenc.

Tickets are available through Central Ticket Office, 1-817-335-9000. Single tickets are $10, $20 and $35. All seating is reserved.

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EDUCATION

SCHOOL BRIEFING

MABE dance aids scholars

Midland Association for Bilingual Education (MABE) and the Midland Hispanic Scholarship Society are sponsoring a scholarship dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday in Midland Center. The dance will feature David Marez.

Tickets are $10 per person and can be purchased at Tejas Bar and Grill, 310 W. Texas. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Proceeds support scholarships and bilingual teachers. For more information call 520-5409.

Conference set

The Midland Reading Council will conduct its Mid-Winter Reading Conference 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday at Abell Junior High School. More than 20 educators and publisher-sponsored presenters will conduct mini-sessions about topics including Power Reading, writing, and spelling instruction, technology and multimedia, storytelling and strategies for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. Registration at the door is $40. For information call 694-3192.

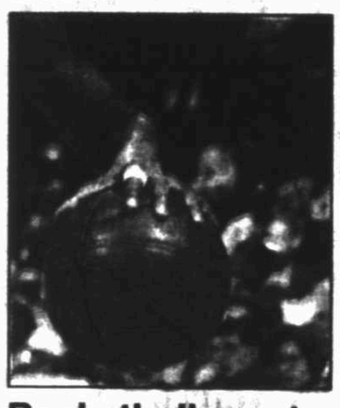
Members wanted

ODESSA — To help supplement the athletic program at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the Falcon Athletic Club has been created. Membership is open to all business and individual supporters with several membership levels available. For more information call 552-2675.

Educator honored

Former MISD science teacher Ann Murphey, now with Region 18 Education Service Center, was named Key Leader by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). She will act as key leader in the Building a Presence for Science Project. The goal of the program is to establish a point of contact for science in every school building in the nation.

The Exxon Education Foundation will fund the project. Texas, with more than 8,000 schools and a multicultural student population, was selected by NSTA and Exxon to serve as the prototype state. Key leaders will conduct professional development sessions and oversee 20-30 schools.



Basketball great profiles heroes

LUBBOCK — In honor of Black History Month, well-known basketball player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar will speak about black heroes at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

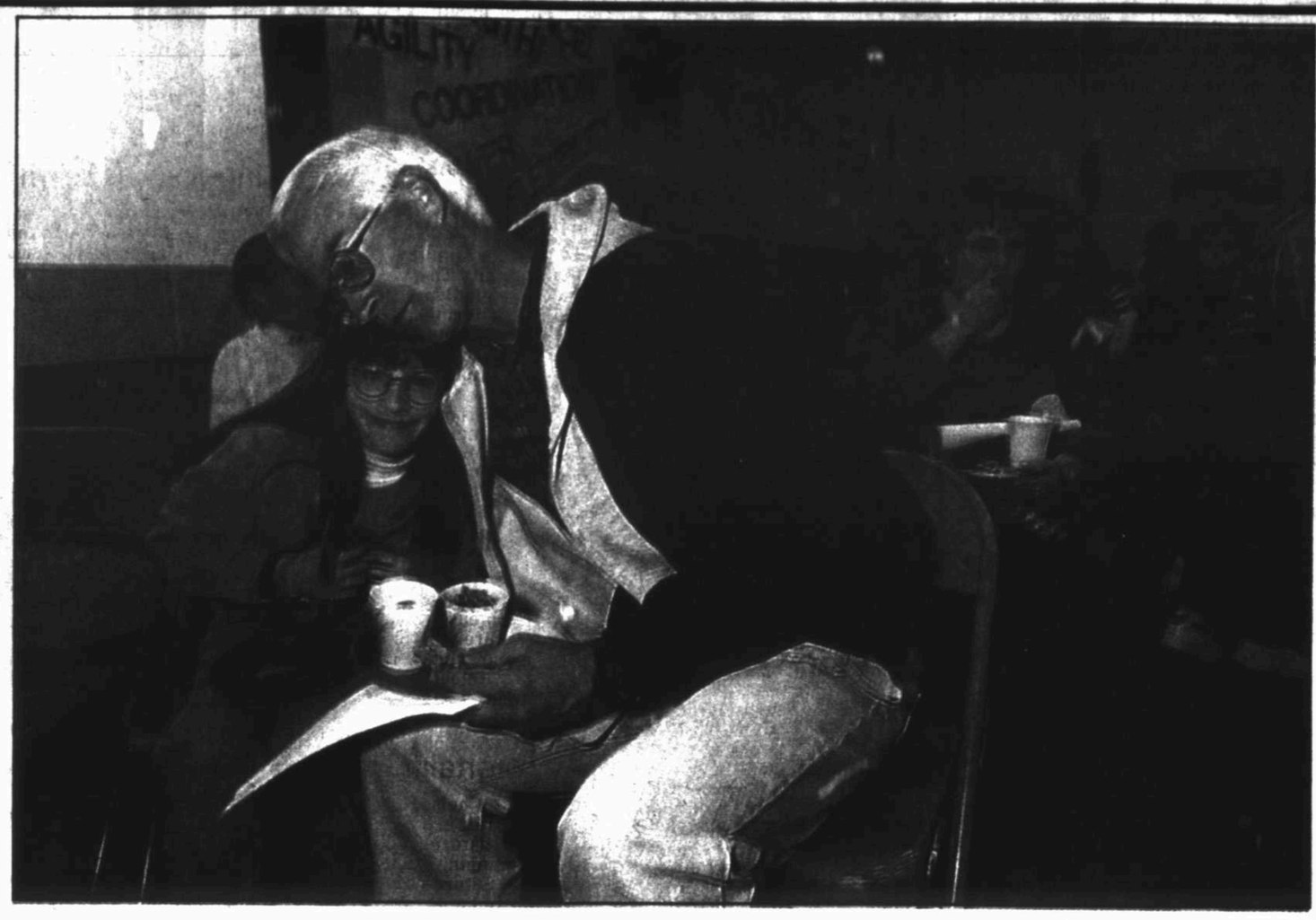
Abdul-Jabbar will speak at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 in the UC Allen Theatre. For ticket information call (806) 742-3610.

The famous retired basketball player recently co-authored the book "Black Profiles in Courage." It portrays people of courage and strength who have shaped a nation and altered history. Abdul-Jabbar majored in history at the University of California in Los Angeles. He said he focused on the history of black Americans, and their rich legacy of achievement that has been widely overlooked in standard historical textbooks.

Among the figures discussed in the book are the 16th century Moroccan explorer Estevanico, volunteer soldier Peter Salem who turned the tide at Bunker Hill, Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman, anti-slavery writer Frederick Douglass, Western frontier marshal Bass Reeves, and West African rice farmer Joseph Cinque, who led a revolt on the slave ship Amistad in 1939.

Abdul-Jabbar will discuss these African-American role models in his speech. The event is sponsored by the Texas Tech UC Cultural Events department.

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MYRA LEE SALCEDO



Richard Faulkenberry, left, hugs his daughter, Mary, after she had won an Ace Club award for excellent grades. Students at Houston Elementary School who had A's in every subject were named to the Ace Club. Houston fourth-graders, below, Rachel Rose (front) and Brittany Villareal play keep-away with their Ace Club awards. Both girls won the award.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

We A'ced it!

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

About 33 percent, or 180 students out of an enrollment of 590 boasted "A's" in every subject at Sam Houston Elementary School for the first semester. Houston administrators say students have been motivated to achieve thanks to the Ace Club.

Conoco joined with school staff to promote the Ace Club and honor club members with an-end-of-semester reception.

"We sent invitations home to parents. The invitations were made on nice stationary. It was something students were very proud of," said Houston counselor Becky Greenleaf.

She said, into the second year of the program, the number of students receiving top marks on their report cards has increased from last year. "A large part has to do with attitude," Ms. Greenleaf said, noting that getting A's in every subject isn't enough to make the grade. Students must also get a top grade in conduct (in the 90-100) range.

At two school receptions recently (one for fourth graders, and another for youngsters in first through third grades) more than 350 parents came to see their children receive Ace certificates.

"Honoring the students in front of their peers and parents makes a big difference. Our main focus is their success. It's where our expectations are," Ms. Greenleaf said.

"When the students meet or exceed our expectations, we want to reward them. Now we have a high percentage of students carrying a straight A average. We are very proud of our kids," the school counselor said.

"We wanted to find a way, with Conoco, to reward our kids, and this is an excellent way to go," said Houston Principal Debbie Tubbs.

Conoco, the business serving as Houston's Partner in Education, sponsored the Ace Club receptions for students and their parents.

Conoco also rewards Houston students for perfect attendance through cash drawings and publishing a group picture of all honorees in the newspaper.



Camp fishy, but full of adventure

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Getting face-to-face with a beluga whale or feeding a dolphin are the kind of tasks that appeal to many high school students.

Such encounters become a reality for students enrolled in Sea World Adventure Camps. This year, unfortunately, the water park's spring break summer camp (set for March 15-22) does not coincide with Midland Independent School District's spring holidays (March 10-14). But not to worry, summer camp is still an option.

MISD's last day of school is May 23 and Seaworld's summer came sessions begin June 7.

In the Careers Camp students assist Sea World zoological and animal training staff members as they perform daily tasks, such as monitoring the health of sea lions, recording killer whale behavior, feeding stingrays, and preparing food for beluga whales.

"The camps give high school students an unforgettable, behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to care for and study marine animals," said Mary Alice Ramirez, Sea World of Texas' director of education. "We're now offering our Expedition Camp in response to requests from middle school students for an in-resident camp," she said.

In 1996, Ms. Ramirez said students from 38 states and three countries attended the campus. "Some students come because they want to pursue scientific careers. Others attend primarily because they love animals."

Summer camp is offered in one-week sessions June 7 through Sept. 6 for students in 9,10, 11 and 12.

Sea World Expedition Camp is offered July 12-19 and July 19-26 for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Summer tuitions — which include room, board, field trips and all airport drop off and pick up — are $600 to $700.

Sea World now has an Internet Web site set up for students and teachers at http: //www.bev.net/education/SeaWorld.

For camp information call toll free 1 (800) 4ADVENTURE.



Students prepare fish and feed dolphins at Sea World's Adventure Camp. The camp is offered during spring break (for most of Texas) and in the summer.

Border schools reflect cultural differences on both sides of Rio Grande

By Lucy Hood
The Monitor (McAllen)

McALLEN, Texas — Silvia Patricia Lopez, of Reynosa, Mexico, and Javier Betancourt, of McAllen, rank at the top of their ninth-grade classes. Both students have a penchant for music, and both hail from middle-class families.

There's an uncanny similarity between these two youngsters. They have grown up only 15 miles apart, but live in two different countries with separate cultures and completely different school systems.

Betancourt is a ninth grader at McAllen High School. Miss Lopez is in the equivalent grade at Gen. Francisco Mujica Secondary School in Reynosa. Miss Lopez thrives in a school system that is more relaxed than its American counterpart, and is a reflection of a Mexican society where time is relative.

At McAllen High — like other American schools everywhere — life is more hectic, and indicative of a more fast-paced American life ruled by the clock.

In these parallel school systems that border each other, educators point to their strengths even as they highlight shortcomings in the classrooms.

Mexican educators say they are often hampered by a lack of resources and teachers that sometimes forces students to take leadership roles and keep order in classrooms. Even with these problems, some U.S. educators believe the Mexican school system does a better job of teaching science, math and foreign languages.

No matter the differences, the advancement of students in both countries is tied to the skill and ingenuity of teachers. Both Miss Lopez and Betancourt are fortunate to have teachers who go beyond textbooks and try to impart a few of life's wisdoms.

That's especially important in the ninth grade — a pivotal grade in both countries because it is at that level where students are adjusting to higher levels of class work while reaching the height of adolescence. There's also the issues of course work, peer pressure, personal relationships, drugs and gangs. None of these matters are easy to maneuver, and teachers on both sides of the border seem to recognize the difficulties.

At McAllen High School, biology teacher Emerson White implores his students to "look me in the eye" as he stresses sharp words about the importance of a good education.

"You need an education to avoid being criminals," he said.

In Reynosa, Martin Escamilla Morales takes on the role of counselor as well as his assigned task as chemistry teacher. He stands before a class and gives his students a talk about respect, values, and how trouble at home can lead to disciplinary problems at school.

Beyond a common understanding of adolescence, the comparison between school systems is much more complicated. On an academic level, experts and observers say the curriculum in Mexico is more sophisticated.

At face value, that's not apparent. Miss Lopez, for example, has chemistry and physics classes in Reynosa while Betancourt takes a biology class at McAllen High. In language classes, Betancourt and Miss Lopez both take English and Spanish classes. In mathematics, Betancourt takes algebra at McHi while Miss Lopez focuses on geometry.

Still, classes in Mexico are usually more comprehensive, said Lino Garcia, the assistant vice president of academic affairs for international studies at the University of Texas-Pan American.

"The (Mexican) classes are geared more toward technology, math and science, he said. "They also contain a more overall view of global integration. History classes also have a sociological, economic and anthropological component."

Mexican schools also do a better job of teaching English to native Spanish speakers than U.S. schools do of teaching Spanish or any other language to native English speakers, he said.

"They study more English than we do Spanish, and they have more knowledge of American authors than we do of Mexican authors," he said.

Mexico's report card is not an entirely positive one. Relatively few Mexicans actually finish school. Many students stop after the sixth grade to enter the workforce.

"The tragic part is that many (Mexican students) do not go to secondary school," Garcia said. "Most people have to go to work to maintain a standard of living."

Miss Lopez is one of the fortunate Mexicans students looking into a future with more education. Her parents run a medical laboratory, and her father would like to send Miss Lopez to one of the better preparatory schools in Reynosa.

Miss Lopez is a bright student interested in music. Her instrument is the flute, and she typically stays after class to practice with the school's orchestra, known as an "estudiantina." The shortage of teachers affects the "estudiantina," as it does many Mexican classrooms.

Every afternoon when the last bell rings, "estudiantina" members head for the music room. If their "profe" shows up, they have practice. If she doesn't, they go home.

This less-than-reliable presence of teachers places a greater degree of responsibility on Mexican students. On a recent school day, Miss Lopez's English teacher did not give class.

In the absence of teachers, the students are responsible for keeping the peace. Each classroom selects a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and they are in charge of keeping order in the classroom.

Other students must ask these classroom leaders for permission to go to the bathroom.

Then there's the matter of resources. Even erasers and chalk can be scarce commodities in Mexican classrooms. Teachers make do at times with their hands and tissue paper. Jose Leija is among the Reynosa teachers who do what they can with the resources before them.

Most days, Leija has 15 computers to work with, but other teachers were rehearsing for an upcoming Christmas show in the computer lab, so he improvised with chalk and a black board in another room. He cannot, however, improvise with text books. The school does not have access to the ones he needs, so he sends his students to the library to do homework.



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Girs at the Casa Amparo convent relax after classes before going to Mass in November 1996 in Reynosa, Mexico. Unstructured time is rare as they usually haver chores to do when not studying. The convent houses about 20 from the streets and poor neighborhoods of Reynosa.

"This is one of the things I don't like about the education here, the lack of resources," said Leija.

Leija erased a corner of the black board and filled it with the image of a computer screen, and then a list of words that would have been in the inaccessible textbooks. Leija's computer screen shared the board with the hieroglyphics from an earlier physics class.

The board clearly marked the presence of rotating teachers. Unlike public schools in the United States where students change classrooms when the bell rings, students in Mexico stay put, and the teachers move from room to room.

The dynamic eliminates the need for lockers. Students simply stash all their books in a knapsack and keep it by their desks.

It's a far different story at McAllen High where Betancourt and other students dash from class to class. At the high school, a hubbub of frenzied activity erupts every hour when the bell rings.

Betancourt's passion is music. He dreams of pursuing a musical education at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. His instrument is the cello, and often stays after school to practice.

In English class, he chose a book about Beethoven for a biography assignment. When the students dressed up as the people they chose to read about, Betancourt's imitation of Beethoven was elaborate — complete with wig.

As a freshman, Betancourt gained musical honors at a regional competition. He plans to compete on the statewide level next semester. Playing the cello in an orchestra is his professional dream. If that doesn't happen, he would settle for being a conductor.

For all of the big dreams, teachers have a way of bringing





Sister Sylvia plays with one of the young girls in Casa Amparo convent, at left above. Since the shelter's inception, hundreds of homeless Mexican girls have chosen the security of the convent's walls. Above, Mother Superior Natividad poses in the covent. Sister Natividad, once angered by the kidnapping of a 10-year-old girl, grabbed a stick and marched into the notorious red light district, looking in dozens of strip joints until she finally found the girl. At left, one of the children mugs for the camera. The girls at the shelterrange in age from four months to 18 years.

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From brewing to anthropology, selection of college-level classes grows on Internet

By Maria Newman
N.Y. Times News Service

A student in Tisha Bender's Reading for Writing class at the New School for Social Research in New York City wanted to contribute to an ongoing class discussion.

"Now that I have cleaned up from dinner, cleaned out the potty, put away the laundry and congratulated my friend on giving birth, I will hope to tap into the 'collegiate' side of my brain," wrote Stacy Moskowitz, the student.

Like all her classmates — and the professor — this student was not in a classroom. She was at home in Hillsdale, N.J., tapping into the class through cyberspace.

The class is among the fast-growing number of continuing education courses that colleges and universities around the country have begun offering to anyone with access to a computer, a modem and an Internet address.

The trend is an outgrowth of colleges making more frequent use of computer technology in undergraduate degree-granting programs or to earn master's degrees in business administration or in engineering at schools like Harvard and Duke. Some colleges are offering classes that are a combination of on-line dialogues, videotaped lectures and in-class work that, of course, require being on campus.

But now students who are not enrolled fulltime in such universities, and those who live far away from a particular university, can take their pick of a plethora of courses without ever setting foot on those campuses, if they have access to the Internet or the World Wide Web. No one knows how many on-line classes are being offered, but a search of the Web indicates that new ones are being added almost daily.

The selection of courses is mind-boggling. They range from "How to Open a Beer Bar or Brew Pub" (New School), to "Faces of Ancient Egypt" (University of Chicago), and "Shamans and Healing: the Anthropology of Traditional Medicine" (UCLA Extension).

With on-line classes if a student prefers to work in the wee hours of the night, he or she can access a professor's lectures and even a class discussion at any time.

Students usually enroll on line, pay their tuition on line via credit card — fees for on-line courses are generally comparable to that of on-campus classes — and then receive a password that will give them access to a world of learning.

Lectures are presented on line, and professors may pose questions to begin the on-line discussions. In a physical classroom, a lecture can last an hour and a half. In the virtual classroom, it can last for weeks.

Somtimes students meet with their professors in "chat rooms" with catchy names like the Patsy Room at the Blue Moon Cafe, a place in the virtual class "Parent-Child Relationships" taught by Charles Smith, a professor at Kansas State University.

Students can retreat to the privacy of E-mail to consult with their professors, and the required writing assignments or exams are graded via E-mail.

A peek at some on-line classes shows that serious discussions are taking place in a format that requires students to carefully articulate their thoughts as they write them into cyberspace for classmates to see.

In a class entitled "The History of Western Civilization" offered at Boise State University in Idaho, in between wide-ranging dialogue about whether the Roman Emperor Augustus truly believed in the republic, one student breaks in: "Hey ya'll get off the Web and turn on old-fashioned cable TV. The movie Cleopatra is on all night tonight on AMC. 1934, but looks like it's been color-enhanced. Pass the popcorn!"

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CONCURRENT TAAS/TEAMS TESTS ADMINISTRATION
February 25, 26, and 27, 1997

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 25, 26, and 27, 1997, the exit level sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test will be administered to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have failed to master one or more parts of the test, and to eleventh and twelfth grade students taking the test for the first time. During the same testing period, TAAS and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered to out-of-school students who have completed all course requirements for graduation but have not mastered all sections of the tests.

TAAS test registration for students no longer enrolled in a Texas public high school and all students taking TEAMS must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 1997. High school campuses will not be responsible for out-of-school registration. Registration packets, however, may be picked up in the high school counseling centers, district central office or regional service center.

Test dates are as follows:

Dates	TAAS (Exit Level)	TEAMS
Tuesday, February 25	Writing	
Wednesday, February 26	Mathematics	Mathematics
Thursday, February 27	Reading	Language

Students must be present each day at the assigned test location no later than 8:45 a.m. There are NO make-up days. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact the Department of Guidance and Testing at 689-1009.

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By Sarah K
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MAKING THE GRADE

Midland Downtown Lion's Club has named the following for Junior Lion of the week. Laura Aleman, Alex Clinton, and Dave Allmon.


Aleman

Laura, a Lee High School Student, and the daughter of Patrick and Gloria Aleman. She is a member of Peer Assistance and Leadership, TAFE, Art Club, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American Students, an Academic letterman. She plans to attend college, and study to be a Dental Hygienist.


Clinton

Alex, a Lee High Student, and the son Powell and Trudy Clinton. He is a member of Who's Who, Texas Scholar, and on the Honor Roll, he is also active in the German Club, Student Council, and Honor Societies. He plans to attend college, and major in Business or Government.


Allmon

Dave, a student at Midland High School, and son of Dewayne and Debbie Allmon, is the Computer Club President, he is a member of Casa de Amigos Homework Tutor, and has numerous awards and honors. He plans to attend MIT or Rice University and major in Computer Science Or Aerospace Engineering.

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The Midland West Rotary Club has chosen Shannon Lauzon, daughter of Chuck and Laurie Lauzon, as their Students of the Week. Miss Lauzon, a Lee High School Student is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, All-American Scholar, and has received National History and Government awards. She plans to attend Texas Tech or A&M.


Lauzon

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Koss


Row

The Midland Rotary Club Has chosen Emily Row, John Kossas as their students of the week.

Emily Row, daughter of Jim and Janelle of Midland, attends Midland Christian High School. Her honors and activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, All American Scholar , Who's Who, Varsity Girls Golf Team and One-Act-Play. She plans to attend Hardin Simmons University and Major in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering.

John Koss, son of George and Susanne Koss of Midland, attends Midland Christian. His honors and activities include National Honors Society ,NHS, Optimist Club, National Science Merit Award and All-State basketball. He plans to obtain a degree in Engineering.

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Former Midlanders receiving degrees at Angelo State University in the fall were Regina Bermea, receiving a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood; Ted Chaka, received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Medical Technology; Shawn Hull, received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Mathematics; Tina Nelson, received a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Business; Jennifer Pirkle, received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Special Learning & Development; and Lesley Simpson, received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Psychology.

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Grady Independent School list the following students who have qualified for honor rolls listed below.

7th and 8th grade "A" Honor Roll

Audra Cooper 7th grade, Samatha Yates 7th grade, Kristyn Hambleton 8th grade, Haley Madison 8th grade, Hali Tubb 8th grade, Joshua Tunnell 8th grade.

7th and 8th grade "A/B" Honor Roll

Lacey Cox 7th grade, Bryan Creech 7th grade, Jennifer Haggerton 7th grade, Sammy Torres 7th grade, Brandi Hale 8th grade, Kimberly Johnston 8th grade, Clint Schuelke 8th grade, Deana Sweeney 8th grade, Scott Swift 8th grade.

6th grade "A" Honor Roll

Susie Briseno, Daisy DeLucas, Margaretha Friesen, Jamie Madison, Lee Ann Miller, J.T. Springer Eric Tunnell.

6th grade "A/B" Honor Roll

David DeLaRosa, Sally Flores

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Former Midlander Shane Mock was named to the Presidents Honor Roll at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla.

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Joan Phares, daughter of Rod and Jane Phares of Midland has been awarded an Academic Achievement Scholarship.

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Kevin Broome, son of Larry and Beverly Broome of Greenwood, recently received the 1996/97 National English Merit Award. He is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, All-American Scholar,and has received the United States Achievement Academies awards for Math and leadership & service.


Broome

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Howard College has named the following students that made the Honor Roll with a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Jeremy Louder of Stanton. Melony Bell, Lisa Chapman, Sherri Ham, Terri Parker, Wendi Simmers, and Jacquelyn West of Midland. Joshua Jones of Crane. Corey Martin of Coleman.

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San Angelo State University in San Angelo Has named the Deans List for the Fall semester. Michelle Bermea, Lindsay Boyd, Elizabeth Brininstool, Ted Chaka, Bryan Conyers, Haley Dalgliesh, Ashlie Evans, David Faught, Kristi Forsberg, Michael Gray, Deeann Ivie, Vickie Kerr, Christina McBride, Mindi McComb, Krista McFarland, Scott McLeod, Teresa Nobles, Landi Orr, Sherie Pierce, Jennifer Pirkle, Merrell Reed, K'Lynn Roberts, Chris Ward, Jessica Wiggins. All Students are from Midland.

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Mande Hasting and Jessica Marhshall have been named Outstanding Girls. Mande, Daughter of Esther Hasting and a Senior at Lee High School is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students. Jessica, daughter of Bob and Janice Marshall and a senior from Midland High School, is a member in the Student Council, NHS secretary, MOAS principle substitute, yearbook academics editor, and varsity tennis.


Marshall


Hasting

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The University of Oklahoma announces the fall 1996 OU Honor Roll. Taresa L. Hawkins, Brian Hunt and Sean O'Hara of Midland were named.

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Marcia del Llano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray del Llano of Midland graduated cum laude from the University of North Texas, Denton with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Communication Design. She was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi, academic service organization. Miss del Llano is employed by Quill Creative Advertising & Design, Dallas, Tx.


Llano

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Marikka Williams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alan Williams of Midland, graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

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Robyn Roberts, the 11th grade daughter of Vicki Ketter and Rodney Roberts of Midland, was named to the academic honor roll at All Saint's Episcopal Schoo, a college preparatory boarding and day school in Vicksburg, Miss.

Report: Harlem school district in rapid decline

By Sarah Kershaw
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Last month, after the superintendent of central Harlem's school district got into a fistfight with a parent advocate in the middle of a school board meeting, speculation mounted that Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew was on the verge of seizing control.

The altercation came after months of turmoil in a district where school board meetings erupt into vicious shouting matches or dissolve after 10 or 15 minutes.

Crew did not intervene in the district, Community School District 5, perhaps because he had been challenged elsewhere for his attempts to control other troubled districts. But now, with the State Legislature having removed some of the legal obstacles to the chancellor's intervention in troubled districts, parents and the critics of Bertrand Brown, the superintendent, on the school board say that Albany has now left Crew with no excuses.

In a report on District 5 released this week, Board of Education officials concluded that, under the leadership of Brown and several longtime board members, the school district of 16,000 students had been swept into a downward spiral of educational failure and political breakdown. "Parents," the report said, "speak of their children as victims of District 5."

Brown, who has served for 10 years and whose contract expires in June, has disputed several of the report's findings, including data that showed the district's reading scores had plummeted in the last decade to among the lowest in the city.

"We're not saying the youngsters are where they ought to be," he said Wednesday, noting that the report's findings masked changes in the reading tests that had caused scores to decline citywide. "But we think there is progress."

Others say the chancellor cannot act soon enough. "I want him to use that power to remove the superintendent because he's presided over academic failure," said Sandra Rivers, a board member who has pressed for Brown's ouster.

But a Board of Education spokesman, David Golub, said Wednesday that the chancellor had no immediate plans to intervene. "We are not going to move forward immediately with any actions against districts," he said. But he added, "District 5 is one that the chancellor has serious concerns about."

Brown said Wednesday that he would not seek the superintendency again when his three-year contract expired, a decision he said he made two years ago. He said he had already informed Crew and the school board members of his plans and that the decision was not related to the district's recent troubles or the board's report.

Ms. Rivers said Brown announced his decision four or five months ago, but she added, "I don't believe him."

Monique Washington, a parent whose 9-year-old daughter attends Public School 129, said she had been following the developments in Albany closely and that she hoped Crew would soon oust the superintendent and the school board.

Student paper wins battle on principal story

AUSTIN (AP) — A front-page story about a principal in a high school newspaper turned into a fight for First Amendment rights for student journalists.

Christine Jaynes, student editor of the McCallum High School Shield, said her staff is relieved that writer Jef Goldsum's story on student reaction to the principal's removal and reinstatement is back on the front page.

The principal, Shelly Pittman, had blocked the article last week under a school district policy allowing principals the right of prior review. In response, the staff sent the newspaper to the printer with a blank front page after deciding to fight for the right to print the story.

"There are a lot of mixed feelings with him coming back," said Ms. Jaynes, a McCallum senior. "It was a factual story that took both sides of the issue."

The newspaper with the blank spot was to be distributed Tuesday, said journalism instructor Theresa Proctor.

But over the weekend, Deputy Superintendent Kay Psencik stepped in, saying the district could not allow distribution of a student newspaper with a blank front page.

School district officials placed additional attribution in the story and cleared it for publication Monday.

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Monday - School Holiday

Tuesday - School Holiday

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles & syrup sausage pattie or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets or baked ham, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese sauce wheat roll, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, hot rice cereal, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Italian pizza or spaghetti, green beans tossed salad, crusty French bread, milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dog on bun or BBQ on bun, whole kernel corn, vegetable soup, fruit cup, milk.

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GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday - Breakfast: Pancakes or sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, pasta salad, bread sticks, chilled mixed fruit, , milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/honey, or cereal , banana, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, lettuce/tomato, Cheetos, pork-n-beans, apple crisp milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Bacon, eggs, toast/jelly, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, milk. Lunch: Bar B Que on a bun, pasta salad, carrot sticks, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, cereal, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad w/pickles, Ranger cake, milk.

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Healthcare from your point of view.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE

BRIEFLY

Board of trustees meet

The Midland College Board of Trustees will meet in regular session 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Gibson Board room of the Administration Building. Agenda items include personnel, foundation board appointments, consideration of a tax abatement for Midland Certified Reagent Inc., discussion of a need for increased instructional computer technology fee and student services fee, approval of bid for interactive video network and approval of network bid for business studies classrooms and an executive session.

Networking Breakfast

The Business of Fitness and Health is the topic of the monthly Networking Breakfast set for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Cost is $5 payable at the door.

The format will include a panel discussion led by insurance expert Morris Brooks, physical therapist Tom McKelvey and representatives from local fitness facilities. The program is geared for owners and managers seeking better fitness, health and productivity for their employees and for providers of health and fitness products and services.

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.

AIMS testing set

The AIMS Apptitude test will be offered at Midland College Jan. 31-Feb. 2, April 11-13 and April 25-27. The tests are designed to assist high school and college students make choices about their college majors and careers.

To schedule testing or for more information, call 972-234-8378.

Pottery class offered

A pottery class will be offered through the Midland College Continuing Education program 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 28-March 25.

The class is for anyone, and during the eight-week session individuals with clay experience can work toward raku firing, pit firing and wood firing. Beginners wanting to learn basic wheel technique are welcome.

For more information about registering for this class, call 685-4518.

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Teaching Excellence Award Winners

Annual awards recognize outstanding instructors

Art, EMS teachers receive praise at ceremony

Art Instructor Carol Bailey and EMS Program Coordinator Gary Roberts are the recipients of Midland College's annual Teaching Excellence Awards. The awards were announced in ceremonies Jan. 10.

The Teaching Excellence Awards honor two outstanding faculty members from Midland College each year. The award carries with it a cash honorarium, an individual plaque and a permanent listing on another plaque displayed in the Administration Building.

Bailey, who joined the MC faculty in 1992, has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and master's degree from Fort Hays State University.

"Her hours in the office and studio-classroom run abundantly beyond class time and office hours. She encourages her students, of all ages, to be active in community art events and she herself has been active in organizations and exhibitions," Art Instructor Warren Taylor said about Bailey.

Roberts, who has taught at MC since 1990, has an associate's degree from Midland College.

Roberts was cited for having "continually given of his time to assist and provide instruction in all areas of Health Sciences. The students have continually commented on how much they appreciated and enjoyed his lectures."

English Instructor Rebecca Watson was named Midland College's Teacher of the Year. She will be the nominee for the Midland Chamber of Commerce's citywide Teacher of the Year competition.

"Her success with student writers paired with her organizational ability makes her an integral part of the college's successful creative writing programs, the creative writing contest and the literary magazine, *Tableau*," Watson's nomination form said.

Roberts, Bailey and Watson will receive Midland College National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) awards and will receive funding to attend the NISOD convention in May.

Two other faculty members, Tomas Hernandez and Lydia McCauley, also received NISOD awards.

Also named at the ceremony were Teaching Excellence Awards finalists Fred Wetendorf, Kurt Shedeck, Kwame Bruce and James Fuller.

Also, recipients of Faculty Development Projects, created to encourage and recognize outstanding faculty projects that are above and beyond the normal assigned duties, were announced.

Those recipients were: Art Instructor Warren Taylor, Business Instructor Rebecca Bell, Nursing Instructor Carmen Edwards, Reading Instructor Peggy Wood and Heating and Air Conditioning Instructor Wayne Young. The recipients will receive funding from the college to develop their projects.

Award recipients were chosen by a committee of six including two division chairs and four faculty members who were award recipients last year.



Associate Vice President of Instruction Deana Lusk and Gary Roberts.



Associate Vice President of Instruction Stan Jacobs and Carol Bailey.

Nurse aide, cake decorating begin

The next class in **Truck Driver Training for Class A Commercial Drivers License (CDL)** begins Jan 20, 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 Jan. 20 are:

Activity Director Insurance will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 through May 13. The fee is $15.

Activity Directors will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 to May 15. The instructor is Paula H. Rowden and the fee is $350.

Bartending I will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 to Jan. 30. The instructor is Scott Gunn and the fee is $75.

Cake Decorating Course III will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 27 to Feb. 17. The instructor is Pat Fisher and the fee is $30.

Continuing Education

Camping 101 will be taught from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26. The instructor is Chloice Shofner and the fee is $10.

Concealed Handgun will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jan. 21 through Jan. 25. The instructor is Tom Vannaman and the fee is $100.

Grantsmanship 101 will be taught from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 23 and Jan. 24. The instructor is Hyta Folsom and the fee is $89.

Introduction to Russian will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 through Feb. 27. The instructor is Irina Dodson and the fee is $68.

Medication Aide will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 through May 15. The instructor is Linda Jordan and the fee is $250.

Medication Aide Insurance will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 to May 15. The fee is $15.

Nurse Aide Insurance will be taught from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 21 through Feb. 27. The fee is $15.

Nurse Aide Testing Fee will be taught from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 21 through Feb. 27. The fee is $65.

Nurse Aide Training will be taught from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 21 through Feb. 27. The instructor is Linda Powell and the fee is $210.

Phlebotomy will be taught from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 21 through April 11. The instructor is Marilyn McBurney and the fee is $217.

Phlebotomy Insurance will be taught from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 21 through April 11. The fee is $15.

Real Estate MCE will be taught from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25 and Jan. 26. The instructor is Donna Gore and the fee is $99.

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.

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Seminars offer help for small businesses

Helping small businesses with issues that range from financing a business to income taxes is the purpose of the Small Business Seminar Series—an eight-year tradition at Midland College.

The seminars continue through Jan. 28 with three more sessions.

"Financing Your Business" will be 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21. This seminar focuses on working capital loans, equipment loans and real estate financing.

Seminar discussion leaders are Fred McCann of First American Bank and Armando Garcia of the Small Business Administration.

"Marketing Issues" will be 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23. This seminar focuses on using advertising and direct sales to market your business effectively.

Discussion leaders are Joe Dominey of Dominey and Etheridge and Terry Phillips of Internet Global services.

"Income Taxes" will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. This seminar focuses on tax issues affecting the small business owner.

Discussion leaders are Mary Glenn, CPA, with Glenn, Prather & Company and Belle Harris of the Internal Revenue Service.

The course fee for each session is $5.

Each session is limited to 25 participants and registration will be taken at the door. Classes are held in room 130 of MC's Occupational/Technical Building.

For more information, call Mary Glenn, 687-0777; The Business & Economic Development Center at Midland College's Cogdell South Facility, 684-4100 or Midland College Continuing Education, 685-4518.

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Employers who want to save time and money looking for qualified employees to fill full-time, part-time or temporary positions have a free resource at Midland College.

Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) is a way for employers to get employees and contribute to students' career development by hiring candidates training to work in a specific career field, according to Workforce Education coordinator Terry Dummer.

The CWE program combines classroom learning with work experience in a field related to a student's academic or career goals.

The student and the employer work as a team through CWE to achieve on-the-job learning for the student while providing the employer with qualified help.

Students work a minimum of 20 hours a week in temporary or permanent positions. They also receive course credit for their work

For more information, contact Dummer at 685-6481.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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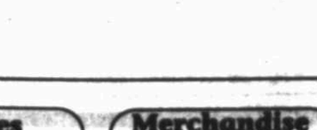
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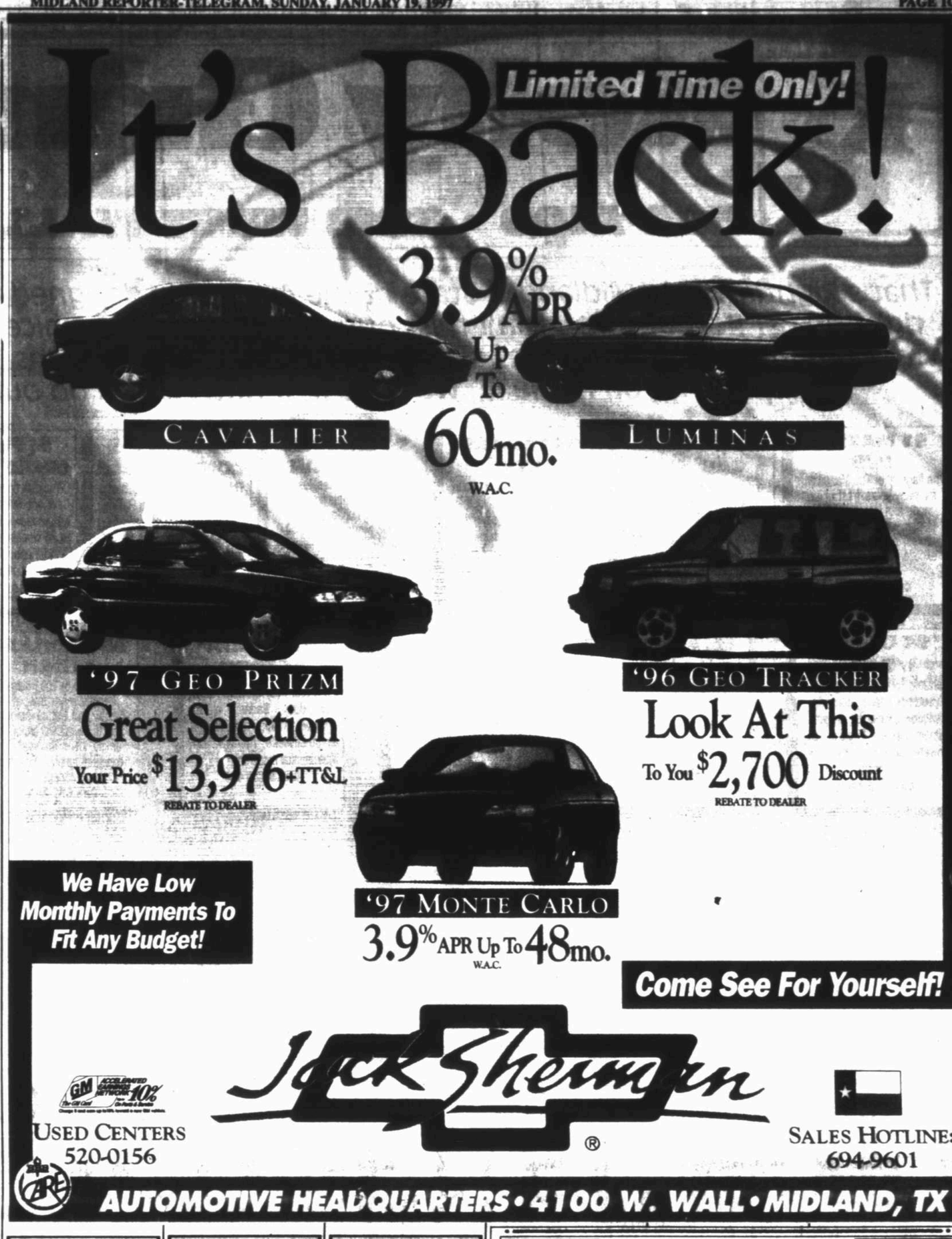
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130 Personals

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150 Lost & Found

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310 General Help Wanted

ROUTE SERVICE- Established company seeking person to service and repair commercial dishwashing and laundry equipment in Odessa, Midland, and surrounding areas. Some overnight travel required. Requirements include: ability to lift 60 pound containers, have good interpersonal skills, ability to work without close supervision, and ability to sell some chemical and supplies. On the job training provided. Company provides expenses plus full benefit package. Send resume to: H.C. 75 Box 766, Andrews, TX 79714, fax (915)524-5266, E-Mail # Harvie@juno.com

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- **Residential Specialist, Midland**
- **Job Coach, Midland and Odessa**
- **Community Living Instructor, Midland and Odessa**
- **Community Service Aide, Midland and Odessa**

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application at: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland TX 79701. E.O.E.

INTERVIEWERS
The US Department of Labor /Bureau of Labor Statistics is accepting applications for part-time interviewers to collect data at businesses and residences in the Midland /Odessa area. Must have good communication skills, specialized experience and /or college courses in economics and math or statistics and a drivers license. Hourly pay starts at $9.52 for 25 hours per week. Training is provided. Send February 4, 1997, to US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 525 Griffin Street, Suite 739, Dallas, Texas 75202. For more information call 214-767-6987. US Dept. of Labor is an equal opportunity employer.

310 General Help Wanted

COMPRESSOR MECHANICS, Class A or B. 15 Smith Rd., Suite 1100, Interim Personnel, 570-7002. No fee!

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Apply direct Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am or 2:00pm-4:00pm or send resume to:
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Personnel Department
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Midland, TX 79701
FAX (915) 620-6643

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Healthcare Partners

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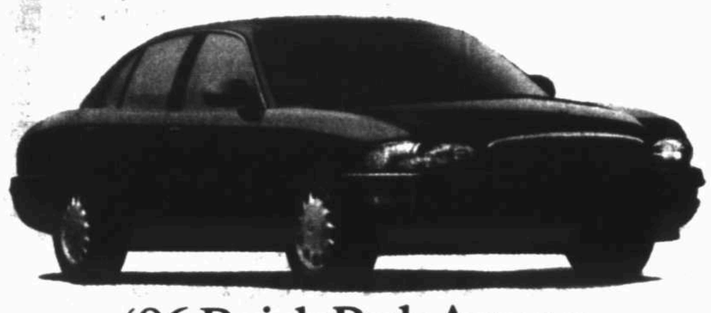
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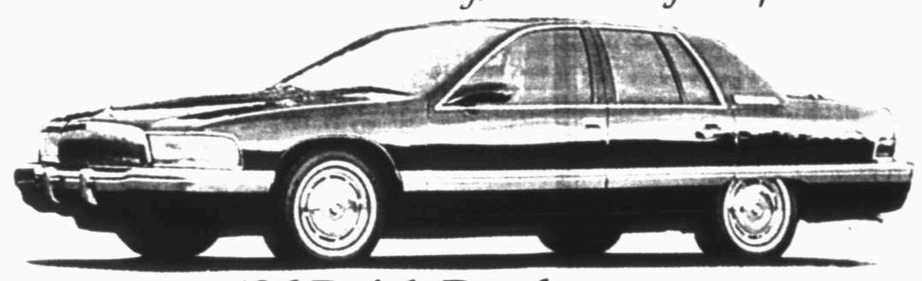


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310 General Help Wanted

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310 General Help Wanted

APARTMENT LEASING Agent- 114 units, Sinclair Place. Sale skills required. Prefer experienced. $6/ hour plus bonuses. Resume: Manager, Fax 689–8125 or 4534 Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79707.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources

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311 Medical Help Wanted

TDMHMR- CENTER MANAGERS. Salary $1,836 to $2,236 per month(DOE&Q) plus excellent benefit package. Responsible for administrative and clinical management of a mental health center. Responsible for screening, hiring, training and supervising personnel. Participates in on-call rotation performing social work services. Prefer a Bachelor's degree in Human Services, Social or Behavioral field with two years experience. Positions will office in Monahans, McCamey or Pecos, Texas. West Texas State Operated Community Services- Melissa Taylor, 1200 N. Main, Monahans, TX 79756. Drug Free Workplace. (915)943-2528. EOE

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Doctors office seeks motivated individual, with interest in the medical field, to learn billing, to schedule surgery and office visits. Some experience in billing is required. Must have outstanding people skills, phone manners, be computer literate to a degree, and type 50 wpm minimum. Must have the initiative to put forth the effort to learn independently apart from the training provided. Send resume with salary history to:
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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Part-Time Medical Front Office
previous experience with scheduling & data input preferred. Team player, good people skills, enjoys working with computers. 2 shifts available: 9- 2 or 2- 7.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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ARRT- Mitchell County Hospital now accepting applications. Full time position available, experience preferred. Contact Joe Wright, Interim Administrator, Mitchell County Hospital, 1543 Chestnut St., Colorado City, (915) 728-3431, ext. 223.

ADMINISTRATOR

Must be experienced and licensed for a non- for profit nursing home facility in the Big Bend area, a 60 bed home in the upbeat community of Alpine. Send resumes to MSC Associates, 1212 13th St, #100, Lubbock, TX 79401. (806)747-3447, FAX (806)-747-1632.

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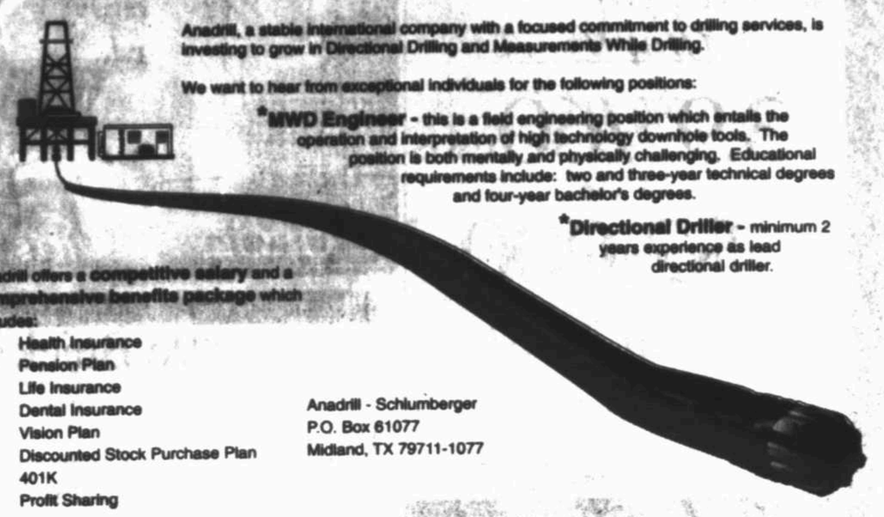
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WEEKEND RN

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- A combination of experience and/or college education (1 year of college equals 3 months of experience)

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The Border Patrol's 24-hour telephone application service makes it easy to apply. Simply call (912) 757-3001, Ext. 107 between January 7 and January 28, 1997 any time, day or night, to find out how easy it is to apply. All qualified applicants will be scheduled for a written test and an oral interview. Selected candidates must successfully complete a rigorous, 19-week basic training program, which includes intensive Spanish language training. Depending on qualifications, starting salary ranges from mid-$20K to mid-$30K with excellent opportunities for overtime. Annual uniform allowance also provided. **All vacancies are along the Southwest border.**

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
Midland
Expanding doctors office willing to train right candidate to work with doctor. Must have some medical work experience or education. Applicant must have strong people, telephone, Math and English skills. Pay range $8.50 to $9.25 to start. Send resume with salary history to: Box F-30, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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MEDICAL
Nurses Unlimited
Managed Care is seeking RN's and LVN's for Staff Relief and Private Home Care. Apply in person at: 1030 Andrews Hwy., Ste. 115, Midland, TX . E.O.E.

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NURSEFINDERS
Betty Thompson, RN
Now Hiring
Personal Care Attendants
for part-time work.
Duties include:
Cooking, Cleaning, Bathing
Laundry & Shopping.
Come by
409 Andrews Hwy., Midland
to fill out an application.

***NURSEFINDERS**
Of West Texas
RN/LVN
Experience:
●Licensed 2 years in Texas
●1 year Medicare Home Health
●Spanish speaking a plus
Contact Kim Lamb, RN
570-8080

REGISTERED NURSE. Full time professional RN needed. Call Basin Detox Systems, Monday-Friday, 8- 5, 570-0553.

*MEDICAL
PHLEBOTOMIST
$10.00/ Hour

LTC Medical Laboratories seeks experienced Phlebotomist to work with geriatric residents in the Midland/ Odessa area. This is an early morning position, Monday- Friday, approximately 2-3 hours/ day. Fax qualifications to 214-630-7140 or mail to 4747 Irving Blvd. #247, Dallas, TX 75247. EOE.

THE BIRTHPLACE AT WESTWOOD

REGISTERED NURSES FOR LABOR AND DELIVERY, NURSERY, POSTPARTUM, NICU

Prefer experienced nurses. Will consider RN's with above experience that have strong desire to train/cross-train in these areas.

The Birthplace at Westwood is Midland's premier labor and delivery facility. Come in today and let us discuss current available positions with you.

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center. Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Texas Workforce Commission News

ATTENTION VETERANS!

"America's Job Bank"
There are thousands of jobs posted here by employment offices all across the country.

You can search these nationwide job openings, including Federal Government Jobs listed by the Office of Personnel Managment, by occupation and/or geographic region.

Use your own computer at home, or use ours-FREE

For more information, call Scott Stafford, Local Veteran's Rep., @ 682-9421, Ext. 201.

Executive Secretary

JOB #10858
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

The City of Lubbock, TX (population 190,000) is seeking a dynamic, innovative individual for the position of Executive Secretary. the Executive Secretary under direction, is responsible for performing advanced secretarial work for the City Manager, City Council, and the executive staff. Performs routine administrative tasks. Duties performed often involve highly confidential or sensitive matters. Performs related duties as directed.

Interested candidates will have any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in Secretarial Administration and three to six years of increasingly responsible experience as an executive or legal secretary. Ability to take dictation and transcribe it accurately. **Ability to type accurately from clear copy at a speed of 80 words per minute.** Ability to work under pressure. Ability to spell correctly and use proper English. Knowledge of the function, organization, and policies of a city government. Knowledge of computers and the programs of MS Word, Lotus 1 2 3, and Dbase III. Machines and equipment used during the shift are a computer, Lanier Dictaphone, telephone, and a copy machine. Perform advanced secretarial work for assistant city managers; telephone answering and public relations skills essential. Ability to work in busy,s stressful environment. Typing test given by the Texas Employment Commission must be scheduled and results must accompany application.

Closing Date: January 31, 1997

Salary Grade: 409
Salary: $21,132.80 Annually

To apply, send resume and application to:
Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2435, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office by 5:30 pm on the closing date. Resume must be accompanied by an application.

Telephone Number (806) 767-2311 or 1-800-621-0793

INTERNET HOME PAGE jobs.ci.lubbock.tx.us
INTERNET APPLICATION PAGE http://www.ci.lubbock.tx.us./jobs/app.htm

(The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.)

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312 Professional Help Wanted

PROGRAMMER
(6-12 Months)
MUST have Power Builder & Verifiable References. Sybase, IBM RISC, Micro Focus & C experience. Salary Negotiable. No fee. Call LeeAnn, ASAP.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

GLOBAL PERSONNEL
Permanent Division
(Midland, Houston, S. America, Soviet Union, Africa)

Drilling Engineers	to $108K + Bonus
Production Engineers	to $81K + car
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Facilities Engineers	to $80K
Production Clerk	to $37K

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global@apex2000.net

PROGRAMMER
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MUST have Power Builder & Verifiable References. Sybase, IBM RISC, Micro Focus & C experience. Salary Negotiable. No fee. Call LeeAnn, ASAP.
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VIDEO OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN

UTPB is seeking high-quality individuals to fill part-time positions as video operations technicians. These positions will be responsible for the startup, operation and shutdown of the university's interactive video classrooms. Duties will include controlling and monitoring live interactive video classes. Successful candidates will have a general familiarity with video and audio equipment. One or more years of appropriate experience is preferred. These are part-time, hourly positions. Work hours will be scheduled according to the needs of the academic class schedule. Applications should be sent to U.T. Permian Basin, Personnel Office, 4901 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762. EOE/AA.

INSURANCE
SAFETY CONSULTANT

Safety Consulting firm is looking for a Safety Consultant/ Engineer with heavy casualty background. Work on a Part-time or fee basis. Knowledgeable in Workers Comp, G/L and auto coverages. Consultant will be performing loss control surveys for major insurance companies. Some travel required. Must be state certified. An EOE. Please fax resume to:
972-680-1800

ACCOUNTANT needed immediately for fast growing publicly traded international oil company. Must be computer literate. Oil & Gas experience-CPA preferred, yet not necessary. Professional appearance required. Full benefit package. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Send resume to: Trinity Gas Corporation Offices, One Center Ave., Suite 200, Brownwood, TX 76801. Phone 915-646-5088. Fax 915-646-6226.

OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Formerly **Meridian Oil Inc.**), a large independent oil and gas company, is seeking an experienced Operations Assistant for its Midland Drilling department.

Individual hired will provide secretarial and administrative support (heavy computer use) for a fast-paced drilling department. Other responsibilities will include assisting in field communications, maintaining operations reports, and directing large volume of drilling correspondence. This position requires the ability to prioritize multiple, overlapping tasks.

Educational and experience requirements include a high school education with 5+ years related oil and gas experience. Strong command of drilling terminology and excellent computer skills in MS Word/Excel, Freelance, and electronic mail are also required.

Qualified applicants should send a current resume to:

BURLINGTON RESOURCES
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 51810
Midland, Texas 79710-1810

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

United Way of Odessa, Texas,

Prefer 4 years college and degree, or compensating experience. Must have 3-5 years fund raising experience, proven management record, commitment to volunteerism, strong oral/ written communications, grant writing ability, computer skills, and sensitivity to cultural diversity and health/ human services agency operations. Spanish- speaking a plus. Competitive salary/ benefits. Send resume by January 21 to:
Search, United Way,
P.O. Box 634,
Odessa, TX 79760.
Equal Opportunity Employer.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER needed for part-time position. Computer skills and Oil & Gas accounting required. Mail resume to P. O. Box 1972, Midland, Texas 79702.

Education Coordinator

Non- profit agency seeks full time Education Coordinator. Responsibilities will include: presenting public education programs to area schools and professional organizations on crime prevention and awareness as it pertains to sexual violence as well as recruiting, training & writing curriculum for voluriteers who work with sexual assault survivors. Bachelor's in communication, education, or social sciences preferred. Dependable transportation and some evening work will be necessary. Send resume to: Executive Director, P.O. Box 7741, Odessa, TX 79760. Deadline January 22, 1997.

312 Professional Help Wanted

TDMHMR- Children Service Coordinator. Salary $2,389 per month. Responsible for establishing a system of children's services throughout a seven county area in West Texas. Responsible for establishing and maintaining citizen advisory boards, community resources collaboration groups and working with a community Mental Health team. Will serve as a care coordinator and assess the level of need for children's mental health services in the seven county region of West Texas. Prefer a Bachelor's degree in social service field and experience with children. Will office in the Monahans, Kermit area e.g. West Texas State Operated Community Services Attn: Melissa Taylor, 1200 N. Main, Monahans, TX 79756. Tobacco & Drug Free Workplace. (915)943-2528. EOE

CLASSIFIED CAN! 682-6222

-OIL& GAS

Very Active oil and gas exploration/production company has the following immediate openings within its corporate offices. In addition to the following requirements, you should be either currently or very recently corporately employed.

EXPLORATION GEOLOGIST

M. S. Geology plus a minimum of ten years experience is preferred with a successful track record in Rocky Mountain exploration activity.

RESERVOIR ENGINEER

M. S. Petroleum Engineering plus a minimum of ten years experience. Rocky Mountain background is a definite plus.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

B. S. plus a minimum of seven years oil and gas company experience is preferred. Position supervises staff responsible for a full range of H. R. functions.

Company offers excellent working conditions, competitive salary, and full benefits. Reply in confidence to:

Human Resources Consultants
122 W. Randolph Avenue
Enid, OK 73701
Tel: 405+242-3500
Fax: 405+242-3560

TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST

Stewart & Stevenson Operations Inc. has immediate openings for Technical Maintenance Specialists. The candidates will have a minimum of 10 years experience in an engineering/maintenance related position in the oil/gas industry with an additional 5 years experience dedicated to warehousing and materials control.

The candidates should have hands-on experience using a Computer Maintenance Management System and must be experienced with using PCs and commonly available software (including Windows word processing and spreadsheet applications).

We offer an excellent salary and benefit plan. Qualified candidates should send their resumes to:

Stewart & Stevenson Operations Inc.
P.O. Box 1637
Houston, Texas 77251
Attn: Dominic De Nofa -
Project Manager
Fax #713-869-2894

EOE/MF

STAFF ENGINEER - JOB NO. 93

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. is a progressive consulting firm, serving a broad spectrum of government and private sector clients. DBS&A offers unique, nationally recognized expertise in vadose zone processes and maintains a hydrologic testing laboratory.

We are presently in need of a staff engineer for our Lubbock, Texas office, to assist in design and construction of soil and groundwater remediation systems. Experience in remediation system design, including hydraulic conveyance systems and geotechnical considerations, is desirable. A thorough knowledge of fluid flow (pressure, pipes, networks) is essential, and experience in process engineering and HVAC is desirable. Position requires a BS degree (MS preferred) in either civil, environmental, or mechanical engineering and at least 2 years relevant experience.

Our firm, with over 90 employees, offers an excellent benefits package, challenging work, and opportunities for growth.

Send resume with cover letter specifying Job No. 93 to Human Resources Manager, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates,Inc., 6020 Academy NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Resumes without a job number will not be accepted. EEO/Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

SANITARIAN III

Texas Department of Health is recruiting for a Sanitarian III position to be headquartered in Midland. Will perform complex compliance inspections and investigations of consumer products and business establishments, and conduct investigations including undercover of violations and injuries associated with regulated consumer products. Requires Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, plus two (2) years full-time experience in environmental and/or consumer health work. Registration as a Professional Sanitarian in Texas is required. May require working hours other than 8-5, Monday-Friday. Will perform the following with or without reasonable accommodation: Ability to move/lift 50 lbs., and perform inspections of crawl spaces. Must provide transportation. Salary: $2236.00/month plus excellent benefits. Willing to understaff thru Sanitarian I. Requires 75% day and 65% overnight travel. No resumes accepted. For applications, additional qualifying options or information, contact: Elaine Beaubien, (915) 683-9492. PRN #97-R09-0019. Closing date: 01-29-97. EEO/ADA.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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CFO

Of small, but growing oil & gas company. 4 year accounting degree required. Min. 10 years oil & gas accounting experience. CPA and or managerial experience a plus. References required. Salary & other benefits competitive. Send full resume & salary requirements to: Box E-34, C/O Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

DIETARY ADMINISTRATOR sought by national company for retirement residence. Duties include: supervising kitchen staff, cooking, baking, purchasing, budgeting and organizing meals. Must have at least five years of experience in quantity cooking and prior administrative experience. Will serve about 5,000 meals a month. Salary plus benefits. Qualified applicants please send resume to Blind Box A-27, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

** GEOPHYSICISTS **

Burlington Resources (formerly **Meridian Oil**), one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States, currently has two openings in our Midland office.

Burlington Resources is interested in people who can develop new and innovative approaches focused on the creation of sound economic opportunities that grow the company's asset base. Candidates should have 3 to 12 years of experience and must be proficient in the use of a geophysical workstation, preferably Landmark. The successful candidate should have the ability to integrate 3-D seismic with sequence stratigraphy in various geologic trends. The preferred applicant should have an MS in either Geology or Geophysics w significant industry experience in the Williston Anadarko basins. Strong interpersonal skills a willingness to work in a team environment are a must.

Burlington Resources offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package. Qualified candidates should send a current resume to:

Burlington Resources
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 51810
Midland, TX 79710-1810

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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN JOB NO. 99

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. is a progressive consulting firm, serving a broad spectrum of government and private sector clients. DBS&A offers unique, nationally recognized expertise in hydrogeology, vadose zone processes and maintains a hydrologic testing laboratory.

We have openings in our Lubbock office for technicians with broad construction background (electrical and/or plumbing) for installation, operation and maintenance of remediation systems, also responsible for environmental sampling.

Requires at least 2 years construction experience, and prefer training in the environmental field.

Our firm, with over 90 employees offers an excellent benefits package, challenging work, and opportunities for growth.

Send resume with cover letter specifying Job No. 99 to Human Resources Manager, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates,Inc., 6020 Academy NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Resumes without a job number will not be accepted. EEO/Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

***Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, Midland**

***Therapist, Ft. Stockton**

***Teacher, Ft. Stockton and Odessa**

***RN, Odessa**

For details call our job line 915-570-3424, or submit application to: **PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS,** 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland TX 79701. E.O.E.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

TECHNOLOGIES DESIGNER/TRAINER

Applications invited for Technologies Designer/Trainer at Odessa College. Bachelor's degree preferred, familiarity with PC and Mac hardware, operating systems and software along with teaching/training experience and instructional technology applications experience. Knowledge of LANS and WANS desirable. Part-time position of approximately 25 hours per week contingent upon federal grant funding. Salary ranges from $11 to $14 per hour. Fringe benefits and furnished and include medical, dental and life insurance. Sick leave and vacation are not provided. Application and flier available from Human Resources, Odessa College, 201 W. University, Odessa, Texas 79764. 915-335-6608. AA/EO/ADA.

FIELD INSPECTOR needed to perform residential and commercial inspections in West Texas area. Degree in Math, Science or Engineering required or 10 years of Safety experience. Salary plus bonus. Call January 20th for appointment, 1-800-460-0723.

312 Professional Help Wanted

EXECUTIVE- MIDLAND Professional Association is seeking Executive Officer to manage organization under direction of volunteer elected officers and Board of Directors. Must work well with dues paying membership, and interact with national, state, and regional organizations. Successful candidate should have non profit or association experience or equivalent business management experience. Salary DOE and is competitive in local market. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Box A-25, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

GENERAL
BECOME A PART OF THE HEALING

Volunteers needed to advocate for children and adults who have been victims of sexual abuse. Forty (40) hour professional training, criminal background check required. Training begins Tuesday, February 25th. Call The Midland Rape Crisis Center, 682-7273 for more information.

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DRILLING ENGINEER

CONOCO

An experienced Drilling Engineer is sought by Conoco, an integrated oil company, to provide drilling engineering services to the Upstream Mid-Continent Business Region, Midland, Texas. Services include planning and implementing exploratory and development drilling projects for assets located from South Texas to the Canadian border. Drilling conditions cover a broad spectrum from shallow, low pressure to high temperature, high pressure wells. Horizontal drilling applications are growing. Many areas use air drilling technology.

Qualified candidates should have the following skills/experience.

* BSPE or equivalent
* Minimum 3 years drilling engineering experience
* Planning & organization
* Strong interpersonal/team skills
* Good oral and written communication skills
* Ability to work independently with little oversight
* Computer skills (WordPerfect and Lotus applications in a WINDOWS environment;DIMS experience preferred)
* Passion for continuous improvement
* Basic understanding of economic analysis and evaluation methods (i.e., Decision and Risk Analysis)

Conoco offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. Qualified candidates should apply:

Midland T.W.C. Office
Job #7973603
Attention: Anna Ortega
501 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79701
(915) 682-9421

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TRAINING OFFICER

Texas Youth Commission has an opening for a Training Officer at the West Texas State School facility in Pyote, TX. The Training Center is responsible for designing, organizing, conducting and monitoring staff development educational and training programs. This position provides training support to the facilities in the surrounding region. Minimum Requirements: BA/BS degree in education, personnel management or a field related to the agency's mission; 4 years experience in training or education OR 4 years Youth Commission or social service experience. MA/MS, education, personnel management or a field to the agency's mission; 2 years experience in training or education OR 2 years Youth Commission or social service experience. Employment contingent upon meeting physical requirements. Salary: $2,236 monthly, comprehensive state benefit package. Apply on State of Texas Application by January 24, 1997 to:

West Texas State School
P.O. Box 415
Pyote, TX 79777
EOE

SANITARIAN III

Texas Department of Health is recruiting for a Sanitarian III position to be headquartered in Midland. Will perform inspections of retail food service establishments, retail food stores, mobile food units, industrial food service facilities, temporary food service, food manufacturers, wholesale distributors and salvage operations. Will also assist in the investigation of food based complaints, foodborne outbreaks, disaster/emergency situations and public health complaints. Requires Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, plus two (2) years full-time experience in environmental and/or consumer health work. Registration as a Professional Sanitarian in Texas is required. May require working hours other than 8-5, Monday-Friday. Will perform the following with or without reasonable accommodation: Ability to move/lift 50 lbs., and perform inspections of crawl spaces, and climb silos of food facilities. Must provide transportation. Salary: $2236.00/month plus excellent benefits. Willing to understaff thru Sanitarian I. Requires 70% day and 35% overnight travel. No resumes accepted. No resumes accepted. For applications, additional qualifying options or information, contact: Elaine Beaubien, (915) 683-9492. PRN #97-R09-0019. Closing date: 01-29-97. EEO/ADA.

Administrative Office Manager

LYNK SYSTEMS, INC., one of the nations leading providers of point-of-sale payment processing, has an exceptional opportunity for an administrative assistant in the Midland area.

The ideal candidate will possess the following skills: at least 3 years experience providing support service in a busy, fast-paced and exciting sales environment, proficiency in Windows including Office Pro and MS Word, Excel and Access, as well as the ability to work independently with little supervision. Supervisory experience is a plus.

We offer a base salary, 401K, medical benefits and opportunity for growth with a rapidly expanding national company. Qualified applicants should call (800) 399-5965 or fax resumes to: (800) 377-5965. EOE.

PRODUCTION ENGINEER

Growing independent seeks degreed, experienced (12+ years) manager of field operations for all phases of drilling, installation /management of waterflood operations, and completion. Competitive salary/ benefits. Excellent opportunity for promotion to executive level. Fax resume to: 106 (972) 931-8863.

314 Clerical Help Wanted | 314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Formerly **Meridian Oil Inc.**), a large independent oil and gas company, is seeking an experienced Accounting Assistant for its Midland office.

Individual hired will monitor daily drilling report for first production and make needed updates to mainframe master files; maintain mainframe allocation system; and reconcile purchaser statements. Assistant will communicate with area field offices on daily production issues. State and federal regulatory reports will be generated, as well as performing allowable gas balancing, interpreting rules and regulations, and advising action needed to maximize production. Additional duties include joint interest property, production inquires, and support for various systems to assure accurate and timely information is reported.

This position requires a high school education with two years college preferred. 3+ years related oil and gas experience with production reporting is required. Knowledge of Windows and spreadsheet applications as well as knowledge of oil and gas proration is also required.

Qualified applicants should send a current resume to:

BURLINGTON RESOURCES
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 51810
Midland, Texas 79710-1810

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ENGINEER

3+ years oil & gas experience for established engineering consulting firm. Drilling & production experience a plus. Must be willing to relocate to Corpus Christi. Non-smoking environment. Send confidential resume & salary required to: Mueller Engineering, HR Dept., Box 275, Corpus Christi, TX 78478.

QUALIFIED MENTAL Retardation Professional To be responsible for developing & monitoring program plans for persons with mental retardation. Varied hours, degree in Human Services, 1 year experience with mental retardation required. Must have valid Texas driver's license. Send resume to: Box C-16, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING

Accounting Management Opportunities (Staff to Controller Levels)

My client, a dynamic, multi-billion dollar privately held conglomerate, located in a major Mid-Western community, is expanding in a variety of business areas. This growth has created opportunities for both internal career growth and external recruitment. If you are an ambitious professional with a minimum of an undergraduate degree in accounting or finance and have 2 to 10 years experience in the oil and gas, public accounting, commodities, or financial/ brokerage industry, this might be what you have been looking for. We are seeking people at the staff, supervisory, and controllership levels that have experience in the trading area. Direct exposure to traders/ brokers, position management, internal/ external reporting, risk analysis and enhancement of trading systems are integral to my client's growth and yours. My client offers the most competitive compensation/ benefits, relocation and career development program in the industry. This company is serious about offering opportunity to those who are ambitious and bright enough to seize it. Respond before you let another year of "no growth" pa.s you by. All responses will be handled, in strictest confidence, by a professional search firm that has been in business for over 20 years. For consideration, please send resume to:
TMP Confidential Reply
C8832
420 N. Wabash
Chicago, IL 60611

ENGINEERING TECH- Mid-sized independent Oil Operator looking for experienced Engineering Tech. Must have 3 plus years experience and good computer skills. Should have RRC filing experience. Must be personable. Salary and benefits depend on experience. Send Resume to Box E-35, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

BRANCH MANAGER

Concepts of care, Inc., is a leader in the highly competitive home health care industry. Due to unbelievable growth, we have an opportunity for a Branch Manager with strong motivational and managerial skills in our Odessa/ San Angelo office.

Chosen candidate will be responsible for promoting, directing and maintaining effective relationships between office personnel, company, physicians and patients. Will also consult and update Administration on problems and resolutions relating to development and operations, as well as oversee all day-to-day operations.

Qualified candidates will possess a Bachelor's degree in Business, Finance, Education, Management or Health related field is preferred. Five years full-time general management experience with bottom-line accountability is essential. Home health care experience is a plus.

If interested, please send resume to: Concepts of Care, Inc., Attn: Francine M. Floyd, Job Code BMO-MID, 2828 Trinity Mills Road, Suite 349, Carrollton, TX 75006 or fax to 972-417-5743. EOE.

INTERNET /INTRANET Application Developer- Full- Time Immediate Opening: Maintain and modify installed Internet /Intranet application systems. Provide end-user customer support. CGI, PERL, HTML, Java, C, Unix experience desirable. Programming experience using systems such as Oracle, SQL Server, Ingress or Sybase. Programming in Windows Macintosh and Client/Server environment. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in computer related field. EEO employer. Send replies to: Box D-1, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702

LANDMAN

Independent seeking contract Landman for acquisition work. $200/day. Office space & parking provided. Call LeeAnn for details.

GLOBAL/TEMP DIVISION
(915) 686-8360

PUBLIC LIBRARY Circulation Supervisor. Library circulation experience management computer, and public relations skills necessary. College preferred, some Saturdays and evenings, benefits, EEO. Employer paid ad. TEC #7971197.

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Production Clerk

Regulatory reporting, RRC form, UT-1, UT-2, Royalty disbursement, etc. Lotus and Enertech. Salary DOE. Temporary to Permanent. Call

Preferred Personnel
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****RECEPTIONIST****

Fast paced environment requiring good people skills. Basic knowledge of computers and an outgoing personality. Salary $5.50 per hour. Bilingual a plus. NO FEE. Call

Preferred Personnel
684-5900

****Travel Agent****

Growing company needs experienced travel agent. Must be fast paced and have experience with SABRE. Salary DOE. NO FEE. Call

Preferred Personnel
684-5900

DRAFTSMAN

Exploration drafting. Must have AutoCAD, EnfoCAD, and UNIX. 2 years minimum experience. Salary $10.00-$17.00 per hour. DOE. NO FEE. Call

Preferred Personnel
684-5900

RECEPTIONIST

Local company needs experienced receptionist for tax season. Professional appearance, excellent oral, and written skills required. MS Word and Excel helpful. Typing 40-50 WPM. Pay is $6. Hours are 8-5. Bring resume with references to Fran. No Fee.

Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas

BOOKKEEPING ASSISTANT
(Part-Time)
20 hrs/week. Quick Books, data entry, a/p, a/r, & payroll. Salary $6.50-$7.00/hr. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY
MUST have oil & gas bookkeeping exp. with secretarial skills. Word processing exp. needed. Enertech a +. Starting salary $10.00/hr. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

BOOKKEEPER
(Temp to Perm)
Very busy office needs full charge bookkeeper or strong general bookkeeping exp. Payroll, time & billing exp. a plus. Starting salary $7.50-$8.00/hr. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

CLERICAL ASSISTANT
Temp assignment, may become perm. Heavy clerical, typing 45+ wpm & 10-key. MS Word & Excel required. Salary to $7.00/hr. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER
(Part-time)
MUST have full charge exp. Peachtree or integrated accounting software exp. required. 20 hr/week flexible. Salary to $10.00/hr. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

LAND SECRETARY
(Part-time)
3 days/week, hours may increase. MUST have Land Secretary exp. with MS Office & Lotus. Salary $DOE. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global/Temp Division
(915) 686-8360

OFFICE MANAGER
Experienced in car or truck dealership for title, taxes, financing, bookkeeping & computer skills. Salary to $30K. Fee Paid.
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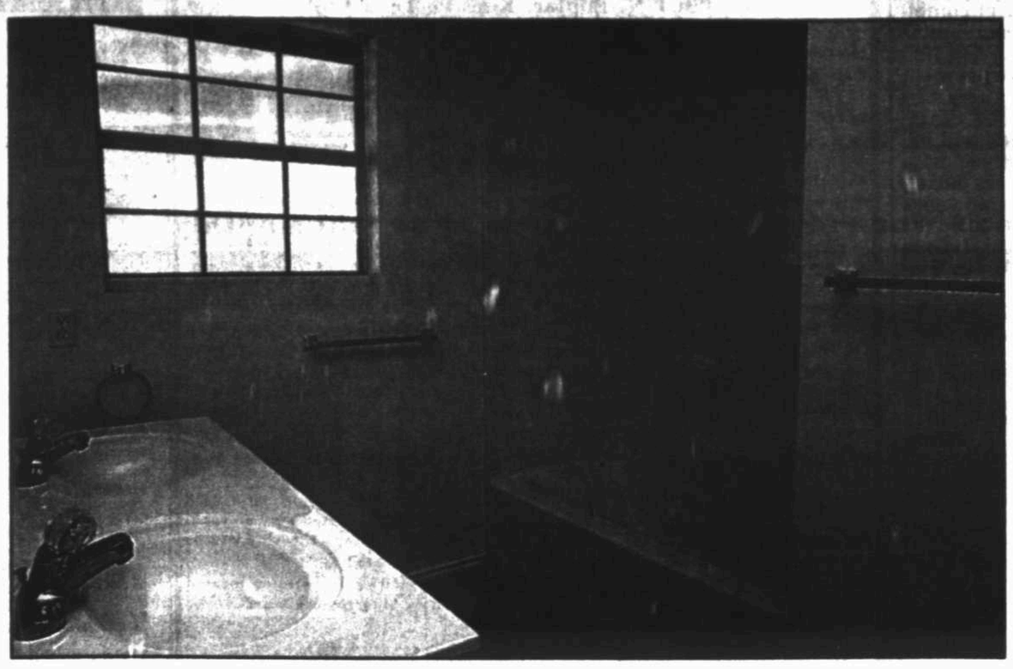
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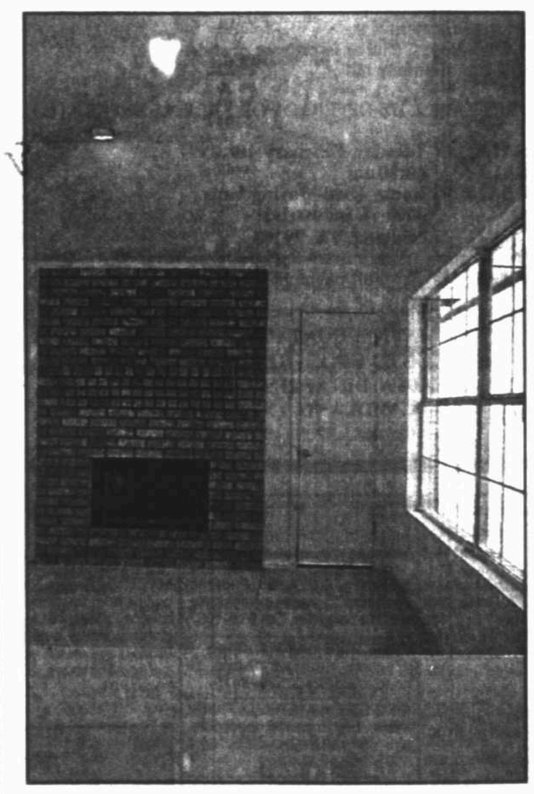
A BLANK PALETTE

With its neutral decor and unique floor-plan this three bedroom family home in west Midland is sure to please a family looking for an interesting place to live.

Listed for $73,900 by Kay McDonald of Century 21 Midtex Real Estate this home at 5134 Reeves Circle offers some unique aspects.

The kitchen is the heart of the house and is full of features such as the bay window overlooking the garden, practical layout and view over the kitchen sink through to the family room.

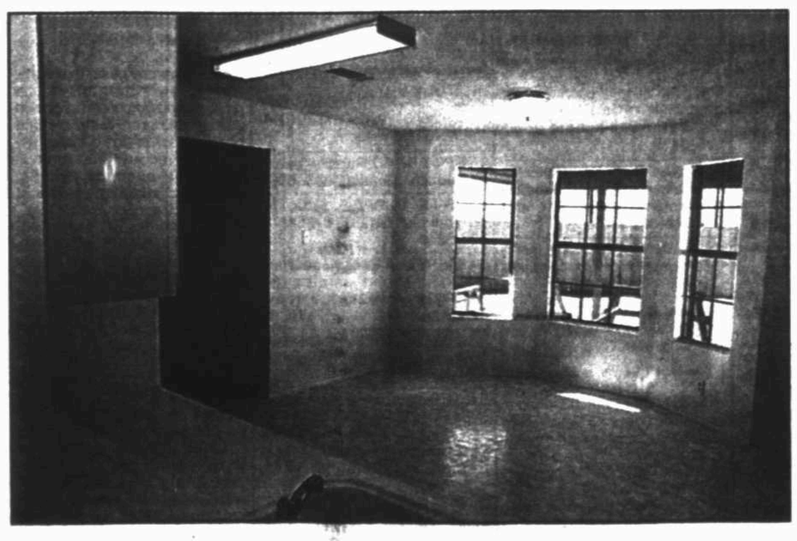
As with most new constructions these days the builder has created a home that has a very neutral decor. This effectively gives the future homeowner a blank palette from which to add their own emphases.



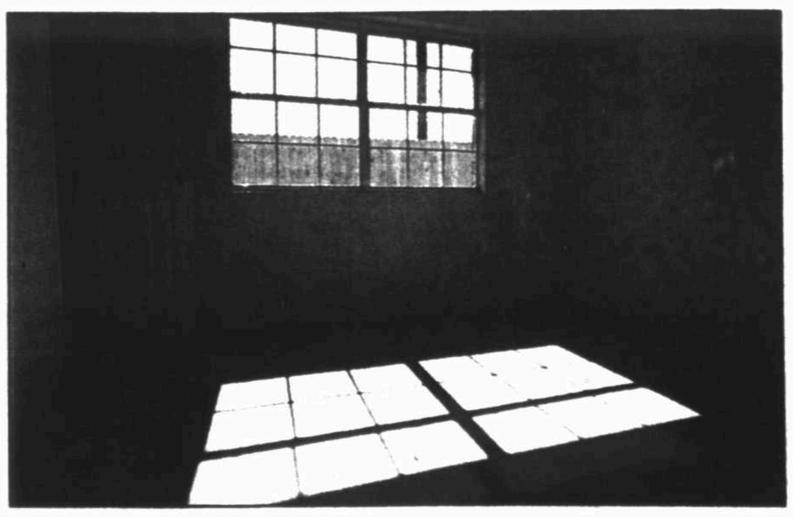
Set in a quiet neighborhood this home offers rooms with good proportions, a large master suite (complete with computer space in the closet) and plenty of windows. These, coupled with the pale decor, suffuse the whole house in natural light giving the property a very dramatic effect.

High ceiling with recessed lighting, both as main and accent lights help to define areas and emphahsis features such as the brick fireplace and mantel in the family room.

For more information about this house, either contact the lisitng agent at 689-0021 or stop by the open house which will be held this afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY KES GILHOME



Some "ARM" advice

"Adjustable rate mortgages once were often considered to be a 'Good News - Bad News' decision for many buyers," said Kay Sutton, owner of Kay Sutton, Realtors.


Sutton

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) offer lower start rates and better buying power for purchasers — that was the good news. The bad news included potential rate fluctuations of up to two percent per year over the life of the loan. This can cause buyers unpleasant surprises down the road if payments rise. Another problem was that some lenders' ARM products offered few rate buydown choices, so that finding a good 'fit' for your pocketbook could be frustrating.

But, today's good news is that you don't need an ARM to get those advantages. Your Realtor can help you find a lender that can offer fixed rate loans with many different payment combinations that cost less than similar loan products. You can now find fixed rate loans flexible payment plans.

Home buyers can know exactly what their payments will be. The interest rate is fixed with small payment increases during the first one, two or three years of a loan, and then it is fixed for the remaining term. This type of loan will often have a lower lifetime cap rate.

Consult your local Realtor to help reduce your out-of-pocket closing costs and to really increase your purchasing power.

This story submitted by Kay Sutton , Owner of Kay Sutton Realtors.

Inspect to avoid paying too much

Home Buyers: to avoid paying too much, hire a professional Home Inspector

When you're thinking of buying a home, getting the most for your money is one of your top priorities. What you may be surprised to know is that spending a few hundred dollars on a professional home inspection may literally save your thousands in the long run. It may well be the best investment you'll ever make.


Garrett

Many buyers just don't know what to look for in potential home problems and simply "kick the tires" of a home without ever "looking under the hood."

A professional inspector will look at the foundation; electrical, heating and plumbing systems; floors, walls and ceilings; attic; roof; siding and trim; porches, patios and decks; garage; and property drainage, and brings experience in examining a great many homes, good evaluation standards and an unbiased perspective. Plus, a written report can be an excellent negotiating tool.

Ask your agent for information on a variety of qualified, impartial inspection companies for you to choose from. Never hire an inspector referred to you by the seller. It's just one of the ways you can arm yourself with the information you need to make the wisest decisions.

This story submitted by Norma Pine, Owner/Broker of Chaparral, Realtors

It's all about reputation

When shopping for your real estate needs, you will want to look for that unbeatable combination of experience, reputation, and results.


Pine

Reputation is what a successful real estate company is all about. A reputation for having experienced, caring individuals who are unmatched in their ability to give service and achieve their goals. A business that has chosen its people carefully, because real estate is a people business. A company that has agents that have established a reputation as individuals of dedication, integrity, and personalized service. Agents who know the community and are committed to leadership and service. Agents who know how to turn their experiences into positive and creative resources and have a support staff to assist clients with every facet of a sale or purchase. Agents who know how to work as a team with other real estate personnel and with their own staff in meeting the exciting challenges of every day.

Buying or Selling a home is a situation in which you need someone who listens carefully to all your needs and concerns. Most importantly, you need someone informed and who will keep you informed. After all, a real estate company is only as good as it's people. And that's what keeps clients coming back!

This story submitted by Norma Pine, Owner/Broker of Chapar-

PUBLIC AUCTION
10 A.M. Saturday, January 25th
301 N. Poplar, Kermit, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cowling have commissioned us to sell all automotive service equipment, machines, tools & remaining supplies previously used by Cowling Motor Company, 301 N. Poplar, Kermit, Texas, without minimum or reserved bid. A partial list is as follows:

Shop size power grinder, telephone system, 2 Reznor 100,000 BTU space heaters with thermostat controls, steel service managers desk, steel mechanics work table with 6" Wilton heavy duty vise, one steel nut and bolt assortment in steel bins, one 36 drawer misc. electrical & small parts assortment, one AMMCO model 3000 brake rotor & brake drum lathe w/attachments, Van Dorn electric valve seat grinder, Burdit 1-ton chain hoist, steel A-frame w/rollers, Ingersoll Rand model 7T air compressor, post type drill press, Cadet floor stand grinder & polisher, two steel welding tables, 10-ton hydraulic press, steel mechanic work table, ten steel parts bins, 4-drawer filing cabinet, 3 work stall gas heaters, two evaporative air conditioners, 36" electric exhaust fan, one Star high pressure hot water car wash machine Model 1400, Bear front end alignment machine w/attachments Model 144T, Champion spark plug cleaner, Star machine brake shoe riveter & grinder, Alemite electronic wheel balancer Model 7057, hunter electric wheel balancer, 10-ton Heln Warner hydraulic floor truck jack, 2 steel executive desks, 2 Executone pager intercom w/speakers & 1000' cable, and 2 CO=2 extinguishers 3 to 15 pound size.

The following real estate will be offered for sale at 11 A.M. day of sale. Both properties will be offered at this address. A minimum bid will be required on each. Possible owner finance on Cowling Motor Company building. Cowling Motor Company building with approximately 20,000 sq. ft. located at 301 N. Poplar, together with car lot across street at 209 Poplar. Also 5,750 sq. ft. building located at 124 S. Oak built for Firestone, also recently used by Montgomery Ward.

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SEALED BID SALE

Internal Revenue Service Will Sell By Sealed Bid, On February 6th, 1997 Certain Personal Property in Midland County For Non-Payment of Federal Taxes.

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	MINIMUM BID
3312	Grey full length fur	$225.00
3313	Brown Jacket	$225.00
3314	Brown full length fur	$225.00
3315	Chinchilla fur	$225.00
3316	Brown full length fur	$225.00
3317	Black Cape full length fur	$225.00
3318	Black full length fur	$225.00
3319	Dark Brown full length fur	$225.00
3322	Yellow thigh length fur	$225.00
3324	Brown full length fur	$225.00
3325	Leather with fur lining	$225.00
3326	Brown full length fur	$225.00
3327	Grey thigh length fur	$225.00
3329	Grey full length fur	$225.00
3331	Brown/Grey full length fur	$225.00
3333	Leather with fur lining full length	$225.00
3336	Black full length fur	$225.00
3337	Black Jacket	$225.00
3338	Brown Jacket	$225.00
3341	Brown Jacket	$225.00
3343	Leather with fur lining full length	$225.00
3344	Brown Jacket	$225.00
1064	Fox bedspread	$180.00
3403	Fox fur bedspread	$180.00

DATE OF SALE: Thursday, February 6, 1997
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Rocky Ford Moving Vans, 3411 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79703

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: All bids must be submitted on form 2222. Contact the IRS office below for forms 2222 and information about the property. Submit bids to the person named below before the time bids will be opened.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Bids must be accompanied by the full amount of the bid if it totals $200.00 or less. If the total bid is more than $200.00, submit 20% of the amount bid or $200.00, whichever is greater. On acceptance of the highest bid, the balance must be by Certified Funds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Betsy Ontiveros - Revenue Officer
1004 N. Big Spring, Ste. 200
Midland, TX 79701
(915) 682-3209 or 570-5539

FEDERAL TAX AUCTION

Internal Revenue Service Will Sell At Public Auction on February 4, 1997 Certain Personal Property in Midland County, For Non-Payment of Federal Taxes.

DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
1984 Ford F-800 Bobtail	$3,900.00
1977 Chevrolet Step Van	$1,650.00
1930 Model A Ford Replica	$4,500.00
Komatsu Fork Lift	$5,760.00
Approx. 2000 sq. ft. of Marble Tile	$6,000.00
1 Pallet granite tile	$540.00
1 Pallet French tile	$1,800.00
16 Chandeliers, a large assortment of styles, sizes and minimum bids.	

THE PROPERTY WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AS SEPARATE ITEMS

DATE OF SALE: Tuesday, February 4th, 1997
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 am
PLACE OF SALE: Rocky Ford Moving Vans, 3400 W. Industrial, Midland, TX. 79703

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Full payment by Certified Funds or Cash at the time of Sale.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
BETSY ONTIVEROS - REVENUE OFFICER
1004 N. BIG SPRING, STE. 200
MIDLAND, TX. 79701
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★★★★★ESTATE SALE- 1605 N. Midkiff (Villa Chateau- Apt. 131- Westside) Thursday, 12 Noon- 5:30, Friday & Saturday 8:30- 5:30, Sunday 1- 5. Antique Duncan Phyfe dining table, 4 leafs and 6 chairs, nice hide-a-bed couch, end tables, commode table, chairs, antique and brass lamps, TV & stand, electric twin bed, side by side fridge, legal size file cabinet, crystal, china, silver many music boxes, paintings and prints, lots of old jewelry, colognes, makeup, fine ladies clothing, nice Mink jacket, many holiday decorations, new things added as we have room. Handled By Floy Maberry.

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MOVING SALE! 3417 W Storey. Saturday, 10- 4. Sunday, 12- 4. 2 Desks, lamps, kitchenware, glass dining table with 4 chairs, books, National Geographics, some tools, lots of miscellaneous!!

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$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

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OVEN, Blodgett Industrial 220 volt convection, like new. $2,200 new, but will sell for $800. Five shelves, 29" wide x 27" tall x 26" deep. Also Stock Pots, 60 quart stainless steel with lid, like new, $60. Several for sale. 520-8016.

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WATERFLOOD Plant, built 1992 by Best Equipment. Skid mounted, enclosed, complete auto, controlled by PLC. Autodialer and 8 alarms. 125 HP with softstart, FMC 1622AB, 3700 BPD, 1650# WP 915-529-4281, 668-7881.

GAS COMPRESSORS for sale IR, GD and Worthington. 2 stage tandem units, good condition (bare units). For more information call 682-7337.

580 Farm Equipment

FORD TRACTOR N9, whit 60" shredder. $1,550. Call Martin 756-2592- Stanton.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids on Playground Equipment for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #7M-0009 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, February 3, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1503.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given that SDS, transferor, heretofore a proprietorship composed of Shawn Jantzen and Laura Jantzen, doing business at Midland,d Texas, will be dissolved and that after 1, 1997, the business will be conducted under the name of Signature Data Solutions, Corp., transferee, a Texas Corporation, at Midland, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Quotes on Office Furniture for the Midland Independent School District, Quote #7Q-0004 addressed to Mr. Leon Harter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 23, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Quote forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

450 Sporting Goods

MASTER Gun Smith. Service, repair, & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

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NEW White Electronic Coinmaster 6000/ DI Series 2 Metal detector, Case, Earphones, Value $733. Used White electronic Coinmaster 6000/ DI Series 2 Metal detector. Value $250. All $500 firm. 694-7451.

GOLF CLUBS- complete set Spalding Irons: 2 -SW with Taylor Made woods; putter and bag. $250. Top Flite Intimidator Titanium 10.5 driver, stiff graphite, brand new never hit $200. Metal 7 wood $25- like new. Bertha clone $35- like new. 697-0004.

460 Antiques & Art

ESTATE SALE SERVICES by Joseph. 24 Years Experience buying and selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

EARLY 1900's Couch, Duncan Fife style, $700 o.b.o. Call 687-5610.

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OAK ROLL TOP Desk. Large, old, fair condition. $325. 682-2002.

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MARTIN "Stinger" electric guitar, good condition. Great for beginners & others, $150. 686-0660; 686-9419.

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485 Electronics

RCA SATELLITE Dish- brand new. $350. Sony Stereo with CD player- $50. 699-3052.

490 Computers & Accessories

386 SX IBM Compatible. 8 MB RAM, 540 MB hard drive, 14" monitor. Programs and fax/ modem included. Excellent school computer. $500. 685-7562 or 684-7218 after 5 pm.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

MOVING BOXES for sale. Call A. T. Sherpa 684-4891.

MOVING- Must sell! Electronic typewriter with monitor. $75. Call 520-3835.

ORIGINAL FASTRACK. Great condition. $170. No video. Call 684-5418, all calls returned.

GAS HEATERS, mowers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, furniture, couches, recliners, dining/ suites., TVs. 570-4851.

2 SOUTHWEST AIRLINE TICKETS from Midland to Las Vegas, leaving Jan 24th., 3:20 pm, return Jan 27th 2:30 pm. $600 /pair. Call 686-9801.

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TRADE IN Spa/ Hot tub and three factory seconds- big savings, 563-3108.

1979 LINCOLN 30 ft Pipe Trailer. T-posts. 1979 Terry Bass boat. Cas. iron pot. 8- joints of 2 3/8 pipe. 682-8104.

LARGE JADE GREEN Hot tub. Seats 6. Good condition. $1,000. Call 570-6304.

MEDICAL LIFT Chair, 1 year old, never used, extra large. Paid $708, asking $600. 694-3506.

GOOD USED VACUUM cleaners $25 and up. Repair all makes. 520-8484.

FOR SALE: 9 days- Orlando, Daytona Beach, New Orleans & Bahamas, $398. Includes motels & video of trip available, 332-4663.

SAGEWOOD- 1 Bedroom condominium. New A/ C, paint. Excellent condition. $18,500. No owner financing. 683-2582.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

413 Jewelry & Furs

NEW WEDDING Band. Sterling silver, sparkling CZ stones, size 6. Great V-Day gift! $50. 683-9478.

LONG SILVER FOX Coat, paid $2,000, asking $600 o.b.o. Round solataire, .65 Carat, 6 prong, Tiffany cut, paid $2,300, asking $800 o.b.o. 687-5610.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

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420 Good Things To Eat

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430 Household Goods

GIRL'S Bedroom Suite- 5 matching pieces plus mirror and shelves. $700. 682-5081 after 5.

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HUNTER GREEN Wicker loveseat, 2 chairs, 2 tables. $75. Call 685-3306.

NEARLY NEW Kenmore washer-dryer. Used 6 months. Buy set only, paid $750, sell $450. Cash only. You haul. Call 684-6723 after 6 pm.

DINING ROOM Furniture. Extension table, 4 chairs, hutch, and tea cart. Excellent condition. $500. Call 697-6454.

MOVING SALE- All furniture and appliances at bargain prices. Call for details and appointments. 697-4513.

MOVING SALE! Chest of drawers, Kimball Organ Fun Machine, sofa, coffee table, dining table/ 4 chairs. All in good condition. 684-9712.

GLASS & BRASS Dining room set, 4 chairs, matching serving cart. $300 For set. 689-7238.

430 Household Goods

MOVING SALE! Solid Oak game table and chairs, $375. Refrigerator (19.2 Frost Free), $175. Small kitchen hutch, $150. Blue recliner, $75. Microwave, $75. Glass & Brass table and chairs, $250. 686-8005.

MOVING- Must sell! Kenmore dryer, excellent condition, $100. Call 520-3835.

★FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

KENMORE Large capacity washer and dryer. $100. Call 520-3710.

KENMORE washer & dryer, very nice, must see to appreciate. $250. 694-0391.

TWIN BED $50. Futon cushion with cover $50, rowing machine $60. 689-5405.

SEALY full size bedding. Good condition. $40. Call 520-0868 for more information.

KIRBY GENERATION III with all attachments and shampooer. $500. Call 697-9967.

REPO SPA/ Hot tub- seats 8- redwood cabinet. Call 563-3108.

430 Household Goods

OFF WHITE COUCH, Excellent condition, contemporary style, $350 or best offer. Call 685-1057.

KING SIZE oak waterbed 6 drawers, lighted bookcase headboard $250. 520-8410.

KING SIZE WATERBED. Frame, heater, liner, mirrored headboard. Needs mattress. $75. Call 570-4508.

FOR SALE Corning top range, $75. Small refrigerator, $50. Bilevel Cypress coffee table, $75. 337-4384.

FOR SALE: Blue & Peach sleeper couch & loveseat. Glass top dinette set with 4 blue chairs. Child's desk and chair. Stationary bike. Call 697-1421.

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590 Legal Notices

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes due from David Porras. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations.

Date of Sale: Tuesday, February 4th, 1997.
Time of Sale: 10:00 am
Place of Sale: Rocky Ford Moving Vans, 3411 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79703
Title Offered: Only the right, title, and interest of David Porras in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold.
Description of Property:
1- 1984 Ford F-800 Bobtail
1- 1977 Chevrolet Step Van
1- 1930 Model A Ford Replica
1- Komatsu Fork Lift- 500 lb. capacity -maximum fork height 130"
4- Pallets marble tile, approx. 2,000 sq. ft.
1- Pallets granite tile
1- Pallets French tile, approx. 1,000 Sq. ft.
16- Chandeliers, a large assortment of styles and sizes

The property will be offered for sale as separate items.
Property may be inspected at: 3411 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79703
Payment Terms: Full payment required on acceptance of highest bid
Form of Payment: All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Make check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

Betsy Ontiveros,
Revenue Officer
1004 N. Big Spring, Rm 200
Midland, TX 79701
915-682-3209

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 3.729 km of grading, base, and asphalt concrete pavement on BS 158B from SH 349 to IH 20 in Midland covered by NH 97(91) in Midland County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 5, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul Hoelscher, Area Engineer, Fort Stockton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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NOTICE TO DENTISTS: Dental Benefits, Inc., dba BlueCare Dental HMO, is a gatekeeper model single service individual practice association dental health maintenance organization that arranges for the provision of basic, preventive and complex dental health services to its members. Any general dentist, endodontist, pedodontist, periodontist, prosthodontist or oral surgeon can make application to participate in BlueCare Dental HMO at P.O. Box 833925, Richardson, Texas 75083-33925, from January 19, 1997 until February 7, 1997.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids on Mechanical Chiller Replacement for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #7M-0010 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, February 4, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1503.

590 Legal Notices

SEALED BID SALE
Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes due from David Porras. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations.

Date of Sale: Thursday, February 6th, 1997.
Time of Sale: 10:00 am
Place of Sale: Rocky Ford Moving Vans, 3411 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79703
Title Offered: Only the right, title, and interest of David Porras in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold. (See "Nature of Title" below for further details.)

Description of Property:

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:
3312	Grey, full -length fur
3313	Brown, Jacket
3314	Brown, full-length fur
3315	Chinchilla fur
3316	Brown, full-length fur
3317	Black Cape, full-length fur
3318	Black, full-length fur
3319	Dark Brown, full-length fur
3322	Yellow, thigh-length
3324	Brown, full-length fur
3325	Leather with fur lining
3326	Brown, full-length fur
3327	Grey, thigh-length fur
3329	Grey, full-length fur
3331	Brown/Grey full-length fur
3333	Leather with fur lining, full-length
3336	Black, Full-length fur
3337	Black jacket
3338	Brown jacket
3341	Brown jacket
3343	Leather with fur lining, full-length
3344	Brown jacket
1064	Fox bedspread
3403	Fox fur bedspread

The property will be offered for sale as separate items.
Property may be inspected at: 3411 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79703
Submission of Bids: All bids must be submitted on Form 2222, Sealed Bid for Purchase of Seized Property. Contact the office below for Forms 222 and information about the property. Submit bids to the person named below before the time bids will be opened.
Payment Terms: Bids must be accompanied by the full amount of the bid if it totals $200 or less. If the total bid is more than $200, submit 20 percent of the amount bid or $200, whichever is greater. On acceptance of the highest bid, the balance due, if any, will be required in full.
Form of Payment: All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Make check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service.
Nature of Title: The right, title, and interest of the taxpayer (named above) in and to the property is offered for sale subject to any prior valid outstanding mortgages, encumbrances, or other liens in favor of third parties against the taxpayer that are superior to the lien of the United States. All property is offered for sale "where is" and "as is" and without recourse against the United States. No guaranty or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the validity of the title, quality, quantity, weight, size, or condition of any of the property, or its fitness for any use or purpose. No claim will be considered for allowance or adjustment or for rescission of the sale based on failure of the property to conform with any expressed or implied representation.

Betsy Ontiveros,
Revenue Officer
1004 N. Big Spring, Rm 200
Midland, TX 79701
915-682-3209

Notice of Sex Offender Registration
A 44 year old male convicted of the charge of Sexual Assault with a female child is registered to live in Midland, Waverly Street, 79703.

Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual:
Un hombre de 44 años de edad se ha hallado culpable de violacion sexual de una niña. El hombre esta registrado para vivir en Midland, la calle de Waverly, 79703.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Bids for Used Midland Independent School District Vehicles, Bid #7-0012 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, February 20, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

595 Public Notices

MIDLAND CENTER PUBLIC NOTICE

The parking lot immediately east of the Midland Center, bordered on the west by main Street and on the south by Wall Street, is intended for use only by patrons, visitors, employees and lessees of the Midland Center. Signage is posted indicating such at the entrances to the parking lot. As indicated on the signs, violators will be towed at their own expense. Midland Center, 105 North Main, Midland, Texas, 79701.

600 Rooms for Rent

THE NEWEST HOTEL in Midland is now open for business. We offer weekly & monthly rates plus continental breakfast, indoor pool, spa, much more! Fairfield Inn of Midland, 2300 Faulkner Drive. 570-7155.

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ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 501 W. Louisiana. 685-0911, 683-5161.

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4406 PRINCETON- Clean, quiet neighborhood. Acre, trees and yard. Utilities paid. 2 bedroom unfurnished apartment. 1 bedroom furnished apartment. 1 bedroom, small furnished house. No pets. 694-4768.

610 BURLESON. 1 Bedroom. $275 monthly, $100 deposit. Water paid. 689-7107.

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS

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It is the County's intention to award a proposal within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposals at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners' Court. All interested parties are invited to attend the proposal opening and the court meeting.

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By: Paul M. Thompson
Purchasing Agent

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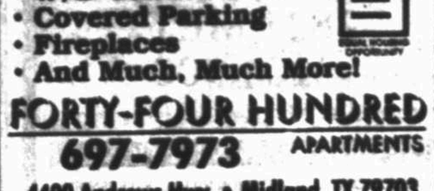
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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
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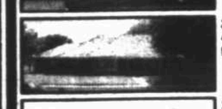
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CONDO- $8,000. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Needs work. Jody Smith 694-9426. Chaparral Realtors.

CUTE! CUTE CONDO! 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, washer/ dryer, kitchen appliances, fireplace. $10,500. Will finance. Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors.

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.

1201 GODFREY. $77,500. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living. Beauty! Call Patty Hodgens, 694-6860, Abbott Realty, 563–2422.

730 Suburban Property

CUSTOM BUILT- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 7 acres, good location- northwest Midland. Many Extras! 563–1814.

BEAUTIFUL HOME on twenty (+/-) acres in restricted area South of Midland. Located on County Road 1218 with over 100 trees including 60+ pecan trees on drip system, asparagus garden, two barns, two excellent wells. You won't believe it, until you see it! Priced at $198,500. Call Sam House, 699-2163 or 570-8200.

RIDGE HEIGHTS, large 4 bedroom, 2 living/ study, formal dining, double garage. $97,900. Agent, 684–7788.

GREAT HOME between Midland and Odessa. Large home with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, parkay floors, plantation shutters, storage galore, fireplace, wood fence and storage building. $110,000. Call Sam House at Kay Sutton Realtors, 699-2163 or 570-8200 ext. 226.

GREENWOOD OPEN HOUSE
2200 S. C. R. 1128
Fri.-Mon. 8 am-7 pm
Custom Home by Donbeck, Inc. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, formal dining plus study, vinyl windows, central vacuum, 3 car garage on approximately 2 acres. $152,500. Call Don Swafford, 682–6759.

✔ GREENWOOD- Next to School. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1994 doublewide. 10 x 12 storage building, large covered porch. 570–0770.

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2821 METZ
$104,900

COMFORTABLE FAMILY HOMES

KENTUCKY ..... CONVENIENT TO DOWNTOWN $27,000
2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Lots of updating. New carpet, vinyl, and paint. Located on a corner lot.

1201 KENTUCKY $29,900
Many recent improvements. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, formal dining, appliances in kitchen, fenced yard on corner lot.

GREENWOOD AREA ..... 3 ACRES $40,000
3 huge bedrooms with walk-in closets, 2 baths, formal dining area, tons of storage, 4 car carport, RV covered parking.

1004 KANSAS $58,900
Charming cottage with hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage, new paint, central A/C & heat.

1009 KANSAS ..... CHARMING FARMHOUSE $59,900
In great "Old Midland" location. Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, laundry room, 2 car garage. Lots of square footage for the money.

KANSAS ..... "OLD MIDLAND" $69,500
"Old Midland" updated stucco. Many recent improvements include appliances, carpet & paint. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas plus separate apartment with living, bedroom & kitchen.

FRONTIER ..... PRICE REDUCED!! $66,000
Nice condition & many recent improvements. Giant oak trees, neutral carpet and paint, updated kitchen, 2 living areas and formal dining. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Fannin Elementary.

"C" STREET ..... TRADITIONAL COLONIAL $84,480
2 story with formal living, formal dining, den, game room, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large yard. Located on a quiet street. Many recent improvements.

CIBOLA ..... MISSION COUNTRY CLUB $85,000
Garden home. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, study or nursery, formal dining, atrium, sprinkler system, & alarm.

DURANT ..... OPEN 2-4 ..... $89,500
Lots of windows for open feel & natural light. Newer carpet & paint, updated kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, convenient to shopping & schools. Pride of ownership shows in this immaculately maintained home.

GREENHILL TERRACE ..... OPEN 2-4 ..... $92,900
Just south of Green Tree Country Club. Custom Kahler nestled in secluded family neighborhood 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, newly remodeled master bath. Open living & formal dining. Many built-ins. Perfect office or hobby room off utility room.

2305 STANOLIND ..... OPEN 2-4 ..... $99,900
Beautiful pool, great landscape & trees. Fabulous location off of Garfield. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage. Workshop or greenhouse.

COMFORTABLE FAMILY HOMES

KESWICK ..... PLANTATION HILLS ..... SALE PENDING
Elegance from top to bottom with a kitchen that will satisfy any cook. Spacious with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and a corner lot. Custom built by Jim Leonard.

W. CO. RD. 56 ..... $119,750
Over 1 acre in Northwest Midland, and only five minutes from the grocery store. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, workshop, & sprinkler system. Lots of oak & pecan trees.

FIELDS PLACE ..... NEW LISTING $123,900
Quiet cul-de-sac in Plantation Hills. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining, family room with see-thru fireplace, extra large master suite. Tons of storage, 2 back yards.

STONLEIGH ..... SALE PENDING
Super location on quiet street in Polo Park Addition. Spacious living open to kitchen & breakfast area. Formal dining room, large game room. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, sequestered master & guest room.

C.R. 1213 ..... $269,000
QUIET, RESTRICTED, SUBURBAN AREA
Custom built in Southwest style, on 1.5 acres, lots of Mexican tile, beautiful cabinetry, 2 Vermont Cast stoves, separate guest house, direct access to runway, & 58'x60' hangar, workshop & apartment, hundreds of trees. Only 10 minutes from downtown.

LAND & LOTS

CO. RD. 307 ..... GREAT HOME SITE $175,000
Approximately 34.87 acres, 300 pecan trees, 5 water wells, underground irrigation system. One bedroom efficiency apartment with basement. 30x60 barn, 20x18 shed, corrals, windmill.

CO. RD. 1130 ..... $15,000
Approximately 10 acres, building site with cotton farm.

NORTH of MIDKIFF ROAD $29,900
Convenient to shopping and loop. Agricultural Estate lots, restricted area, convenient to stables.

CO. RD. 1297 ..... $34,900
10 acres with paved frontage road. Northwest Midland area. Land may be subdivided into 5 acre tracts.

N. CO. RD. 1297 ..... $74,900
30 acres in Northwest Midland area. Can be subdivided into smaller lots.

Lori Lanier Bill Lanier Billie Lanier

780 Business Property

COMMERCIAL/RETAIL

Hwy. 18 (Just north of interstate on Monahans Highway). Fort Stockton, 4,400 (+-) sq. ft. metal building, back- in loading dock and office on .95 AL, East side on Monahans Hwy. Priced reduced. $59,900.

If you have any questions or would like to see any of the properties call Bart at 915-336–3331.

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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.

740 Out of Town Property

SUPER LOCATION!

Spectacular 2 to 5 acre Hill Country homesites in beautiful Wimberley from $15,900

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750 Lots and Acreage

1 ACRE, FENCED, 1 mile Northwest of Midland on NCR 1244. Call 697–5919.

OWNER FINANCE- Water well, septic, over 1 acre. $300 down. SCR 1157, Directions, 683–1648.

BY OWNER: 50 Acres located 1 1/2 miles from City Limits. $495 per acre. Owner finance with $1,000 down payment. 684–6035.

SIXTYWEST Ranch Estates- 2 1/2 to 20 acre lots conveniently located in paved cul-de-sac, 2 1/2 miles west of High Sky Children's Ranch. Guaranteed water, good soil, owner may carry. $13,620 to $84,872. Please call Joanne Langston, Langston Realtors, 683-8386 or 685-0400.

780 Business Property

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SUBWAYS in small Southwest New Mexico towns. Own 3. Need to sell 1 or 2. Call (505) 538–9849, 5 pm- 10 pm.

DOCTORS OFFICES for sale. 2,900 sq. ft. or 1,000 sq. ft. 1 block to MMH.

OLD TRU-VALUE Hardware Bldg. 14,000 sq. ft., approximately 2.7 acres. Downtown.

RESTAURANT/CLUB. Near MMH. Good location. 2,250 sq. ft. $70,000.

1701 N. BIG SPRING. 2,400 sq. ft. offices.

2.5 ACRES AND excellent bldg. location, 1 block to MMH.

TRAILER PARKS. Full, well maintained, several units are owned.

Call Don Roderick, Broker Associate, Langston Realtors 685-0400.

1,100 SQFT Building. Plenty of parking with income bearing apartment on same lot. 684–7409, 682-1164.

780 Farms & Ranches

MARTIN COUNTY Farm. 152 Acres. Last year in CRP. Re-enrollment possible later this year. Ideal for subdivision. 2 Miles West of Stanton on Hwy 3032. $90,000. Some financing available. 683–8998 after 5pm.

35 TO 50 ACRES Rocksprings. Excellent deer and turkey. Good oak cover. $595 Per acre- %5 down owner financing. (210) 257–5626.

53 ACRES west of Menard borders large ranch. Good deer and turkey hunting, oak and cedar cover. $695 Per acre. 79 Acres Menard County, excellent hunting and cover. Electric and water- $795 per acre. 5% Down owner financing. 210-792-4953.

COLEMAN COUNTY: 293 acres, farm plus home, $145,000. Financing, 10% down; also 80- 160 acres, creek, oaks, water, hunting. Others available. Broker, 915-636-4493.

480 ACRES of Martin County Land with a good water well. $295 per acre. (806) 872–8539.

150 ACRES, West Texas, Sanderson. Scenic views/ canyon, Hwy. 90 frontage. Mule Deer. $1,015 down, $198.70 a month. Steve (210) 697–0168. Se Habla Espanol.

770 Resort Property

SOUTHERN COLORADO. 35 Acres. $19,900! Big acreage, low price! Year- round access & power. Spectacular views and very close to National Forest. Great financing! Call today! A Bluegreen Property. 1-800-423-8055 ext 8695.

LAKE IVIE

Large, beautiful and affordable lots in restricted sub-division. Owner Financed. No credit check, no down payment. Call 915-732-4720 or voice mail 1-800-881-9637.

2 STORY log home on Lake Colorado City. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, loft, fireplace, carport, storage building and boat dock, $72,000. (915)728–8879 after 5:30 pm.

780 Business Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING. Yard with 1.33 acres on Garden City Hwy and I-20 in Midland. Warehouse, offices, shop, storage, large living quarters, fenced yard, horse pens, good parking. $78,000. 570–9645.

FOR SALE

Established retail optical business, prefer experienced optical person. Sacrifice. Will show you how to make money. Call Ron State (214) 741–6660.

★ MCKENZIE- OWEN ★
Commercial & Investment
★ (915) 684–6278 ★

790 Investment Property

FOR SALE: Ozona TX, beautiful 3- story hotel, 50 rooms, restaurant, beautiful lobby, elevator. On 2 major highways. Tremendous oil & gas development. J.B. Miller, 915-392–2641/ 915-392-2783.

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OPEN HOUSES



LEE CULVER

1-2:30 4703 Leisure $58,500
Lovely 3 br/2 ba, large den, totally redone, water well. Seller will pay $1500 of buyer's costs. Shown by Becky Penney.

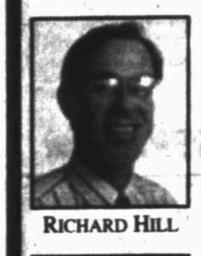


LUCILLE HAYTER



EULA HEINE

1-3:00 #9 Cambridge Ct.
Plenty of room (over 2400 sq. ft.) in this well built 4 br/2.5 ba home w/2 la & formal dining, spacious seq. master br w/large walk-in closet. Hall resistant roof & low maintenance yard. Home Warranty. Shown by Les Carnes.



RICHARD HILL



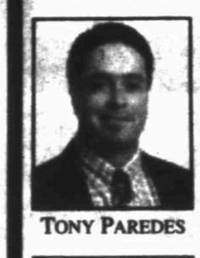
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VIRGINIA MORROW



JANET NEWTON



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2-3:30 5619 Crowley Blvd.
Precious custom w/lots of amenities, red oak cabinets, 4 br/3 ba/2 la, fireplace, nice landscape. Shown by Diana Wright.

2-3:30 5500 Hillcrest
Top of the line custom built home still under builder's warranty. Wonderfully decorated 4 br/3 ba, beautiful tile & Berber carpet. Shown by Wanda Gressett.

3-4:00 4305 Country Club $49,000
Super home at a great price. 3 br/2 ba with lots of updating. Shown by Janet Newton.



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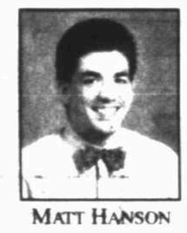
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NEW LISTINGS

E CO RD- 120 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, fp, pool, barns, pens, orchards & more	$210,000
DAVENTRY - Lovely 4 br/3 ba/2 car garage. Quality everywhere.	$173,500
HARVARD - Totally updated 3 br/3 ba/2 la-light & bright, very nice	$84,000
ISLAND DR- Lot for sale in Greentree	$60,000
WADLEY #61 - 3 br/3 ba/fp - new paint access to pool	$55,000

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

CUTHBERT - Heart of Old Midland; pool; 5 bd /2 la	$496,000
FM 307 - 30.39 Acres. Residence w/ pool, arena & barns	$295,000
HILLCREST - Custom 4 br in Grassland.Top Qual. thruout. Still under builder's war.	$209,955
S CR 1200 - 5.7 acres 4 br/3.5 ba, 2 la, 2 fp,	$200,000
SEQUOIA - 4 br/4.5 ba/ 2 ba, 2 fp, pool, high ceilings. Lease purchase!	$174,500
PINE - Fantastic Town home w/ 5 br/3 ba/2 la/2 car gar., fp, bonus room/shop	$169,900
MCCLINTIC - Town House or home -4 br/3 ½ ba, fireplace, lots of new	$154,900
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
S C RD 1130 -4 br/2 ba/ garage, fireplace-Greenwood area	$119,975
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,extras *REDUCED* from $122,500	$112,500
BELLECHASSE -3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, pool & hot tub, large rooms. Owner ready to sell!	$110,000
NORTHTOWN PL - Redecorating allow.- 4 br/2.5 ba, very spacious, lots of new	$109,900
WINDSOR - Need office in home? Lovely 3 br/3 ba/2 car gar., gorgeous POOL	$107,500
AUBURN -3 br/2.5 ba/2 la/2 car garage/newly remodeled, lush landscape!	$107,000

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

E CO RD 139 - 3 br/2 ba w/ 2 acres.	$97,000
TERRACE - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, workshop or office & many extras	$92,000
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
WADLEY #34 Awesome Town Home! Lrge liv. area & master, great kit.,lrge patio	$89,000
CAMBRIDGE-4 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, lrge seq. mbr, walk-in closets, 2400 sq. ft. Great price	$88,500
CINDY - 2-story 3 br/ 2 ba, Wydewood cutie!!.On cul-de-sac	$88,000
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. "T" -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
N CO RD 1140 - 2 br/2 ba on 5 acres, barn, pens, 3 wells	UC
STANOLIND - Spacious 4 br/2 ba, great neighborhood, big shade trees & storage	UC
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,	$62,995
DORMARD - Has it all!!! 3 br/2 ba, large living, seq. master...circle drive	UC
TENNESSEE -"Old Midland" -3 br/2 ba, 2 lrg LA. areas. MUST SEE!!	$59,000
LEISURE- 3 br/2 ba, large den/owner will pay$1,500 of buyers closing costs.	$58,500
S CR 1185 - 4 br /2 ½ ba/ 2 acres/ 4 add'l ac available. Reduced again! Now	$58,500
CRENSHAW - Lovely well kept 3 br/2 ba/fp, N Q Assumption.	$56,500
S CO RD 1220 - 2 br/2 ba, large workshop and storm cellar on approx 3 acres	$49,900
COUNTRY CLUB -SUPER 3 br/2 ba. *JUST REDUCED TO*	$49,000
ERIE - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, fireplace, wet bar, freshly painted.	$49,000
LEDDY - 3 br/2 ba/2 la. Neat & clean	UC
CUTHBERT - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, vinyl, paint, roof, FHA appraisal	$47,000
BOYD -3 br/2 ba/large workshop extra storage, new carpet, remodeled Reduced to	$46,715
CARPENTER/STANTON 3 br/1 ba - new paint in & out. Updated kitchen & bath	$43,500
CUNNINGHAM - 3 br/1 ba/ 3 car gar., lots of storage, lots of room to grow!	$39,950
KANSAS - Triplex! Put your money to work. Reduced	$38,950
ANETTA - Cute 3 br, 1 ba with a/c	$35,000
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
COLLEGE-2 br/1 bath with rental apartment in back	$24,900

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
SINCLAIR- 3.41 acres zoned 1F1	$40,500
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
N. BIG SPRING - Retail space AppWare. 2500 sq. ft	$900/mo
LOTS - Several lots near Big Spring St. from $995-$2,950 call for info.	
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7000 ALMEY Impressive! New home in Greetree North 5BR+ study OPEN 2-4 Fay Baum 697-6884
2501 STOREY All hardwood floors 3BR/2BA Owner may carry! OPEN 2-5 Chris Beckett 6846388
3505 SHANDON Ready to garden? Lots of room! 3BR/2BA/2LA OPEN 2-4 Gloria Farmer 563-2732
3105 SENTINEL Relax on the deck/enjoy elegant decor inside! 4/3LA OPEN 2-4 John Nobles 694-4464

OUTSTANDING REDUCTIONS AND MORE BEAUTIFUL HOMES

SHARBAUER The McDeal! A scrumptious deal on a 3BR home.....$23,500
CUTHBERT Let's look at this one-3BR/2BA affordable, close to downtown.....$37,000
WAVERLY Outfox the Landlord--Payments less than rent, 3BR/2BA.....$37,500
AMELIA Buyers Begin Here! 3BR/2BA, 14x42 workshop, owner ready to sell.....$39,900
DELANO A special place makes special memories 3BR/2BA/2LA.....$39,900
MARIANA Like room to work? 3BR/3BA/2LA w/great shop, great plan.....$52,000
SHANDON WHOPPING ROOMS 3BR/2BA/2LA + bonus 14x14 sunroom.....$65,000
GULF Live the life you love with all your loved one in 3BR/2BA family homes.....$67,500
AINSLEE Comfort zone! Won't be stepping out of it in this 3BR/2.5BA/2LA.....$69,000
CORD 1130 Gett Outta Town! 3BR/2BA Greenwood 1.5ac, livestock stalls.....$76,900
STANOLIND Personality + 3BR/2.5BA/2LA Spectacular with loads of updating.....$79,500
AURORA Want to to feel "really at home", you'll want this 3BR/2BA/2LA + pool.....$79,900
LAVACA Puttin' on the Ritz-plantation shutters, rain coating, enclosed patio, shop.....$79,900
DENTCREST Life's better half starts here w/pizazz in this 3BR/BA in Fairmont.....$87,500
GLENEAGLES Need space? 4BR/2BA plus 14x24 heated shop, RV parking.....$104,900
PINEMONT-OUTSTANDING NEW-Ripplinger home-4BR/2LA in Fairmont.....$120,000
RUSTIC Absolutely, positively the best buy in GTN-New 3BR/2BA.....$129,000
ROSEWOOD Captivating & Enviable 4BR/2BA in Briarwood..NEW LISTING.....$133,900
BAYBROOK Need more "living" room? Approx 4000 sq. ft. 4BR/3BA/2LA.....$264,900

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AUGUSTA DR	UNDER CONTRACT		
BAYBROOK... .5 bd -4.5 ba -2 liv +Gameroom Upstairs	$ 312,000	2218	
HIALEAH.....REDUCED: 3 bd-3 ba-Pool, Spa & Cabana	$ 310,000	2266	
ISLAND DR ..... NEW LISTING	$ 299,900	2225	
Great Family Home: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-On the Course!			
RIDGEFIELD.....Graham Custom: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-3 gar	$ 212,000	2213	
ASHWOOD CT.....New Graham 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 197,500	2254	
RIDGEFIELD	UNDER CONTRACT		
HATHAWAY.....Grassland Custom: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-3 gar	$ 192,500	2206	
DOGWOOD CT.....Green Tree 2 Story: 4 bd - 3.5 ba	$ 179,900	2230	
HATHAWAY.....Grassland: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Sun Room ..	$ 179,900	2232	
HEARTLAND.....New: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Open Den Plan	$ 167,900	2219	
ROSEWOOD ..... NEW LISTING	$ 159,900	2221	
Beautiful Home: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Plantation Shutters-Security System			
DRIFTWOOD ..... NEW LISTING	$ 159,000	2224	
Recent Carpet/Paint/Tile/Wallpaper: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Lots of Home			
BLUEBIRD BRANCH	UNDER CONTRACT		
HEREFORD	UNDER CONTRACT		
WHITMAN....Beautiful New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv	$ 140,675	2258	
GOLF COURSE ROAD.....2-Story - 4+ bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 128,500	2231	
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 128,450	2208	
MEADOWBROOK	UNDER CONTRACT		
MELVILLE....Plantation Hills: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Form.Din	$ 124,900	2271	
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	
McCLINTIC...Very Private: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Ingrnd Pool	$ 119,900	2236	
CUTHBERT.....2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2+Ac. Pecan Orchard ...	$ 119,900	2204	
BERMUDA.....Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv ..	$ 118,500	2284	
BERMUDA.....REDUCED: Cul-de-Sac: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv .	$ 117,500	2262	
WHITMAN.....Whitehead Const: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 115,950	2208	
MARMON.....Kimber Lea: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 114,900	2212	
SHANDON.....Storage Galore: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv- Blt-ins ..	$ 110,000	2235	
AUBURN.....Great Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Huge Rooms	$ 108,900	2291	
WHITMAN....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options	$ 107,950	2208	
WHITNEY....Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 105,000	2225	
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 102,950	2208	
HAYNES.....Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba- 2 liv-Great Access ..	$ 99,900	2211	
ANDOVER.....Quiet Cul-de-Sac: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 99,900	2282	
NOEL.....3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated A/C, roof	$ 99,900	2250	
CALDERA.....Beautiful Kahler Resale: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv .	$ 98,000	2253	
ANDOVER.....REDUCED: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Garden Rm ...	$ 97,500	2216	
GLENEAGLES...REDUCED: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-One Owner ..	$ 94,900	2267	
McCLINTIC	UNDER CONTRACT		
PURPLE SAGE	UNDER CONTRACT		
LINDORA ..... NEW LISTING	$ 92,500	2207	
Great 4 Bedroom Plan: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Updated			
GREEN TREE.....High Ceilings: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Wet Bar .	$ 89,000	2279	
2nd STREET (Plains) .... NEW LISTING	$ 89,000	2227	
Updated/Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Circle Drive-Plains, Texas			
BELLECHASSE.	UNDER CONTRACT		
DENGAR...Duplex: 3bd-2ba-1 liv(Dwn)+2bd-1ba-1 liv(Up)	$ 84,500	0302	
TENNESSEE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 84,300	2205	
Updated in "Old Midland": 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pretty Hardwood Floors			
GLENEAGLES.....REDUCED: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 83,500	2285	
SPENCE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 83,500	2286	
New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Colors/Options Available			
HARVARD ..... NEW LISTING	$ 82,500	2248	
Large/Open Living Areas: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Shop-Recent Carpet			
FLOYD ..... NEW LISTING	$ 81,500	2255	
New in Fairway Park: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options			
BEDFORD	UNDER CONTRACT		
OHIO	UNDER CONTRACT		
N. I STREET	UNDER CONTRACT		
GLENEAGLES.....Home Warranty: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 76,800	2280	
SPENCE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 76,744	2286	
New in Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options/Colors			
SPENCE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 76,244	2286	
New by Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available			
LOUISIANA ..... NEW LISTING	$ 75,000	2209	
Updated: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Formal Dining-Sequestered Master			
CASPER ..... NEW LISTING	$ 74,744	2251	
New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Colors/Options-Pick Now!			
MISSOURI ..... NEW LISTING	$ 74,500	2228	
Room to Roam/Historic Museum Area: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Access!			
FLOYD ..... NEW LISTING	$ 74,244	Ad 2255	
Whitehead Construction: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors			
WYLEA.....Immaculate: Much T-L-C: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 73,900	2243	
LOUISIANA...Nice Home/Great Location: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 71,500	2200	
LINDORA ..... NEW LISTING	$ 71,500	2233	
Large Sunken Living/Formal Dining: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv			
SPENCE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 70,225	2286	
New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options			
TREVINO ..... NEW LISTING	$ 68,225	2288	
New in Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can See Model-Pick Colors			
RIO GRANDE.....New in Northgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 67,704	2263	
SPENCE ..... NEW LISTING	$ 67,704	2286	
New Whitehead in Nortgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options			
GRAHAM.....New Construction: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 66,704	2256	
RIO GRANDE....New Whitehead Home: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..	$ 66,704	2263	
STOREY....REDUCED: Totally Updated ! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 65,000	2226	
EVERGLADE (Odessa).....REDUCED: 3 bd-2 ba	$ 64,900	2264	
GRAHAM ..... NEW LISTING	$ 64,704	2256	
Fairway Park New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options			
CANADIAN.....Nice Northgate Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 63,500	2214	
BRAZOS.....DRASTICALLY REDUCED: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..	$ 60,500	2222	
BEDFORD	UNDER CONTRACT		
GOLF COURSE.....Flagstone Fireplace: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv ..	$ 56,000	2223	
PASADENA	UNDER CONTRACT		
CROCKETT ..... NEW LISTING	$ 51,500	2203	
Good Condition: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Good Floor Plan			
THORNRIDGE.....REDUCED: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cute!!	$ 46,900	2275	
CUTHBERT.....Lots of Updating: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2 gar	$ 44,900	2241	
PASADENA.....REDUCED: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv	$ 41,750	2277	
CENTURY.....REDUCED: 3 bd- 1 ba-1 liv- Fireplace	$ 39,900	2265	
ROOSEVELT	UNDER CONTRACT		
ROOSEVELT.....Nice Home: 3 bd; 1 ba; 1 liv	$ 37,500	2281	
ST. ANNA.....Mob.Home - Stanton - Near Schools	$ 36,000	2246	
KEITH ST....Relaxing Front Porch: 3 bd-2 ba-Fireplace ..	$ 35,000	2260	
WASHINGTON.....2 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Great Yard/Wtr Well ...	$ 33,500	2276	
CHEROKEE.....REDUCED: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-1 gar	$ 29,000	2249	
CHECOTAH.....Mobile Home: 3 bd - 1.5 ba - Carport	$ 27,500	2239	
TANGLEWOOD	UNDER CONTRACT		
MONTY	UNDER CONTRACT		
AVONDALE.....**"AS IS"**: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 18,500	2217	
THOMASON.....Bargain Buy: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 18,450	2247	
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 1128	UNDER CONTRACT	
E. CO RD 98	UNDER CONTRACT	
S. CO RD 1314.....Beautiful 2 Story: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$110,000	0304
E. CO RD 140.....Huge Metal Shop: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 75,000	2287
S. CO RD 1138...Very Nice Greenwood-3 bd-2 ba-1 liv ..	$ 72,500	2229
W. CO RD 140 ..... NEW LISTING	$ 71,000	2215
Bonus Office/Workshop Facility: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 1 Acre		
E. CO RD 107	UNDER CONTRACT	
E. CO RD 104.....REDUCED: Grnwd - 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 66,900	2252
E. CO RD 96..... Greenwood: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 22,500	2259

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GARDEN LN ..... 2 Blocks	$	4,500 ea
BOWIE DR ..... 1 Lot	$	4,500
NEELY ..... 3 Lots	$	5,000 ea
E. CR 110 ..... NEW LISTING	$	6,950
Greenwood - Apprx 2.13 Ac		
DOUGLAS.....Great Location	$	10,000
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

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WOLFCAMP CIR ... 2 Lots	$	20,000
N. BIG SPRING ..... Zoned LR2	$	45,000
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4 bedroom - 2 bath - 2 living
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CO. RD. 2801-3 acres located 4 miles west of Stanton, great site for custom home.....$5,500
4402 HUMBLE-NEW ON THE MARKET-Lovely 3 bdrm, 2 bath, updated.....$48,500



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3622 Andrews Hwy.....$61,900

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2211 Wellington.....$172,000
3511 Stanolind.....$119,500
1610 N. "C".....$99,900
5101 King Richard's Row.....$93,500
3408 Wedgewood.....$89,900
2608 Terrace.....$89,000
5116 Rio Grande.....$74,900
2407 Shandon.....$67,900

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5606 Ashwood.....$191,900
2405 Whittle Way.....$66,500

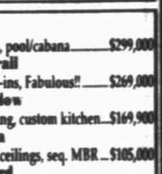
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2407 Shandon.....$67,900
509 W. 2nd, Stanton.....$59,900

PRICE REDUCTIONS
3903 Northfield.....$144,500
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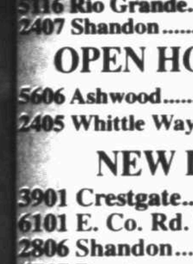


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3401 S. CO. RD. 182-LARGE home located at Skyranch-5 bdrms, 3 baths, country kitchen, 5 acres cross fenced, access to runways.....$132,500
9808 S. CO. RD. 1218-10 acres of deep sandy soil, good deed restrictions, owner may carry note.....$21,500
CO. RD. 2801-3 acres located 4 miles west of Stanton, great site for custom home.....$5,500
4402 HUMBLE-NEW ON THE MARKET-Lovely 3 bdrm, 2 bath, updated.....$48,500

OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM
3622 Andrews Hwy.....$61,900

OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM
2211 Wellington.....$172,000
3511 Stanolind.....$119,500
1610 N. "C".....$99,900
5101 King Richard's Row.....$93,500
3408 Wedgewood.....$89,900
2608 Terrace.....$89,000
5116 Rio Grande.....$74,900
2407 Shandon.....$67,900

OPEN HOUSE 2-5 PM
5606 Ashwood.....$191,900
2405 Whittle Way.....$66,500

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3901 Crestgate.....$129,900
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4717 Preston.....$75,000
2407 Shandon.....$67,900
509 W. 2nd, Stanton.....$59,900

PRICE REDUCTIONS
3903 Northfield.....$144,500
3511 Stanolind.....$119,500
2400 Maxwell.....$74,900
2602 Emerson.....$74,500
2513 Cuthbert.....$49,900
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MOCKINGBIRD HEIGHTS Brand new home. 5 BD, 2LA, 3BA, beautiful kitchen that overlooks den.....$234,900
GREENTREE Lovely 5 BD, 2LA, 3BA home in cul-de-sac is a must to see.....$197,300
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NORTHWEST ACRES 2 story home has 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA, unique MBR, quiet cul-de-sac.....$119,900
FANNIN TERRACE-4 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA home with a sequestered bedroom with full bath. Near Fannin Elem.....$119,000

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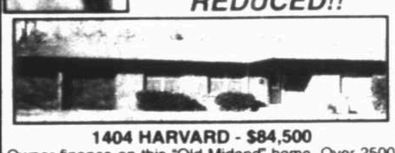
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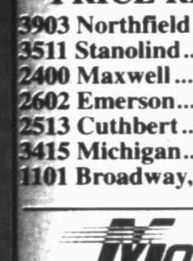
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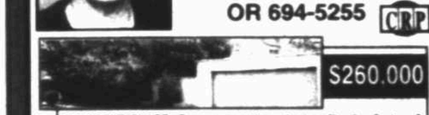
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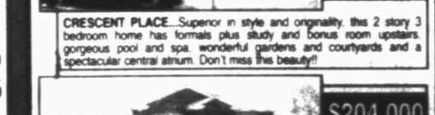


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$260,000

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!!



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GREEN TREE NORTH...This beautiful McPherson new construction in Midland's exclusive golf course neighborhood has 4 large bedrooms, one of which is sequestered with it's own bath, 2 living areas, and 3 baths plus study, gourmet kitchen, 3 car garage and FREE country club membership!



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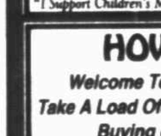


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2502 DENGAR — Danny Norwood — 79,900
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5005 CONCHO — Sandy Hanson — 73,500
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OPEN 1-2:30

4701 KNIGHTS PL — Laura Manulik — 168,000
Builder ready to sell. Perfect, beautiful, professionally decorated. 4/3 and high ceilings.

OPEN 1:30-3

4514 MONTY — Andi Wiggins — 58,900
Lovely home w/vaulted ceilings, FP, french doors, bit-ins, remodeled kitchen, 3-C garage.

1408 PINE — Jon Short — 125,000
Wonderfully spacious patio home in excellent condition. Gorgeous patio, great light, good plan.

OPEN 1:30-3 (CONT.)

5809 HIGHLAND BLVD. — Needa Faught — 149,900
Grassland-New Lee Evans construction. 4BR/2 1/2 BA, 3-C garage. Light, bright and lovely!!

5001 THAMES CT — Martha Manulik — 154,500
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OPEN 2-4

5613 GREENRIDGE — Sandra Kile — 188,500
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4208 RUSSELL — Jana Tucker — 77,900
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1415 PINE — Dana Chandler — 117,500
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OPEN 2-4 (CONT.)

1606 HUMBLE — Jerry Holt — 101,900
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3003 NORTHTOWN — Sue Laengrich — 109,000
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18 EDINBURGH — Laura Manulik — 265,000
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4945 RUSTIC TRAIL — Martha Manulik — 258,900
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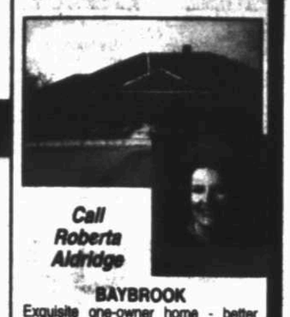
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Call Andi Wiggins

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Call Skeet Doss

FOXBORO
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Call Jana Tucker

RUSSELL
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PROVIDENCE
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MOGFORD-Extra, extra special. Very well kept, nice living areas and beautiful yard 79,900
DENGAR-Sensational location on this freshly painted home near schools, shopping 79,900
VENTURA-Lovely 2/2/1 townhome - priced to sell and easy to show! 79,900
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TAMMY COVE-Charming 3BR w/in-ground spa, plantation shutters 78,500
WESTERN-Older Midland. 3 roomy bedrooms, spa, workshop 74,900
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BAUMANN-Great custom built home on corner lot, lots of new and updated 67,000
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SHANDON-Great 4 bedroom in Fannin. Needs updating, but priced to sell 65,000
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WADLEY L14-Enjoy peaceful, low maintenance living. 3/2, bring offers 55,000
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MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA 49,900
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CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 38,500
THOMAS-Perfectly affordable 3BR/1.5BA. Gorgeous landscaping 36,500
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SADDLE CLUB-Incredible stone patios, brick floors, rich paneling, marble baths, seq. guest w/kitchen/sitting. Huge basement 850,000
PECAN CT-Architecturally designed home with every amenity! True master piece! ..... CALL
SADDLE CLUB-A sanctuary from the ordinary 765,000
COUNTRY CLUB-One of Midland's loveliest! Pool, cabana, exquisitely decorated. 4BR/5 baths, two offices 725,000
INCREDIBLE TOWNHOME-Indoor pool, stunning architecture, gorgeous terraces, 4/6, studio, office, darkroom 490,000
COUNTRY CLUB-A rare offering with all the amenities of newer construction - yet lovely "Old Midland" location! 3 or 4 BR/6 baths, study, gameroom 385,000
HIGHWAY 349 NORTH-5 Bdr Country Estate with beautiful wood and tile floors 349,000
BAYBROOK-Fabulous James Morris Construction. Rare 5BR, 3LA dream home 310,000
BASSWOOD-Huge family home - Greentree, formals, gameroom, study - Beautiful! Big porches-SUPER! 275,000
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
LOCKHEED-Exquisite patio home, immaculate condition! Fabulous landscaping, unbelievable master suite 259,500
RUSTIC-Wonderful 5BR or 4BR with a gameroom. Study located next to master. Custom built in Greentree with a great view of course 258,900
DOUGLAS-JJ Black contemporary - enormous master w/fireplace & sitting area, 5BR/4BA, 3LA, guest house, pretty courtyard w/putting green 249,900
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
S. CO. RD. 1213-Large home, pool, 2 barns, workshop and 10 acres 185,000
S. CO. RD. 1120-$2000 buyer incentive. 5 pastures, 6-stall barn plus 4BR/2BA home 179,950
N. CO. RD. 1244-WOW! 3/3 1/2/2, Lots of new. Barn, pens, den with 2nd FP, bath, loft 169,900
E. CO. RD. 98-Quality new construction in Greenwood's Stoneridge 168,900
KNIFFEN-Wonderful 3BR/2BA, 1.25 acres. Gameroom, pool & dog pens 145,000
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
W. CO. RD. 137-3 or 4BR, 1 or 2LA, 2BA, 4 acres, totally refurbished inside & out 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
N. CO. RD. 1275-Country home. 91, 3, 1 3/4, shop, half way between Midland & Odessa, owner finance 39,900
W. CO. RD. 137-Foreclosue sold"as is", 3 BR/2BA manufactured home on lot 21,900

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 29,000

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520
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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. 1158-One plus acre lots. Well and septic, owner financing, moderate restrictions starting at 12,800
PECOS-Downtown Lot 50'x140' 9,000
GASTON-Two lots - sold together 7,500
GOLF COURSE, NEELY-Build in the heart of the city! Super lots 7,500-10,000
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. 105-New home development directly West & East 110,000
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. 1140-25 acres, farm land or subdivide for houses. Restrictions apply 28,500
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. 92W-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
INDUSTRIAL-20,000 warehouse office, financing available 155,000
RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000
DAKOTA-Office warehouse - retail off Big Spring 100,000
MARIENFIELD-Income -44 unit mini storage - near downtown 95,000
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 49,900
CARRIZO-4 room converted office bldg., 1718 sq ft (approx) 45,000
TERRELL-Retail across from Community National Bank 38,000
BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot 35,000
FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. 30,000
DAYTON RD-1 lot approx. 2.1 acres 10,000

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OPEN 1-3

2502 DENGAR — Danny Norwood — 79,900
Great home in Fannin area. Fresh interior paint.

5009 RANCHO — Sandra Morgan — 73,900
Sitting on firs, nice carpet, Garage has workshop area + dog run in huge yard.

OPEN 1-2:30

4701 KNIGHTS PL — Laura Manulik — 169,000
Builder ready to sell. Perfect, beautiful, professionally decorated. 4/3 and high ceilings.

OPEN 1:30-3

4514 MONTY — Andi Wiggins — 58,900
Lovely home w/vaulted ceilings, FP, french doors, bit-ins, remodeled kitchen, 3-C garage.

1408 PINE — Jon Short — 125,000
Wonderfully spacious patio home in excellent condition. Gorgeous patio, great light, good plan.

OPEN 1:30-3 (CONT.)

5009 HIGHLAND BLVD. — Nadia Faught — 149,900
Grassland-New Lee Evans construction. 4BR/2 1/2 BA, 3-C garage. Light, bright and lovely!

3001 THAMES CT — Martha Manulik — 154,500
Neighborhood pool & tennis. Immaculate 4BR, wonderfully different floor plan.

OPEN 2-4

5613 GREENRIDGE — Sandra Kile — 188,500
Spacious & immaculate w/2LAs, 4BRs, 3 1/2BA, 3-car garage. Come to Grassland.

4309 RUSSELL — Jana Tucker — 77,900
Fantastic 4BR vaulted living w/skylight, large formal dining w/hardwood floors, separate workshop.

4001 DYER — Gloria Lott — 139,900
New on Market. Unique upstairs-downstairs. 4BR/3BA, 3-car garage, cul-de-sac.

1415 PINE — Dana Chandler — 117,500
Fabulous condition w/new ext. & int. paint, carpet, kitchen flooring & formica. Plenty of storage.

OPEN 2-4 (CONT.)

1606 HUMBLE — Jerry Holt
All new carpet, some new paint, formals, 4BR/2BA & great locatio
reduced.

OPEN 3-4:30

3003 NORTHTOWN — Sue Laengrich
Lovely patio home! Great floor plan, super spacious. Large patio
18 EDINBURGH — Laura Manulik
Country in city. 5 minutes from Wal-Mart. 5BR/4BA. 2.5 acres and

OPEN 3:30-5

4945 RUSTIC TRAIL — Martha Manulik
Fabulous 4BR w/study. Price reduced on this custom built on the
open kitchen.

OPEN 3:30-5:30

4109 S. CO. RD. 1244 — Sandy Hanson
Country luxury! Large 3/3/2 w/formals. Huge, oversized garage +

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LONOKE-Great low maintenance TH, security system. High ceilings 99,750
HARVARD-Not the usual! Spacious 3BR w/3FP and guest house 99,000
HAYNES-Spacious TH. Enclosed patio, skylights, great master & bath 98,500
CRESTWOOD-Patio style TH. Small backyard, low maintenance front, 3/3 97,000
LAWSON-Old Midland charmer. Large baths, two master bedrooms, updated 96,500
SKYLINE-Large 4BR with 2 LAs and formal dining on corner lot, priced right 95,000
CUTHBERT-Expansive not expensive! 3 or 4BR in Old Midland. 3 baths, TLC shows 93,500
HARVARD-Great 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors and lots of windows 92,500
DURANT-Huge 3BR with wonderful "great room"/kitchen combination 92,500
BEDFORD-Location, location, location. Old Midland home w/loads of charm! 86,900
PHILLIP PL-Sea master, pool, walking distance from schools, new heat & air 86,900
IMPERIAL-Cheerful 4 BR. Walk to schools, church and shopping 86,900
LAVACA-Get comfy by the FP in this larger 3/2 in N. Gate. Too good to last! 86,000
FRONTIER-Darling 3BR in Fannin Terrace. Beautiful drive-up and backyard 84,500
[illegible]-Gracious 2 story [illegible]/Old Midland". 3/2 [illegible] garage 82,500
MOGFORD-Extra special. Very well kept, nice living areas and beautiful yard 79,900
[illegible]-Sensational location on this freshly painted home near schools, shopping 79,900
VENTURA-Lovely 2/2/1 townhome - priced to sell and easy to show! 79,900
**SHANDON-3BR/ 2 1/2 BA w/lots of storage. Detached 2-car garage w/shop 79,000
TAMMY COVE-Charming 3BR w/in-ground spa, plantation shutters 78,500
WESTERN-Older Midland. 3 roomy bedrooms, spa, workshop 74,900
TEALWOOD-Perfect, tasteful 2-story TH, soaring ceiling, tons of storage, central location 74,900
CONCHO-2 story contemporary, 3BR/2BA, AC/heat, saltillo tile floors, workshop area in garage 73,900

SPARKS-Beautiful home in Old Midland. Lots of storage and great landscaping 72,000
CUTHBERT-4 or 3BR, FP in big MBR, formal dining and formal living 69,900
SEABOARD-Great 3 bedroom home with 2 living areas and large trees 67,500
LANHAM-Non-qualifying assumption. 3/2, large covered patio, established area 67,000
BAUMANN-Great custom built home on corner lot, lots of new and updated 67,000
CUTHBERT-Country living in town, over 2400 sq ft, 3 or 4 bdr, huge den with fireplace 66,900
**SHANDON-4BR/2BA/2LA, price to sell. Privacy fence to street 65,000
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GOLF COURSE-Owner wants fast sale and considering paying buyer's costs 63,900
STANOLIND-Large house for little money! 3BR/2BA/2LA 63,900
SAN ANTONIO-The best move you can make. 3BR/2BA, 2-car garage, FP 63,500
GARFIELD-4BR/3BA/2 living & 2 dining, large yard, cinder block fence 62,500
BOYD-Delightful 3BR with lots of storage, open kitchen/den, 2LAs 62,500
SPRUCE-3BR/2BA, energy efficient home 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 60,000
DENGAR-Fannin Addition. 3/2/1. "Huge" kitchen/dining. Extra 3-car parking slab 59,500
PALMER-Terrific 5BR/2BA home in Fairway Park 59,500
MONTY-Wonderful w/vaulted ceilings, FP, French doors, built-in bookcases, study & much more 59,500
BOEING-Recent paint and carpet in affordable home in convenient location 58,000
WADLEY L14-Enjoy peaceful, low maintenance living. 3/2, bring offers 55,000
NEE.LY-3BR/2BA, fresh paint outside and some inside, pretty yard 54,500
STONYBROOK-Nicely affordable, brick 3/2. Great living room w/fireplace - plus 2 c. garage 52,500

CROCKETT-Outstanding 3BR home, fresh paint throughout, bay window and FP
RIC-Spotless 3BR/2BA, white tile, new paint. Hurry!
STANOLIND-Generous repair & decorating allowance for buyer to work with! 3LA
MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA
BROWNWOOD-3/2/2 tile kitchen flooring, tall ceilings, fireplace, dog room, extra s
PARKDALE-Available for HIP program, updating, new carpet & paint, huge MBR
DEWBERRY-Loads of extras!! Low maintenance yard, extra parking in front
SHANDON-Value in the land, adjacent to land on Wadley, across from Clay Desta
THORNRIDGE-Lots of updating in this 3BR/2BA. Owner wants offers
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Heartaches by the dozen

AFC has lost in Super Bowl 12 straight years

Story by Barry Wilner Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Burned by Joe Montana to Jerry Rice and Steve Young to Jerry Rice. Overwhelmed by Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin and the monstrous Dallas offensive line.

Edged in the final seconds by Montana's magic and Scott Norwood's missed kick. Victimized by the 46 Defense and the 55 Offense.

For the last dozen years, the AFC representative in the Super Bowl has lost any number of ways. It's been pushed around and outscored 455-198.

No matter if the game was in the Superdome, the site of next Sunday's Green Bay-New England matchup, or in the sun-drenched Rose Bowl, the AFC lost. No matter if it was played on the lush grass of Joe Robbie Stadium or the artificial indoor carpet of the Georgia Dome or the Metrodome, the AFC lost.

The final score for 12 straight years has been NFC plenty, AFC not enough.

These things are supposed to run in cycles, but this is a bit much.

"I know the NFC has been fairly dominant, and I was a part of that," says Patriots coach Bill Parcells, who won the 1987 and 1991 games with the New York Giants. "Each year is a different year. And it's having good players, mostly."

Mostly, the good players have been with NFC teams.

The NFC has had the dominant runners: Smith, Walter Payton, Roger Craig, even Joe Morris. It's certainly had the better defenses — the Bears who won in 1986 had an awesome unit, and so did both of Parcells' New York teams.

While the quarterbacks generally are a tossup — future Hall of Famers Montana, Young and Troy Aikman for the NFC, John Elway, Dan Marino and probably Jim Kelly for the AFC — the overall firepower edge also has belonged to the NFC. As good as the receivers have been for the AFC, there has been no match for the Rice-John Taylor combo or for Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper.

When the NFC didn't have the superior talent, it often had players who chose Super Bowl Sunday to have career days. Phil Simms went 22-for-25 in 1987. Tim Smith, in his only noteworthy pro performance, rushed for 204 yards the next year. Larry Brown made two game-turning interceptions last year.

Most of the time, the AFC representative has been just plain inept. Four times the Bills fell short, and three times the Broncos fell apart. Miami, New England, Cincinnati, San Diego and Pittsburgh also share the shame.

What hasn't been recognized is that the Bills were an extraordinarily talented and well-coached team that simply self-destructed in two Super Bowls, barely lost another (20-19 to the Giants) and had a chance into the final quarter of the fourth.

Coach Marv Levy called them "a tremendously resilient football team."

The Bills have had to be. Their most dangerous player, Thurman Thomas, never excelled on Super Sunday, losing his helmet at the start of the 1992 game then gaining 13 yards rushing and 27 receiving. In 1994, he made two critical fumbles in 1994.

Denver was even worse in its three Super Bowls. Other than Elway, the Broncos didn't match up with the Giants, Redskins or 49ers. They lost by a total of 136-40.

But Denver got to the big game — where it served as big game for the NFC — because it had a quick defense and fast-striking offense, both trends in its conference in the late 1980s. When the Broncos met up with the bigger, more powerful champions from the other conference, they were doomed. Even with Elway.

Coaches have made a difference, too. NFC teams in the last dozen years have been led by Parcells, Joe Gibbs, Bill Walsh, George Seifert, Jimmy Johnson and Mike Ditka. All except Ditka have a good shot at the Hall of Fame for their sideline work. Gibbs and Walsh are already in.

Compare that with the likes of Raymond Berry (a Hall of Fame player, but not close as a coach), Dan Reeves, Sam Wyche, Bobby Ross, Bill Cowher, Don Shula and Levy. Cowher might eventually get there, as should Levy, and Shula is a shoo-in this year.

But that list isn't comparable to the NFC group, particularly since Shula's prime was in the 1970s.

"I know how hard this is to do," Parcells says. "Guys who've done it more than twice are supermen."

Ah, supermen. Does Parcells have them on his side this year, or are they the Packers?

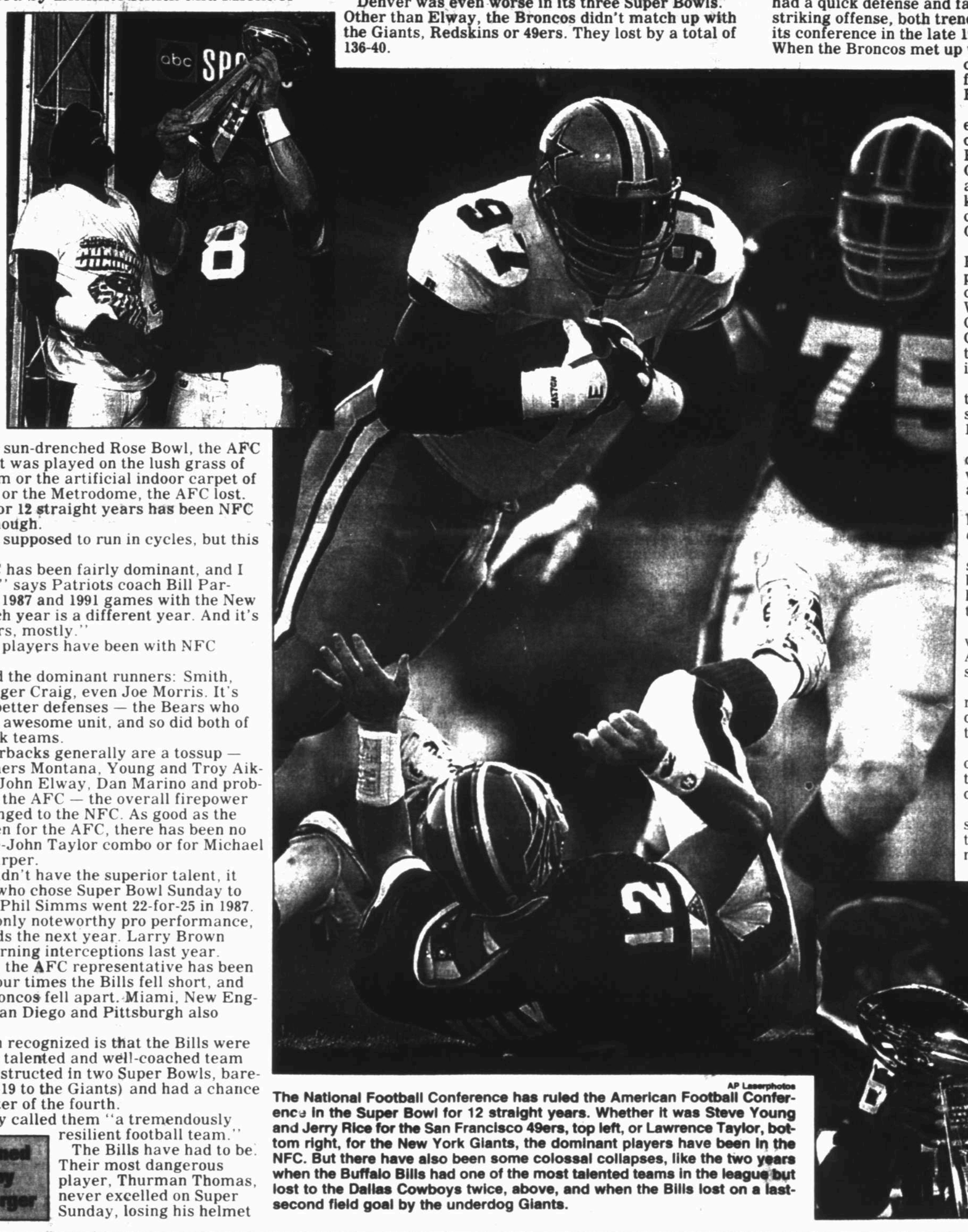
"We don't have a bunch of stars here," says Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson. "We just have guys who banded together to win."

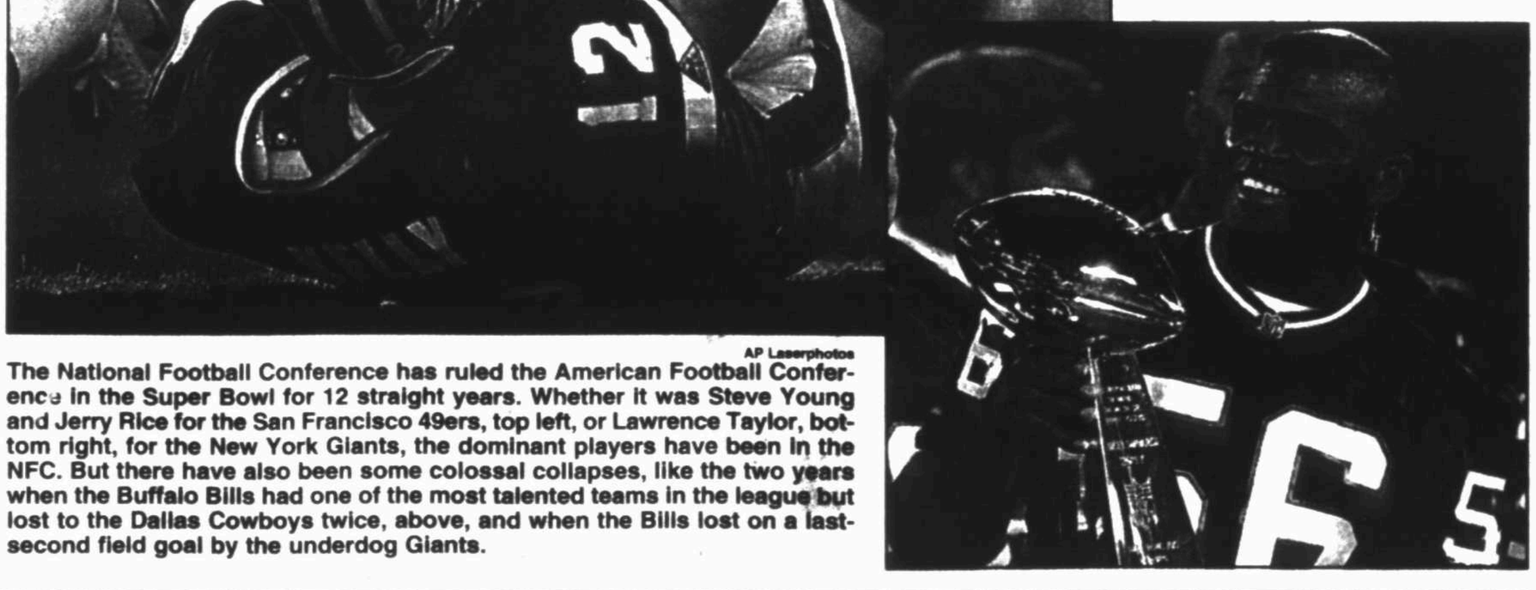
That sounds very similar to what other Super Bowl teams — AFC teams, of course — have said for a dozen years.

Former Bills linebacker Darryl Talley once said, "I will play on a Super Bowl winner if I have to play until I'm 90.

"If we lose, we'll look at each other and say, 'We didn't do it this time. Let's go back 'til we do it right.'"

Talley hasn't been in the game since 1994. But at least he's gotten smart: he plays in the NFC now.





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The National Football Conference has ruled the American Football Conference in the Super Bowl for 12 straight years. Whether it was Steve Young and Jerry Rice for the San Francisco 49ers, top left, or Lawrence Taylor, bottom right, for the New York Giants, the dominant players have been in the NFC. But there have also been some colossal collapses, like the two years when the Buffalo Bills had one of the most talented teams in the league but lost to the Dallas Cowboys twice, above, and when the Bills lost on a last-second field goal by the underdog Giants.

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Notebook

Associated Press

Mavs' Js off trade market; Grizzlies shop lottery pick

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

Jimmy Jackson and Jamal Mashburn have been pulled off the trade market, and the hottest commodity remaining at the present time isn't a player. It's a lottery pick.

Dallas Mavericks partner Frank Zaccanelli said Thursday that the team had decided not to trade Jackson or Mashburn, apparently after being underwhelmed by offers from around the league.



The Vancouver Grizzlies have taken the opposite tack with their upcoming lottery pick, shopping it in the hope of landing a talented veteran.

Teams had been calling the Mavericks incessantly over the past 10 days since word got out that Jackson and Mashburn were available. Morale got so low that team brass believed some of the players had quit on coach Jim Cleamons.

"They've kind of been like vultures flying around," Zaccanelli said Thursday. "We've decided it's important to make a definitive statement that they won't be traded, and hopefully that will allow us to develop some cohesiveness to the season with the players we have here. It has been a tremendous distraction with all the speculation running rampant. Maybe after saying this the phone will stop ringing so much."

The Grizzlies are shopping their pick in next summer's draft, but it comes with a catch. The pick can't end up being the No. 1 overall selection because the Grizzlies and Toronto Raptors, as part of their expansion agreements, are prohibited from picking first in the 1995, 1996 and 1997 drafts.

That means the Grizzlies' selection will end up being no better than No. 2, and no one in the league is salivating over anyone other than Wake Forest senior Tim Duncan.

General manager Stu Jackson has decided he'd rather trade the pick for a veteran rather than use it on another youngster.

"I think it would be real difficult for us to take an 18-year-old in the draft," Jackson said. "I look at it as what could our team use. If there's a player in the league that would fill a void at a position where we may have a need, I think we really need to look at that right now."

Vancouver was set to offer its No. 1 pick and Greg Anthony to Dallas for Jason Kidd, but the Mavericks decided to take three players from the Phoenix Suns instead.

The Grizzlies were set to make a smaller deal of Anthony to the Charlotte Hornets for George Zidek, but the swap was shelved when Matt Geiger went down for the next eight weeks.

The Hornets, concerned about Muggsy Bogues' chronically aching knee, also called the Mavericks to inquire about Derek Harper's availability and were rebuffed.

Another trade that fell through last week was Stacey Augmon being sent from the Detroit Pistons to Golden State for B.J. Armstrong. The Warriors decided to back off.

Rumor had it that the Warriors would then ship Augmon to the Lakers for Robert Horry and Sean Rooks.

The Pistons, who left Augmon behind when they departed for a six-game road trip, are still expected to be able to find a taker for the disgruntled swingman, who still is considered a strong defender.

"Stacey is uncomfortable here and we'll try everything to move him. But there's still the chance he might have to stay with us," said Rick Sund, vice president of operations.

Jerry Stackhouse's name came up in trade rumors early last week, and the 76ers' front office called the shooting guard to reassure him that the team was not shopping him.

But with Philadelphia entering the weekend having lost 20 of 21 games — something even John Lucas' collection of misfits never managed last season — a shakeup of some sort seems likely to happen before the Feb. 20 trading deadline.

RODMAN AND MONEY: That kick to a cameraman's groin by Dennis Rodman will result in a one-two punch to his wallet.

Forget the $25,000 fine. That's chump change compared to the hit Rodman's paycheck will be taking.

Rodman has a one-year, $9 million contract, but about one-third of that money won't be paid this season. It is deferred well into the next century.

The suspension imposed by the league on Friday will cost him about $1 million in lost salary, but it also activates a clause in his contract deferring another sizable chunk of this year's salary into the next century.

Translation: Rodman's take-home pay will be considerably lower for the rest of the season.

By the way, Wednesday was not the first time Rodman has turned on a photographer. Last March, Rodman flew toward the baseline while fighting for a loose ball.

He landed on a camera belonging to a Chicago Tribune cameraman, rendering it useless, and then picked up one of the man's extra lenses and slammed it to the ground.

The camera was worth about $1,800, but the paper didn't seek damages because the camera was broken during the normal course of the game. The $6,000 lens was repaired.

WILLIAMS SHELVED: Free agent center Brian Williams won't be back in the league this season, after all.

Williams turned down a seven-year, $33 million offer from the SuperSonics last summer as well as a similar deal from his old team, the Los Angeles Clippers. Now he's decided to try his luck in the free-agent market next summer after his surgically repaired knee is healed.

"The recovery time for his knee was misdiagnosed, and it will be another few weeks before he's healthy enough to play," said his agent, Dwight Manley. "Rather than have him come back now when only a few teams can bid limited dollars, we'll wait until next July when all 29 teams will have a shot at him."

RETRO FEVER: Credit the SuperSonics for coming up with the best twist on the retro uniform craze.

The Sonics' marketing staff scoured Seattle's thrift stores for authentic 1970s apparel, and the coaching staff wore the groovy threads Wednesday night as the Sonics defeated the Raptors.

Coach George Karl was absolutely fabulous in two-inch platform shoes, a powder blue leisure suit and open-necked shirt worn with the butterfly collar out over the suit's oversized lapels.

Assistant coach Dwane Casey wore a checkered suit, assistant Terry Stotts wore his shirt open to display his chest hair and assistant Bob Weiss sported a patent leather brown leisure suit and flowered shirt.

The joke going around the Sonics' marketing staff was that they could have saved some time and money by raiding Weiss' closet instead of shopping the thrift stores.

SHAQ-SIZED SHOES: A pair of size 23 sneakers should be on the way soon to a high school basketball player in Canada, courtesy of Shaquille O'Neal.

Fifteen-year-old Allen Joseph of Brampton, Ontario, a 6-foot-8 junior at Notre Dame High School, can't find sneakers in Canada larger than size 18.

O'Neal's representatives heard about the situation and decided to send a pair of the Lakers center's shoes north of the border.

Joseph will become the third high schooler to wear authentic ShaqShoes. Josh Halaxa, a 15-year-old from Tacoma, Wash., received a pair of size 23s last fall after searching 44 shoe stores without luck, while 7-foot sophomore Joshua Moore of St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, N.J., received a pair from O'Neal after calling Reebok for help.

Lousy lottery luck

List of San Antonio's great picks is short

By John Maher
Cox News Service

SAN ANTONIO — When star center David Robinson went down with a back injury, the San Antonio Spurs' once promising season suddenly was in ruins. If it stays there, however, the Spurs finally might get a chance to do some serious and much-needed rebuilding via the National Basketball Association draft.

Robinson, 31, has been the Spurs' annual blessing — and draft-day curse. Since Robinson, the first pick in the 1987 draft, arrived from the Navy for the 1989-90 season, almost everyone but Jerry Tarkanian has been able to win 50-60 games a year with the talented 7-foot center. But such on-court success has hurt the Spurs in the NBA draft, where winning teams have to pick through the leftovers that the lottery squads leave.

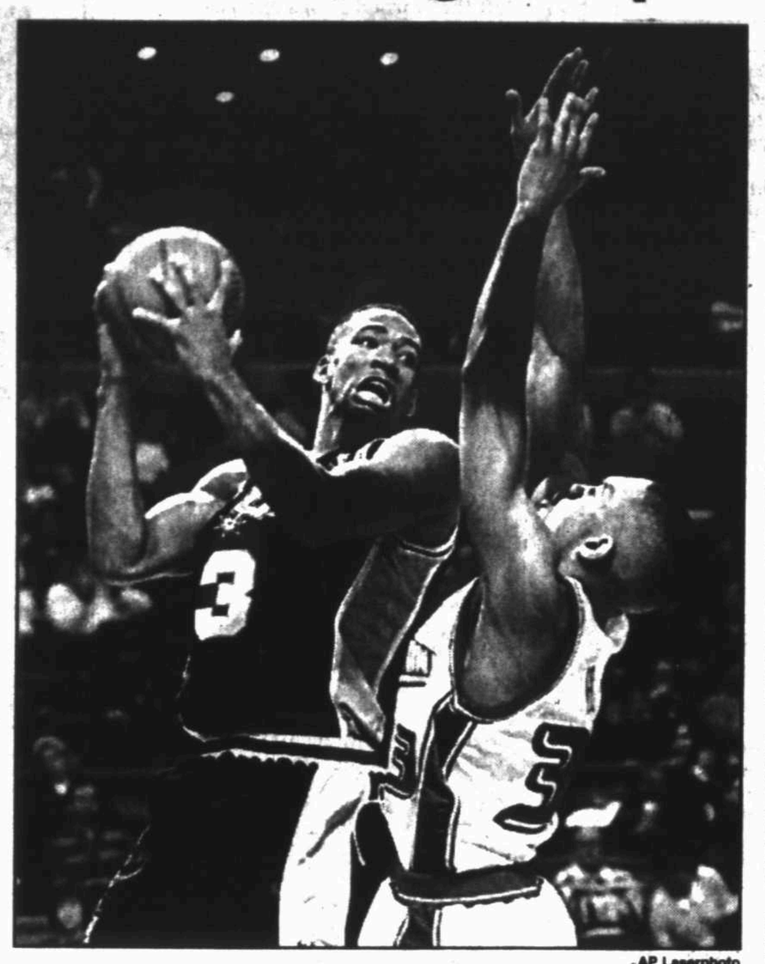
"There's a theory that there's about 10 good players in every draft," said the Spurs' head scout, R.C. Buford. "There might be 12 one year and eight or nine the next, but it's around 10. They're not all in the lottery. Some might even be second-rounders."

In the Admiral era, the Spurs never have been able to add enough support to create a championship team. They've been unable to get to the Finals, let alone win them.

This year Robinson's absence showed just how thin the rest of San Antonio's talent is. Coach Bob Hill had a glittery two-year record of 121-43, but without Robinson and some other players he got off to a 3-15 start and quickly got the sack from General Manager Gregg Popovich. After a brief win streak, Popovich the coach experienced some of the very same agonies Hill did.

This year the one player who has stepped up in Robinson's absence to lead the team in scoring has been Dominique Wilkins. The 36-year-old import from Greece was a last-minute replacement for the offense of injured Chuck Person, 32.

Such aging threats helped make the Spurs the oldest team in the league, older than even the veteran Bulls and the creaky Rockets.



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When center David Robinson went down to injury, the likes of San Antonio's Monty Williams (3) could not make up the slack. If the Spurs are to win a championship with Robinson, they will have to finally draft well.

Buford maintained, "Our players are still in their primes. Their window of opportunity is the next two, three and maybe four years. We're trying to add some depth."

Because the Spurs have about $11 million a year committed to Robinson's salary and another $5 million earmarked for Sean Elliott, they're actually above the NBA's salary cap. They can't pursue the high-priced free agents, so the only way for them to improve dramatically is through trades or the draft.

Under the NBA's current system, 16 of the 29 teams make the playoffs, while the luckless 13 are in the lottery. It's now weighted heavily so that the teams draft close to the position in which they finished. The worse a team does, the better its chances in the lottery, which is how played like a pick four.

The teams now get numbers instead of the old ping-pong balls. The team with the worst record gets 250 numbers and a 25 percent chance of winning. The franchise with the best record of the 13 lottery teams gets only five numbers or a .5 percent chance of getting the first pick.

Right now it looks like the winner likely would get Wake Forest senior Tim Duncan.

With Robinson out and having a lot of company on the sidelines, the Spurs are actually in the Duncan derby.

So far only Vancouver and Philadelphia have won fewer games than the Spurs. Toronto and Vancouver can't get the No. 1 pick until 1999, which would further increase the Spurs' chances of hitting it big.

And, despite the general impression, the Spurs actually can do a decent job of drafting when they get the chance.

In the past the Spurs did make non-players such as Shaler Halimon, Frankie Sanders, Wiley Peck, Reggie Johnson, Alfredrick Hughes and Dwayne Schintzius first-round picks. But most of the time they've missed or traded their pick was when they were in a gambling position later in the draft.

When they've had a decent shot, they've usually hit it. They got Alvin Robertson with the seventh pick in the loaded 1984 draft and hit the bonanza with Robinson as the No. 1 in 1987.

The Spurs' problem was that they didn't hit quite big enough the next two years. With the 10th pick in the 1988 draft, they chose Willie Anderson of Georgia. Anderson looked like a find in his first year, but injuries devastated his once-promising career.

In 1989 the Spurs had the third pick in the draft, the same spot where the Chicago Bulls tabbed Michael Jordan in 1984. The 1989 crop, however, was one of the NBA's worst vintages. The lottery picks were, in order, Pervis Ellison, Danny Ferry, Sean Elliott, Glen Rice, J.R. Reid, Stacey King and George McCloud.

Although Elliott has been a decent complementary player, the two-time first-team All-American from Arizona never has developed into an NBA superstar. When Robinson went down this year, instead of picking up the slack Elliott's scoring average and shooting percentage went down.

Elliott, closing fast on 29, is never going to be a Scottie Pippen to a Michael Jordan or a John Stockton to Karl Malone. That, however, is the kind of pairing the Spurs need if they're ever to get championship rings.

Ainge the coach finally stops whining

■ Known for his temper tantrums while playing for Boston, new Phoenix Suns coach knew he would have to control emotions on sideline.

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Quick-tempered and sometimes whiny as a player, Danny Ainge has had to keep his emotions in check since he turned to coaching the Phoenix Suns.

He has mostly succeeded during a season in which he's had plenty to whine about.

He signed on as a Suns assistant last May after spending a year as an television analyst, expecting to ease into the next phase of his career with a one-season apprenticeship under Cotton Fitzsimmons.

But Fitzsimmons gave up on the team after eight straight losses, resigning and handing the reins to a startled Ainge on the eve of consecutive games against the Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago and Houston.

"I think I had 48 hours, maybe," Ainge says. "I really didn't anticipate it at all. I really thought that this is what (president) Jerry Colangelo wanted for the team."

The coaching change didn't change the fortunes of the team.

Hot Rod Williams and Mark Bryant, the Suns' top centers, were injured, as was spark-plug Kevin Johnson. Phoenix lost five more games, setting a franchise record with an 0-13 start, before Ainge could coax a victory out of a depleted squad.

The crowning indignity came Jan. 5 in Boston when Robert Horry, one of four players obtained from Houston in exchange for Charles Barkley, argued with Ainge, then threw a towel in his face. It happened in a city where Ainge is idolized for his competitiveness and hustle, against the team with which he made four of his six appearances in the NBA Finals.

Bostonians who remembered the fiery shooting guard of yore must have gasped, but Ainge simply pulled the towel off his head and allowed Horry to walk away.

He acknowledged later that the incident was embarrassing.

"At the same time, it wasn't that much of a shock coming from Robert," Ainge said. "He just didn't seem happy in our system. So yeah, I don't think those things happen to Pat Riley or Lenny Wilkens, and I don't think it'll happen to me at some point in my career. But you have to earn respect; you can't just give a guy a title."

Ainge said he decided long ago that being responsible for a team requires greater self-discipline.

"I can't afford to have some immature incident distract me from what I'm trying to do, and that's get the win," he said. "I was more embarrassed by the loss than I was by the towel incident."

Horry was suspended two games, then was traded to the Lakers along with Joe Kleine for Cedric Ceballos and Rumeal Robinson.

Horry had contributed little all season, even less after the Suns traded former Rockets teammate Sam Cassell, Michael Finley and A.C. Green to Dallas for Jason Kidd and two others on Dec. 27. So Ainge was glad to get rid of him and even more delighted to get Kidd and Ceballos, a dangerous open-court player who began his career with the Suns.

But the problems continued. Kidd broke a collarbone his first game with Phoenix, and sharpshooter Rex Chapman, Bryant and Danny Manning were hurt later.

The Suns now bear little resemblance to last year's squad. Nine players remain of the 15 on the roster at the start of the season. Four of the eight featured on the cover of the current media guide are gone. The team sometimes can't muster 10 players to practice full-court.

"We're just kind of going game-by-game right now, trying to survive," Ainge said.

And he doesn't think the trading is done.

"This isn't the team that we think can win a championship right now," Ainge said. "But it's certainly a lot better than what we started the season with, in my opinion, and there's hope for the future."

Going into a game Saturday night against New York, Ainge was 13-17 with a winning record (13-12) since the team pulled out of its initial tailspin.

Still, it's a far cry from the pace set by the Suns' last first-year coach.

When Paul Westphal took over in 1992, he had spent four seasons as Fitzsimmons' assistant, and the Suns had just acquired Barkley. Westphal also had Ceballos and Ainge on a team that won a franchise-record 62 games and reached the finals.

Ceballos, who played for both, believes things will get better for the 37-year-old Ainge.

"He has a comfort zone with the players because he has the knowledge of technique that they understand," Ceballos said. "First of all, he has been a player, and that's real important, because they know how to get the most out of a team because they've been there. They understand how players are thinking and how their bodies are feeling."

And Ainge has an understanding owner who also has had a turn on the Suns bench.

"I haven't changed my mind one iota regarding what I think I see in Danny in terms of his temperament and his potential to be an outstanding coach," Colangelo said. "As we put the pieces together, he's going to be a heck of a lot better coach a year from now just because of the experience factor, and it's going to be great once he has his team together."

Cleamons baffled by Mavericks' poor play

By Richie Whitt
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — An hour before his team's nationally televised game, Mavericks coach Jim Cleamons gave a motivational speech to the boys and girls squads from Sanger High School.

He should have considered suiting them up.

Cleamons' professional players looked like amateurs again last week, setting a franchise record for the fewest points in a game in a 78-66 loss to the Orlando Magic.

The Mavericks shot 38 percent (28-of-73) from the field, 43 percent (7-of-16) from the free-throw line and committed 19 turnovers to eclipse the 16-year-old club record for offensive futility — 68 points set against the Houston Rockets on Feb. 4, 1981.

"It's baffling," Cleamons said. "We didn't shoot the ball well but we also didn't execute well. At times, we played like total strangers."

The Mavericks, 3-5 since the blockbuster trade of star guard Jason Kidd, never led and never broke 19 points in a quarter before leaving the court to a shower of boos after producing a score more suitable for Tiger Woods' scorecard than an NBA scoreboard.

"This is worse than getting beat by 40," said guard Jim Jackson, whose 12 points led the Mavericks' skimpy scoring. "It's embarrassing because we've got guys that can score. You just couldn't tell that from the way we're playing."

Just eight days removed from their record low-tying 28-point first half in New York, the Mavericks did their share to set another record-low with 144 combined points.

Orlando missed its first eight shots of the second half and failed to score for five full minutes but had only two points trimmed off its 44-30 halftime advantage. George McCloud launched an airball 3-pointer en route to his first scoreless game with the Mavericks. Down 66-51 midway through the fourth, Chris Gatling and Derek Harper drew additional boos by barely grazing the rim on wide-open jumpers.

The Mavericks had a chance to at least equal their previous low mark of 68 points, but, fittingly, Michael Finley threw a bad pass and lost control of his dribble for consecutive turnovers in the final minute.

"I can't explain it, but our pistons are totally misfiring," said center Eric Montross. "One's going up but the other one goes sideways."

The Mavericks were at a loss for answers. While Cleamons bemoaned the fact that his players failed to push the pace, Jackson angled blame toward the sluggish, slow pace back at his coach's conservative system.

"We acted like we didn't want to score unless it was out of the set offense," Cleamons said. "Even on the sandlot you look to score in transition off a long rebound or turnover. That's the nature of the game, to get easy buckets."

Countered Jackson: "That's a 50-50 statement. In the past, the plays we ran were all automatic, so we had a flow. Now when we get the ball, lots of times we're so conscious of looking to the sideline for the play that we can't run. We get stagnant."

Trading places

TCU teammates do what it takes for team

By Terrence Harris
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Personal sacrifice in team situations seems logical, though it sometimes grows cumbersome to understand.

There is a fine line between personal accomplishment and team success.

But it's one Damion Walker and James Penny are content to walk as they attempt to do their part in leading TCU's basketball program to a higher level.

"Whenever you have to give up some of the things you feel you can do, it can be kind of difficult from a personal standpoint," Walker said. "But when you get into a team situation, it's not about I, it's about we.

"So I sacrifice whatever, for the team."

Because of TCU's lack of size inside, Walker and Penny have had to move from their more natural positions — power forward for Walker and small forward for Penny — for the betterment of the team.

Thus far, the results have been mixed. Playing Walker, 6-foot-7 and 225 pounds, at center, and swinging the 6-foot-6, 185-pound Penny to power forward has enabled TCU to be more potent on the perimeter with junior-college transfers Malcolm Johnson and Mike Jones in the lineup.

"We haven't been the only players who have had to make some sacrifices," said Penny, a former standout at Grapevine. "But I think we've all been coping with it, though some of us feel like we should be playing more, or some of us feel like we're not getting enough shots. We have two new guys out there who are pretty good players.

"I think everybody has adjusted well to doing whatever it takes for the team and to make it where we are trying to go."

Where they are trying to go is straight to the NCAA elite, using coach Billy Tubbs' fast-breaking offense and pressure defense as the vehicle.

"In a perfect world, we would have some more size inside, but because we don't, we've had to make some adjustments with the players we have," said Tubbs, whose team was 11-5 overall going into Thursday's game, and 0-3 in the Western Athletic Conference. "And if we were playing like we really wanted to right how, we'd be getting 20 points out of each of those positions."

But the size and strength Walker and Penny have given up to most opponents this season has usually left the Horned Frogs exposed inside.

That weakness has been more obvious during the Frogs' current three-game losing skid to open WAC play. With the perimeter game struggling, TCU has failed to compensate inside.

In losses to UNLV, New Mexico and UT-El Paso, Walker and Penny were collectively outscored, 96-89, by their inside opponents and outrebounded, 48-42, as foul trouble became a constant theme for both.

"Defensively, we're having to overcompensate for our lack of size with speed and quickness," Penny said. "But we're not moving out feet on the inside, and I think that's hurting us."

During the loss to UTEP on Saturday, Walker finished with five rebounds and 11 points and nine rebounds for UTEP.

Penny fouled out in the final minutes after scoring 16 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

"It's true that we've been outsized a lot inside, but that really hasn't been the problem," said Walker, who was the Southwest Conference newcomer of the year last season after starring at Dallas Lincoln. "A lot of the problem has bene that we haven't bene in the right positions. And that is my fault. There have been times I've been out of position and missed some shots we really needed."

And that, combined with previous performances, has prompted Tubbs to experiment, taking

advantage of Penny's's league-best 61 percent field-goal percentage and his superior jumping ability to contest shots.

"Everything we like to do offensively begins with our inside people, and so we are hoping this will get us more opportunities, for points." Tubbs said. "I think switching Damion and Penny will help them and the team."

Penny finds both humor and solace in the change.

"It's funny, because I thought I went to college to play the three (small forward)," he said. "I finally get out of post and here I am again.

"But it also means something, because it shows that coach has confidence in me and my shooting the ball. If it's going to help the team, then I'm all for it."

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Damion Walker, normally a small forward at 6-foot-7, has been moved to center for the Texas Christian men's basketball team.
AP Laserphoto

Maturity has dulled Tiger's claws

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's most fierce competitor has a headlock thrown on him, then somehow gets called for the foul. Sounds like a pretty volatile situation.

Instead, the incident showed out how much senior guard Jason Sutherland has calmed down. After he got free from Oklahoma State's Adam Webber, there were no punches thrown, and no problems at all.

"That could have been a disaster," coach Norm Stewart said, recalling the scene in last Saturday's game. "A player doesn't respond right to being choked or hammerlocked, you've got a hell of a problem.

"I'm really pleased he's controlling himself and proving he can do that."

In control? Yes. Reformed? Not exactly.

"I don't think I'm a dirty player," Sutherland said. "I work hard, and I may run into a few people. But I think that's part of basketball.

"Almost any sport is a contact sport, except maybe volleyball."

In the past, Sutherland has been accused of crossing the line from time to time with a leg whip or other not-so-subtle tactics. Whether or not it's fair, he's become a favorite whipping boy of crowds on the road in the Big 12 Conference. At Oklahoma State, he was booed every time he touched the ball.

Even Stewart has said the 6-1, 183-pound Sutherland plays with a football mentality.

Growing up in South Dakota, Sutherland learned the game from his dad. Jim Sutherland has coached at the college and high school level and is in his first season as head coach at Columbia Hickman High School.

Jim Sutherland said his young son jumped right in with the big kids during practices at Black Hills State College in Spearfish, S.D. Last season, Jason was named second-team all-Big Eight by conference coaches.

"At least they know he's there, huh?" Jim Sutherland said. "They know he can shoot the basketball, they know he's aggressive and he'll do whatever it takes to win."

This season, Sutherland is second on the team in scoring with an 11.9 point average and first in assists. He's also one of the top 3-point shooters in the nation at 45.3 percent, having made 19 of his last 34 attempts.

Jim Sutherland said he wouldn't have wanted Jason to play for him at Black Hills because it wouldn't have been fair to his son. But if he had, he said, Jason would be putting up some huge numbers. At Missouri, Jason is doing his best to fit into Stewart's system.

"It seems like he really has to restrain himself from what comes natural to him, but that's what coach Stewart wants him to do," said Jason's mother, Connie Sutherland. "And he's matured a lot, he's grown up a lot.

"When you get to be a senior in college, you have to."

Jim Sutherland also has noticed a change, but said it's mostly just improvement as a player.

"I'm not sure whether or not he's any calmer," he said. "The fire is still there."

Sutherland was 4-for-6 from 3-point range and had 19 points to help Missouri (9-7) win its first Big 12 game in four tries with an 82-66 victory over Baylor on Tuesday night. He did it in economical style, taking only eight shots, and he made five of six free throws when fouled behind the 3-point line.

"He's really letting the game come to him a lot more," Stewart said. "He's working hard, but he's working hard to do other things other than just shoot the ball.

"He's just doing better things."



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When Oklahoma State's Adam Webber, left, had Missouri's Jason Sutherland in a headlock recently, some were surprised Sutherland did not react more violently when he, not Webber, was whistled for the foul. But the Tiger guard seems to be in control this year.

Lady Monarchs escape decade-long cocoon

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

They were the queens of women's college basketball, three-time national champions led first by Nancy Lieberman, then Anne Donovan.

And even after both stars headed off to basketball's Hall of Fame, Old Dominion won it all again, in 1985. But then, the Lady Monarchs all but disappeared.

Almost annual trips to the NCAA Tournament ended in the early rounds, and as coach Wendy Larry says, most folks probably figured Old Dominion had gone "back down the street where the little schools go."

Not quite.

It has taken more than a decade, but the Lady Monarchs are back, ranked No. 2 in The Associated Press poll and waiting for No. 1 to fall.

Only Connecticut stands between the Lady Monarchs and the top. And if Old Dominion's fans had their way, they'd pencil the unbeaten Huskies in for the next available date at their 4,855-seat Field House on the Norfolk, Va., campus.

The Field House, opened in 1970, is a gym. The seats are bleachers, the walls cinder-block, and the fans don't care. They've filled the place twice this season, and each time raucously cheered the Lady Monarchs on to key victories.

On Dec. 17, Old Dominion dominated top-ranked Stanford 83-66 before 4,855. As the clock wound down, the crowd chanted, "We're No. 1!"

It was the fourth time a No. 1 team had come to Norfolk, and the third time it left with a loss. But it hadn't happened since 1984.

Three weeks later, defending national champion Tennessee came calling. The Lady Vols had beaten Old Dominion 15 straight times and had a 10-point lead with 15:36 left before the Lady Monarchs surged for an 83-72 victory.

"We want UConn! We want UConn!" chanted the crowd of 5,155, which included 300 standing-room ticket-holders.

Larry, in her 10th season as coach at her alma mater, said the comeback showed her that this year's team has something her previous Lady Monarchs squads haven't. It started with a 14-point blitz after a timeout.

"They really did prove to me that they are a team with goals and a mission in mind," Larry said. "In the past, a team that I've coached here, going down 10 against Tennessee, pretty much would have folded the tent. When we went into the huddle in that timeout, you could tell on their faces that the game was far from over. They knew they could come back."

In 1991, the Lady Monarchs finished 5-21, a harsh reality for a school with so many national championship banners hanging in its gym. ODU won back-to-back titles in 1979-80, then again in 1985 when coach Marianne Stanley had neither Lieberman nor Donovan but still went 31-3.

Annual NCAA Tournament berths since haven't cut it, Larry said.

"For some programs, it's a great success story to go to the tournament every year and go to the first and second rounds. Some people keep their jobs for 35, 40 years that way. Here's a different story. You win a national championship and you're driven to win one over and over and over again.

"In '85, Marianne takes the team back and wins the third, and then people start talking about, 'She brought it back. It's reborn. It's reborn.' Well, then it's gone again, and now all of a sudden, we're reborn again."

Overseas recruiting brought Ticha Penichiero from Figueira da Foz, Portugal, and Clarisse Machanguana from Maputo, Mozambique. Chanees taken on lightly recruited Nyree Roberts, from Jersey City, N.J., and Aubrey Eblin, from Williamsport, Ohio, also have paid off.

Penichiero, the point guard, averages about 11 points, eight assists, 4 1/2 steals and countless comparisons to Lieberman, the player known as "Lady Magic." Machanguana scores nearly 19 per game, Roberts almost 15.

Eblin, whose three 3-pointers in a span of 1:48 forced Stanford to abandon its preferred zone defense, did it again against Tennessee. Hampered by a sprained ankle, she connected twice from downtown during the comeback.

Notebook

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2 Final Four teams struggle

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

Entering this weekend, Massachusetts and Mississippi State both had sub-.500 records, somewhat surprising for two teams that played in last year's Final Four. Never before have two teams followed a Final Four appearance with a non-winning season. In fact, of the 228 teams that played in the Final Four through the 1994-95 season, only 16 have followed that up with a losing season. Since 1970, only five schools have been under .500 the year after Final Four appearance.

■ Men

Massachusetts was 7-9 and Mississippi State was 8-9 entering this weekend. Kentucky, last season's champion, was 15-2 and runner-up Syracuse was 10-6.

The last team to follow a Final Four appearance with a losing record was Duke in 1994-95. The Blue Devils were 13-18 after losing Grant Hill to graduation and coach Mike Krzyzewski during the season to back surgery. The others since 1970 were: Kansas, 11-15 in 1970-71; Michigan State, 12-15 in 1979-80; Providence, 11-17 in 1987-88; and Seton Hall, 12-16 in 1989-90. Michigan State, which lost sophomore Magic Johnson and senior Greg Kelser after winning it all, and Stanford, which went 10-11 after winning it all in 1941-42, are the only teams to follow a national championship with a losing season.

The tricky trivia question is: Which national champion didn't win a game the following season? Wyoming won the title in 1942-43 and suspended the program the next season because of World War II.

BOO BIRDS: There were some boos heard around Rupp Arena during Kentucky's 90-61 victory over Mississippi State earlier this month. It's hard to believe the noisy criticism was aimed at the defending national champion, but it was.

"That was the first time in my eight years that the fans have ever booed our team," Wildcats coach Rick Pitino said. "I have never seen a college team get booed before at home. No team of mine ever got booed at Boston (University) or Providence."

Now what makes the booing even more perplexing is that the Wildcats have a 15-2 record and have won 13 games by 20 or more points. In his 7 1/2 seasons at Kentucky, Pitino's teams have won 84 games by 20 or more points, an average of 11.2 per season.

That is an even better rate than the 415 victories by 20 points or more in coach Adolph Rupp's 41 seasons at Kentucky.

PATERNAL POINTS: Much was made of this week's Arizona-Southern Cal game in which Arizona freshman point guard Mike Bibby faced the team his father coaches for the first time.

The Bibbys are just one of five father-son combinations where the son is currently playing in the Pac-10 and the father was a 1,000-point scorer in college who went on to play in the NBA.

Henry Bibby scored 1,293 points at UCLA from 1970-72. Freddie Brown had 1,091 points at Iowa from 1970-71, and son Terik is a sophomore guard at Oregon. George Gervin scored 1,044 points at Eastern Michigan from 1971-72, and son Gee is a sophomore guard at Arizona State. Marques Johnson scored 1,659 points at UCLA from 1975-77, and son Kris is a junior forward at UCLA. Slick Watts scored 1,460 points at Xavier (La.) from 1970-73, and son Donald is a sophomore guard at Washington.

STOPPED STREAKS: Not many people realized it, but North Carolina A&T's 76-70 victory over Coppin State last Wednesday night ended the Eagles' 42-game home winning streak, the longest in the country at the time. This might be bad news for Kansas fans, but the Jayhawks now have the longest home winning streak at 38 games. Why would that be bad news? Well, including Coppin State, six schools have had home winning streaks of 20 games or more stopped so far this season. In addition to Coppin State, the others were: Texas Tech (35 by Colorado); Connecticut (26 by St. John's); Penn State (24 by Iowa); Georgetown (23 by Miami); and Marquette (20 by Princeton). The current longest streaks entering the weekend after Kansas were: Wake Forest (25); Kentucky (21); and New Mexico (20).

CALENDAR CHECK: One small item that may have slipped by from the recent NCAA convention was a decision about when college basketball practice will begin each season. Instead of the traditional Oct. 15, practice will now begin on the Saturday nearest Oct. 15.

The reason for the change was the concern by some schools about midweek Midnight Madness celebrations. Now, it will be weekends only. The rule change will cost coaches three days of practice this fall because the nearest Saturday is Oct. 18. In other years, they will gain an extra day or two of practice.

Injuries slow Colorado recruit

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Michelle Hasheider, who scored 2,660 points as a high school player in Okawville, Ill., was supposed to be Colorado's next standout player. But injuries have set back the career of the player who was supposed to be the school's best player since Shelley Sheetz, the All-America point guard who helped Colorado to a 106-21 record and three Big Eight Conference championships.

■ Women

First Hasheider had surgery to correct a muscle problem in her left leg at the end of her senior season in high school. That summer, she sprained her left wrist while practicing for the Olympic Festival, missed that competition and wore a cast the rest of her vacation.

Then she had surgery for a muscle problem in her right leg on Oct. 11, 1995, just before starting her freshman season at Colorado, which beat Stanford among others to sign Hasheider. Hasheider played her entire freshman season in pain yet still appeared in all but two games, averaging 4.9 points and 1.8 assists as the Buffaloes went 26-9. She had another operation on her left leg this past October, played in seven games and is now sidelined by shin splints.

"The first operation she had healed pretty quickly," Colorado coach Ceal Barry said. "This one didn't heal. She played her first three games and then it started acting up again. We probably pushed her to get her on the court against Montana and San Francisco (in mid-December) and she started going downhill."

Barry said Hasheider, who had averaged 10 points in the first three games, is improving now but no date has been set for her return.

"Everybody is concerned that as soon as she gets back in activity, the swelling and soreness will come back," said Barry, whose team was 8-5 heading into a Saturday game at Iowa State. "I don't see her playing the rest of this month. When we get in February, it may be too late for us."

TABLE FOR ONE: Alabama coach Rick Moody has taken to eating alone on game days. And with good reason. Moody skipped the team meal prior to a Dec. 18 game with Akron at a tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., because he wanted to scout the Crimson Tide's likely opponent in the next round, Penn State. Alabama beat Akron 89-44.

The next day, Moody missed the mea. before the Penn State game to scout another potential opponent, North Carolina, and Alabama rolled past then-No. 9 Penn State 68-47. Thinking he might be on to something, Moody missed the pregame meal again and the Tide beat North Carolina 88-74. Moody hasn't attended a pregame meal since, and fifth-ranked Alabama is 10-0 in that span, including a 68-64 victory at No. 4 Georgia on Wednesday night. That left Alabama 4-0 in the Southeastern Conference, its best league start ever.

NO PLACE LIKE DOME: The Big Ten basketball tournament is moving downtown. Held at Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis the last two years, the tournament this year will be played at the RCA Dome in downtown Indy. The dome will be modified to seat between 11,000 and 11,500 for the event. Last year, more than 22,500 fans attended the five sessions at Hinkle, formerly the site of the Indiana state high school championships and featured prominently in the movie "Hoosiers." The tournament, which determines the league's representative to the NCAA tournament, will be played Feb. 28 through March 3.

NEVER DOWN: Don't try telling Kentucky coach Bernadette Mattox that this is an off year at Tennessee. Tennessee had just lost three of its previous four games, all on the road to Top 25 teams, when it faced Kentucky in Knoxville and Kentucky had recently upset Western Kentucky. Final score: Tennessee 84, Kentucky 61.

"People asked me if it was good to play Tennessee when they are down, but Tennessee is never down," Mattox said.

Tennessee went into the weekend with six losses — two more than the Lady Vols suffered all last season en route to the national championship. But in 1985-86, Tennessee lost 10 games — and still made it to the Final Four. And even if it truly is a down year for coach Pat Summitt, it's not expected to last long. She has lined up a dynamite recruiting class for next season.

Statistics

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PGA Tour Money

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Money leaders on the PGA Tour through the Mercedes Championships, which ended Jan. 12:

Player	Trn	Money
1. Tiger Woods	1	$216,000
2. Tom Lehman	1	$129,600
3. Guy Boros	1	$81,600
4. Paul Goydos	1	$52,800
(tie) Paul Goydos	1	$52,800
6. Steve Jones	1	$41,700
(tie) Davis Love III	1	$41,700
8. John Cook	1	$35,600
(tie) Jim Furyk	1	$35,600
(tie) Corey Pavin	1	$35,600
11. Fred Funk	1	$30,600
(tie) Scott McCarron	1	$30,600
(tie) Phil Mickelson	1	$30,600
14. Ernie Els	1	$26,460
(tie) Mark O'Meara	1	$26,460
(tie) Tom Watson	1	$26,460
17. Michael Bradley	1	$22,200
(tie) Mark Brooks	1	$22,200
(tie) Tim Herron	1	$22,200
(tie) Clarence Rose	1	$22,200
(tie) Craig Stadler	1	$22,200
22. Nick Faldo	1	$19,500
(tie) Justin Leonard	1	$19,500
24. Ed Fiori	1	$18,180
(tie) Scott Hoch	1	$18,180
(tie) Loren Roberts	1	$18,180
27. Dudley Hart	1	$17,316
(tie) Steve Stricker	1	$17,316
29. Paul Stankowski	1	$16,932
30. Willie Wood	1	$16,692
31. D.A. Weibring	1	$16,452

PGA Tour Statistics

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Statistical leaders on the PGA Tour through the Mercedes Championships, which ended Jan. 12:

Scoring: 1 (tie), Tom Lehman and Tiger Woods, 68.64. 3, Guy Boros, 70.30. 4 (tie), Fred Couples and Paul Goydos, 70.64. 6 (tie), Steve Jones and Davis Love III, 70.97. 8 (tie), John Cook, Corey Pavin and Jim Furyk, 71.30.

Driving Distance: 1, Tiger Woods, 282.5 yards. 2, Scott McCarron, 283.3. 3, Michael Bradley, 279.7. 4, Davis Love III, 277.5. 5, Fred Couples, 270.3. 6, Ernie Els, 270.0. 7, Phil Mickelson, 268.0. 8, Dudley Hart, 264.5. 9, Steve Jones, 263.3. 10, Tim Herron, 261.3.

Driving Accuracy: 1 (tie), Clarence Rose and Jim Furyk, 86.1 percent. 3 (tie), Nick Faldo and Justin Leonard, 85.7. 5 (tie), John Cook, Ed Fiori, Corey Pavin, Loren Roberts, Craig Stadler and Paul Goydos, 81.0.

Total Driving: 1, Clarence Rose, 15. 2 (tie), Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods, 19. 4 (tie), Nick Faldo and Craig Stadler, 20. 6 (tie), Ernie Els and Tim Herron, 23. 8, Davis Love III, 25. 9, Fred Couples, 25. 10, 2 tied with 27.

Greens in Regulation: 1, Tom Lehman, 87.0. 2 (tie), Fred Couples and Jim Furyk, 75.9. 4 (tie), John Cook, Davis Love III and Mark O'Meara, 74.1. 7 (tie), Tiger Woods and Scott McCarron, 72.2. 9, Ernie Els, 70.4. 10, 3 tied with 68.5.

Putting: 1, Tom Watson, 1.808. 2, Loren Roberts, 1.803. 3, Tom Lehman, 1.800. 4, Paul Goydos, 1.676. 5, Fred Funk, 1.670. 6, Guy Boros, 1.666. 7, Jim Furyk, 1.707. 8 (tie), Mark Brooks and Tim Herron, 1.710. 10, Tiger Woods, 1.718.

Stroke: 1, Tom Lehman, 5.67 per round. 2, Tiger Woods, 5.00. 3 (tie), Phil Mickelson, Mark O'Meara, Tom Watson and Paul Goydos, 4.33. 7 (tie), Michael Bradley, Fred Couples and Ernie Els, 4.00. 10, 4 tied at 3.67.

Eagles: 1, Tiger Woods, 27.0 holes per eagle. 2 (tie), Davis Love III and Jim Furyk, 54.0.

Sand Saves: 1 (tie), Steve Jones, Tom Lehman, Davis Love III and Steve Stricker, 100.0 percent. 5, Fred Funk, 67.5. 6, Dudley Hart, 63.3. 7 (tie), Willie Wood and Paul Goydos, 60.0. 9, Michael Bradley, 77.8. 10, 2 tied at 75.0.

All Around: 1, Tiger Woods, 67. 2, Jim Furyk, 79. 3, Davis Love III, 92. 4, Tom Lehman, 241. 5, Paul Goydos, 255. 6, Fred Couples, 275. 7, John Cook, 282. 8, Ernie Els, 289. 9, Michael Bradley, 290. 10, 2 tied at 292.

PGA Tour Schedule

Jan. 9-12 — Mercedes Championships (Tiger Woods)

Today — Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Indian Wells, Bermuda Dunes, Indian Ridge, La Quinta, Ramtree Mirage, Calif.

Jan. 23-26 — Phoenix Open, TPC of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2 — Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill, Poppy Hills, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Feb. 6-9 — Buick Invitational of California, Torrey Pines Country Club (South Course and North Course), La Jolla, Calif.

Feb. 13-16 — United Airlines Hawaiian Open, Waialae Country Club, Honolulu

Feb. 20-23 — Tucson Chrysler Classic, Tucson National Golf Resort, Tucson, Ariz.

Feb. 27-March 2 — Nissan Open, Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

March 6-9 — Doral-Ryder Open, Doral Resort and Country Club, Miami

March 13-16 — Honda Classic, TPC at Heron Bay, Coral Springs, Fla.

March 20-23 — Bay Hill Invitational, Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla.

March 27-30 — The Players Championship, TPC at Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

April 3-6 — Freeport-McDermott Classic, English Turn Golf & Country Club, New Orleans

April 10-13 — The Masters, Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

April 17-20 — MCI Classic, Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

April 24-27 — Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic, Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.

May 1-4 — Shell Houston Open, TPC at The Woodlands, The Woodlands, Texas

May 8-11 — BellSouth Classic, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga.

May 15-18 — Byron Nelson Classic, TPC at Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas

May 22-25 — MasterCard Colonial, Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth, Texas

May 29-June 1 — Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village Country Club, Dublin, Ohio

June 5-8 — Kemper Open, TPC at Avenel, Potomac, Md.

June 12-15 — U.S. Open, Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Md.

June 19-22 — Buick Classic, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.

June 26-29 — FedEx St. Jude Classic, TPC at Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

July 3-6 — Motorola Western Open, Cog Hill Golf Club, Lemont, Ill.

July 10-13 — Quad City Classic, Oakwood Country Club, Coal Valley, Ill.

July 17-20 — British Open, Royal Troon Golf Club, Troon, Scotland

July 17-20 — Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic, Annandale Golf Club, Madison, Miss.

July 24-27 — Canon Greater Hartford Open, TPC at River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.

July 31-Aug. 3 — Sprint International, Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock, Colo.

Aug. 7-10 — Buick Open, Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Aug. 14-17 — PGA Championship, Winged Foot Country Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Aug. 21-24 — NEC World Series of Golf, Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio

Aug. 21-24 — Greater Vancouver Open, Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey, B.C.

Aug. 28-31 — Greater Milwaukee Open, Brown Deer Park Golf Course, Milwaukee

Sept. 4-7 — Bell Canadian Open, Royal Montreal GC (Blue Course), Montreal

Sept. 11-14 — CVS Charity Classic, Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, Mass.

Sept. 18-21 — LaCantera Texas Open, La Cantera Golf Club, San Antonio

Sept. 26-28 — Ryder Cup, Valderrama Golf Club, Cadiz, Spain

Sept. 26-28 — S.C. Open, En-Joie Golf Club, Endicott, N.Y.

Ryder Cup Points

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Standings for the 1997 Ryder Cup to be played Sept. 26-28 at Valderrama in Sotogrande, Spain. The top 10 finishers qualify for the 12-man teams and U.S. captain Tom Kite and European captain Seve Ballesteros each have two wild-card choices:

United States
Through Jan. 12

1. Tom Lehman	682,000
2. Davis Love III	525,000
3. Mark Brooks	519,750
4. Phil Mickelson	467,000
5. Scott Hoch	400,000
6. Tiger Woods	400,000
7. Mark O'Meara	380,000
8. Fred Couples	347,500
9. Steve Stricker	342,500
10. Kenny Perry	311,250
11. Jeff Maggert	299,625
12. Steve Jones	280,000
13. Justin Leonard	269,500
14. Tommy Tolles	268,000
15. Brad Faxon	247,500
16. David Duval	235,000
17. Michael Bradley	232,500
18. Fred Couples	229,167
19. Fred Funk	214,583
20. Jim Furyk	192,500
21. John Cook	191,000
22. Mark McCumber	185,834
23. Duffy Waldorf	185,000
24. Tom Watson	185,000
25. Paul Goydos	182,000

Europe
Through Jan. 12

1. Colin Montgomerie, Scotland	297,666
2. Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	189,000
3. Costantino Rocca, Italy	170,667

4. Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland 165,613
5. Per-Ulrik Johansson, Sweden 140,056
6. Miguel Angel Martin, Spain 137,661
7. Jean Van de Velde, France 102,142
8. Paul Broadhurst, England 85,184
9. Sam Torrance, Scotland 85,040
10. Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain 85,190
11. Peter Mitchell, England 79,218
12. Mark Davis, England 76,359
13. Seve Ballesteros, Spain 71,000
14. Andrew Coltart, Scotland 67,492
15. Roger Chapman, England 65,407
16. Ross Drummond, Scotland 65,314
17. David Gilford, England 61,807
18. Ian Woosnam, Wales 60,600
19. Padraig Harrington, Ireland 59,400
20. Paul Curry, England 54,377

Senior PGA Schedule

Jan. 17-19 — MasterCard Championship, Hualalai Golf Club, Kona, Hawaii

Jan. 25-26 — Senior Skins Game, Mauna Lani Resort, Kohala Coast, Hawaii

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 — Royal Caribbean Classic, The Links at Key Biscayne, Key Biscayne, Fla.

Feb. 7-9 — LG Championship, Bay Colony Golf Club, Naples, Fla.

Feb. 14-16 — GTE Suncoast Classic, TPC of Tampa Bay, Lutz, Fla.

Feb. 21-23 — American Express Invitational, TPC at Prestancia, Sarasota, Fla.

March 6-9 — Senior Slam, Palmilla Resort, San Jose da Cabo, Mexico

March 14-16 — Toshiba Senior Classic, Newport Beach Country Club, Newport Beach, Calif.

March 21-23 — Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, PGA West (Stadium Course), La Quinta, Calif.

March 28-30 — Southwestern Bell Dominion, The Dominion Country Club, San Antonio

April 3-6 — The Tradition, Desert Mountain Golf Club (Cochise Course), Scottsdale, Ariz.

April 17-20 — PGA Seniors' Championship, PGA National Golf Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

April 25-27 — Las Vegas Senior Classic, TPC at the Canyons, Las Vegas

May 2-4 — Bruno's Memorial Classic, Greystone Golf Club, Birmingham, Ala.

May 9-11 — PalmerWebber Invitational, TPC at Piper Glen, Charlotte, N.C.

May 16-18 — Cadillac NFL Classic, Upper Montclair Golf Club, Clifton, N.J.

May 23-25 — Bell Atlantic Classic, Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern, Pa.

May 30-June 1 — Ameritech Senior Open, Kemper Lakes, Long Grove, Ill.

June 6-8 — BellSouth Senior Classic at Opryland, Springhouse Golf Club, Nashville, Tenn.

June 12-15 — du Maurier Champions, St. George's Golf & Country Club, Etobicoke, Canada

June 20-22 — Nationwide Championship, The Golf Club of Georgia, Alpharetta, Ga.

June 26-29 — U.S. Senior Open, Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, Ill.

July 4-6 — Kroger Classic, The Golf Center at Kings Island, Mason, Ohio

July 10-13 — Ford Senior Players Championship, TPC of Michigan, Dearborn, Mich.

July 18-20 — Sunset Senior Classic, Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.

July 25-27 — Franklin Quest Championship, Park Meadows, Park City, Utah

LPGA Money Leaders

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Money leaders on the LPGA tour through the Tournament of Champions, which ended Jan. 12:

Player	Trn	Money
1. Annika Sorenstam	1	$115,000
2. Karrie Webb	1	$72,000
3. Barb Mucha	1	$52,500
4. Michelle McGann	1	$37,050
4. Nancy Lopez	1	$37,050
6. Nanci Bowen	1	$21,010
(tie) Rosie Jones	1	$21,010
(tie) Beth Daniel	1	$21,010
(tie) Caroline Pierce	1	$21,010
(tie) Dottie Pepper	1	$21,010
11. Jenny Lidback	1	$[illegible]
(tie) Dawn Coe-Jones	1	$[illegible]
13. Laura Davies	1	$[illegible]
(tie) Alison Nicholas	1	$12,853
15. Kathryn Marshall	1	$11,758
16. Betsy King	1	$10,783
(tie) Barb Whitehead	1	$10,783
18. Val Skinner	1	$10,032
(tie) Patty Sheehan	1	$10,032
20. Liselotte Neumann	1	$9,223
(tie) Becky Iverson	1	$9,223
22. Dale Eggeling	1	$8,640
23. Kelly Robbins	1	$8,155
(tie) Chris Johnson	1	$8,155
25. Mary Beth Zimmerman	1	$7,552
(tie) Tracy Kerdyk	1	$7,552
(tie) JoAnne Carner	1	$7,552
28. Meg Mallon	1	$6,853
(tie) Julie Piers	1	$6,853
(tie) Pat Bradley	1	$6,853
31. Gail Graham	1	$6,388
32. Mayumi Hirase	1	$6,095
(tie) Ko Woo-soon	1	$6,095
34. Joan Pitcock	1	$5,707
(tie) Trish Johnson	1	$5,707
36. Vicki Fergon	1	$5,319
(tie) Emilee Klein	1	$5,319

LPGA Tour Statistics

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Statistical leaders on the LPGA tour through the Tournament of Champions, which ended Jan. 12:

Scoring: 1, Annika Sorenstam, 68.00. 2, Karrie Webb, 69.00. 3, Barb Mucha, 69.25. 4, tie, Nancy Lopez and Michelle McGann, 71.25. 6, tie, Nanci Bowen, Beth Daniel, Rosie Jones, Dottie Pepper, and Caroline Pierce, 71.50.

Eagles: 1, tie, Dale Eggeling, Jenny Lidback, and Barb Mucha, 2. 4, tie, Pat Bradley, Chris Johnson, Trish Johnson, Nancy Lopez, 1.

Birdies: 1, tie, Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb, 23. 3, Laura Davies, 19. 4, Barb Mucha, 16. 5, tie, Dawn Coe-Jones and Nancy Lopez, 15. 7, tie, Michelle McGann, Val Skinner, 14. 9, tie, Nanci Bowen, Betsy King, Kathryn Marshall, and Liselotte Neumann, 13.

Fairway Leaders: 1, tie, Dale Eggeling, Dottie Pepper, Caroline Pierce ,86.4 percent. 4, Nanci Bowen, 84.6. 5, tie, Annika Sorenstam, Meg Mallon, and Barb Mucha, 82.9. 8, tie, Barb Whitehead and Jenny Lidback, 81.1. 10, tie, Beth Daniel and Tracy Kerdyk, 80.3.

Greens in Regulation: 1, Karrie Webb, 80.6 percent. 2, Beth Daniel, 79.2. 3, tie, Annika Sorenstam and Alison Nicholas, 76.4. 5, Laura Davies, 73.6. 6, tie, Nancy Lopez, Kelly Robbins, and Kathryn Marshall, 72.2. 9, tie, Patty Sheehan and Barb Mucha, 70.8.

Sand Saves: 1, tie, Beth Daniel, Annika Sorenstam, Barb Whitehead , Mary Beth Zimmerman, Caroline Pierce, and Kelly Robbins, 100 percent. 7, Gail Graham, 83.3. 8, Nanci Bowen, 75.0. 9, Michelle McGann, 66.7. 10, tie, Betsy King and Barb Mucha, 60.0.

Putting: 1, Barb Mucha, 27.25 per round. 2, Annika Sorenstam, 28.00. 3, tie, Dawn Coe-Jones, Betsy King, Barb Whitehead, and Jenny Lidback, 28.75. 7, Julie Piers, 29.00. 8, tie, Pat Bradley, Karrie Webb, Liselotte Neumann, and Caroline Pierce, 29.25.

Driving Distance: 1, Laura Davies, 253.3 yards. 2, Michelle McGann, 252.5. 3, Karrie Webb, 249.3. 4, Beth Daniel, 246.0. 5, Val Skinner, 243.5. 6, Kathryn Marshall, 243.0. 7, Nancy Lopez, 241.0. 8, Chris Johnson, 239.5. 9, Kelly Robbins, 237.0. 10, JoAnne Carner, 236.3.

LPGA Tour Schedule

Jan. 9-12 — Tournament of Champions (Annika Sorenstam)

Jan. 17-19 — HEALTHSOUTH Inaugural, Lake Buena Vista Course at Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Feb. 6-9 — Palm Beach National Pro-Am, Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Feb. 13-16 — Los Angeles Women's Championship, Oakmont Country Club, Glendale, Calif.

Feb. 20-23 — Cup Noodles Hawaiian Ladies Open, Kapolei Golf Course, Kapolei, Hawaii

Feb. 27-Mar. 2 — Alpine Australian Ladies Masters, Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Australia

March 13-16 — Welch's/Circle K Championship, Randolph Park North Golf Course, Tucson, Ariz.

March 20-23 — Standard Register PING, Moon Valley Country Club, Phoenix

March 27-30 — Nabisco Dinah Shore, Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage, Calif.

April 3-6 — Twelve Bridges LPGA Classic, Twelve Bridges Golf Club, Lincoln, Calif.

April 17-20 — Myrtle Beach LPGA Classic, Waterway Plantation East Golf Club, Murrell Inlet, S.C.

April 25-27 — Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, Eagle's Landing Country Club, Stockbridge, Ga.

May 1-4 — Sprint Titleholders Championship, LPGA International, Daytona Beach, Fla.

May 9-11 — Sara Lee Classic, Hermitage Golf Course, Old Hickory, Tenn.

May 15-18 — McDonald's LPGA Championship, Du Pont Country Club, Wilmington, Del.

May 22-25 — LPGA Corning Classic, Corning Country Club, Corning, N.Y.

May 24-25 — JCPenney-LPGA Skins Game, Stonebriar Country Club, Frisco, Texas

May 29-June 1 — Heartland Classic, Forest Hills Country Club, St. Louis

June 5-8 — Oldsmobile Classic, Walnut Hills Country Club, East Lansing, Mich.

June 12-15 — First Bank presents Edina Realty LPGA Classic, Ruth Crask Golf Club, Maple Grove, Minn.

June 19-22 — Rochester International, Locust Hill Country Club, Pittsford, N.Y.

June 27-29 — Shoprite LPGA Classic, Greate Bay Resort & Country Club, Somers Point, N.J.

July 3-6 — Jamie Farr Kroger Classic, Highland Meadows Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio

July 10-13 — U.S. Women's Open, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, Cornelius, Ore.

July 17-20 — JAL Big Apple Classic, Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, N.Y.

July 25-27 — Giant Eagle LPGA Classic, Avalon Lakes, Warren, Ohio

July 31-Aug. 3 — du Maurier Ltd. Classic, Glen Abbey Country Club, Oakville, Ontario

Tiger's Harmon-y

Woods' desire to improve impresses coach

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

Butch Harmon is a small man with piercing steel-gray eyes that don't miss a thing, especially when it comes to the golf swing.

Those eyes dance with merry amusement when Harmon is telling a joke but they narrow and focus with total concentration when he is watching someone hit a golf ball.

■ On the Fringe

Right now Harmon spends a lot of time watching Tiger Woods hit a golf ball in a way it's never been hit before. And as Woods' coach, Harmon appreciates a side of the 21-year-old the fans rarely see.

Woods may have a ton of talent but he also has a sharp mind, a remarkable ethic and is able to put aside his ego and listen to what Harmon has to say.

"He's like a sponge," Harmon said. "When I'm talking he just stops and stares and listens to every word."

Woods and Harmon work constantly. At Pumpkin Ridge, outside Portland, Ore., Woods ended the morning round of the U.S. Amateur Championship 5-down to Steve Scott. Instead of sitting down to lunch he headed for the practice tee.

Harmon found a few flaws, Woods worked on them and Scott was the victim as Woods played brilliantly in the afternoon — shooting the equivalent of a 65 — and won on the second hole of sudden death.

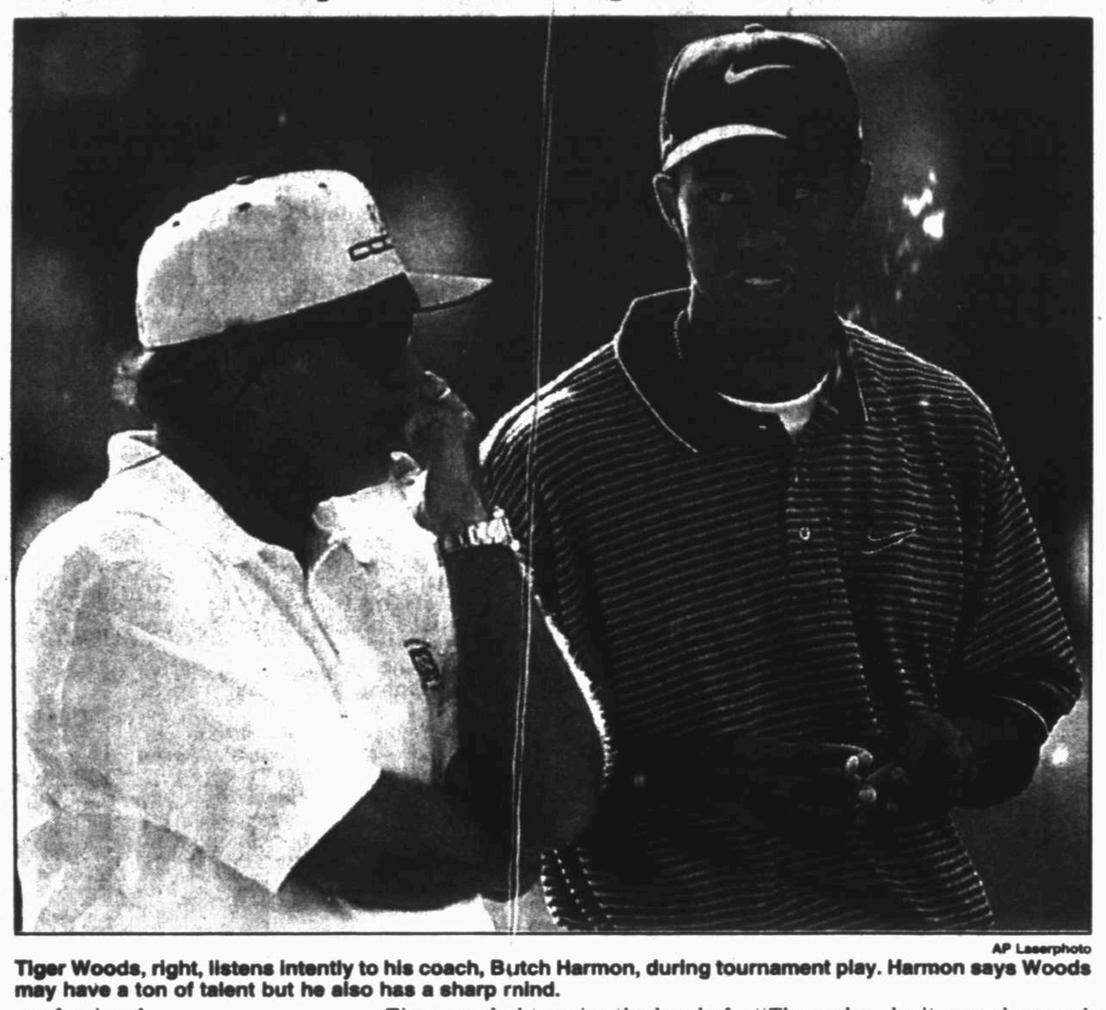
"He takes everything we work on and brings it right out on the course," Harmon said. "That's courage."

The same thing was true on Sunday at the Mercedes Championships.

"We worked on something right before the playoff," Harmon said. "He couldn't draw the ball. We moved his hand position at address and he had it."

Tom Lehman hit first and caught the ball a little high on the club face. The ball ballooned into the air, caught too much of the cross wind, drifted left and plopped into the water.

Woods then stepped up to the seventh tee — a par-3 playing 186 yards — aimed for the center of the green and drew a 6-iron within 8 inches of the hole to win for the third time in only nine starts as a professional.



AP Laserphoto

Tiger Woods, right, listens intently to his coach, Butch Harmon, during tournament play. Harmon says Woods may have a ton of talent but he also has a sharp rnind.

Just like it was scripted on the practice tee.

"I told him last night, "Come on, admit it. You pulled it," Harmon said Monday with that mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "Man, how good was that shot?" he added, this time with a look of pure appreciation.

Harmon, the director of golf at Lochinvar Golf Club in Houston, is the son of 1948 Masters champion Claude Harmon and has worked as a teacher with such great players as Greg Norman and Davis Love III.

Harmon and Woods got together after the then 17-year-old Woods was eliminated in the second round of the 1993 U.S. Amateur Championship, played in Houston that year.

Woods and his father, Earl, felt Tiger needed to raise the level of his game and they liked the work Harmon had done with Norman. At first, Woods would send Harmon videotapes and the coach would send back his comments. Eventually they worked more and more together in person.

Tiger Woods never lost another match in the U.S. Amateur after hooking up with Harmon, winning 18 consecutive matches and three straight championships.

And now he has started the PGA Tour just as dominating, winning three times in nine starts and finishing in the top five six times.

Though Harmon has worked with the best players, he also has some tips for the average golfer.

"They all use shafts that are too stiff for them," said Harmon, who among his many hats is also a club-design consultant for Cobra Golf.

"They also don't spend enough time with their short games and they all miss greens short, not hitting enough club."

The obsession with hitting the ball a long way is the downfall of many golfers, Harmon said.

He told a story about taking a prototype of a 46-inch driver out to the practice tee at La Costa during the Mercedes Championships and when Woods hit it the ball was flying 50 yards farther than Woods' normal 320-yard poke.

"He said, 'Is that for me?" Harmon said with a laugh. "I said, 'Nah, man. That's mine,'" Harmon said with pure joy.

"Everybody wants to hit it further — even Tiger Woods," Harmon said.

Harmon will be on hand to make certain he also hits it the right way.

Fellow seniors rally around Palmer

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

The dates are set for the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, and in a matter of time the field will be, too. The Japan championship will be March 1-2 at Kagoshima. The U.S. winner will be decided April 21-22 at Lake Oconee, Ga.

■ Notebook

The European competition will be May 19-20 at Denham, England. And the International championship will be July 28-29.

The top seven players in each grouping of the Sony World Rankings will be invited to play. And the eighth spot on each team will be filled with a sponsor's invitation.

Greg Norman of Australia currently tops the Sony Rankings followed by Tom Lehman, Colin Montgomerie of Scotland, Ernie Els of South Africa and Fred Couples.

Couples, who missed the first two Andersen events because of overseas commitments, has cut back on foreign tournaments this year and has indicated he will play in the Andersen.

Tiger Woods is not among the top seven Americans in the Sony Rankings but he could get in on a sponsor's invitation. Woods is 23rd in the rankings and 13th among Americans

The finals with the four regional winners will be Jan. 3-4 at Grayhawk Golf Club at Scottsdale, Ariz.

PALMER WATCH: The news from the Mayo Clinic appears to be encouraging concerning Arnold Palmer's prostate cancer, seeming to confirm earlier reports that the disease was detected early.

The amazing public reaction to the shocking news that Palmer had cancer proved once again that he is truly The King.

"The first thing I do when I think about Arnold is smile," Raymond Floyd said last week in a conference call about the Senior Skins Game to be played Jan. 25-26. "He's golf. He epitomizes the game in the professional sense. He's been a mentor to all of us. He's led by example."

Floyd will be joined by Jack Nicklaus and Hale Irwin in the Senior Skins Game. Palmer, however,



AP Laserphoto

Arnold Palmer, who had surgery for prostate cancer, withdrew from the Senior Skins recently.

has officially withdrawn and was replaced in the four-man field by Lee Trevino.

The Senior Skins Game will be played at the Mauna Lani Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Palmer, one of the most popular players in the history of golf, has played in every Skins Game or Senior Skins Game since 1983, winning a total of $1,180,000. He played in both events in 1993.

Trevino has won $305,000 in five Senior Skins Game appearances and $435,00 in four Skins Games. The most memorable skin in the history of the competition might be the hole-in-one Trevino made on No. 17 at PGA West in 1987.

TIGER WATCH: The British bookmakers Ladbrokes slashed the odds on Tiger Woods winning a major championship this year to 7-2 from 6-1 after his playoff victory over Tom Lehman in the Mercedes. Ladbrokes now rates Woods and Lehman as 14-1 co-favorites to win the Masters and as 4-1 co-favorites to lead the PGA Tour money list.

"Tiger Woods can expect to be the favorite for every tournament he plays from now on, even the majors," said Ladbrokes spokesman Ian Wassell. "He is especially popular with the British betting public who can't stop winning money backing him."

APPEARANCE MONEY: The $1.4 million Johnnie Walker Classic in Australia wasn't able to lure Greg Norman and Tiger Woods but the Jan. 23-26 event did put together a field that includes seven players who have won major championships.

Nick Faldo, Ernie Els, Fred Couples, John Daly, Wayne Grady, Bernhard Langer and Ian Baker-Finch are the major title winners in the field.

DIVOTS: Don't be surprised if Tiger Woods plays the Pebble Beach Pro-Am Jan. 30-Feb. 2 with actor Kevin Costner as his partner. Woods was going to play with his father but it looks like Earl Woods will have heart bypass surgery that week. ... The Nissan Open Feb. 23-March 2 at Riviera Country Club boosted its purse to $1.4 million from $1.2 million. The winner will get $252,000. ... Golf Digest looked at the tax returns filed by golf's major tax-exempt organization and found that PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem made the most among administrators, $1.4 million. Tour money leader Tom Lehman earned $1.7 million and NBA commissioner David Stern earned $7 million plus incentive bonuses. The full numbers appear in the February Golf Digest. ... Longtime club consultant Lew Fishman was made vice president of consumer testing and research for Titleist and Cobra, two of the arms of American Brands. ... U.S. players make up five of the top 10 in the latest Ping rankings. Dottie Pepper, Michelle McGann, Kelly Robbins, Meg Mallon and Jane Geddes were ranked sixth through ninth. Sweden has three in the top 10 with Annika Sorenstam second, Liselotte Neumann fourth and Helen Alfredsson 10th. Laura Davies of England is No. 1 and Karrie Webb of Australia is third.

Today's Tournaments

By John Nicholson
Associated Press Writer

PGA TOUR
Bob Hope Chrysler Classic

Site: Indian Wells, Calif.
Dates: Final round today.
Courses: Indian Wells Country Club (6,478 yards, par 72), Indian Ridge Country Club (7,037 yards, par 72), Bermuda Dunes Country Club (6,927 yards, par 72) and La Quinta Country Club (6,901 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.5 million.
Winner's share: $270,000.
Television: NBC (Today, 4-6 p.m.).
Last year: Mark Brooks won the first of three 1996 titles, closing with consecutive 5-under 67s at Indian Ridge for a one-stroke victory over John Huston. Brooks, the PGA winner, had a 23-under 337 total.
Last week: Tiger Woods nearly aced the first hole of a playoff with Tom Lehman to win the rain-shortened Mercedes Championships. Woods, who has three victories in nine professional starts, had a 14-under 202 total on the La Costa course in Carlsbad, Calif. He birdied the final four holes in the third round for a tournament-best 7-under 65.
Notes: Arnold Palmer withdrew Friday after learning he has prostate cancer. Palmer, 67, appeared in all 37 previous tournaments, winning in 1960, 1962, 1968, 1971 and 1973. ... Tom Kite set the 90-hole tour record in 1993 with a 35-under 325 total. ... The final round will be played at Indian Wells, while La Quinta replaces Tamarisk in the four-course lineup. ... Woods will return to the tour next week for the Phoenix Open, and also is scheduled to play the following week in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. ... The Nike Tour begins play Jan. 30-Feb. 2 with the Lakeland Classic at Lakeland, Fla.

LPGA TOUR
HealthSouth Inaugural

Site: Orlando, Fla.
Dates: Final round today.
Course: Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista (6,336 yards, par 72).
Purse: $600,000.
Winner's share: $90,000.
Television: ESPN (Today, 1:30-3 p.m.).
Last year: Karrie Webb parred the fourth hole of a playoff with Jane Geddes for the Australian star's first of four 1996 titles. Webb closed with a 3-under 69 to tie Geddes and Martha Nause at 7-under 209. Nause was eliminated on the first extra hole.
Last week: Sweden's Annika Sorenstam won the Tournament of Champions at Weston, Fla., closing with a 6-under 66 for a four-stroke victory over Australia's Karrie Webb. Sorenstam had a 16-under 272 total.
Notes: The tournament is the first full-field event of the year. ... While Sorenstam is taking the week off, her younger sister, Charlotta, is making her first appearance as a full tour member. ... Interlachen in Edina, Minn., will be the site of the 2002 Solheim Cup matches. The 1998 matches are scheduled for Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, while the European site of the 2000 competition has not been determined. ... The tour resumes Feb. 6-9 with the Palm Beach National Pro-Am at West Palm Beach, Fla.

SENIOR PGA TOUR
MasterCard Championship

Site: Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
Dates: Final round today.
Course: Hualalai PGA Tour Resort (7,053, par 72).
Purse: $1 million.
Winner's share: $186,000.
Television: ESPN (Today, 6:30-8:30 p.m.).
Last year: South Africa's John Bland won the first of four 1996 titles, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke victory over Jim Colbert. Bland had a 9-under 279 total on the Dorado Beach course in Puerto Rico.
Notes: The season-opening event is limited to 1996 winners, a total of 24 players. ... The tournament moves to the Jack Nicklaus-designed Hualalai course after two years at Dorado Beach. ... Arnold Palmer, who withdrew from the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic after learning he has prostrate cancer, is scheduled to join Nicklaus, Ray Floyd and Hale Irwin in next week's Senior Skins at Mauna Lani. ... Colbert was selected the player of the year for the second straight season in voting by tour members, while Bland was honored as the top rookie and Al Geiberger as the comeback player. Colbert led the tour with five victories and earnings of $1,627,890. ... The full tour begins play Jan. 31-Feb. 2 in the Royal Caribbean Classic at Key Biscayne, Fla.

OTHER TOURNAMENT
PNB Tour South Africa: South African Masters, final round today, San Lameer Golf Club, Durban, South Africa.



AP Laserphoto

Team owner Rick Hendrick, far right, leads a team which includes new member Ricky Craven, far left, defending Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte, second from left, and 1995 Winston Cup champ Jeff Gordon.

Family's support

Colleagues do not judge Hendrick harshly

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

On Dec. 4 NASCAR's top team owner, Rick Hendrick, was indicted by a federal grand jury for money laundering and fraud. Two days later, he walked into a NASCAR banquet worried about how his racing colleagues would receive him.

"A lot of those people are my friends, but I still wasn't really sure what the reaction was going to be," Hendrick said.

He was greeted with applause and smiles as he showed up to accept the Myers Brothers Award for contributions to the sport of stock car racing.

"I went into that room that morning and everyone was there and no one asked me any questions about (the indictments)," Hendrick said. "It was a relief because I really couldn't, and still can't, say anything about the case.

"It was just great to feel all that support and friendship from people who are so important to my life."

The owner of a $2.2 billion car and truck dealership network, Hendrick faces trial on 15 counts of money laundering and one count each of mail fraud and conspiracy related to several Honda dealerships.

He is free on $1 million bond, and no trial date has been set. He pleaded innocent on Dec. 20 to charges from a 49-page indictment alleging he bribed American Honda executives for favorable treatment in the allocation of cars and the awarding of dealerships.

If convicted of all 15 counts, Hendrick faces a maximum sentence of 210 years in prison and more than $5 million in fines.

Despite the problems hanging over him, Hendrick vows his racing operation will stay on track.

"The timing (of the indictments) sure didn't look like it was fair, but what we want to do is just concentrate on '97," he said.

Hendrick goes into the new season, which begins Feb. 16 with the Daytona 500, as king of the hill in NASCAR. His team won the 1995 Winston Cup title with Jeff Gordon and the 1996 championship with Terry Labonte first and Gordon a close second.

"Even though I've enjoyed the championship very much, (the indictment) has been a distraction," Hendrick said recently at the team's sprawling complex in Concord, N.C.

Although he is frustrated by not being able to tell his side of the story, Hendrick is most concerned that his three-car team — with drivers Labonte, Gordon and newcomer Ricky Craven taking over for Ken Schrader — not be affected by the court case.

"They're big boys and we're close-knit," Hendrick said. "If anything, I think it motivates them. I've told them to concentrate on what they've got to do. I'll take care of this, and let's get on with it."

Labonte, whose moribund career was revived when he was hired by Hendrick in 1994, said the indictments have pulled the team together.

"You see people here more determined than ever to bring that championship back here again," Labonte said. "Everybody here knows Rick Hendrick and knows what kind of a person he is. I've never worked at a place — and this is my fourth year here — that I've not heard one person say one bad thing about the boss. You can't go many places and say that.

"This is something that has hurt everybody here, because we know how Rick is. That's why I think this is something that will strengthen our team."

For now, Hendrick would rather talk about the possibility of becoming the first team owner to win three straight championships since Cale Yarborough won in 1976-78 for Junior Johnson.

"I think you're going to see Terry and Jeff battle for the championship again, and I don't see why Ricky can't be in it, too," Hendrick said, smiling broadly. "Of course, I'm sure Dale (Earnhardt) will be there, and Rusty (Wallace) will be there. But we kept everybody intact and I think we should be just as competitive as we were at the end of the year."

Jarrett legacy makes Ned proud

By John Sturbin
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CONCORD, N.C. — He won his first stock-car race disguised as "John Lentz." But 50 victories and two Grand National Division championships have stamped Ned Jarrett as a NASCAR legend, and a man Homer Jarrett could be proud of.

Homer Jarrett's family-run sawmill business in Newton, N.C., was beginning to prosper in 1952, at a time when son Ned's interest in stock-car racing was becoming flat-out serious.

"I was a major part of the sawmill business, and my father pointed this out to me," Jarrett said during a visit with the media at Charlotte Motor Speedway last week. "Back then in auto racing you were either a bootlegger or a fool who didn't have any better sense than to risk your neck. My dad was very strong on trying to build respect for himself and his family in the community. He couldn't see where me participating with that rough and rugged group of people would add too much to what he had done over the years.

"But he also presented me with my greatest challenge. He made me work harder than I ever would have dreamed to prove to him it doesn't matter who you associate with — you can build respect."

Jarrett, then 19, finished 10th in his first official race, driving a Sportsman Ford at Hickory (N.C.) Speedway in May 1952. Jarrett owned half-interest in the car with Lentz. But when Homer Jarrett reiterated his displeasure over Ned's driving, father and son compromised. Ned was allowed to work on the car but was not to drive it.

That was a plan until the night Lentz showed up sick at Hickory Speedway.

"We didn't look too hard for another driver," Jarrett said. "It was pretty dark around those little dirt tracks, and John had a big nose like me. We put that helmet on and nobody knew the difference. We changed shirts out in the infield and pulled around on the racetrack. I finished second that night. He hadn't done quite that well, so we figured I must be the better race driver."

Jarrett said the switcheroo worked for several months — until he messed up and won a race. Word quickly spread through tiny Newton that Ned Jarrett actually was the young hot shoe over at Hickory.

"My dad finally came up to me one day," Jarrett recalled. "He said, 'OK, if you're so determined to drive one of those things, you might as well use your own name and get credit for any accomplishments you may have along the way.'"

Today, Jarrett lives approximately five miles from the farm where his father gave him that life-changing blessing. But Jarrett truly has traveled full-circle during a distinguished career in NASCAR's Grand National Division — the forerunner of today's Winston Cup Series — that produced national championships in 1961 and 1965.

After retiring from racing in 1966 at age 34 to spend quality time with his family, Jarrett managed Hickory Speedway before launching a broadcasting career that took him from the Universal Racing Network to CBS-TV, ESPN and into his own syndicated radio and TV programs.

Jarrett's sons, Glenn and Dale, have followed their father's dual careers — Glenn as a TV racing reporter and Dale as a Winston Cup championship contender.

With the assistance of Ford Motor Co., Ned and Dale shared a rare time-warp drive here recently. The Jarretts each drove Dale's 1997 Robert Yates Racing Ford Thunderbird Cup car and a 1963 1/2 Ford Galaxie 500 stocker last manhandled by Donnie Allison in February 1970.

Jim Mason of New Boston, Mich., owner of the vintage "notchback" Ford, said it had not seen the light of day for 26 years until recently being prepped for the Jarretts.

After hot-lapping each Ford on a quarter-mile Legends Car track in front of the CMS grandstands, father and son gave detailed rundowns of the differences between the cars. They also addressed the similarities between themselves.

"Someone this morning asked if I missed driving race cars," said Ned Jarrett, who at 64 still fits into the same bright blue "tailored-and-zippered" driving suit he proudly wore 31 years ago.

"No, I don't miss driving race cars," Jarrett said. "That might be the last time you'll ever see me in a race car. That doesn't matter to me because I've found a bigger challenge in what I do today than when I was driving race cars.

"And I'm glad that it's worked out that way. I'm able to live, through Dale, as far as the driving is concerned. When he wins, it means a lot more to me than when I did."

Dale Jarrett, 39, has scored eight career Cup victories — including two emotional Daytona 500 checkered flags covered live by his father for CBS. The time-honored journalistic axiom that states "No cheering in the press box" momentarily was waived for the popular Jarretts.

"Racing is unique in that 'a name' seems to help more than in other sports because of the doors it can open," Dale Jarrett said. "And you can't beat experience. Even to this day we still talk about races. We have a good relationship — one that I'm proud of. I'm proud of my dad and what he's accomplished, not only on the racetrack but since that time, too."

Ned Jarrett raced in an era when NASCAR's stars included Junior Johnson, Fireball Roberts, Curtis Turner, Fred Lorenzen, Lee Roy Yarbrough, Bobby Allison and a crewcut youngster named Richard Petty. Jarrett beat them all, and in 1965 he beat them often. He won 13 races and placed in the top five in a staggering 42 of 54 events — one-third of them dirt short-track races — in the Bondy Long Ford.

Jarrett said he won approximately $87,000 in 1965 — $77,000 in prize money, $8,200 from the NASCAR point fund and some sponsor bonus bucks.

For finishing third in the 1996 Winston Cup points chase, Dale Jarrett earned $2,985,418.

In 351 career starts, Ned Jarrett earned $289,146. In 290 career starts to date, Dale Jarrett has banked $8,052,820.

"Anybody reckon that Robert Yates would build another car over there?" Ned Jarrett joked. "I can promise you I'd have no interest in doing this for a living every week (in this era)."

Ned Jarrett's last race was at Rockingham, N.C., in October 1966, a third-place finish during which he also accidentally triggered the cockpit's fire extinguisher.

"People tend to remember the last thing you did — and that's the last thing I did," he said. "And it was more fun to run back then than today. You didn't have the obligations or as much pressure from sponsors. You just went about the business of racing."

Asked to assess his place in NASCAR history, Jarrett said he remains "way down the list" of the pre-"SpeedWorld" heroes.

"I'm certainly proud to look back at the fact that we did win 50 races, won a couple of championships and we've been elected to a number of halls of fame. That's neat," Jarrett said. "I accomplished the goals I set for myself, and maybe I didn't set them high enough. But I vowed I would not hang around and go down the other side of the ladder.

"I wanted to quit when I was near the top."

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Notebook

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NASCAR air force taking off

By Mike Harris
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NASCAR stock car racing has become a cottage industry in and around Charlotte, N.C.

With many of the nearly 100 Winston Cup and Busch Grand National racing teams located in the Charlotte area, the economic impact on the community is considerable.

Not only do the teams employ hundreds of people, but dozens of businesses in the surrounding communities — including restaurants, laundries, machine shops and tool-and-die makers — benefit from their presence. One growing example of the economic impact of the stock car set is Concord Regional Airport, about 20 miles north of downtown Charlotte and close to Charlotte Motor Speedway.

John Crosby, aviation director for the growing airport, said about 20 percent of the 105 aircraft currently housed at the facility are owned by teams, drivers or other NASCAR-related people or companies.

The constantly growing NASCAR air force at the Concord airport has a current tax base of about $60 million, according to Crosby, who also said about 40 percent of the takeoffs there are NASCAR-related. Among the NASCAR folks who keep planes at Concord are drivers Rusty Wallace, Ken Schrader, Ricky Craven and Ernie Irvan, as well as team-owner Butch Mock and Gary Nelson, NASCAR's Winston Cup director.

"You couldn't handle the kind of schedules we have today, with races, tests and appearances all over the country, without private planes," said Wallace, who owns several airplanes and is about to take delivery of his first jet.

Although many of them have pilot's licenses, the NASCAR flyers hire pilot to fly them around.

"That's part of flying, knowing that the more experience you have as a pilot, the better off you are," Wallace said. "Having an experienced pilot on board with our kind of schedules and all the different weather we run into is very important as a safety factor."

FIRST IN: Who else but Richard Petty could have been the first inductee into the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame? Petty, a unanimous selection by a blue-ribbon panel of drivers, racing officials and journalists, was the only person named in the first induction ceremony for the new hall of fame, located in Mooresville, just north of Charlotte. Petty, born and raised in nearby Randleman, N.C., retired from driving several years ago and is now a Winston Cup team owner. Several of his driving records, including 200 career victories, 27 wins in a single season and 10 wins in a row will likely never be approached.



AP Laserphoto

Team owner Richard Petty, the first inductee into the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame, unveils his new car recently.

"The Lord gave me a little bit of talent and a lot of resources to take advantage of it," Petty said.

Kyle Petty, the third generation of racers in the family, said his father's off-track abilities were just as impressive as what he did on the dirt and asphalt.

"Richard Petty thrives on people," Kyle said. "He feeds off that energy, and that hasn't changed a bit since he stopped racing."

WINNERS ONLY: The Winston, a $1 million non-points race held every May at Charlotte Motor Speedway, will no longer be open to non-winners. In the past, any openings in the required 20-car field were filled with the top finishers in the companion Winston Open, an invitational featuring most of the drivers in Winston Cup racing who hadn't already made the field. However, the rules have now been altered to include only winners in the field for The Winston. That includes drivers and car-owners who have won races in the previous year and the current year, past Winston Cup champions, winners of The Winston for the last five years, and the winner of that night's Winston Open.

So far, those who have made the field going into the 1997 season include defending series champion Terry Labonte, Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt, Sterling Marlin, Rusty Wallace, Ricky Rudd, Ernie Irvan, Geoff Bodine, Bill Elliott, Bobby Hamilton, Bobby Labonte, Darrell Waltrip and 1996 The Winston winner Michael Waltrip.

That leaves six spots to fill. If it reverts back to winners in previous seasons, those eligible would include 1995 winners Mark Martin, Kyle Petty and Ward Burton, 1994 winner Jimmy Spencer and 1993 winner Morgan Shepherd.

The race, divided into two 30-lap segments and a 10-lap shootout, pays $50,000 to the winner of each of the first two segments and $200,000 to the overall winner.

FRUSTRATION PLUS: Ken Schrader is getting tired of answering questions about why he hasn't won a race since 1991.

Schrader walked away from the last two years of his contract with the elite Hendrick Motorsports team to sign with new car-owner and long-time crew chief Andy Petree. Excited about his team change, Schrader responded to a reporter's question about the losing skein by saying, "If you'd been writing stuff for nine years and it hadn't gotten published, wouldn't you be frustrated?"

Cabin-fever relief

By John Sturbin
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Racing fans suffering with cabin fever and without ESPN2 will find their deliverance with the scheduled start of the third season of NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series today.

Race No.1 of any major motorsports series in 1997 is booked for 11:15 a.m. on ESPN from the 1-mile Walt Disney World Speedway in Orlando, Fla. That venue joins Texas Motor Speedway in far north Fort Worth (June 6) and the California Speedway in Fontana (Oct. 18) as new stops in the series featuring Winston Cup-style chassis and V8 engines under full-sized pick-'em-up truck sheet metal.

Ron Hornaday Jr., who won four races in Teresa Earnhardt's NAPA Brake Parts Chevrolet last year, returns to defend his championship. But Mike Skinner, the series' inaugural champion in a Chevy truck owned by Richard Childress, has graduated to the Winston Cup series as teammate to seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt.

BELLY-UP TO THE CAR: NASCAR regular Ken Schrader is scheduled to visit Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth next week, accompanied by an authentic Winston Cup stock car. A "retired" No.33 Skoal Bandit Racing Chevrolet Monte Carlo is scheduled to take up permanent position inside Billy Bob's at noon Thursday. The car will be displayed in front of a Texas Motor Speedway mural, surrounded by videos of NASCAR races. The Skoal Bandit Racing team trailer that transports race cars and equipment also will bear a Billy Bob's Texas logo and sign that says "Follow me to Billy Bob's Texas" this season. The transporter will criss-cross the country to 32 Cup events, giving nationwide exposure to the Fort Worth Stockyards and "The World's Largest Honky Tonk."

MCGRATH JUMPS SHIP: Those were not typographical errors in the results of the season-opening American Motorcyclist Association Supercross race at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday night. Jeremy McGrath, the reigning four-time 250cc champion, finished 15th in the 20-bike field riding a Suzuki. McGrath won all his championships, and an incredible 14 of 15 stadium races last year, on Hondas. But the 25-year-old Californian's relationship with the manufacturer ended approximately two weeks ago, when McGrath balked at a two-year contract offer.

"It was a corporate decision that led to the departure," said Jack McGrath, Jeremy's father and one of the contract negotiators. The elder McGrath said his son had operated as an independent contractor with Honda in his previous dealings.

"They wanted to completely own the Jeremy McGrath program with licensing agreements and stuff," Jack McGrath said. "They wanted to own him — fully own his video rights, they didn't want him to sell his likeness (on souvenir merchandise). They were smothering him. The Honda race team and parts were acceptable. It never was a money issue at any time. But the suits upstairs made some decisions we weren't able to live with."

Suzuki has agreed to a one-year deal that allows Jeremy to operate as a privateer, albeit with factory-backed parts. As for McGrath's poor finish, he was knocked to the ground twice in the main event by former Honda teammate Steve Lamson. One knockdown was delivered in Turn 1 at the start and the other while McGrath and Lamson were running back in the pack.

"I have some real difficulty with that," Jack McGrath said. "Three weeks ago, we were all friends."

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Fishing Report

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; normal level; 59 degrees; very few fishermen out

BELTON: Water clear; low; lake level 594.45; 54 degrees; crappie are good on small minnows and tube jigs fished around cattails.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; normal level; 55 degrees; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks; channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait around baited boat docks

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; lake level 1007.69; 56 degrees; striped bass are good by drifting live shad and by trolling; white bass are fair; crappie are good on minnows fished at floating crappie houses; very few fishermen out.

FAYETTE: Water fairly clear; normal level; 59 degrees; very few fishermen out

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear; low; 58 degrees; very few fishermen out

LBJ: Water clear; lake level 824.76; 55 degrees; very few fishermen out.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; lake level 238.27; crappie are good on shiners fished around baited holes; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with minnows and cut bait; very few fishermen out.

TRAVIS: Water clear; lake level 678.77; 56 degrees; black bass are slow; striped and white bass are fair on live bait and on downriggers; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished and boat houses; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait

WHITNEY: Water clear; lake level 533.45; 54 degrees; very few fishermen out.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water fairly clear; 6 inches low; 58 degrees; very few fishermen out.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear; feet low; lake level 337.35; 54 degrees; very few fishermen out

FORK: Water clear; low; 55 degrees; black bass are good on TailSpins, Power Worms and spinners; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the bridge; very few fishermen out.

JOE POOL: Water fairly clear; lake level 520.79; 53 degrees; very few fishermen out.

MONTICELLO: Water clear; normal level; 60 degrees; black bass are fair on water dogs, and 6 inch black worms fished in 8 to 20 feet of water; catfish are good on shrimp and Canadian crawlers fished in 10 to 25 feet of water; very few fishermen out

PALESTINE: Water fairly clear; low; 55 degrees; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the marinas; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with nightcrawlers and cheese bait

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear; lake level 435.32; 57 degrees; very few fishermen out.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water fairly clear; lake level 309.45; 57 degrees; black bass.

TAWAKONI: Water clear; 5 feet low; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on worms, spinners and deep-diving crank baits fished in deep water; catfish are fair on blood bait, worms and chicken liver.

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear; lake level 616.46; 52 degrees; very few fishermen out.

SOUTHEAST

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear; normal level; 59 degrees; black bass are fair on water dogs and spinners; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the islands; very few fishermen out

LIVINGSTON: Water fairly clear; lake level 131.52; 57 degrees; white bass are fair on yellow & chartreuse Charlie slabs fished in the river; catfish are fair on cut bass baited with live and cut perch

RAYBURN: Water clear; lake level 165.67; 56 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on Culprit worms and spinners; crappie are good on shiners; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait fished in the deep channels.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear; 56 degrees; very few fishermen out

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; very low; 59 degrees; very few fishermen out

BRAUNIG: Water stained; normal level; 60 degrees; channel and blue catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with nightcrawlers, Strike King Catfish Chunks and shrimp.

CALAVERAS: Water clear; normal level; 59 degrees; black bass are good on Power Worms; redfish are fair on perch and crawfish fished from the banks; catfish are fair to good on Bob's Cheese Bait; conline are slow

CHOKE: Water fairly clear; very low; 60 degrees; very few fishermen out.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; very few fishermen out

KEMP: Water fairly clear to stained; lake level 1140.; very few fishermen out

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 51 degrees; very few fishermen out.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1541.59; 48 degrees; very few fishermen out.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; lake level 999.01; very few fishermen out

SPENCE: Water clear; very low; blue and channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait; very few fishermen out.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; low; very few fishermen out.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE: Redfish and blue catfish fair on cut mullet and squid fished at the GSU Canal; very few fishermen out.

SOUTH SABINE: Very few fishermen out; a few black drum have been caught on dead shrimp fished at the Causeway

BOLIVAR PENINSULA: Very few fishermen out

EAST GALVESTON BAY: Very few fishermen out.

WEST GALVESTON BAY: Very few fishermen out

GALVESTON SURF: Very few fishermen out

TEXAS CITY: Very few fishermen out.

FREEPORT: Very few fishermen out.

PORT O'CONNOR: Very few fishermen out

EAST MATAGORDA: Very few fishermen out.

MATAGORDA: Redfish are good on cut bait; trout are slow; very few fishermen out.

ROCKPORT: Very few fishermen out

PALACIOS: Redfish are fair on mullet and fresh dead shrimp; trout are slow; very few fishermen out.

PORT ARANSAS: Redfish are slow to fair on dead shrimp and crab; black drum are good on dead shrimp; sheepshead are fair on dead shrimp; very few fishermen out

BAFFIN BAY: Very few fishermen out; live bait is scarce

CORPUS CHRISTI: Very few fishermen out

PORT MANSFIELD: Very few fishermen out.

SOUTH PADRE: Very few fishermen out.

PORT ISABEL: Very few fishermen out.

Ski Report

Associated Press

WOODSTOCK, Vt.— Latest skiing conditions as supplied by SnoCountry Worldwide. Conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — powder 65-66 base 60 trails 5 of 6 lifts 99% open

Aspen — packed powder 88-94 base 76 trails 9 of 8 lifts 100% open 9a-3:30p

Aspen Highlands — packed powder 69-70 base 68 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open

Beaver Creek — packed powder 49-82 base 15 of 15 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Breckenridge — packed powder 61-76 base 126 trails 17 of 22 lifts 82% open 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — packed powder 82-83 base 45 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open

Copper Mtn — packed powder 59 base 19 of 21 lifts

Crested Butte — powder 65-73 base 13 of 13 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Eldora Mtn — packed powder 60 base 9 of 9 lifts

Howelsen — 4- new packed powder 64 base 3 of 3 lifts

Keystone — packed powder 65-66 base 91 trails 16 of 20 lifts 100% open 8:30a-9p

Loveland — powder 70 base 8 of 10 lifts 100% open

Monarch — powder 62 base 4 of 4 lifts

Powderhorn Resort — packed powder 52 base 3 of 4 lifts

Purgatory — powder 83-87 base 75 trails 9 of 10 lifts 100% open 9a-4p Wind: 10lfts

Silver Creek Resort — powder 42 base 33 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Ski Cooper — powder 86 base 3 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — packed powder 53-70 base 73 trails 16 of 17 lifts 94% open

Steamboat — 4-7 new powder 89-116 base 118 trails 22 of 22 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4:30p

Sunlight — powder 50 base 2 of 4 lifts

Telluride — powder 69-71 base 65 trails 11 of 12 lifts 100% open

Vail — 2- new packed powder 78-84 base 29 of 30 lifts 100% open 8:30a-3:30p

Winter Park — packed powder 65-71 base 117 trails 17 of 20 lifts 98% open 9a-4p

Wolf Creek — packed powder 132 base 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Montana

Big Sky — machine groomed snow 81-98 base 65 trails 14 of 16 lifts 9a-4p

Bridger Bowl — packed powder 67-98 base 80 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Discovery — machine groomed snow 80-100 base 4 of 5 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Great Divide — packed powder 30-70 base 60 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 10a-5p

Lost Trail Powder Mountain — powder 90-100 base 18 trails 1 of 2 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p; Operates Thur-Sun

Marshall — powder 39-64 base 22 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9:30a-8:30p; Sat: 9:30a-4:30p

Maverick Mtn — packed powder 80-86 base 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p, Operates Thur-Sun

Montana Snow Bowl — packed powder 64-104 base 100% open 9:30a-4p

Red Lodge Mtn — 1- new packed powder 36-60 base 8 of 7 lifts am 9a-4p

Showdown — 1- new powder 45-81 base 34 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

The Big Mtn — powder 68-110 base 63 trails 7 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

New Mexico

Angel Fire — packed powder 44 base 54 trails 6 of 6 lifts am

Pajarito Mtn — Plan to re-open Jan 18

Red River — packed powder 48-63 base 59 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open am

Sandia Peak — powder 44 base 28 trails 5 of 7 lifts 89% open 8:30a-4p

Santa Fe — machine groomed snow 77 base 36 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Sipapu — packed powder 45 base 19 trails 2 of 9 lifts 100% open am

Ski Apache — powder 37-58 base 52 trails 11 of 11 lifts 90% open 8:45a-4p

Ski Rio — powder 50 base 63 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open am 9a-4p

Taos — packed powder 91 base 70 trails 11 of 11 lifts 97% open

Utah

Alta — packed powder 118 base 6 of 6 lifts 90% open 8:15a-4:30p

Beaver Mountain — packed powder 87 base 18 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open

Brian Head — packed powder 90-90 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-10p

Brighton — packed powder 107 base 64 trails 6 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Deer Valley — powder 96 base 67 trails 13 of 13 lifts 100% open am 9a-4p

Elk Meadows — packed powder 92 base 35 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Nordic Valley — packed powder 52 base 2 of 2 lifts 100% open

Park City — powder 85 base 88 trails 13 of 14 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Powder Mountain — packed powder 138 base 33 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-10p

Snowbasin — packed powder 80 base 30 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Snowbird — powder 116 base 66 trails 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Solitude — packed powder 107 base 63 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p

Sundance — powder 80 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open

Wolf Mountain — packed powder 100 base 62 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open

Wyoming

Antelope Butte — packed powder 44-82 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Grand Targhee — packed powder 140-173 base 3 of 4 lifts 9:30a-4p; details call: 307-353-2300

Hogadon — 9a-4p; Operates Wed-Sun; details call:307-235-8499

Jackson Hole — packed powder 102-110 base 63 trails 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4:30p

Sleeping Giant — 1- new packed powder 40-60 base 9:30a-4p; details call: 307-587-4044

Snow King — packed powder 39-68 base 10a-8p; details call 307-734-2020

Snowy Range — packed powder 75 base 9a-4p; Details call: 307-745-5750

Arizona

Arizona Snowbowl — packed powder 45-66 base 30 trails 4 lifts 100% open xc: 40km

California

Alpine Meadows — packed powder 77-156 base 11 lifts 9a-4p

Bear Mountain — machine groomed snow 48-72 base 30 trails 7 lifts 60% open sm 8:30a-4p; Sat: 8a-4p

Bear Valley — packed powder 18-66 base 8 lifts 100% open 8a-4p xc: open

Boreal — hard packed 78-90 base 41 trails 7 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Dodge Ridge — powder 38-91 base 30 trails 13 lifts 100% open 9a-4p; Sat: 8:30a-4p xc: 11km

Donner Ski Ranch — machine groomed snow 52-97 base 5 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Heavenly — packed powder 54-144 base 79 trails 16 lifts 100% open sm 9a-4p

June Mtn — packed powder 48-60 base 6 lifts 8:30a-4p

Kirkwood — powder 117-220 base 11 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc: 70km

Mammoth Mtn — powder 90-144 base 28 lifts 8:30a-4p

Mountain High — packed powder 30-50 base 8 lifts sm 8:30a-10p

Mt. Baldy — packed powder 24-60 base 22 trails 4 lifts

Mt. Shasta — packed powder 19-58 base 25 trails 4 lifts 100% open 9a-10p

Mt. Waterman — powder 28 base 25 trails 3 lifts 100% open 8a-4:30p

Northstar-at-Tahoe — packed powder 48-96 base 61 trails 8 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p xc: 65km

Sierra Summit — powder 36 trails 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p Wind: 8lfts

Ski Homewood — powder 40-99 base 52 trails 8 lifts 91% open sm 9a-4p

Snow Summit — 8-8 new packed powder 24-48 base 11 lifts 100% open sm 8a-8:30p

Snow Valley — 6-8 new machine groomed snow 45-60 base 25 trails 7 lifts 100% open 8a-4p

Squaw Valley — packed powder 24-180 base 22 lifts 100% open sm 9a-8p xc: open

Sugar Bowl — machine groomed snow 72-120 base 77 trails 9 lifts

Tahoe Donner — packed powder 12-60 base 8 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc: 37km

Nevada

Diamond Peak — packed powder 30-79 base 29 trails xc: 36km

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard — packed powder 40-45 base 10 trails 3 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Mt. Rose — packed powder 120-168 base 40 trails 6 lifts 100% open

Idaho

Lookout Pass — clear 17 degrees 1-2 new 108-122 base machine groomed snow 12 trails 2 lifts Jan 17: Boomers day (40+) 8a-4p

Schweitzer Mtn. Resort — snow 26 degrees 89-116 base packed powder 86 trails 5 lifts Jan 17-26: Winter carnival 9a-5p

Silver Mountain — snow 27 degrees 108-129 base packed powder 60 trails 6 lifts 8:30a-4p

Sun Valley — 30 degrees 29-60 base packed powder 77 trails 12 lifts 9a-4p

Oregon

Anthony Lakes — snow 29 degrees 91 base machine groomed snow 23 trails 2 lifts 9a-4p

Hoodoo — raining 34 degrees 78-102 base wet packed snow 3 lifts

Mt. Ashland — overcast 34 degrees 58-86 base packed powder 20 trails 3 lifts Jan 18-19: Men's workshop 8a-10p

Mt. Bachelor — overcast 30 degrees 1- new 121-184 base machine groomed snow 9 lifts 8a-4p

Mt. Hood Meadows — light rain 37 degrees 3- new 116-140 base packed powder 7 lifts 9a-10p

Mount Bachelor — Not operating day Jan 17,call for rec:503-382-0164

Timberline — raining 37 degrees 100 base machine groomed snow 4 lifts 9a-4p

Willamette Pass — raining 36 degrees 59-65 base machine groomed snow 29 trails 4 lifts 9a-4p

Washington

49o North — overcast 22 degrees 1-2 new 80-134 base powder 3 lifts

Crystal Mtn — raining 35 degrees 1-5 new 70-114 base packed powder full operation 9a-4p

Patience will pay

It could be record year for speckled trout

By Mark McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Please forgive the runaway enthusiasm in Steve Jordan's voice when he predicts that some lucky angler will break the state record for speckled trout early this year.

It's just that Jordan, 40, has been guiding some of Texas' most productive waters — Baffin Bay and the Upper Laguna Madre — for five years now, and he has seen the trout fishery come full flower. "Ninety-six should be a great year for trophy trout," said Jordan.

Speckled trout, called "specks" or "spotted seatrout" by Texas Parks and Wildlife scientists or "weakfish" by East Coast anglers, have fully recovered from killer freezes of 1988-89 and die-offs from red tide. Now, Texas Parks and Wildlife field surveys suggest the popular streamlined gamefish has restocked its own shelf.

"It has been quite a while since we have had a bad freeze, and the with brown tide, out-of-town fishing pressure has gone down," said Jordan, who fishes out of Land and Sea Marina on the JFK Causeway near Corpus Christi.

"The fish population has been building for the last 2-3 years."

One factor the recovery has been widespread acceptance of the bag limit (10 fish a day, all at least 15 inches long) by sportsmen.

"Game wardens set up just north of Baffin and were checking boats," Jordan said. "In talking with them, we're getting about 95 percent compliance with the regulations. That helps."

Jordan and many coastal skippers recently here for a boat show — Cliff Web, Jack Nelson, Mike Nugent — say they caught more 25-30 inch trout in 1995 than ever. Jordan and his customers, for instance, once caught a limit of trout that averaged 24 inches long. Averaged. That's a five-pound fish.

"The number of 29- and 30-inch trout has gotten to the point that people are starting to release more of them," he said.

Thus, the guides' joint conclusion: The state record, 13.69 pounds, caught last Feb. 6 in Baffin by Houston angler James Wallace, exists only in a constant state of jeopardy.

Indeed, dusty dates on the two previous trout records — March 16, 1975, for a 13.56-pounder and May 25, 1969, for a 13.13 before that — indicate the next record will be caught soon. Or not at all this year.

When pursuing these snaggle-toothed trophies, Jordan, likes to fish jointed topwater lures or slow-sinking soft plastic Bass Assassins. Trolling or wading the flats, he looks for sandy potholes in 2-3 feet of water. If the weather turns chilly and water temperatures dip to 44-46 degrees. Jordan will head into storied Baffin Bay, searching for rocks submerged in 6-8 feet of water. There, he will cast a plastic Cocahoe Minnow on a heavier jig head and twitch it slowly to entice the sluggish fish.

The record, Jordan said, likely will be broken, not by a happenstance, but by a dedicated angler, maybe even a tormented, lonely old soul. In fresh water, trophy bass fishermen get that way this time of year. Either way, the fish will be well-earned, Jordan said.

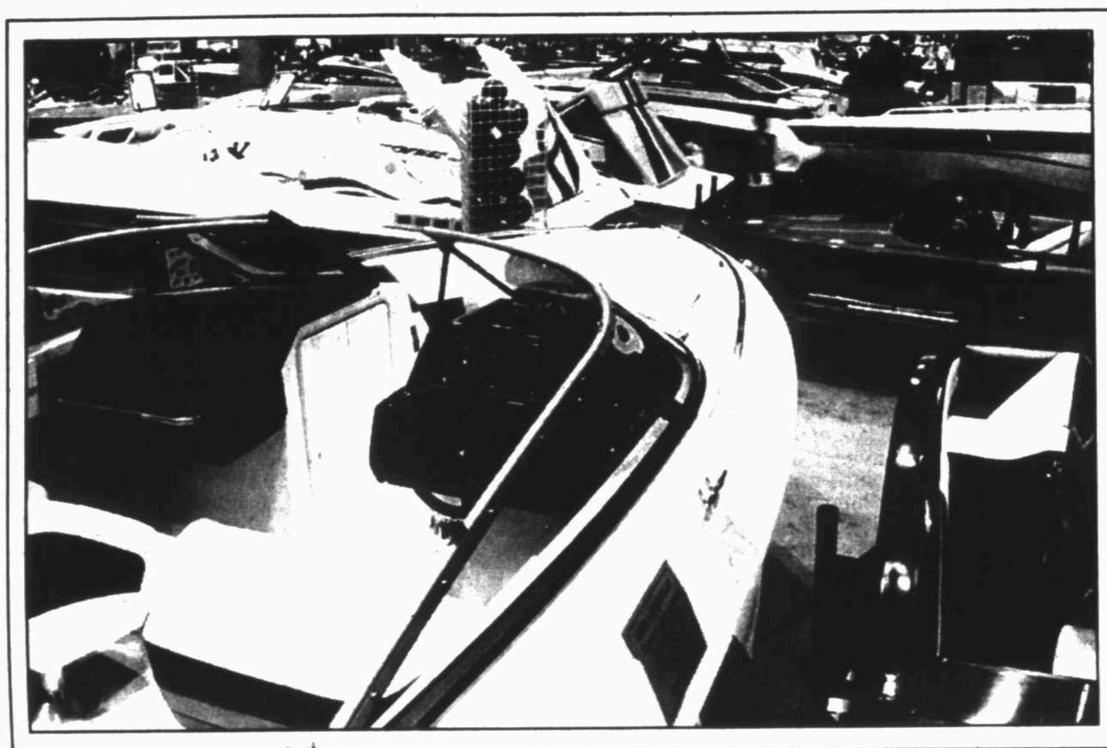
"The person who catches it will be wade-fishing, probably sight-casting to shallow water, working slowly," he said. "The tide will be moving, either coming in or going out.

"The person will be content to fish all day long, for one big fish. He will be willing to spend 2-3 days in a given area, just for that one strike."

Patience, then, will be rewarded.

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Show boats

Here are several of the speedboats that were on display last weekend at the 41st Annual Houston International Boat, Sport and Travel Show at the Astrodomain Complex. Boating and outdoor enthusiasts from five states and from Mexico attended the show, which also included other items on display, such as hunting gear, tackle, camping equipment and rafting equipment. Visitors could also get information on the best hunting and fishing locations from several guides who offered their services.

Courtesy Photo

Only kids believe in flying deer

By Mark McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Suddenly, out of the fog, a gray blur sails from right to left, directly in front of us at eye level. Only when the headlights catch something shiny does reality sink in:

A big deer, with a full rack of antlers, had jumped across the hood of the moving Suburban. A flying buck. Dumbfounded, Flatlander here rode toward camp in silence, pondering what he just saw. Or thought he saw.

An elbow in the ribs interrupted my thoughts.

"Did you see that?" said Son Too. "A buck jumped over this truck."

Relieved, I let out a sigh. Only kids believe in flying deer.

But the white-tailed deer has a way of mixing fact with fantasy. The closer we get, the more we watch, the more we marvel.

Next thing you know, we are drawing pictures of great horned animals on cave walls, or telling tall tales around the campfire. Helpless to fully understand the powerful forces of nature, we do the next-best thing — we reduce it to human terms we can grasp.

We see a wild, free-ranging deer a couple of times and come to know the animal's habit. Before long, we tag it with a nickname, as if it were a house pet.

Take the Guadalupe County spike that keeps walking into a camp full of hunters. The young buck's so bold, so totally unafraid of what he could become, he's called "Backstrap."

North of Uvalde, there's a 10-pointer whose main beams almost touch in front. He's known as "Crab Claw."

A six-pointer near Junction, not exactly a Rhodes Scholar, has tried to follow a hunter into his ground blind. Hence the nickname "Einstein."

A mature buck in Webb County has antlers that look like melted candle wax. "Droopy," they call him. The same ranch has three generations of bucks with distinctive burrs on their antlers. Meet "Stickers," "Stickers Jr." and "Stickers III."

A Junction-area buck has four points on one side and a starburst on the other. He is called "Ringo" as in (ugh), Ringo Starr.

Duval County has an aggressive, flop-eared doe that runs other deer away from the feeders. For fear of evil spirits, hunters decline to shoot the "Devil Doe."

Raw corn has a way of bringing animals and humans together, sometimes with surprising results.

A buck in McMullen County has eaten so many yellow kernels in its 10 years of life, locals call him "Corn Hog." A Webb County buck comes to corn so quickly, he's known as "Freddie," from the Red Skelton character "Freddie the Freeloader."

In Erath County, wildlife photographer Mike Biggs was taking shots for his next table-top book when a deer crawled into the passenger seat of his Dodge Ramcharger. Before he could stop her, "Jane Doe" gobbled down a dozen of his Oreo cookies.

One day three years ago, Biggs shooed Jane away from his truck, only to have her raise up on her hind legs and start kicking him about the head and shoulders.

"She beat the hell out of me," Biggs said. "It all happened so fast. In three seconds, she kicked me 20 times.

"She got me in the chest, the shoulders ... If I hadn't put my arms up, she would have gotten me in the head. It could have been bad news for me. All because I wouldn't give her corn right where she wanted it."

Duval County produced my personal favorite, a strange-looking brush-country buck with a flat, heavy 3x3 rack and no brow tines.

I had a 150-yard broadside shot at the mature deer last year, but it was early in the season. I passed, a decision I have come to question.

As the season wore on, nothing spectacular showed up, and the deer began to clang around in my brain pan. I never saw him again, but he's still the most interesting live buck I've seen in years.

Word has it a dedicated trophy hunter from Seguin got a shot at the deer on the last weekend of the season. Alas, from a distance of 600 yards, he missed.

At last report, "Bullwinkle" is still at large.

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New taxes on baits raise eyebrows

By Buddy Gough
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

■ Commentary

CORPUS CHRISTI — Let's start the new year with a heads-up on the consumer rights for fish and wildlife and the people who love them.

Consider the birds of the field. They neither spin nor sow. Why should their seeds of sustenance be taxed?

The same question applies to the corn broadcast for deer, as well as the offerings of live, fresh and dead bait dangled in front of fish.

After all, if table shrimp is not taxed for human consumption, shouldn't the same exemption apply to bait shrimp consumed by piggy perch, hardheads and the occasional gamefish?

It should, according to the office of State Comptroller John Sharp.

Yet, two readers — a hunter and a angler — have called to report being charged sales taxes on purchases of so-called "deer corn" and live bait shrimp.

I also have a recent receipt indicating the payment on 34 cents of sales tax on a sack of grain recently purchased to feed wild birds at home and at the hunting lease.

When the cashier was informed of the oversight, the response was a polite smile but no refund.

The issue may be penny ante, but the local sales tax of 7.75 percent can add up over time for bulk buys of deer corn or regular purchases of live bait shrimp and baitfish. The latter costs can run $20 to $30 or more per day for serious bait anglers.

Apparently, however, not all retailers and their employees have seen two notices published in the Comptroller's monthly newsletter "Tax Policy News," which is mailed to retail businesses around the state.

The first notice appeared in the August newsletter under the heading, "Minnows, Hay and Corn."

It read:

"What do minnows, hay and deer corn have in common? They are all exempt from sales tax as food for wildlife or farm and ranch animals.

"... Fish are commonly considered wildlife. Therefore, perishable fishing bait also qualifies for this exemption.

"Regular readers will recall a hearing summarized in our May 1996 issue in which a seafood company was held liable for tax on bait sold to fishermen. Since that time, (State Comptroller) Sharp has reconsidered this issue and determined that perishable bait, like deer corn, is exempt as food for wildlife."

This simple, succinct statement of tax policy was followed in the October newsletter with a formal notice that the tax rule affecting sales of feed, seed and such livestock and wildlife would be formally amended to specifically exempt perishable bait from sales taxes.

Major bait dealers in the area got the August message and stopped charging sales tax on bait in September, according to checks with area retailers.

"We had to have our cash registers reprogrammed to handle the change," reported Rocky Guerra at Roy's Bait and Tackle.

Likewise, stores selling ranching supplies and major sporting goods outlets like Academy also took prompt notice of the change.

Where the tax is more likely to be levied is at convenience stores and grocery stores that seasonally offer wildlife food, such as frozen bait during the fishing seasons and deer corn during the hunting seasons.

The owners and employees of such outlets may not sell enough deer corn or fish bait to be aware of the new rule.

A gray area in the sales tax rule involves bird seed sold in the pet foods sections of major grocery chains. Foods purchased for pet dogs, cats and birds are taxable under the Comptroller's rules.

However, many bird watchers shop the grocery stores to purchase large quantities of bird seed to feed wild birds during the winter. These purchases are tax exempt, but the buyers must have an exemption certificate to claim the tax break, according to Diana Garcia with the Comptroller's Enforcement/Collection Office in Corpus Christi.

Garcia said birders feeding wild birds can contact their local office to obtain an exemption certificate, or report any problems with sales taxes charged on food for wildlife.

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A mile in his shoes

Oates catches glimpse of Gonzalez' roots

By Dave Ivey
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ARLINGTON — Johnny Oates was touring slugger Juan Gonzalez's hometown in Puerto Rico recently when he spotted a small tin shack.

The Rangers' manager thought maybe the odd-looking structure was an outhouse, but Gonzalez set him straight — and chilled him to the bone. The shack was a junkie house, a place where addicts often turn up dead either by overdose or suicide. A stepbrother of Gonzalez ended his life in such a place nearly three years ago.

"That really got to me. I'd wanted to see where Juan grew up so I could better understand him, but I was not prepared for what we saw," said Oates, who was accompanied on the three-day Puerto Rican trip by team president Tom Schieffer and general manager Doug Melvin.

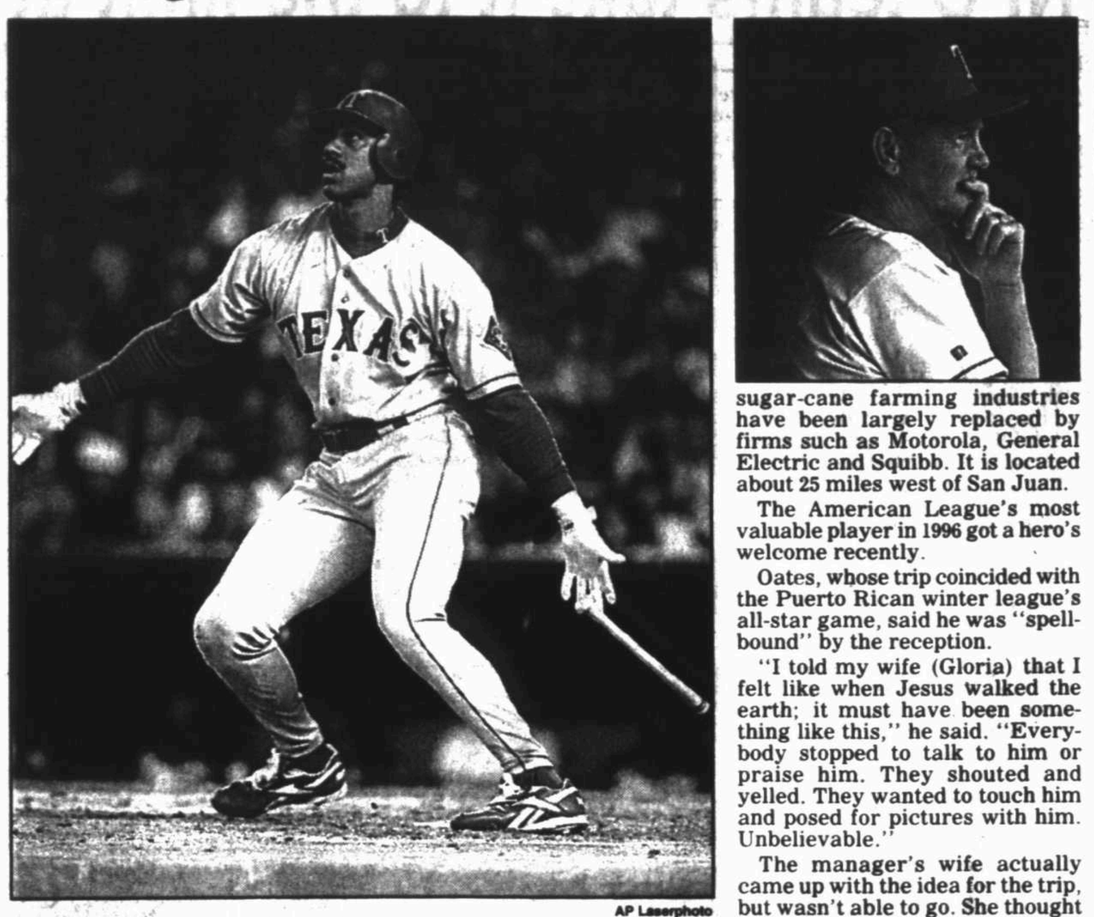
Gonzalez was born in Alto de Cuba, a poverty-stricken barrio in southern Vega Baja that has degenerated since his youth. The narrow streets are now replete with crime, drugs and prostitution. The field where Gonzalez played is now overgrown and littered with rubbish.

Putting it bluntly, Oates said his son's dogs live in better conditions.

"While we were there, their mayor made a pronouncement that there be no drug deals, no murders, no killings in the streets between 11 and 2 because they were having visitors," Oates said. "That might sound funny now, but it's no laughing matter, believe me."

The National Guard has been called into Alto de Cuba many times to quell unrest in recent years, said Luis Mayoral, the Rangers' Latin American liaison and Spanish broadcaster.

"It's a very, very high-risk area, but Juan always goes back," Mayoral said. "He never forgets his roots, even though he's made it now."



AP Laserphoto

Ranger manager Johnny Oates, right, recently visited Puerto Rico, the home of Texas slugger Juan Gonzalez, above.

Gonzalez, 27, is doing his part to help his countrymen.

He maintains an open account at a Vega Baja pharmacy where sick people who can't afford necessary medications can put them on his tab. He pays electric, heating and water bills, too, but only for the people he knows. The ones that won't spend the money on drugs.

"To see him have enough love for those people to go back there, that says a lot about Juan," Oates said. "Not many people would willingly go back to such a place once they escaped. He loves his people."

The love is reciprocated in Vega Baja, a coastal town of 60,000 whose once thriving fishing and sugar-cane farming industries have been largely replaced by firms such as Motorola, General Electric and Squibb. It is located about 25 miles west of San Juan.

The American League's most valuable player in 1996 got a hero's welcome recently.

Oates, whose trip coincided with the Puerto Rican winter league's all-star game, said he was "spellbound" by the reception.

"I told my wife (Gloria) that I felt like when Jesus walked the earth; it must have been something like this," he said. "Everybody stopped to talk to him or praise him. They shouted and yelled. They wanted to touch him and posed for pictures with him. Unbelievable."

The manager's wife actually came up with the idea for the trip, but wasn't able to go. She thought it would help her improve her Spanish language skills so that she could communicate better with players' wives.

Mayoral also thought it was a good idea.

"Juan is very happy they could see where he grew up," Mayoral said. "To see what he had to surpass, the barriers he overcame. To truly understand the culture in which he was raised and the struggles he endured, one really must go there."

Pro teams consider going public

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Los Angeles City Council wants the Dodgers to go public. The Twins want to give the state of Minnesota 49 percent of the team's stock in exchange for stadium funding.

After a century and a quarter of privately held teams, some baseball owners are thinking about selling stock.

"It's going to be considered," said Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf, a past chairman of baseball's ownership committee. "I'm sure there will be a lot of discussion."

But public ownership of teams may only exacerbate the difference in money between teams from large and small markets. A large-market team could raise hundreds of millions of dollars in a stock sale and gain the ability to raise millions more in publicly traded bonds. That money could be used to sign more free agents, causing another decrease in competitive balance.

"It's a short-term fix," Reinsdorf said. "The small-market teams will be crushed if that happens."

Only two major pro sports teams are publicly traded in the United States: The Boston Celtics sold stock in 1986 and the Florida Panthers went public in November.

In both cases, the teams created rules that prevent takeovers. H. Wayne Huizenga retained 51 percent of the Panthers stock, and each of his shares will have 10,000 votes, compared to one vote for each share of the publicly held stock.

"I'm sure we'll look at it. Hockey has already done it," Mets co-owner Fred Wilpon said.

The Green Bay Packers aren't listed publicly, but more than 4,600 shares of stock are owned by 1,898 people. No profits are allowed when shares are sold.

Baseball's ownership guidelines, developed in the 1980s when Peter Ueberroth was commissioner, discourage public stock sales but don't prohibit it.

Still, three teams are controlled by public companies: the Anaheim Angels (The Walt Disney Co.), the Chicago Cubs (Tribune Co.) and the Atlanta Braves (Time Warner Inc.). Another, the St. Louis Cardinals, was owned by Anheuser Busch Cos. Inc. from 1953 until last March.

"I think we're certainly beginning to see substantial signs that most or all clubs will be owned by businesses that have other businesses than can benefit from it," said Reinsdorf, who also controls the NBA's Chicago Bulls. "Corporate ownership of a baseball team is certainly not what I grew up with. I think that's sad."

Twins owner Carl Pohlad has proposed giving stock to the state in exchange for up to $200 million in public financing for a new ballpark. Twins officials explained their proposal last week to AL president Gene Budig and Atlanta Braves chairman Bill Bartholomay, the current head of baseball's ownership committee.

Some owners think it would open the sport to public franchises.

"It's definitely a step in that direction," Reinsdorf said.

"That's not what we have in mind," Twins president Jerry Bell countered.

Public ownership of teams has become increasingly common in European soccer, which last summer experienced U.S.-style free agency for the first time. But public ownership, and even the prospect of it, brings new pressure on the teams' day-to-day operation.

Kevin Keegan resigned as coach of Newcastle United in England's Premier League two weeks ago because the team's underwriter wanted him to commit to stay on past this season. They feared he might resign at the end of the season and create uncertainty during an initial public offering that the team hopes will raise 40 million-to-50 million pounds ($66.8 million-to-$83.5 million).

At least 10 British teams have become public since Tottenham Hotspur of London became the first in 1983. The team's book value has increased from $15 million to $213 million since then. Manchester United, one of the top teams in Europe, has stayed on top because it has become the club with the highest capitalization, a book value of about $763 million.

Italian teams have taken notice, and Lazio of Rome intends to become the first public team in that country. However, Italian regulatory rules require companies to operate profitably for three consecutive years before they can go public.

Reinsdorf pointed out another effect.

"During an NBA meeting, we took a vote and David (Stern) said we should keep it secret," Reinsdorf recounted. "The Celtics said they could, they had a duty to their stockholders."

Securities and Exchange Commission rules require public companies to immediately announce major deals or personnel shifts in order to prevent insider trading.

All this is light years way from the era most current owners grew up in. Back then, owners were identified with teams: O'Malley and the Dodgers, Stoneham and the Giants, Wrigley and the Cubs, Yawkey and the Red Sox, Carpenter and the Phillies, Griffith and the Senators.

"I'm the last of a dying breed," said Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles, whose father, Warren, was National League president. "I hope I don't die soon."

D-backs where they want to be — for now

By Don Ketchum
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX — Though not officially a member of the National League West Division, the Diamondbacks' placement there is only a matter of time. So Managing General Partner Jerry Colangelo and his marketing staff can look to the Colorado Rockies, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants as regular visitors to Bank One Ballpark.

At least through the Diamondbacks' first season in 1998 and again in 1999. Realignment or a switch to the American League is possible if a newly formed owners' committee recommends it, but Colangelo and some baseball officials say it makes the most sense to leave the Diamondbacks where they are.

"It was part of our agreement signed in 1995 (awarding of the franchise) that we could be moved between 2000 and 2002, but then it goes off the table," Colangelo said.

"We knew we could not control where we ended up. But we gathered information, talked to fans, began the process of selling a concept," Colangelo said. "We told Major League Baseball, 'You want a successful franchise, right? We think the best way of maximizing your and our potential is to put us in the National League West.' "

American League owners didn't agree. They wanted the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Diamondbacks, and made their feelings known earlier this week at the owners' meetings in Scottsdale. They would not approve any league placement unless the Diamondbacks, expected to be a big success marketing-wise and eventually on the field, were allowed to join them or a realignment and expansion committee formed.

The latter was the result, with the Diamondbacks going to the NL and the Devil Rays to the AL.

"You know that song, 'You've Gotta Have Faith?' Well, we had faith. It was a big mountain to climb, but it all worked out," NL President Len Coleman said.

"We're terribly excited about the entry of the Diamondbacks into our league, and put into the West. We expect to hear that rattlesnake sound in the outfield in San Diego, the infield in LA, by the Bay in San Francisco and in the mountains of Colorado. The Diamondbacks have already shown they have strong management, and we expect that to continue for a long time."

Does that mean the Diamondbacks will stay put?

Coleman smiled. "I think you can make a good assumption that will be the case," he said.

Colangelo, angry at times about some of the foot-dragging by the AL and weary after the three-day tug-of-war, referred to selfishness on the part of some owners, but that others had legitimate concerns regarding future alignment.

"They have a right to that position and I respect that," he said.

Of some of the politicking, posturing and attempts to get leverage, Colangelo has seen it before as an official with the NBA's Suns for almost 30 years.

"If you haven't been around it, it can take you over the edge," he said. "I'm not immune to it, but I'm accustomed to it. You just have to have stick-to-itiveness. You can't let up. And we never let up."

Giants CEO Peter Magowan said the Diamondbacks "belong in the NL, especially when it comes to these rivalries. All the teams in our division have ties to the area in one form or another. For us, our Class Triple-A farm club (Firebirds) has been there for many years, many of our fans come there every year (to Scottsdale) for spring training. I think it will be good, competition-wise, for our division to have another team."

Three of the four current members of the NL West — the Giants, Padres and Rockies — train in Arizona. The Diamondbacks and Chicago White Sox will train at a new facility in Tucson, not far from the Rockies' training complex at Hi Corbett Field.

"I think the rivalry will even start in spring training," said Padres General Manager Kevin Towers. "The division will be competitive, and we'll have a lot of people come over from there to our stadium (Jack Murphy) during the summer. The fact that they have a heck of a manager in Buck Showalter and a good young player from our area in Travis Lee (first baseman from San Diego State) should help the rivalry, too."

Tampa Bay, originally expected to join the AL East Division, now apparently will join the AL West in 1998 and 1999, according to The Associated Press. That is the result of an "understanding" reached at this week's owners meetings that no existing teams will have to switch divisions those two years.

Notebook

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Baseball's biggest trades: leagues

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Houston to the AL for Kansas City. Maybe Tampa Bay to the NL for Montreal.

Interleague play, the most revolutionary change in baseball since the designated hitter, doesn't even start for another five months and owners already are talking about teams switching major leagues for the first time since the AL and NL became rivals in 1900.

Geographic realignment makes sense in concept. The problem has been that NL teams historically have been worth more than AL teams because they have better markets and bigger followings in most the two-team markets (Los Angeles over Anaheim, San Francisco over Oakland, the Chicago Cubs over the White Sox).

The economic difference between the leagues will decrease because of baseball's new revenue sharing rules. In the past, the leagues had different formulas for sharing local cable television revenue and ticket money, but that changed in November when they approved the new collective bargaining agreement, which brought into effect the revenue sharing plan owners approved last March.

Still, no team can be forced to change leagues against its will, and no NL team can be forced to change divisions against its will (the AL constitution does not give teams that veto power).

Following expansion to 32 teams, a complete geographic realignment might be (assuming Charlotte and Northern Virginia as expansion teams, which is only a guess):

East I: Boston, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Philadelphia

East II: Baltimore, Montreal, Northern Virginia, Toronto

Southeast: Atlanta, Charlotte, Florida, Tampa Bay

Central I: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh

Central II: Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Milwaukee, Minnesota

Central III: Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis, Texas

West I: Anaheim, Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Diego

West II: Colorado, Oakland, San Francisco, Seattle

Four divisions would be assigned to each league, with the four winners advancing to the playoffs. With an unbalanced schedule, teams would save travel money and create rivalries that could boost attendance.

Still, tradition argues against a geographic alignment. Once in the National League, always in the National League.

Given baseball's history, abandoning the traditional league structures would be a shame.

TURNING JAPANESE: Pitchers David West and Rodney Nichols are the latest American players to leave for Japan, with both of them joining the Daiei Hawks.

West, 32, was 2-2 with a 4.76 ERA for the Phillies last year. He missed most of the season because of shoulder trouble.

Nichols was 3-3 with 20 saves and a 1.99 ERA at Richmond, Atlanta's Triple-A team.

Daiei previously signed former Seattle first baseman Greg Pirkl and pitcher Jose Nunez.

MINOR PROBLEM: Ryan Minor, drafted by the Orioles and Philadelphia 76ers last year, will get an invitation to Baltimore's big league spring training, provided he agrees to give up basketball.

Formerly a big scorer at the University of Oklahoma, Minor has been playing for Oklahoma City in the Continental Basketball Association. He was picked by the 76ers in the second round.

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?: The Giants seemed pretty pleased with themselves after signing free agent Darryl Hamilton, figuring he would fill their needs for a center fielder and leadoff hitter.

But Darrin Jackson, who left Japan after two years and recently signed with the Giants, wasn't so happy. Jackson was under the impression that the Giants were done looking for outfielders when he agreed to join them, and now thinks his playing time might be cut because of Hamilton's arrival.

IN THE EAST, THE FAR EAST: Do players leaving the Japanese leagues have the right to deal with any major league teams as free agents? Or can their rights be assigned by Japanese teams to major league teams?

That's the question to be examined by a four-man committee formed by the executive council during last week's owners meetings.

AL president Gene Budig, NL president Len Coleman, Player Relations Committee head Randy Levine and Bill Murray of the commissioner's office will try to formulate a policy, perhaps in consultation with the players' association.

The San Diego Padres claim they obtained exclusive rights to pitcher Hideki Irabu from the Chiba Lotte Marines of Japan's Pacific League. But other major league teams who want to sign the right-hander may object, including the New York Yankees.

Because he isn't on a 40-man roster, the players' association probably doesn't have any standing to complain, preventing the matter from going to arbitrator Nicholas Zumas for a resolution.

Irabu, who wants to be a free agent because he could get more money, could always file suit in a New York court.

The right-hander has eight years of service in Japan, two years short of the time needed for free agency under the baseball rules of that country.

ALOHA!: Last year, the Oakland Athletics played their "home" opener in Las Vegas because of construction at the Coliseum. Now, there's at least a chance that the San Diego Padres might be on the road for a pair of home games in April.

Because of construction work at Jack Murphy Stadium to prepare for the 1998 Super Bowl, the Padres are thinking about moving a two-game series against Houston to Hawaii — 55,000-seat Aloha Stadium at Honolulu.

Last season, the Padres and Mets became the first teams to play regular-season games in Mexico, a three-game series at Monterrey while the Republican National Convention dominated the news in San Diego.

UMP SUMMIT: Baseball officials have suggested Feb. 4-5 as the new dates for the summit meeting on umpires and are waiting for a response from umpires' union head Richie Phillips.

The meeting, originally scheduled for last November, was postponed because acting commissioner Bud Selig was attempting to line up votes to approve the teams' labor deal with players.

Selig wants umpires and players to agree to a code of conduct that will govern future on-field incidents. He also would like umpires to enforce rules designed to shorten game times and players to agree to abide by those rules.

The meeting was called for last October as part of the deal in which a U.S. District Court ordered umpires not to strike the playoffs following the incident in which Baltimore's Roberto Alomar spit at umpire John Hirschbeck on the final weekend of the season.

Alomar will serve a five-game suspension at the start of this season. Umpires wanted a longer penalty, and they wanted him to start serving it during the postseason.

Given baseball's recent history, it could be a stormy session.

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NFL starting to recycle coaches like other sports

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

In 1990, at age 46, Dan Reeves underwent an angiogram to clear blockage in the arteries leading to his heart. Naturally, he was asked then if he had given any thought to retiring from coaching.

"I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I did," he replied.

That answer, as much as any, is why Reeves, Bill Parcells, Jim Mora, Bobby Ross and even Mike Ditka and Don Shula are either moving, thinking of moving or considering a comeback. Unlike Joe Gibbs, who found a competitive outlet in auto racing and keeps his ties to football with his television gig, they can find no other way to challenge themselves.

So the NFL is becoming like baseball and the NBA, which recycle coaches like aluminum cans. What teams are Dick Motta and Bill Fitch coaching this week? Was it Davey Johnson and Kevin Kennedy who swapped jobs or Kennedy and Johnny Oates?

In football, recycling normally doesn't work, although Parcells has now matched Shula by getting two different franchises to Super Bowls. Naturally, he's thinking of moving again after the Patriots play the Packers next Sunday.

And it's one reason the 49ers weren't dismayed to see George Seifert step down. They feel that eight years is just about the right term for a successful coach.

Call it the Dick Vermeil burnout rule.

"I only accept feelers on the phone," says Vermeil, who cited "burnout" when he quit the Eagles after the 1981 season but almost went back two years ago. "If you do it in person, you're more tempted."

When Vermeil — and Jimmy Johnson — turned down the Philadelphia job, it went to Ray Rhodes, then a little-known assistant with one standout credential — he had been on the staff of all five San Francisco NFL champions. He's not unknown any more, having taken a not-very-talented Philadelphia team to the playoffs in both his years there.

Gibbs, another coach satisfied to stay retired, turned down Carolina two years ago and Atlanta this year. Dom Capers, whom the Panthers eventually hired, has done just fine, taking a second-year expansion team to the NFC championship.

Now it turns out that Parcells discreetly sent feelers to the Giants through an intermediary, suggesting he might be willing to come back to the team that's 46-52 since he quit after their second Super Bowl win. That, naturally, caused a tizzy among the Parcells acolytes in the New York media on the day the Giants hired Jim Fassel.

Maybe Fassel will work out better than the "big name" desired by the team's co-owner, Robert Tisch. Maybe he won't.

But the Giants just fired a name coach in Reeves.

And other than Parcells and Johnson, the NFL's best coaches are on their first head coaching job or, like Denver's Mike Shanahan, didn't get a real chance in their first head job.

Were Rhodes and Capers big names? Was Bill Cowher when he was hired by the Steelers or Mike Holmgren when he went to the Packers? Holmgren got the job because Parcells, who quit the Giants for health reasons, turned down Green Bay's offer.

That didn't seem to hurt the Packers, did it?

AND ... GOIN' FISHING: George Seifert didn't say it, but San Francisco cornerback Tyronne Drakeford did.

"From what I understand, Seifert is always under pressure to win the Super Bowl. It keeps mounting each year he doesn't win it," Drakeford said after learning his coach had resigned after posting the best winning percentage in NFL history, .755 — better than Vince Lombardi, George Halas and predecessor Bill Walsh.

"It keeps mounting each year he doesn't win it."

That's one reason Seifert quit. Another is that he would have been a lame duck next season, the last of his contract.

The 49ers are getting older, not better. They were 12-4 this year, but six of the wins were over Atlanta, New Orleans and St. Louis, three of the NFL's worst teams.

And Seifert loves to fish. It's a lot more relaxing than coaching — particularly with the 49ers.

EXPANSION BOWL REVISITED: The assumption in Jacksonville and Carolina is that trips to conference championship games in their second year is the beginning of a long run of success.

Not necessarily.

Tampa Bay, without free agency to obtain veteran players, made it to the NFC title game in its fourth season, winning the NFC Central at 10-6 in 1979 after going 7-37 in its first three years.

The next year the Buccaneers finished 5-10-1, the harbinger of a stretch that began in 1983 in which they've lost 10 games or more for 13 of 14 seasons.

Jacksonville and Carolina are in better shape.

Each has its coach and quarterback in place. And the Jaguars have four young players who could be long-term Pro Bowlers — left tackle Tony Boselli, defensive end Tony Brackens, linebacker Kevin Hardy and cornerback Aaron Beasley.

Carolina, on the other hand, has six defensive starters over 31, although 37-year-old Sam Mills had one of his best seasons and had 14 tackles in Green Bay last Sunday.

Both teams were helped because they had a lot to spend under the salary cap. But as their good young players reach maturity, they may find themselves strapped like Dallas, which has lost more than 20 important players since 1993 because they couldn't fit under the cap.

So don't necessarily expect an expansion Super Bowl next year.

FAVRE'S MAGIC: One reason Brett Favre has been the NFL's MVP the last two seasons is that he isn't bothered by trouble early in a game.

In last year's NFC Championship game, Favre missed his first five passes in Dallas. This year, he started 1-for-6 with an interception by Carolina's Sam Mills, setting up a touchdown that gave the Panthers a 7-0 lead. Favre rebounded to finish 19-of-29 for 292 yards and two touchdowns.

"The difference between Brett and a lot of quarterbacks is that it doesn't faze him to start slowly," says coach Mike Holmgren. "That may be why we seem to get better in the second half. The normal guy gets tentative when bad things happen. It just seems to be more incentive for Brett."

STABILITY: The 10 NFL coaching changes since the start of the season are a sign of instability.

But Parcells' New England staff demonstrates how important coaching continuity can be — 10 of the 12 assistants were with him in New York.

Eight were assistant coaches; Maurice Carthon was the fullback on the 1986 and 1990 teams that won the Super Bowl, and offensive coordinator Ray Perkins was the head coach who hired Parcells as New York's defensive coordinator in 1981.

Bill Belichick is the other ex-head coach on the staff. Belichick is the assistant head coach, but officially coaches only the linebackers. Al Groh has the title of defensive coordinator.

Super Blowouts

NFC teams take it to the limit at Bowl time

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — With three seconds left in the first quarter of the 1990 Super Bowl, Brent Jones caught a 3-yard pass from Joe Montana to give San Francisco a 13-3 lead over Denver.

"It's over," said Bill Walsh, who had stepped down as the 49ers' head coach as leading San Francisco to the title a year earlier.

Walsh was right. San Francisco beat the Broncos 55-10.

The 45-point margin is the biggest in the NFC's run of a dozen straight Super Bowl victories. Previously, the biggest was Chicago's 46-10 win in 1986 over New England, which is back in the title game for the first time since that debacle.

When it comes to the Super Bowl, NFC teams don't just win, they win big.

The only exceptions are the Giants' 20-19 win over Buffalo after the 1990 season and the 49ers' 20-16 victory over Cincinnati in the 1989 Super Bowl, won on Joe Montana's touchdown pass to John Taylor with 39 seconds left. There's also Dallas' 27-17 win over Pittsburgh last year.

Both the big Super Bowl blowouts have come in New Orleans. And the winners, the 1989 49ers and the 1985 Bears, were probably the best of the NFC teams, although the 1986 Giants, 1991 Redskins and 1992 Cowboys are close.

The New Orleans games were mismatches from the start.

Chicago had easily the best defense of the era, and those 49ers featured their best offense — Montana at his peak, Jerry Rice and the versatile Roger Craig — and an unsung defense led by Ronnie Lott and a young Charles Haley.

In 1990, the 49ers were a clear favorite coming in after 41-13 and 30-3 wins over the Vikings and Rams in two playoff games. By contrast, Denver barely got by Pittsburgh by a point at home, then beat Cleveland 37-21 in the AFC title game.

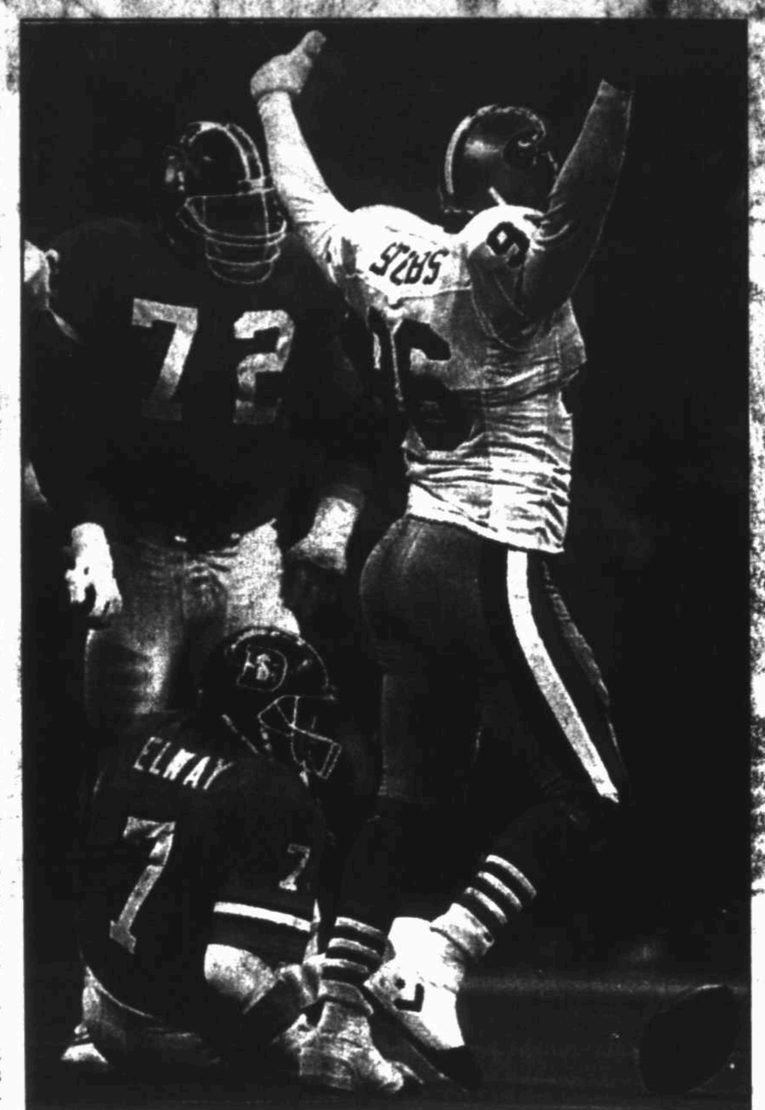
Carmen Policy, the 49ers president, remembered how nervous he and owner Eddie DeBartolo were.

"Well, after that second touchdown, Bill turned to us and told us the game was over," Policy said. "We were still worrying. Eddie gave Bill a strange look and Bill said 'No, it's over. There's no way they can stop you.'"

As it turned out, there wasn't.

San Francisco was up 27-3 at the half, 41-3 after three quarters and Montana finished with five touchdown passes. That was a record until Montana's successor, Steve Young, threw six in the 49ers' 49-26 win over San Diego two seasons ago, another blowout that wasn't as close as the score.

The statistics in the Denver game demonstrate San Francisco's dominance, particularly on the offense, run by Mike Holmgren, who will coach the Packers in next Sunday's game.



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San Francisco's Daniel Stubbs (96) celebrates as the ball rolls from Denver quarterback John Elway during fourth quarter action at the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 28, 1990. The 49ers stomped Denver 55-10.

The 49ers outgained the Broncos 461-167, had 28 first downs to 12 for Denver and had the ball 39 minutes and 31 seconds. Montana, the game's MVP, was 22-of-29 for 297 yards and Rice caught seven passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

By contrast, the 1985 Bears won with defense, just as they had all year, shutting out the Giants 21-0 and Rams 20-0 in two playoff games.

In the Super Bowl, New England actually led, getting a 36-yard field goal from Tony Franklin just 1:19 into the game. Larry McGrew's fumble recovery gave the Patriots the ball at the Chicago 19, but they couldn't move an inch and had to settle for the kick.

New England didn't score again until the Bears had a 44-3 lead early in the fourth quarter.

The most telling statistic was at the half — the Patriots had minus-8 yards on offense. And the Bears capped the win with a safety, giving them 46 points to match the "46" defense that defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan used to terrorize NFL teams all season.

Chicago coach Mike Ditka made one curious call, giving the ball to William "The Fridge" Perry, the 330-pound rookie defensive tackle and short-yardage blocking back, from a yard out for the Bears' final touchdown.

Everyone had assumed that Walter Payton, the NFL's career rushing leader, would get his first Super Bowl touchdown in that spot. The Bears never got back to the Super Bowl, and Payton retired two years later without a TD in the sport's biggest game.

And Ditka was annoyed that defensive end Richard Dent was named the MVP instead of quarterback Jim McMahon, who was 12-of-20 for 256 yards and ran for two touchdowns.

"How could you guys vote that way?" Ditka snarled the next morning at the postgame media session at which the winning coach is usually at his most relaxed.

McMahon could get another chance in this year's Super Bowl. Now 37, he's Green Bay's backup quarterback.

If Brett Favre gets hurt, who knows what could happen?

Superdome has super life span

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Twenty-one years after it opened, 45,000 tourist annually line up to wander open-mouthed through the 10-acre Louisiana Superdome. If they're still goggle-eyed over the huge arena, so are the people who book it for everything from home shows to dirt-bike races to the Super Bowl.

These days it's not just the size of the stadium that sparks amazement. It's the fact that it's held up so well while other domed stadiums are losing teams and considered obsolete.

"I think it's an unbelievable facility," said Jim Steeg, executive director of special events for the NFL, which selected it for this year's Super Bowl. "The only domed stadium that can compete with it now is the Georgia Dome, which opened in what, 1992?"

In fact, both the domed stadiums that opened about the same time as the Superdome, the Kingdome in Seattle and the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., are facing major problems, including losing the sports franchises that are their main tenants.

The Detroit Lions plan to move into a new stadium in downtown Detroit. They began planning to leave Silverdome, where they moved 21 years ago, after contract negotiations with Pontiac and Silverdome officials broke off.

The Lions, who get no revenue from the stadium, said they needed a better deal. Twenty-eight of the NFL's teams share in at least a portion of advertising, concession sales, luxury suite rentals or parking from their facilities.

The Kingdome's future is uncertain. The Seattle Mariners are getting a new outdoor baseball stadium that is to open in 1999. The Seattle Seahawks want a new football stadium and propose tearing down the Kingdome and building on its site. The major complaint of both teams is that they can't build the luxury boxes they need to make money.

The New Orleans Saints' contract with the Superdome runs until 2018. The Saints received a number of perks from the Superdome when they signed the contract, including money from concessions and parking and the right to build more luxury suites. The Superdome, which had 64 suites when it first opened in 1975, now has 137.

The facility spends over $2 million annually on renewal and replacement in the building. In addition, major renovation projects over the years have improved both the technical aspects and the comfort level of the dome.

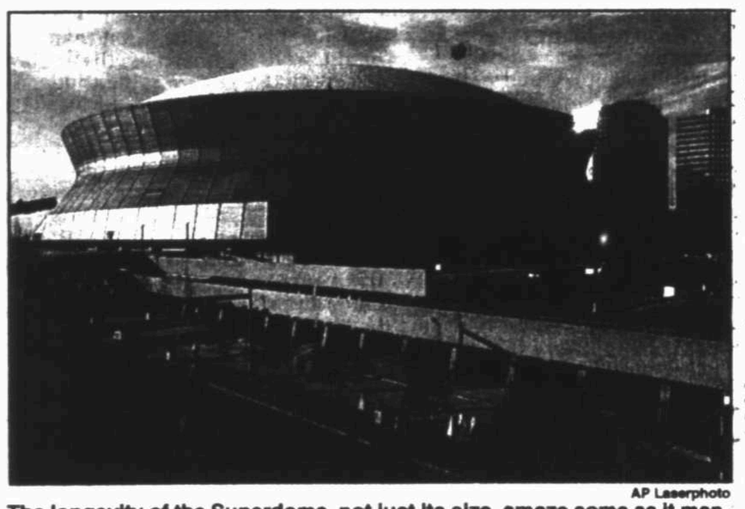
A $22.8 million project completed for the Super Bowl has remodeled locker rooms, installed a new sound system, new entrance lobby and ticket offices, upgraded safety equipment and added new concourses and bathrooms for the 30,000 seats in the upper reaches of the Dome.

"This facility is probably in better condition to accommodate major events than when it opened its doors in 1975," said Glenn Mon, general manager of the Superdome.

Before the dome was built for $163 million, critics filed lawsuits and some state lawmakers tried to block the project, claiming it would never pay for itself. In fact, the facility has operated in the black for the past two years, with revenues exceeding operating costs, according to figures released by the management group. Construction bonds and improvements were funded by hotel-motel tax at no cost to local taxpayers.

The economic impact of this year's Sugar Bowl and Super Bowl are expected to exceed the original construction cost of the Dome.

"You see a lot of stadiums that have a 20-, 30-year shelf-life and become outdated. Not the Superdome," said Bill Curl, director of public relations for the Superdome. "We can look eyeball to eyeball with any multipurpose stadium in the world — built or planned. You won't find one that's ahead of us in state of the art equipment, and you won't in 20 or 30 years."



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The longevity of the Superdome, not just its size, amaze some as it manages to keep bringing in events while other domed stadiums are losing teams and considered obsolete.

Niners hope Mariucci returns team to big time

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — On the surface, it appears to be a huge gamble: the San Francisco 49ers lose the winningest coach in NFL history and choose a replacement with no previous experience in the league as a coordinator or head coach.

The 49ers say there's a method to their selection of Steve Mariucci as the successor to George Seifert, whose resignation touched off a tumultuous week for one of the league's elite franchises.

Under the 41-year-old Mariucci, the 49ers believe they can go back to their offensive roots and rediscover the pioneering schemes that helped them win five Super Bowls since 1981.

Bill Walsh, who popularized the West Coast offense, led the team to three championships in 10 years as coach, and Seifert, Walsh's former defensive coordinator, had two in an eight-year span during which he compiled a .755 winning percentage, the best ever.

Mariucci doesn't have those kind of credentials. But the 49ers were intrigued by his potential and his links to their offensive system as an understudy of Packers coach Mike Holmgren, a former San Francisco offensive coordinator who implemented a 49ers-style scheme in Green Bay.



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Steve Mariucci follows good company in George Siefert, right, and Bill Walsh, left.

"He was hired for a reason," 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo said. "We think he's a great talent and we think he fits the 49er image to a tee. If this man is given the time that he needs, and no one gets rambunctious, he will do the type of job that we hired him to do."

Mariucci's 6-6 record as California's coach this season, his only previous head coaching assignment in an 18-year career, was not nearly as impressive as his offensive results.

He installed the West Coast offense at Cal, which lost six of its last seven games after a 5-0 start, but nevertheless produced 457.6 yards per game, including a school-record 321.5 yards passing.

Cal quarterback Pat Barnes led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency. Previously, as Green Bay's quarterbacks coach, Mariucci helped develop Brett Favre into a two-time league MVP.

"Most coaches have a forte, offense or defense," Mariucci said. "Mine happens to be offense, and I will stay on top of that."

Conflicting styles

Parcells' teams are run differently than his life

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — For a self-proclaimed New Jersey guy, Bill Parcells seems to have plenty of wanderlust.

Soon to be a free-agent coach, he may end up being that true rarity, a Super Bowl-winning free-agent coach.

Could Parcells return to the Jersey Meadowlands? Or go elsewhere in the NFL? We won't know until after he finishes up another Super Bowl assignment.

For someone who craves stability in the way his football team is run, Parcells sometimes displays a strange way of conducting his professional life.

For example, just days after he led the Giants to the 1987 Super Bowl victory, Parcells and his agent were talking with the Atlanta Falcons about a coach-general manager position. Parcells was ready to bolt the team he grew up following, partly because of a five-year offer for nearly $1 million a year, partly because he wanted more say in off-field matters.

But NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle acted quickly, telling Parcells he had to fulfill the final two years of his contract.

"It seems it was a case of the agent more or less pushing the situation on his own," Rozelle said. "I told the agent, 'Nope, that's it.' "

Parcells himself said that was it in May 1991, four months after leading the Giants to their second NFL title in his eight years as coach. It was an awkward time to resign, having already gone through the draft and begun planning for training camp.

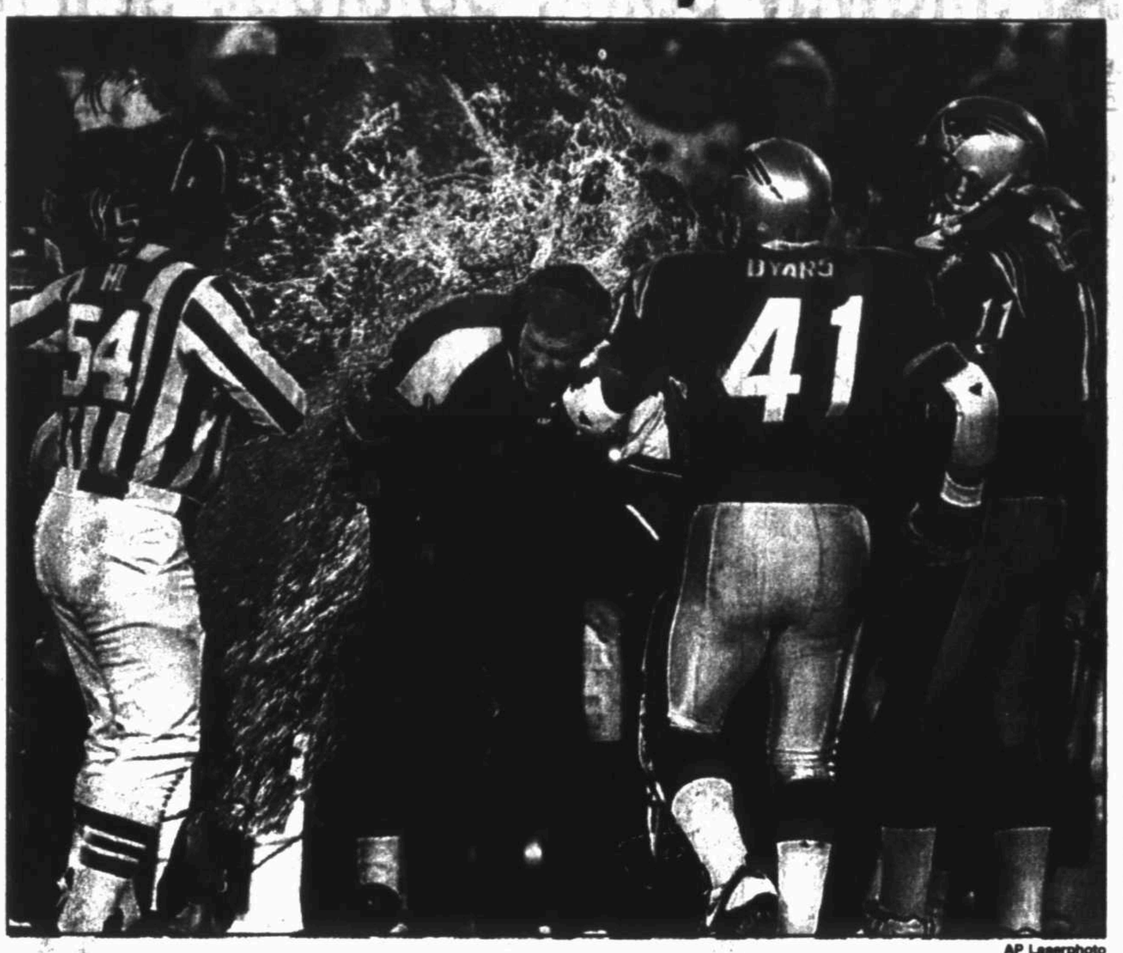
Parcells felt he had no choice. He wasn't seeking richer pastures or more power, but something a bit more important: his health.

"I didn't want to leave football, but I knew I couldn't keep going," he said. "It took us exactly six months to find out something was wrong. I knew it. I could feel it, even though it did not show up on the tests.

"It was in December 1991 when I went to the doctor and said, 'I'm getting on this treadmill and either will drop dead or find out what's wrong. I can't take this.' "

He underwent a non-surgical procedure to clear his arteries. Less than a month later, Parcells negotiated with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and was interviewed by the Green Bay Packers for coaching jobs.

Parcells was intrigued by Tampa Bay's offer of $6.5 million for five years, plus as much authority as he needed. He was ready to accept, then backed away, in part because he wasn't sure about handling both coaching and personnel duties.



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Patriots coach Bill Parcells, center, likes stability in his teams but lacks that quality in his coaching stints.

After he was interviewed by the Packers — who wound up hiring Mike Holmgren, the man he'll face in an intriguing Super Bowl coaching matchup — Parcells asked to be reconsidered for the Buccaneers job. Team owner Hugh Culverhouse, saying he felt "jilted at the altar" the first time he offered Parcells the position, said he no longer was interested.

Lucky thing for Parcells he didn't take either job, because his health problems returned.

"I finally had to have bypass surgery to fix it," he said. "If it had happened in 1996, I would not have had to have it, with the advances in medicine."

Parcells returned to the television booth for the '92 season, his second with NBC. But the itch to coach remained.

"Once I started feeling good again, well, if you like football, this is what you want to do. You are what you are, and Bill Parcells is a football coach," he said. "It's like going to the schoolyard when you're a kid. ... You have to grow up some time, but fortunately I haven't had to."

The Patriots have grown from 2-14 teams with four coaches in five years to AFC champions in four years. That's exactly what Parcells had in mind when he settled in New England.



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New England head coach Bill Parcells celebrates with Patriots owner Robert Kraft, back to camera, after the Patriots beat Jacksonville.

"Time goes on, and it's a different time," he said when he took the job. "It's a different place. I'm a New England Patriot. It's where I started my professional coaching career, and it's where I'm going to end it.

"I'm not interested in winning a few games here and there. I've done that. I look for the ultimate challenges in this profession."

That means Sunday's game in New Orleans. For many coaches, that would be the culmination of a Hall of Fame-caliber career. Parcells could win the championship, then make good on his vow the day he took over the Patriots:

"This is my last deal, there ain't any doubt about that. I'm John Wayne after this one."

But now there are signs that Parcells won't be riding off into the sunset. A year ago, he asked Patriots owner Robert Kraft to void the final year of his five-year deal. Parcells hasn't hid his displeasure with not having final say during the draft.

The wise first-round choice of Terry Glenn, who set a rookie receiving record this season, was not Parcells' but that of personnel director Bobby Grier.

And the New York Jets — now there's a challenge for anyone — haven't interviewed anyone for their vacant coach and GM positions, waiting instead until the Super Bowl is over and Parcells is free to talk.

How odd would it be for Parcells to be standing on the sideline in Giants Stadium again, coaching the home team? The one that wears green and reportedly is willing to pay him $3 million a year to take charge.

Is that what it would take to bring Bill Parcells back home again? Sort of.

Bledsoe knows his role is big

N.Y. Times News Service

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Green Bay Packers are where most everyone figured they would be — in the Super Bowl. They have the highest-scoring offense in the National Football League as well as the defense that allowed the fewest points.

To stay in the game, Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe will have to step forward and put points on the board, because no matter how well the New England defense plays, Green Bay, with two-time MVP Brett Favre at the helm, should be doing its share of dancing in the end zone.

Bledsoe knows there's plenty of weight on him.

"If we're going to win, I'm going to have to play very well, and as an entire offense we're going to have to score points," he said.

The starting Green Bay secondary had 18 interceptions in the regular season. In the two playoff victories, the Packers allowed two touchdown passes but picked off five others.

"Green Bay's defense is very sound, they're very solid. They don't make mistakes and they don't give you plays as a result. Offenses that are successful against them are offenses that are very, very consistent, that consistently take what Green Bay gives you, which is usually short stuff in the front of them, and offenses that run the ball a bit."

Bledsoe is planning to make the most of this opportunity and the 24-year-old is not fazed that his team is a 14-point underdog.

"We've made it into the game and so we're going to enjoy that a little bit," said Bledsoe. "There are only two teams playing in it, and we're one of them.

"There's no doubt we're going to try to use the underdog role to our advantage and to use it as motivation," he said. "But a lot of things have contributed to us being a huge underdog, one of them being that they've played so well and the other is the NFC dominance in the Super Bowl."

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Bledsoe hasn't played particularly well in the playoffs. Against the Steelers, he was 14 of 24 for 164 yards, with one TD and two interceptions. In last week's AFC Championship win over the Jaguars, he was 20 of 33 for 178 yards with no touchdowns and one interception.

"There have been some plays in the last two games that I've been frustrated with, particularly the last game," Bledsoe said. "One thing I've been fairly good at, most of the year, has been holding onto the football when I get hit, and that's something I didn't do well in the last game, so it's something I'm going to focus on."

Bledsoethinks the two-week preparation will help his team.

"I think that we've been successful with the bye week this year, and our coaching staff has done an excellent job when they have the extra time," he said. "This is the time to do some extra research that they don't normally have the time to do, and with the extra time, we've proven to be insightful and been able to find some things."

Once Sunday arrives, said Bledsoe, it won't be the Super Bowl, it'll be just a game.

"It's a big game, but once you take the field, it's still the game of football," Bledsoe said. "I think to approach it in any other way would be negative. It's a big game, and people and the teams are going to play hard, but once you step on the field, it's just a football game."



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New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe has been inconsistent throughout the playoffs and will have to perform well if the Patriots are to beat the Packers next Sunday.

Favre's Super debut is close to home



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Packer quarterback Brett Favre couldn't have asked for a better debut, playing less than 60 miles from his home in Mississippi.

N.Y. Times News Service

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Packers' quarterback, Brett Favre, can go from the driveway of his home in Kiln, Miss., to the Superdome in New Orleans in an hour, "driving the speed limit."

So, when Green Bay plays New England in Super Bowl XXXI next Sunday, Favre will get a chance to live out the fantasy of every boy who ever picked up a football. He'll be playing in the National Football League's ultimate game 60 miles from where he grew up. Talk about home-field advantage.

"I'm pretty excited about it," said Favre, the NFL's most valuable player in 1995 and 1996. "I've always dreamed of playing in a Super Bowl. But more than that, playing in front of a home crowd in New Orleans. Great food. Great atmosphere. It's going to be fun."

During the off season Favre said he travels to New Orleans twice a month — "work related," he joked. He hangs out with his friends and relatives who live there and is no stranger to the French Quarter. The way he recited his favorite New Orleans restaurants he'll be the perfect tour guide for his teammates.

The Packers' coach, Mike Holmgren, realizes that it's a special homecoming for Favre, but he said he'll have a one-on-one chat soon with the quarterback to make sure he keeps everything in perspective and doesn't lose sight of the fact that the team is counting on him to help them win a championship.

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Favre, 27, was a huge Saints fan growing up. He rooted for quarterback Archie Manning and the punishing New Orleans defense. Unfortunately, the Saints never played in a Super Bowl or won a playoff game for that matter. If your favorite team can't make the Super Bowl, what could be better than going yourself?

Coincidentally, Favre is now a teammate of quarterback Jim McMahon, who made New Orleans his personal stage when he was the Bears' quarterback and Chicago beat New England in Super Bowl XX in 1985.

"I was a sophomore in high school," Favre said, remembering the Bears and McMahon's contributions in New Orleans. "They were doing the Super Bowl shuffle. He mooned a helicopter and he talked about the women. And they won. I remember they were a great team. Walter Payton, he was a Mississippi guy, so I liked him. The Refrigerator, I followed him. They were really good. They played the Patriots and I hope it turns out the same way it did that day."

Favre said McMahon has talked all year about the parallels between this season and the time the Bears went to the Super Bowl. McMahon and the Bears had lost in the championship game (to the 49ers) in 1984 and beat the Rams the next year to advance. The Packers lost to Dallas in the National Conference championship game last season and beat Carolina to make the Super Bowl this year. Super Bowl XX was played on Jan. 26 and the Bears' opponent was New England. This year's Super Bowl is on Jan. 26 and the Packers' opponent is New England.

But what made this season's quest special for Favre was the opportunity to go home. Favre's eyes twinkle and his face lights up when he talks about the prospects of playing at the Superdome for the Super Bowl championship. Favre said he has never lost a game — college or pro — at the Superdome.

Super Facts

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In general

AT STAKE — National Football League Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

PARTICIPANTS — Green Bay Packers (NFC) and New England Patriots (AFC). This will be the third appearance for Green Bay (3-0) and the second for New England (0-1).

SITE — Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans. This is the eighth game to be played in New Orleans and the fifth in the Superdome.

SEATING CAPACITY — 72,000.

KICKOFF — 5:18 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

NETWORK COVERAGE — By FOX-TV to approximately 188 stations and throughout the United States plus Bermuda, and Guam.

By CBS Radio to more than 400 stations within the United States. The Armed Forces Television and Radio Network will also provide broadcast throughout the world.

The game will be distributed internationally by the NFL and ESPN International to more than 175 countries.

Pre-Game, halftime and post-game announcers: James Brown, Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long, and Ronnie Lott.

TV Game Announcers — Pat Summerall, play-by-play; John Madden, analyst.

Reporter — Ron Pitts.

Radio Game Announcers — Howard David, play-by-play; Matt Millen, analyst.

PLAYERS SHARE — Winners: $48,000 per man. Losers: $29,000 per man.

PLAYER UNIFORMS — NFC will be the home team and use the West bench and will have the choice of wearing its colored or white jersey. AFC will be the visiting team and will use the East bench.

SUDDEN DEATH — If the game is tied at regulation time 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden death overtime. The team scoring first (by safety, field goal, or touchdown) will win.

At the end of regulation playing time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field, in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pre-game toss. The captain of AFC team (the visiting team) will call the toss. Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regular game, play will continue by 15-minute periods with a two-minute intermission between each such overtime period with no halftime intermission. The teams will change goals between each period, there will be a two-minute warning at the end of each period.

OFFICIAL TIME — The scoreboard clock will be official.

OFFICIALS — There will be seven officials and two alternates appointed by the Commissioner's office.

TROPHY — The winning team receives permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, a sterling silver trophy created by Tiffany & Company and presented annually to the winner of the Super Bowl. The trophy was named after the late coach Vince Lombardi of the two-time Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers prior to the 1971 Super Bowl. The trophy is a regulation silver football mounted in a kicking position on a pyramid-like stand of three concave sides. The trophy stands 20 3/4 inches tall, weighs 6.7 pounds. The words "Vince Lombardi" and "Super Bowl XXXI" are engraved on the base along with the NFL emblem.

ATTENDANCE — To date, 2,412,278 have attended Super Bowl games. The largest crowd was 103,985 the 14th Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1997

SUPER BOWL

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
SUPERDOME

Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points, Lifetime — 42, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Points, Game — 18, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 7, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Points After Touchdown, Lifetime — 9, Mike Cofer, San Francisco.

Most Points After Touchdown, Game — 7, Mike Cofer, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990; Uri Elliott, Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1993; Doug Brien, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Field Goals, Lifetime — 5, Ray Wersching, San Francisco.

Most Field Goals, Game — 4, Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, 1968; Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1982.

Longest Field Goal — 54, Steve Christie, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1994.

Most Safeties — 1, Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, 1975; Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1978; Henry Waechter, Chicago vs. New England, 1986; George Martin, New York vs. Denver, 1987; Bruce Smith, Buffalo vs. New York, 1991.

RUSHING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 101, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Attempts, Game — 36, John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, 1983.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 354, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 204, Tim Smith, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Longest Gain — 74, Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 5, Emmitt Smith, Dallas.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 2, Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, 1967; Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, 1974; Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, 1977; Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. L.A. Rams, 1980; Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984; Jim McMahon, Chicago vs. New England, 1986; Tim Smith, Washington vs. Denver, 1988; Tom Rathman, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990; Gerald Riggs, Washington vs. Buffalo, 1992; Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1994; Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, 1996.

PASSING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 145, Jim Kelly, Buffalo.

Most Attempts, Game — 58, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992.

Most Completions, Lifetime — 83, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Completions, Game — 31, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

Highest Completion Percentage, Lifetime — 70.0, Troy Aikman, Dallas.

Highest Completion Percentage, Game — 88.0, Phil Simms, New York Giants vs. Denver, 1987.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 1,142, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 357, Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 11, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 6, Steve Young, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Had Intercepted, Lifetime — 7, Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver; Jim Kelly, Buffalo.

Most Had Intercepted, Game — 4, Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, 1978; Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992.

Longest Completion — 80, Jim Plunkett (to Kenny King), L.A. Raiders vs. Philadelphia, 1981; Doug Williams (to Ricky Sanders), Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

RECEIVING

Most Receptions, Lifetime — 28, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Receptions, Game — 11, Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, 1982; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Yards, Lifetime — 512, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Yards, Game — 215, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 7, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990.

Longest Reception — 80, Kenny King (from Jim Plunkett), L.A. Raiders vs. Philadelphia, 1981; Ricky Sanders (from Doug Williams), Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

FUMBLES

Most By, Lifetime — 5, Roger Staubach, Dallas.

Most By, Game — 3, Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, 1976; Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992; Frank Reich, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

INTERCEPTIONS

Most By, Lifetime — 3, Chuck Howley, Dallas; Rod Martin, Oakland; Larry Brown, Dallas.

Most By, Game — 3, Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, 1981.

TEAM RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points, Game — 55, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990.

Fewest Points, Game — 3, Miami vs. Dallas, 1972.

Most Points, Both Teams, Game — 75, San Francisco (49), San Diego (26), 1995.

Fewest Points, Both Teams, Game — 21, Miami (14), Washington (7), 1973.

Largest Margin of Victory — 45 — San Francisco vs. Denver (55-10), 1990.

YARDS GAINED

Most Net Yards Gained, Game — 602, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game — 119, Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, 1975.

Most Rushing Yards, Game — 280, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Fewest Rushing Yards, Game — 7, New England vs. Chicago, 1986.

Most Passing Yards, Game — 341, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Fewest Passing Yards, Game — 35, Denver vs. Dallas, 1978.

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles, Game — 8, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By, Game — 4, New York Jets vs. Baltimore, 1969; Dallas vs. Denver, 1978; Washington vs. Buffalo, 1992; Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1993.

MVP's

1967—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1968—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1969—Joe Namath, QB, N.Y. Jets
1970—Len Dawson, QB, Kansas City
1971—Chuck Howley, LB, Dallas
1972—Roger Staubach, QB, Dallas
1973—Jake Scott, S, Miami
1974—Larry Csonka, RB, Miami
1975—Franco Harris, RB, Pittsburgh
1976—Lynn Swann, WR, Pittsburgh
1977—Fred Biletnikoff, WR, Oakland
1978—Randy White, DT and Harvey Martin, DE, Dallas
1979—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1980—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1981—Jim Plunkett, QB, Oakland
1982—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1983—John Riggins, RB, Washington
1984—Marcus Allen, RB, L.A. Raiders
1985—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1986—Richard Dent, DE, Chicago
1987—Phil Simms, QB, N.Y. Giants
1988—Doug Williams, QB, Washington
1989—Jerry Rice, WR, San Francisco
1990—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1991—Ottis Anderson, RB, N.Y. Giants
1992—Mark Rypien, QB, Washington
1993—Troy Aikman, QB, Dallas
1994—Emmitt Smith, RB, Dallas
1995—Steve Young, QB, San Francisco
1996—Larry Brown, CB, Dallas

Champions

1967—Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10
1968—Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1969—N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore (NFL) 7
1970—Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1971—Baltimore (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1972—Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1973—Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1974—Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1975—Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1976—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1977—Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1978—Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1979—Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1980—Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, Los Angeles (NFC) 19
1981—Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1982—San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21
1983—Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1984—L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1985—San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1986—Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1987—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1988—Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1989—San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16
1990—San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 10
1991—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1992—Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1993—Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1994—Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1995—San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1996—Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17

Lineups

Projected starting lineups and depth charts for the 31st Super Bowl.

New England Patriots

Defense

LE—92 Ferric Collons; 96 Mike Jones.
LT—97 Mark Wheeler; 90 Chad Eaton.
RT—75 Pio Sagapolutele; 72 Devin Wyman.
RE—55 Willie McGinest; 74 Chris Sullivan.
OLB—53 Chris Slade; 95 Dwayne Sabb.
MLB—52 Ted Johnson; 58 Marty Moore.
OLB—59 Todd Collins; 54 Teddy Bruschi.
LCB—24 Ty Law; 27 Mike McGruder.
RCB—45 Otis Smith; 26 Jerome Henderson; 21 Ricky Reynolds.
SS—38 Lawyer Milloy; 23 Terry Ray; 25 Larry Whigham.
FS—32 Willie Clay; 30 Corwin Brown.

Offense

WR—84 Shawn Jefferson; 82 Vincent Brisby; 83 Dietrich Jells.
LT—78 Bruce Armstrong; 62 Dave Richards.
LG—76 William Roberts; 63 Heath Irwin.
C—64 Dave Wohlabaugh; 67 Mike Gisler.
RG—61 Todd Rucci; 61 Bob Kratch.
RT—68 Max Lane; 62 Dave Richards.
TE—87 Ben Coates; 85 John Burke; 86 Mike Bartrum.
WR—88 Terry Glenn; 80 Troy Brown; 81 Mason Graham.
QB—11 Drew Bledsoe; 16 Scott Zolak; 19 Tom Tupa.
RB—28 Curtis Martin; 22 David Meggett.
FB—41 Keith Byars; 35 Mario Grier.

Specialists

P—19 Tom Tupa; 4 Adam Vinatieri.
PK—4 Adam Vinatieri; 19 Tom Tupa.
KO—4 Adam Vinatieri; 19 Tom Tupa.
H—19 Tom Tupa; 16 Scott Zolak.
KR—22 David Meggett; 80 Troy Brown; 81 Mason Graham.
PR—22 David Meggett; 80 Troy Brown.
PC—86 Mike Bartrum; 67 Mike Gisler.
KC—86 Mike Bartrum; 67 Mike Gisler.

Green Bay Packers

Defense

LE—92 Reggie White; 98 Gabe Wilkins; 95 Keith McKenzie.
T—71 Santana Dotson; 90 Darius Holland.
NT—93 Gilbert Brown; 90 Darius Holland; 94 Bob Kuberski.
RE—96 Sean Jones; 98 Gabe Wilkins; 91 Shannon Clavelle.
LOLB—59 Wayne Simmons; 55 Bernardo Harris; 95 Keith McKenzie.
MLB—54 Ron Cox; 55 Bernardo Harris.
ROLB—51 Brian Williams; 56 Lamont Hollinquest.
LCB—21 Craig Newsome; 37 Tyrone Williams; 28 Roderick Mullen.
RCB—33 Doug Evans; 37 Tyrone Williams; 48 Michael Robinson.
SS—36 LeRoy Butler; 39 Mike Prior; 28 Roderick Mullen.
FS—41 Eugene Robinson; 39 Mike Prior; 40 Chris Hayes.

Offense

WR—88 Antonio Freeman; 85 Terry Mickens; 80 Derrick Mayes.
LT—64 Bruce Wilkerson; 77 John Michels; 68 Gary Brown.
LG—73 Aaron Taylor; 65 Lindsay Knapp; 68 Gary Brown.
C—52 Frank Winters; 67 Jeff Dellenbach.
RG—63 Adam Timmerman; 65 Lindsay Knapp; 62 Marco Rivera.
RT—72 Earl Dotson; 64 Bruce Wilkerson.
TE—89 Mark Chmura; 88 Keith Jackson; 83 Jeff Thomason.
WR—84 Andre Rison; 82 Don Beebe; 81 Desmond Howard.
QB—4 Brett Favre; 9 Jim McMahon; 18 Doug Pederson.
RB—34 Edgar Bennett; 29 Dorsey Levens; 32 Travis Jervey.
FB—30 William Henderson; 25 Dorsey Levens.

Specialists

P—17 Craig Hentrich.
PK—13 Chris Jacke; 17 Craig Hentrich.
KO—17 Craig Hentrich; 13 Chris Jacke.
H—17 Craig Hentrich; 82 Don Beebe.
KR—81 Desmond Howard; 82 Don Beebe; 32 Travis Jervey.
PR—81 Desmond Howard; 88 Antonio Freeman; 39 Mike Prior.
PC—89 Mark Chmura; 52 Frank Winters; 67 Jeff Dellenbach.
KC—67 Jeff Dellenbach; 52 Frank Winters.

Notebook

Associated Press

Hull walking on air now that situation lighter in St. Louis

By Ken Rappoport
AP Hockey Writer

Things have lightened up considerably in St. Louis now that Mike Keenan has left the Blues. Ask Brett Hull, who's playing in this weekend's NHL All-Star Game in San Jose.

Hull, among many who had a stormy relationship with the former Blues' general manager and coach, says the atmosphere is "so much easier" with new coach Joel Quenneville.

"The confidence is growing in the kids again and people are able to come to the rink without fear and are able to ask questions and go out and play the best they can," Hull said. "(Quenneville) is going to be great because he is a really nice man and coach that knows what he wants and explains it in layman's terms very easily."

That wasn't the case with Keenan, Hull said. It was "organized chaos. ... All you end up doing is having 20 guys chasing the puck around the ice."

Just before the Blues fired Keenan last month, Hull said he had personally been reduced to a "non-functional" state.

"(Keenan) would come to me and say, 'There is something wrong with you because you can't do this or that.' I couldn't even play. You couldn't function away from the rink, either."

Still, Hull said he holds no feelings of ill will toward Keenan.

"He is a great hockey mind. I just don't think it worked in St. Louis. You know he is going to get another job, and he deserves it. His record speaks for itself."

AMERICANS ABROAD: While the IHL has been talking about expanding to Europe, the AHL got there first — at least for the Spengler Cup.

The Rochester Americans recently became the first North American professional hockey team to participate in the venerable Swiss tournament. The result? The Americans finished third in the five-team tournament with a 2-2 record.

The Americans bounced back from an opening 9-2 loss to host team Davos to play representative hockey the rest of the way.

Why were the Americans invited?

"They wanted a competitive team," said the Americans' media representative, Peter Mancuso, "and they like the red, white and blue uniforms with the stripes."

The Americans are the defending Calder Cup champions.

PICK OF THE CROP: If the NHL entry draft were held tomorrow, center Joe Thornton of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League would be the likely No. 1 pick.

The 6-foot-4, 198-pound Thornton, who played on Canada's gold medal-winning team at the 1997 junior championships in Switzerland, is the top-ranked skater by the league's central scouting service in its midseason rankings.

The top-rated goaltender: Roberto Luongo of the Val d'Or Foreurs of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. The top-rated European: center Olli Jokinen, who played for Finland at the 1997 world junior championships.

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE: Wayne Gretzky realizes that fans like to see the stars in the league. So he felt that many of them in Madison Square Garden were probably disappointed when the Colorado Avalanche came in to play the New York Rangers recently without injured stars Joe Sakic and Peter Forsberg.

Gretzky had a different perspective: "From our point of view, maybe it wasn't quite as bad."

The teams tied 2-2.

FANNING THE STARS: The IHL has followed the lead of the NHL: for the first time in IHL history, fans are voting for all-star game starters. The IHL All-Star Game will be held on Feb. 18 in Grand Rapids, Mich. — exactly one month after the NHL holds its midseason showcase game.

"Our league is always looking for ways to involve our fans and there is no better example that the creation of the ... all-star fan balloting," says Matt Strelo, IHL director of corporate marketing.

GETTING THE THUMB: What do you do if you arrive late for a hockey game and find a couple of movie stars sitting in your seats?

If you are New York Ranger fans, you kick them out.

That's just what two young men did when they showed up late in the first period for the Rangers' game last Monday against the New York Islanders. Sitting in their seats were none other than Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon, last year's Academy Award winner.

Robbins and Sarandon, red-hot Ranger fans, were apparently in the wrong seats. They left quietly.

Gordie could be gone, if legs don't hold up

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Is Gordie Howe finally finished playing hockey?

Howe, who retired from hockey in 1980 at the age of 52 after 26 years as a pro, said Friday night he might not participate in any more oldtimers games because of leg problems.

Howe spoke after playing in Friday night's "Heroes of Hockey" game preceding tonight's 47th NHL All-Star Game.

"I'll be honest, if my legs are the same as they are today, I won't (play in any more Heroes of Hockey games)," Howe said. "That'll be my last one if my legs are that way."

Howe admittedly is in pain with an arthritic condition.

"I just hope I can get some relief," he said. "I mean, just walking and playing golf (is tough). I have to ride (a cart) now. I've had three operations. The last one was in the seventies. The doctor always claimed that if you have 50 per cent of your recovery to move, you have a 50 per cent chance of arthritis. And that's what I have."

Howe will be 69 in March.

GLOVE STORY: Playing in the "Heroes of Hockey" game, goaltender Darren Pang had his hands full — in Terry Sawchuk's gloves.

Pang wore the gloves of the Hall of Fame goaltender in Friday night's game featuring oldtime stars.

He also wore Jacques Plante's Hall of Fame mask.

They must have helped — his team won 4-3.

SHARKFEST: Charlie Simmer, who once played for the old California Golden Seals, is not surprised by the popularity of the San Jose Sharks. The six-year-old franchise has sold out more than 100 straight games.

"I think they always knew they were going to be successful (at the gate), because a majority of our fans were from San Jose," said Simmer. "They drove up to the (Oakland) Coliseum and to the Cow Palace (in Daly City near San Francisco) when we were there.

"So you know there was enough of a nucleus of fans. I think it's just fabulous the way it's caught on. They're still doing phenomenal here, as far as the attendance goes, and that team's still growing."

HULL OF A LINE: Imagine playing on a line with Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull in their prime?

Stan Mikita did just that during one of his NHL All-Star Game appearances. But it wasn't all fun, as he recalls.

"I was picked at center with Gordie Howe at right wing and Bobby Hull at left wing, and played with those two guys the whole evening. My toughest part was trying to stay out of their way, because of how they'd criss-cross.

"I did a heck of a job for two periods, but in the third, I turned around and they both ran over me."

NOT JUST ANOTHER GUY: Guy Hebert is all choked up about playing in his first NHL All-Star Game.

The Anaheim goaltender, who says he's been watching All-Star games "for a number of years", was a late replacement for injured Detroit goalie Chris Osgood.

Asked Friday how his All-Star uniform fit, Hebert said: "It's a little tight."

He added, "I still don't know how I got selected."

Avalanche rolls

At midway point, Colorado still in top form

By Ken Rappoport
AP Hockey Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Colorado Avalanche continues to roll despite adversity that could easily have spoiled the encore season to its first Stanley Cup.

As the NHL heads into its all-star break this weekend, is there a more surprising story than the Avalanche, which certainly has overachieved in the face of numerous injuries to key personnel?

Despite missing several regulars — including top three centers — for a substantial part of the first half of the season, the Avalanche has the league's best record at 27-10-8 for 62 points. Colorado is on an 8-0-3 roll heading into the break.

Goaltender Patrick Roy, the starter for the Western Conference in Saturday's All-Star game at San Jose Arena, has been no small part of Colorado's success. And then there is a matter of depth.

"We are winning games with key people out," says forward Mike Keane. "The kids are doing a good job for us. We need fresh blood in the lineup and the guys are getting the job done."

Center Mike Ricci, who had missed 11 games earlier this season because of a dislocated shoulder, is the latest of the Avalanche's injured players. e's out with a fractured hand, joining Joe Sakic (lacerated calf) and Peter Forsberg, (bruised thigh), among others, on the sidelines.

Sakic, the Avalanche captain and leading scorer at the time of his injury, was the fans' choice to start at center for the Western Conference. Forsberg, the team's No. 2 scorer, was also ticketed for an All-Star berth.

"This team has played very good hockey and has done a very good job of staying on top of the league with other teams that have been healthy," said forward Claude Lemieux, who missed most of the first half of the season with a torn abdominal muscle. "Hopefully, we will get everybody back after the All-Star game."

As it is, the Avalanche will still have two starters in the Western Conference lineup with Roy in goal and Sandis Ozolinsh at one of the defensive positions. Ozolinsh will team with Chicago's Chris Chelios on the backline. Brett Hull of St. Louis is the starting right wing and Anaheim's Paul Kariya the starting left wing for the West.

John Vanbiesbrouck of the Florida Panthers, who faced Roy in last season's Stanley Cup finals, will start in goal for the Eastern Conference. Boston's Ray Bourque and Brian Leetch of the New York Rangers are the starters on defense while the forward line consists of the New York Rangers' Wayne Gretzky at center and Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr and Tampa Bay's Dino Ciccarelli on the wings.

While every team must have at least one player participate. It's usually those teams with strong first-half performances that generally have strong representation.

The Philadelphia Flyers, who at one point were unbeaten in 17 straight games, will have four players in the Eastern Conference lineup. Pittsburgh, on an 13-game unbeaten streak before the break, will have three. So will the Rangers, one of the NHL's hottest teams after a slow start.

In addition to those named for Colorado in the West, Detroit will have four players represented while Dallas will have three. The Stars and Red Wings have the 1-2 records in the Central Division.

As usual, there is always some controversy or two about the choices.

"I think a lot of this voting is about being a 'big name,' " says Denis Potvin, Hall of Fame defenseman who is now a broadcaster on the Panthers' games. "Ray Bourque is a good example. He's been injured most of the year, yet he ends up number one in balloting (among Eastern Conference defensemen)."

Vanbiesbrouck was voted to the team despite going through a rough period after a fast start.

"In John Vanbiesbrouck's case, he's had a tough time the last couple of weeks, but that certainly doesn't have any bearing on why he outvoted everybody by almost 2-1," Potvin said. "He really made a name for himself in the playoffs last year."

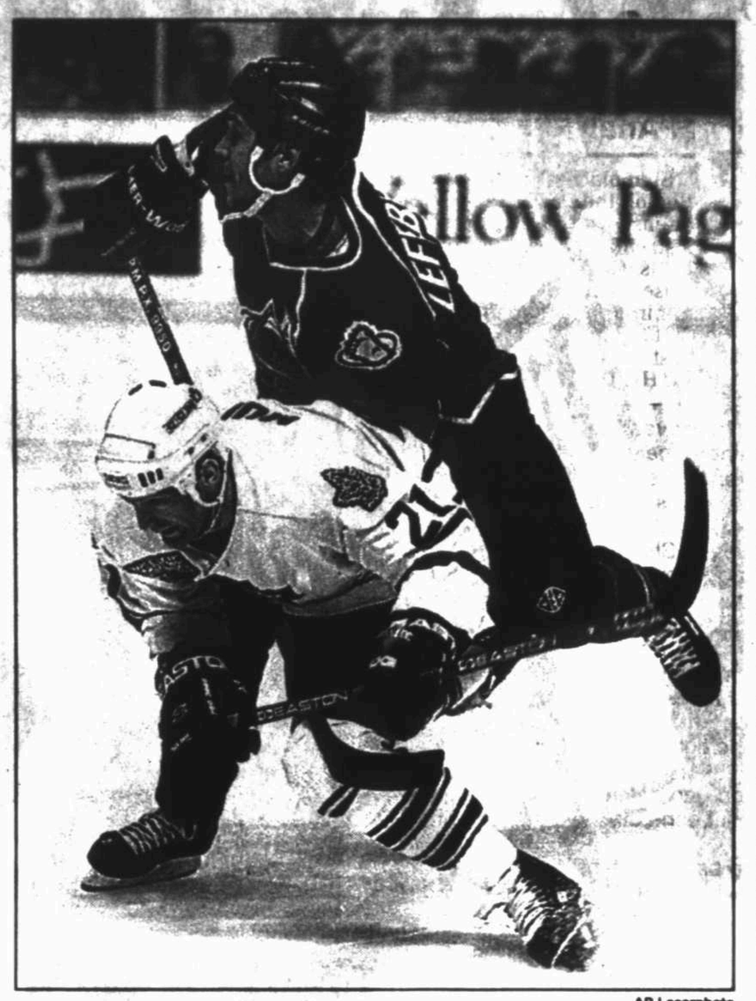
Vanbiesbrouck was the overall leading leader in the Eastern Conference with 200,457 votes. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur was second among goalies with 95,131 votes.

The Rangers' Mike Richter said he was disappointed at not being named to the eastern team as a reserve, and he had a right to be. Richter was the MVP in the World Cup of Hockey Tournament, the NHL's player of the month for December, and had a 16-game unbeaten streak at one point.

Certainly a case could be made for Richter, but it's hard to fault the choices ahead of him. Buffalo's Dominik Hasek, who has five shutouts, and Brodeur are having outstanding seasons.

The Eastern Conference has won the last two games — including last year's 5-4 victory in Boston. The East has an 18-7 edge since the league changed formats in the 1969 game.

This year's game is a restart for San Jose, whose 1995 game canceled by the owners' lockout. The all-star weekend will start with a skills competition and "Heroes of Hockey" oldtimers game tonight, and continue with Saturday night's All-Star game.



AP Laserphoto

Maple Leafs center Kirk Muller is sent diving to the ice by Avalanche defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre during action in Toronto recently. Defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado continues to cruise.

Together again for the last time

■ Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky played on the the same team Saturday in the All-Star Game — but it may be their last pairing.

SAN JOSE Calif. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux were in another NHL All-Star game. Nothing new about that — except this time, it was the first time they were on the same all-star team andit was probably the last time they will play together.

The last time the two were on the same team was 10 years ago when they teamed up to lead Canada to victory over the Soviet Union in the 1987 Canada Cup, as Gretzky set up Lemieux for the series-clinching goal.

This time, both represented the Eastern Conference now that Gretzky is with the New York Rangers. He had played in his previous 15 all-star games for the West, when he was with the Edmonton Oilers and Los Angeles Kings. Lemieux's seven previous All-Star games have all been as a meber of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

All-star games have been showcases for both. In the 1983 game, Gretzky set an all-star record by scoring four goals for the West team, then known as the Campbell Conference. Lemieux tied it seven years later at Pittsburgh for the Wales Conference, when he won the third of his all-star MVP awards. Gretzky has won two.

Gretzky holds the all-star career record with 12 goals. Lemieux is third with 9, only one behind the retired Gordie Howe.

The two have combined for 12 MVP awards, 15 scoring titles and 1,624 goals during the regular season and playoffs in their illustrious careers.

Talking about their relationship at a news conference for all-star players, Gretzky and Lemieux had high praise for each other.

"It turned my career around, playing with Wayne in the Canada Cup" said Lemieux, who said he learned what it took to win after playing with players like Gretzky.

"He's just one of the greatest players ever to play the game," Gretzky said. "As players, we marvel what he can do on the ice. In 1987 (at the Canada Cup), I know he raised my game to another level. He is one of the greats. I've missed playing with him in the last few Canada Cup games because of his injuries.

Although he hasn't made an official announcement yet, Lemieux has said he would retire after this season. Friday, he again indicated that this would be his last season.

"I've been playing a long time and I want to enjoy my three kids now," said Lemieux, who just a few years ago had Hodgkin's disease.

Since beating the cancer, Lemieux now says he is feeling as good as he has in five or six years. He also is on top of his game as the NHL's leading scorer.

But none of that will influence his decision to retire, he said.

"Having won two Stanley Cups makes my decision easier," Lemieux said. "The performance of the team this year or my performance won't affect my decision."



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Mario Lemieux, left, and Wayne Gretzky share lots of NHL history.

Stars look at arena deal without Mavs

■ Basketball team will not agree to equal partnership of a new facility so hockey team may shop on its own.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Stars won't join the Mavericks in an arena deal unless the two franchises agree to split all nonticket revenues from a new building equally, something they indicated the basketball club has been unwilling to do.

If the Mavericks don't agree to an equal partnership, the Stars could end up playing in a hockey-only facility, said Stars owner Tom Hicks, who also restated yesterday his desire to stay in downtown Dallas.

"It's something we'd consider," Hicks said of playing in a hockey-only arena. He noted that other NHL teams successfully operate in buildings without an NBA franchise sharing space.

"It's possible; it's been done," said Mavericks minority owner Frank Zaccanelli, citing Detroit, where the NBA Pistons and NHL Red Wings play in separate buildings.

Mavericks and Stars officials have said, however, that it makes more financial sense for the two teams to share one building; that would keep them from competing against one another to play host to other sports and entertainment events that would occupy their arenas on open nights.

"It's up to them; we can't tell them what's in their best business interests," Zaccanelli said. "But we're working with the city and making progress. There's a direct benefit to doing business with the Stars and having a two-team arena."

Efforts to build a state-of-the-art arena in downtown Dallas have bogged down, in part, because of what Stars officials characterized as the Mavericks organization's desire for control of the new arena. That control would lead to the Mavericks getting better than a 50-50 split of revenue from luxury suites, club seats, restaurants, food and beverage concessions and merchandise.

"We're not going to accept a deal that's not fair to both sides," Stars president Jim Lites said. "They want to control the process of planning the arena, building the arena and operating the arena. That's just not going to work."

Neither Hicks nor Zaccanelli would discuss details of negotiations.

The Stars have begun to negotiate independently with the city of Dallas for a new building. Previously, the Mavericks had taken a lead role in negotiating for the two teams with the city.

Stars executives expressed frustration with the Mavericks, saying they don't want to be a mere tenant in a Mavericks-controlled building.

"We don't want their money, we don't want their fans, we don't want their stuff. But we have to be able to control our own destiny as a franchise," Lites said. "We don't need their expertise, and they certainly don't need ours. But we both need to be able to profit individually in a new building."

In Chicago, home of the United Center, the NBA Bulls and NHL Blackhawks share nonticket revenues equally. In other cities, arena revenues are not split equally. But, usually, in those cases, the owner of one of the two major teams playing in those arenas also owns the building or has invested more heavily in its development.

Hicks said yesterday that a deal needs to be completed within the month to allow state legislators in Austin enough time to develop a financing plan the city could follow to pay for an arena.

Additional delays could keep the teams from opening the 1999 season in a new building. That would cost each franchise up to $20 million per year in lost revenue over what they would generate annually at Reunion Arena. That, Hicks said, would impair his franchise's ability to put a winning team on the ice against competitors in Denver and Miami which will have lucrative new buildings open in the coming years.

Said Zaccanelli: "We're not going to put any artificial time frames on this."

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Cowboys' Considerations

10 steps to a better Dallas team

America's team not ready for burial yet

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■ Analysis

IRVING — Being in decline is one thing. Being written off is another.

The Dallas Cowboys can win the Super Bowl late next January even though they've been hit hard by free agency and have a few players past their prime.

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FREE AGENCY —At least keep fullback Daryl Johnston. If any other team offers "Moose" a contract, match it. Johnston, the blue-collar banger, is a basic part of the heart and soul of this team. He'll sacrifice his body. He'll make leaping touchdown catches like he did in the playoffs. He'll play special teams. He'll get Emmitt Smith another 1,000-yard plus rushing season and help keep Troy Aikman healthy. The Cowboys will probably lose linebacker Darrin Smith, one of the best in the NFL, but they had better keep old antlers or Aikman might lead a one-man rebellion.

Of the 20 or so free-agents, the Cowboys also should make it a priority to keep George Teague, who showed against Minnesota why he can become a great safety. This means Brock Marion will probably land elsewhere.

If the Cowboys lose Smith, then they need to sign Jim Schwantz, who besides being a special teams Pro Bowler could become a solid outside linebacker.

Here are 10 moves the Dallas Cowboys need to make to win their sixth Super Bowl next season:
—Re-sign Daryl Johnston.
—Say adios to Charles Haley, saving $2 million on the salary cap.
—Protect Emmitt Smith's health.
—Find complementary receiver for Michael Irvin at bargain price.
—Solve the tight-end dilemma.
—Find stop-gap defensive line help until Leon Lett returns.
—Develop backup offensive linemen.
—Draft an impact player.
—End the training camp circus.
—Spice the Zampese playcalling.

Sign placekicker Chris Boniol, the Cowboys one-man offense who currently rests on a streak of 34 consecutive field goals. Go ahead and give him a raise from his $196,000 NFL minimum. Sign punter John Jett again, one of the NFL's best.

THE DRAFT —Dallas needs receivers, offensive linemen, defensive linemen, and secondary help. This is a must year for Larry Lacewell and his personnel evaluation crew to drill a draft day gusher despite their late picking position. Don't trade down. Stay in the first round and take a swing.

TRADES — Do what ever it takes to get another big time receiver. Aikman only had two touchdown passes longer than 20 yards. Alvin Harper, who left Dallas for big bucks at Tampa Bay, is making sounds he might want to work for the minimum wage at Valley Ranch again. Trades, free agents, whatever. But another game-breaking receiver is a must to take the heat off Michael Irvin. Kevin Williams and Kelvin Martin, both free agents, aren't the answer as big-time receivers. Martin does the best at getting open on third downs.

TIGHT END —Get Jay Novacek well. The biggest reason for the Cowboys failed offense (24th in the NFL) was the missing Novacek, who has a back so bad it hurts when he runs on level ground. If not, get Eric Bjornson going or re-sign Johnny Mitchell and teach him to run routes. This position is a must fix because of its importance in the Aikman passing game.

OFFENSIVE LINE —Fell off in 1996 but a lot of that could be traced to injuries. New backup blood is needed.

EMMITT SMITH —Get him well and keep him fresh. Teach Sherman Williams how to hold onto the ball and give him more carries. If he can't do it, bring back Herschel Walker. Whatever. Just don't run Emmitt into the ground again.

CHARLES HALEY —It's time to tell him thanks for the memories and goodbye. It would free up $2 million in base salary if Haley doesn't play in 1997. But does anyone expect Haley to get off the gravy train?

LEON LETT —He will miss the first 13 games of the season next year and the Cowboys have a rebate of $1.3 million in hand. Shouldn't they use some of that money to resign Ray Childress, who played for the team late in the season? Given a full training camp the former Houston Oiler could be a big help next year until Lett arrives. After all, didn't Carolina run at will up the Cowboys middle?

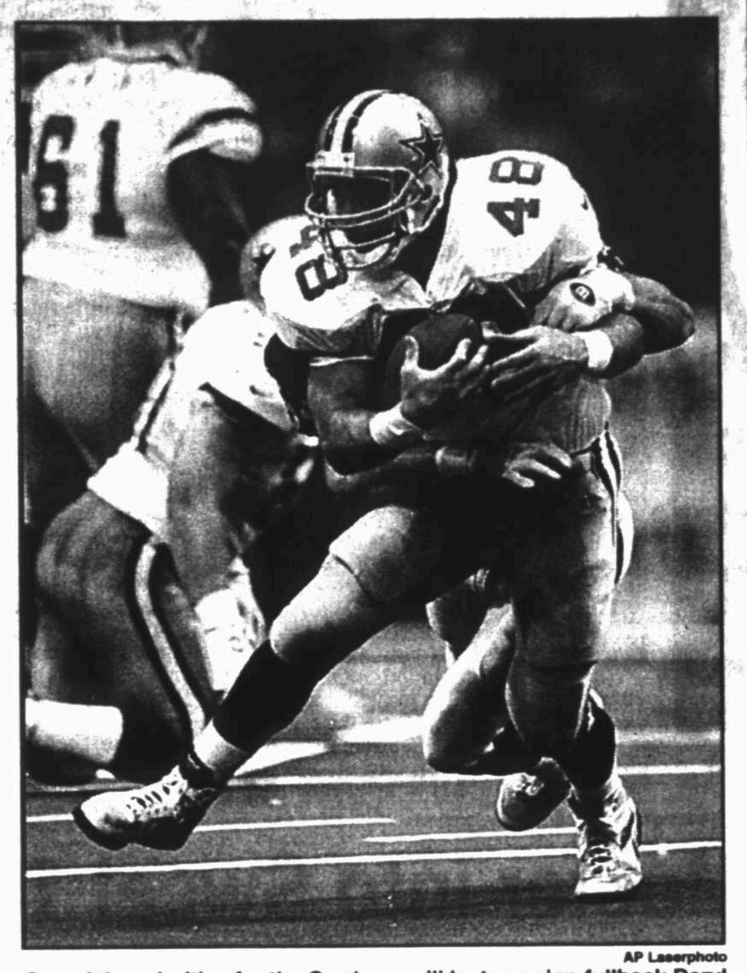
DEION SANDERS —Forget this Jerry Jones-Nike-inspired deal of Sanders going both ways. He caught only one touchdown pass last year and did more harm than good with his erratic route-running that got Aikman frustrated.

TRAINING CAMP —The Cowboys need a real training camp not a circus like they had in 1996, running off to foreign countries and never getting the work they needed to get a Novacek-less offense in synch.

ERNIE ZAMPESE —Ernie needs to get more imaginative with his play calling. Teams have the Cowboys scouted too well. Even sports writers in the press box can predict a lot of the plays.

BARRY SWITZER —Crack the whip harder. Players are taking advantage of Switzer's "professionals will do their jobs" attitude.

DISTRACTIONS —The Cowboys finally found a distraction they couldn't overcome, the media mob scene surrounding a woman's rape charges against Michael Irvin and Erik Williams. Unfounded as the accusation proved to be, it hurt preparations for the Carolina playoff game. Dallas needs a season without an NFL drug suspension, a Jones fight with the NFL, a driving while intoxicated, etc.



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One of the priorities for the Cowboys will be to re-sign fullback Daryl Johnston, who is Emmitt Smith's main blocker.

Advice to NCAA: Let's make literal football factories

By Dan Moffett
Cox News Service

■ Commentary

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A big part of this job is problem-solving.

I see the NCAA writhing in bureaucratic agony over the complex issue of athlete compensation. I am compelled to help.

Last week, in a startling reversal, the collegiate governing body approved a rule that will allow players to hold part-time jobs to earn spending money.

I see this as an inadequate solution to a huge problem. It's like the Miami police asking the people in poor section of Overtown to turn in the money they harvested from the overturned Brinks truck. If you're lucky, you solve 1percent of the problem.

But I give the NCAA honchos credit for going down the right road. They just didn't go far enough. Instead of getting into the messy business of administering athletes who are working for others, the NCAA should create the businesses that could employ its athletes.

This is the ideal opportunity for the NCAA to invigorate the national economy and follow the leads of the NFL, NBA and even the NHL, too. The fact is that college athletic departments are sitting on a vast, untapped reservoir of labor.

Players want jobs, so let the NCAA put them to work. Think of the resources that are available.

NCAA Pizza could cut into Domino's market share in a cholesterol-infested heartbeat. What better way to deliver hot pizza than in the sure hands of a Division I wide receiver who runs a 4.3 40? You've seen the guys Pizza Hut sends out. How can they compete with prime NCAA athletic talent?

NCAA Limousine Service would be the ideal opportunity for the Miami Hurricanes to turn their experience in luxury riding into positive cash flow.

NCAA Long-Distance could become a major player in the telephone calling card industry. Who needs Candace Bergen as a spokeswoman when you can have the Florida Gators?

NCAA Shoes could employ the entire football team at FSU, thus ending Free Shoes University once and for all. Start charging for footwear, stop giving away the store, draw on expertise where it has been proven to exist.

The NCAA Brewing Co. can target the under-25 ice beer niche in a way that no other brewery can.

Why is it Las Vegas has cornered the market on bookmaking? With little or no startup costs, Boston College could perform the same service under the NCAA corporate umbrella. Who better to issue the can't-miss tip of the week via a 24-hour toll-free number than the NCAA? Go straight to the source.

I see an NCAA Theme Park cast with Division I gymnasts in cartoon costumes.

I see Bob Knight turning out NCAA Fishing Reels at a factory in Bloomington. I see Rick Pitino overseeing the production of Italian-cut suits at NCAA Men's Wear in Lexington. I see Joe Paterno's line of designer frames being hot sellers at NCAA Optical.

I see an NCAA Football Championship Game, televised nationally on the NCAA Cable Network, by NCAA Analysts, using NCAA Graphics, sponsored by NCAA Sporting Goods, with commercials produced by NCAA Marketing, watched by millions who munch NCAA Nachos and chase them with NCAA Lager, which they bought at an NCAA Convenience Store with an NCAA Credit Card inserted into an NCAA Automated Teller Machine.

All this staffed and produced by some of the best darned workers in the land, the scholarship athletes of NCAA Division I.

For too long, the term "football factory" has been used to denigrate schools with strong athletic reputations.

I say it's time to change the meaning and the connotation.

Build a factory on campus.

Let them make footballs.

Work, Bubba, work.

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Dan Moffett's column appears in the Palm Beach (Fla.) Post.

Parcells gives Patriots best shot to erase past

By Jim Reeves
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

■ Commentary

At some point next Sunday in New Orleans, when the tension is mounting, the mini-cams are whirring and the pen-and-notebook boys are crowding in close, the Tuna will make a stink.

When it's needed most, Bill Parcells — Tuna to his friends — will play the New England Patriots' trump card in Super Bowl XXXI.

Himself.

He'll announce that he's definitely leaving the Patriots and coaching elsewhere in 1997.

Or he'll get into a sniping match with the media.

Or he'll call Paul Tagilabue a wimp who never wore a jockstrap.

Something outrageous.

Something worthy of banner headlines.

Something — anything — to take the focus and the pressure off his Patriots, who have never seen anything quite like "The Show," as Parcells has dubbed the Super Bowl extravaganza.

There's no question that the Green Bay Packers will have the best team in New Orleans, but the oddsmakers who have installed them as 13 1/2-point favorites might not be taking into account just how much Parcells, who will be making his third trip to the Super Bowl, means to the Patriots.

He will make a difference. Maybe not enough of a difference, but a difference nevertheless.

Remember whom Jimmy Johnson phoned for tips on how to prepare his team the first time Jimmy took the Cowboys to the Super Bowl in 1992?

That's right, Parcells.

It was Parcells who told Johnson to take care of as many extraneous items as possible in the off-week before the game. Tickets. Transportation. Family accommodations. Anything that might take the players' minds off football.

It's a tried and true formula.

In most football games, on a scale of 1-to-10, a head coach's importance might rate a 1 (unless it's Barry Switzer, who doesn't rate at all). For the Patriots, Parcells might be a 5, especially in a game like this.

Sometimes changing the mental outlook of a franchise is more difficult than changing and assembling the personnel it takes to win. That's what Parcells found in New England.

There's a correlation here between what the Patriots have done this season and what the Rangers accomplished in baseball last summer. For both, overcoming their own history was the biggest task of all.

The Patriots are remembered more for their ignominious and laughable moments than for their glorious football accomplishments. There was the unfortunate Clive Rush, who coached the Patriots in 1969 and '70. He was almost electrocuted by a faulty microphone at his introductory news conference.

The Patriots once paged a cut player, Bob Gladieux, from out of the stands. He was next spotted returning the opening kickoff.

It was the Patriots who once had a convict on a work-release program snowplow a patch of turf — totally against the rules — to allow their kicker to boot a game-winning field goal against the Dolphins.

And then there was the time five Patriots fans dragged down a goal post, lugged it out to Route 1, then got the shock of their lives when they hauled it into a high-tension wire crossing the highway.

This is what Parcells and the Patriots have had to overcome.

Parcells, drawing from his days as a young New Jersey boxer, used a pugilistic analogy to appeal to his players this season.

"Do you want to be club fighters or do you want to be champions?" he asked them. "Club fighters have a certain mentality. They go to the gym and they work hard, and then they take a beating and go home.

"It doesn't mean they're not diligent or not hard workers. It's just that they don't aspire to be anything other than what they are. I think for a while this franchise had that mentality."

That, Parcells knew, would never get New England into a Super Bowl.

"As we got into the schedule and started seeing these other teams," he said, "I started asking them, 'Who scares you out there now?' As it went on, they couldn't find a team that really scared them."

They learned, Parcells said, that they had nothing more to fear.

"They can't be called club fighters anymore," he said. "They have bigger hearts than that."

Big enough to pull off a Super Bowl upset?

With the Tuna in charge, you never know.

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Jones: Stay off the police blotter

Owner's advice may have been too late at end of 1996 season

By Dave Anderson
N.Y. Times News Service

■ Commentary

Two months ago Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, visited The New York Times offices for a luncheon chat with about a dozen editors and writers. After he had answered questions about his team and his players for maybe an hour, he was asked if he had any questions.

"Yes," he said. "Why are so many stories in the media always so negative?"

He meant stories about the Cowboys, several of whom in recent seasons had been involved in various criminal and drug-abuse stories that prompted various National Football League suspensions, notably wide receiver Michael Irvin's five-game ban at the start of the season after having pleaded no-contest to felony cocaine possession.

"If you don't want negative stories," he was told, "keep your players out of the police station."

Two weeks later a Cowboys defensive tackle, Leon Lett, was suspended for a year by the NFL for having violated its drug policy. And two weeks ago, according to the Dallas police, a then unidentified 23-year-old woman filed a complaint that Irvin had held a gun to her head before Williams and a still unidentified third man had raped her in Williams's home on Dec. 29.

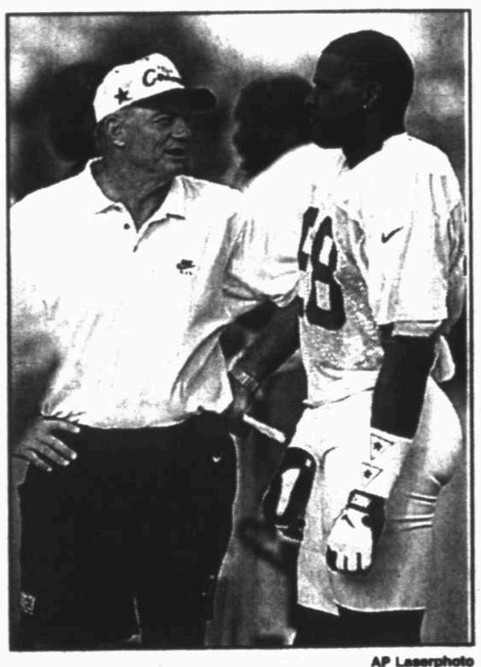
The reaction here was that Jones should suspend Irvin then and there, even though the Cowboys had a playoff game four days later in Carolina.

"If only," it was written here at the time, "to show that the Cowboys care as much about the image of their team as they do about winning."

On top of so many other Cowboy incidents, even Irvin's alleged involvement, whether true or false, had embarrassed the Cowboys again. The feeling here was that Jones, by suspending him, would make a statement that the Cowboys would not tolerate even unproven involvement in a situation that the Dallas police were openly investigating.

Yes, the suspicion here was that Irvin, judging by his cocaine case, didn't deserve the benefit of the doubt because of his past stupidity and arrogance. Jumping to that conclusion was just as stupid and arrogant. But the call for his suspension by the Cowboys was also a call to Jones to show that the owner was fed up with his players' behavior.

Williams also has a past. He was guilty of drunken driving and needed knee surgery after a 1994 crash. He also had settled a sexual assault case out of court.



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Cowboy owner Jerry Jones, left, should have suspended Michael Irvin, guilty or not, to save embarassment.

Irvin, of course, was not suspended. On the Cowboys' second offensive play in Carolina, he suffered a sprained right shoulder that knocked him out of their 26-17 loss.

And last Friday, the Dallas police "determined conclusively" that the woman's allegations were not true, that a sexual assault had not occurred and that Irvin "was not present" at any time during the incident. The woman, Nina Shahravan, reportedly an occasional Irvin companion, had recanted.

All along, Irvin had angrily denied his involvement and when the Dallas police cleared him, he was vindicated.

"I have not done anything," he insisted, "in any way shape or form to violate my probation."

Had Irvin been found to have held a gun to the woman's head or to have used cocaine, as the woman also alleged in her complaint, he would have been subject to 20 years in jail for violating his four-year probation. But considering his repeated denials in his felony cocaine case before pleading no-contest, he didn't get the benefit of the doubt from many people.

Now, of course, the Dallas police may charge Shahravan, a former topless dancer, with filing a false report, a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a $2,000 fine.

Whatever the eventual outcome, the case will be part of Irvin's and Williams's resume for the rest of their pro football careers, if not the rest of their lives. And as bigger-than-ever celebrity Cowboys now, their life styles will be subject to even more scrutiny.

"Neither of us," one of Williams's two attorneys said a week ago, "is an apologist for these guys' life styles."

To Jerry Jones, what the Cowboys did on their own time had always been their business. But now the life styles of Irvin and Williams, and those of some other Cowboys, apparently was the subject of the Cowboy owner's sermon to his team a week ago before it disbanded. His message: stay off the police blotter.



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American baseliner Michael Chang was not impressed with all the attention given to Great Britain's Tim Henman in the early rounds of the Australian Open. Chang, the No. 2 seed, made the fans' favorite look rather ordinary in a third-round match.

Chang in the armor

American turns away Barmy's Army

■ For all the excitement over Britain's Henman at Australian Open, record will show simply third-round loss.

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tim Henman and his "Barmy Army," bellowing British fans with faces painted like Union Jacks, proved no match for Michael Chang alone with his tennis racket.

In an atmosphere that crackled with the electricity of a final Friday night at the Australian Open, the imperturbable Chang quickly turned the roars into groans as he carved out a 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory to move into the fourth round.

Henman didn't play much like Stefan Edberg or any of the other greats with whom his overwrought fans have compared him during his run from the final in Qatar two weeks ago to the title in Sydney last week that brought him a No. 14 ranking. In fact, the No. 2 Chang made Henman look rather ordinary.

When Henman charged the net, Chang calmly flicked lobs over his head or ripped passing shots by him as if he were a statue.

"I thought I was going to get a stiff neck at the end of the match seeing those (lobs) go over my head," Henman said.

When Henman stayed back to rally, Chang kept the ball in play and waited for the inevitable mistakes from the other side.

"It was important to have a good mixture of things, to keep him off balance," said Chang, who next went against Andrei Medvedev late Sunday night.

Henman claimed he wasn't affected by nerves in a big match for him — his first against Chang — and with the weight of British hopes on his shoulders. But his erratic serving and wild shots — one backhand hit the fence behind the baseline — had all the marks of a player under pressure.

That apparent tightness showed up not only in the opening set, when Henman managed to get his first serve in only four times, but in the second set when he let a 5-2 lead slip away as he yielded two straight games at love and began the tiebreaker with a double fault.

"It's always disappointing to lose, but it's probably more disappointing (because of) the manner that I lost," said Henman, who double-faulted six times and served only three aces. "I played a poor match. It's as simple as that.

"I don't think it had anything to do with nerves. I have played on (center) courts and against players of his caliber before. It was just that I never got anything going. I served badly, and that makes life difficult when you're struggling and under pressure on your serve. I never found much rhythm from the baseline, so I was generally making life difficult for myself and fairly easy for him."

Chang skittered around the court with his usual relentless style, and his retrievals of some shots that seemed out of reach only frustrated Henman more. Right down to the last point, when Chang raced from the baseline to chase down a nice drop shot by Henman, then eventually won the point on a wide crosscourt forehand by Henman, Chang was too good for Henman.

"At times I went for a little too much on certain shots," Henman said. "But if you're hitting the ball in the net or you're not hitting it in the court, it doesn't matter what he does. I was making the errors, the mistakes."

Though Henman rushed the net 56 times, nearly four times as often as Chang, his daring paid fewer dividends. Henman's 28 winners were only one more than Chang's, but Henman slapped 40 unforced errors to Chang's 14.

"I look at my performance and it was poor," Henman said. "Having said that, I still should have been a set all. If I can get to a set all, then I can maybe say, 'Well, OK, they were two ropy sets, but let's start again and go from here.' Once I was given my chance in the second set, I didn't take it, so that adds to the frustration.

"The Barmy Army and the support I have had is great. I think it's probably showing in tennis, not just in England, that I'm beginning to make an impact."

At 22, Henman seems to be on the verge of breaking through to the top 10, a zone the 24-year-old Chang has occupied for most of the past eight years.

"Tim's a very talented player," Chang said. "His results over the past year and in the beginning of this year give you a taste of what kind of tennis he can play. He's still very young and I think he has a very bright future ahead of him."

For Henman to have such a bright future, though, he'll have to start beating players like Chang in majors. Henman has won only the tournament in Sydney and has gone as far as the quarters of a Grand Slam event only once in eight appearances. For all the excitement he generated here, his record will show simply a third-round loss.

From peril to pranks, Muster into Sweet 16

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Thomas Muster was in trouble in the second set — and clowning in the third.

"I'm enjoying the way I'm playing. There's no reason not to have fun out there," said the 29-year-old Austrian, generally seen as stern.

After a 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 victory over German qualifier Jens Knippschild today, Muster is in the round of 16 at the Australian Open for the second straight year.

That was as far as he got last year, and he has never advanced past the quarterfinals in any Grand Slam tournament on hardcourts.

He is, however, the undisputed master on clay courts, a surface on which he won the French Open in 1995 and compiled a 111-5 record for 1995-96.

Muster bristled last year over criticism that he didn't deserve the world No. 1 ranking, which he held briefly, because of his lack of notable successes on other surfaces. He now is ranked fifth.

At this year's Australian, he has yet to lose a set in three matches, although Knippschild held four set points against him at 4-5 in the second after charging to a 0-40 lead on an error by Muster, a drop shot-lob combination and a service-return winner.

The 21-year-old German then committed three straight errors, and missed again after setting up his fourth set point with a backhand down the line, one of his most formidable weapons.

"My thoughts were already in the third set. I thought maybe it would be set-all, but he made a few unforced errors," Muster said.

The Austrian left-hander raced through the tiebreaker after Knippschild started with another error — a backhand into the net after Muster escaped his net attack with a lob and heavy topspin shot.

Muster then charged to a 5-0 lead in the third set.

At 2-0, unsuccessfully chasing a drop shot, he kept sprinting around the net and all the way to Knippschild's baseline, where he lined up as if to serve, pantomined an "oops," and returned to his own court.

Knippschild often put Muster under pressure by mixing heavy hitting and net attacks with drop shots and shots angles that turned into outright winners or left Muster helpless for the next shot.

But he had 68 unforced errors to go with his 47 winners, and converted only one of 11 break points in the second set.

"Every time when I got close to winning a set or big points, he played unbelievable and I also got a little nervous," Knippschild said.

Muster said the hip injury that led him to take a month-long break at the end of last year was causing no problems now.

Asked about long-term prospects, he said, "From time to time it is going to be better and then it is going to be worse again, but at the moment it is great."

And, he said, "if I would take it easy every time a doctor tells me, I would be ranked still 600 in the world probably."



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Austrian Tomas Muster, ranked fifth in the world, has yet to lose a set in three matches so far at the Australian Open.

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RIG COUNT



Phot by John Pitts

The gold of this pumpjack at dawn matches the gold of recent oil price increases.

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Sharp talk

John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, will be the featured speaker at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association general membership luncheon Thursday. The luncheon will be held at the Petroleum club and will begin at 11:30 a.m. For reservations call 684-6345.

P&P dividend

Board of Directors of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company today declared a semi-annual cash dividend of five cents ($.05) per share payable February 18, 1997 to shareholders of record as of January 31, 1997.

Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company is one of the largest public independent oil and gas exploration and production companies in the United States. Parker & Parsley's oil and gas properties are located in the United States principally in the Permian Basin of West Texas, the onshore Gulf Coast region of South Texas.

Titian buy

Titan Resources continues phenomenal growth through an aggressive acquisition program. The lastes is Mobil.

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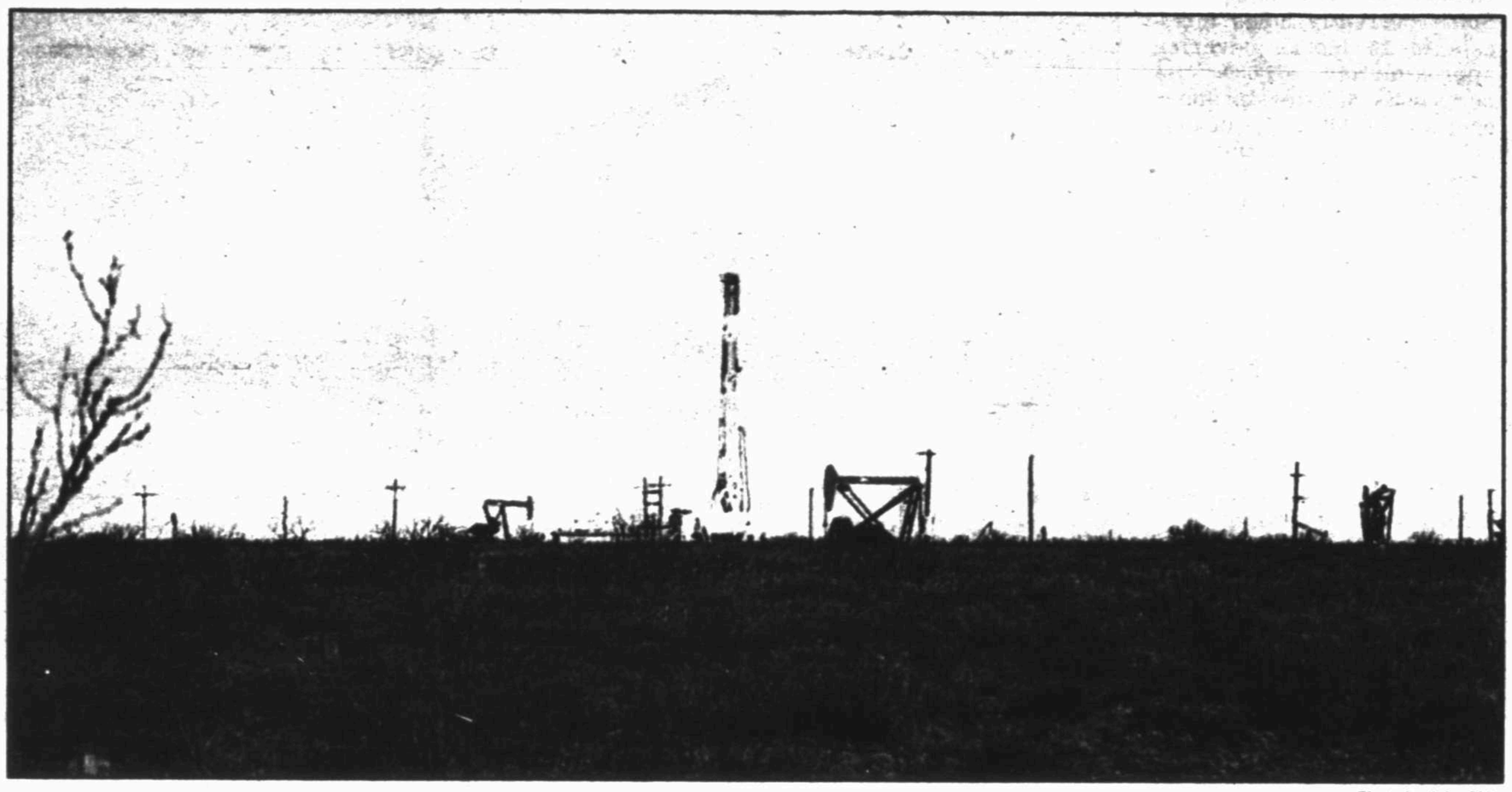


Photo by John Pitts

A Unocal lease scene at the Dollarhide field during a major development project. The company with a new name and a new focus will be looking for similar Permian Basin Projects that will have a high return on capital.

Unocal reorganization could increase activity

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Unocal is betting that a new name, a new organization and a new focus will unveil an abundance of exploration and production opportunities throughout the oilpatch of the lower 48 states, including the Permian Basin.

Unocal announced last week that the new domestic crude oil and natural gas unit of the company will be called Spirit Energy 76 and will focus on maximizing efficiencies and lowering costs of existing operations, while looking for high return projects. Unocal will now have two units, it international unit and Spirit.

"While the Permian Basin will be a part of that new focus, along with Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Utah, it will not be the prime focus as in years past. "Our major focus will be on the Gulf Coast, particularly the Continental Shelf and deepwater areas," said Jack W. Schanck, president of Spirit Energy 76.

"We will be looking for high return projects," said Robert Wright, spokesman for Unocal. "We will be looking for value projects that return well above the cost of capital and improve the overall performance of the company. If such projects are available in the Permian Basin, we will pursue them." Both exploration and development projects will be considered.

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— Jack W. Schanck,
Spirit Energy 76, President

With $2 billion received from the sale of its California downstream operations to Tosco, the new independent oil company should not be lacking for exploration and development funds, and right now sees the Gulf Coast as offering the most opportunity.

An example of that opportunity might be the company's newest offshore discovery. A day after the public declaration of the new company, it announced the start of natural gas production from the Fort Gaines Mobile 904 field offshore MIssissippi. The single well field is producing more than 33 mmcfd from the Norphlet formation, and production is expected to increase to 50 mmcfd once the well has stabilized.

The well is producing from 22,100 feet in 60 feet of water, 45 miles southwest of Mobile, Alabama, and increases Spirit's interest in the field to 66.67 percent.

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Costilla Energy sell two subsidiaries for $6.3 million

By Kay Crites
Special to Oil Report

Costilla Energy of Midland has sold two subsidiaries for approximately $6.3 million.

Costilla Pipeline Corp. was sold to Equitable Resources of Pittsburg, PA for about $3.3 million. Assets include the Three Rivers Pipeline, consisting of 120 miles of natural gas transportation pipeline stretching from Midland, Pennsylvania to Altoona, Pennsylvania.

A spokesman for Costilla Energy said the pipeline was part of an acquisition from Parker & Parsley in 1996 and the company's intent had always been to sell it. In midsummer 1996, Costilla acquired 2,000 wells, the Three Rivers Pipeline and the Karnes Co., Texas Person Gas Plant from Parker & Parsley for $46 million.

Connie Kovolenko with Equitable said the pipeline acquisition "provides several interconnections that will help support the business strategy for moving our company forward. It will also provide an array of alternative delivery service options." Equitable is an energy marketing company operating primarily in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Costilla also sold subsidiary Statewide. Statewide was created to acquire mineral and royalty rights, primarily from holders of small interests. Purchase price was $3 million; the purchaser was undisclosed. Statewide acquired interests in approximately 1,400 properties during 1996 and received revenues from those properties of about $102,000.

DRILLING

Drilling contractors should approach 1997 with caution

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Drilling contractors, this year, could experience one of their best years in recent history, but they had better take some caution, says Frits van Riet, chairman of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC).

In Midland to speak to the Permian Basin Chapter of IADC, the resident of the Netherlands said the name of the game for drilling contractors in 1997 will be to contain costs and don't repeat past mistakes.

"Even though rigs are in short supply, I would advise contractors not to make any decisions based on wild, optimistic predictions — like higher oil prices. They should make sound business decisions based on contracts in hand." The president of Neddrill, which was recently acquired by Noble, said it would take discipline for contractors to control themselves in a booming market.



Frits van Riet

He noted that consolidation of the drilling industry, onshore

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UNOCAL: New name, new focus

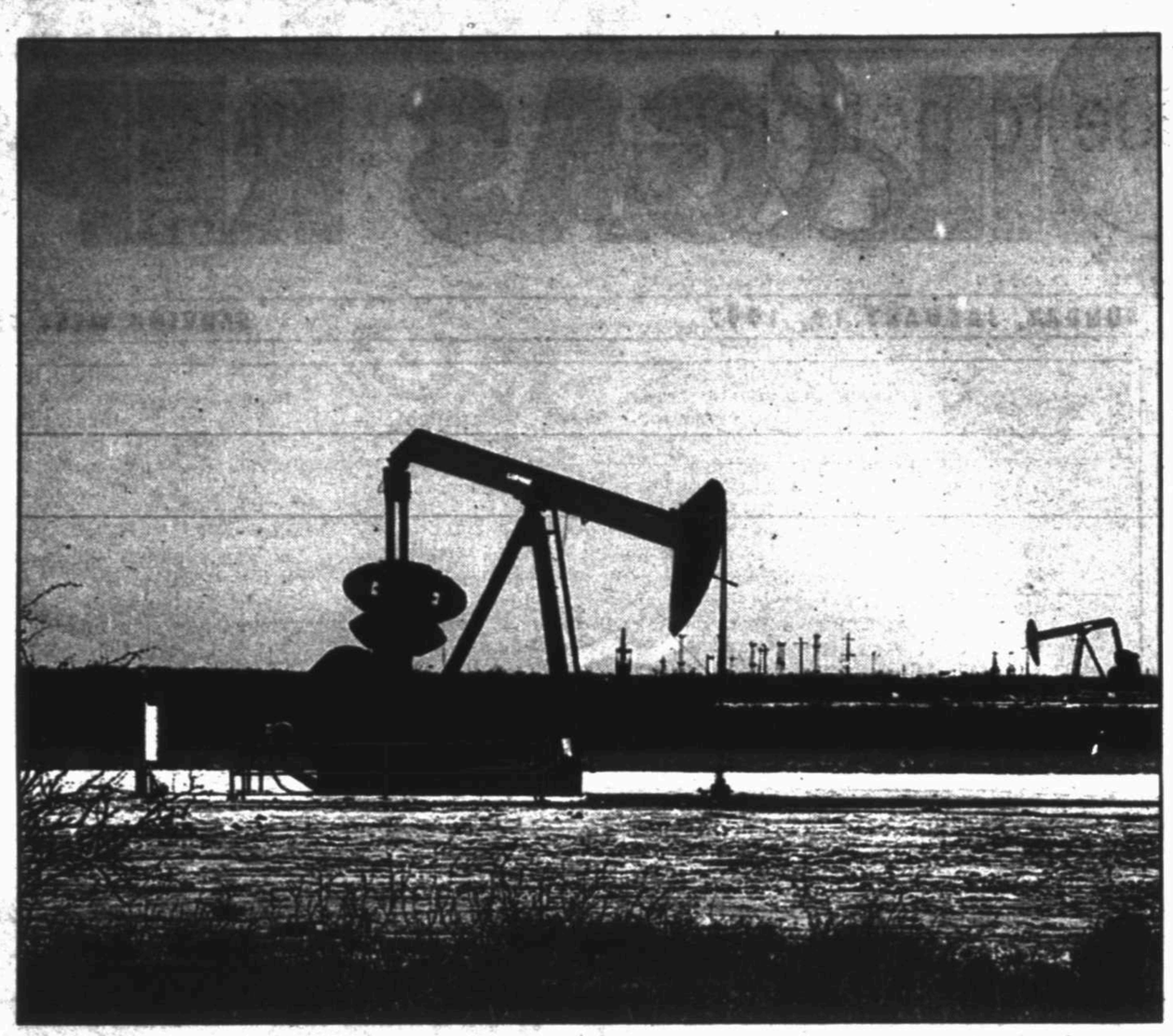
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Vastar Resources owns the remainder of the field.

"The Mobile area provides significant growth opportunities for us," said Jack W. Schanck, president of Spirit Energy 76. He noted that Spirit currently holds interests in 20 blocks covering approximately 65,000 net acres in the Mobile area and is operator of 14 of the blocks. Schanck, formerly the vice president of Unocal Canada, said Spirit would also focus its effort on deepwater areas of the Gulf. Spirit's exploration effort will be led by Exploration Vice President David A. Johnson, 46, who had a successful exploration record at Vastar, including the discovery of several major fields in the Gulf, before joining Spirit.

A key strategy for the new company, according to Schanck will be to organize smaller, more focused asset teams to enhance autonomy and accountability and to sharpen team focus.

With a new focus the corporate president said the new company, which will be headquartered at Sugar Land, Texas will be structured so that it is agile, cost effective and growth orientated. The new Unocal unit currently accounts for 35 percent of the company's crude oil production and 55 percent of its worldwide natural gas production.



New Spirit

Unocal's familiar orange pumpjacks will now be part of a new domestic unit with the look and feel of an independent oil company, according to Unocal officials. Unocal announced this week that its new domestic unit will be Spirit Energy 76.

File Photo

P&P announces Fischer executive VP of Worldwide Exploration

MIDLAND - Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company announces that Mel Fischer has joined Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company as Executive Vice President of Worldwide Exploration, effective February 1, 1997.

Fischer was elected to the Company's Board of Directors in 1995 and will remain as a director of the Company. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a Masters degree in Geology. He previously held the position of Executive Vice President of Worldwide Exploration with Occidental Petroleum Corporation and retired as President of Occidental International E & P Company in 1994.

Scott D. Sheffield, President and CEO, stated, "The Company plans to significantly expand its 1997 and 1998 exploration programs. Mel brings 32 years of experience to direct that effort. Under Mel's supervision as exploration manager at Occidental, several large discoveries were made in the North Sea, South America, Asia and the Middle East. The Company will continue to focus its exploration efforts in its domestic core areas in the U.S., Latin America and Canada. We will evaluate other potential core areas around the world under Mel's direction."

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Estimated Reserves: 3.5 BCF.
Completion Cost: $1,000,000.
DV 3559

LEA CO., NEW MEXICO
(3) Proposed Wells. (1) Prospect.
Cuerno Largo Prospect.
Bough 'C', Ranger Lake, Canyon, Strawn.
2nd Obj.: (4) Additional Zones.
Geology and Seismic Define Structure.
85% OPERATED WI. & 77% NRI.
DownDip Features Excellent Res. & Shows.
Est. Resv: 640 MBO & 1.2 BCF/Proj.
DHC: $415,000. Compl: $195,000.
DV 3415

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO C+
(2) Wells: (1) Active (1) SWD.
Potential Behind Pipe UpHole.
~39% OPERATED WI. & ~29% NRI.
Current Production: 19 BOPD.
New Surface/SubSuface Equipment.
PP 0685

MCKINLEY CO. PROJ. C+/EOR
(7) Wells. (1) Active. (6) SI.
Miguel Creek Gallup, North.
Hospah Zone. 1,200 ft. 560 Acres.
Waterflood Project/Opportunity.
Horizontal Drilling Applicable.
100% OPERATED WI. 82% NRI.
Gross Production: 2-3 BOPD.
Also EOR Candidate/Target.
Est. Reserves: 685 MBO In Place.
Data Package/Reserve Report Avail.
PP 0697DV

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WEST TEXAS

ECTOR CO., TX PRODUCTION C
One Active Well.
Cowden North Field. 4,480 Ft.
~8.5% NonOperated WI & ~7.4% NRI.
Current Prod.: 35 BOPD & 275 MCFD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: $3,000 /MN.
PP 0932

ECTOR CO., TX PROD. C
(2) Active Wells.
Cowden South Field. 321 Acres.
CANYON Formation. 8,900 Ft.
~8.45% NonOperated WI & ~7.4% NRI.
Current Production: 44 BOPD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: $1,200 /MN.
PP 0934

GAINES COPROSPECT PKG DV
(4) Proposed Wells (4) Prospects.
Total Acreage: ~2,250 Ac.
Silurian 12,500' And Wolfcamp 10,700'.
Confirmed By 25 Sq Mi Of 3-D Seismic.
OPERATIONS Available On All Prospects.
Prospects Avail Individually Or As Pkg.
Estimated Total Reserves: 13 MMBO.
DV 3554 Flexible Trade Terms.

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GARZA CO. ROYALTY RRIDV
(2) Active Wells. 200 Gross Acres.
Producing From One Zone: STRAWN B.
Additional Proven Multi-Pay Zones.
Development Locations ID'd From 3-D.
Current Production: 300 BOPD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: $17,000 /MN.
Long Life Reserves. Flat Decline.
RR 3446DV

HOWARD CO. LEASE LF
320 Acre Lease For Sale.
>1 Mile Of Canyon Reef Field.
Canyon Reef Fld Producing: 250 BOPD.
NET Revenue Interest: 75% NRI.
LF 2446

WEST TEXAS

HOWARD CO., TEXAS M
200 Undivided Mineral Acres.
Located In Section 31.
Canyon, Reef & Strawn Potential.
In An Active Exploration Area.
M 3286

IRION COUNTY, TEXAS S
(3) Wells. (2) Active (1) SWD
MIM Northwest Field. 448 Acres.
SAN ANGELO SAND Zone. 1,500 Ft.
Possible UpHole Zone Behind Pipe.
Additional Drilling Locations.
32% OPERATED WI. & 24-26% NRI.
Current Prod.: 11 BOPD.
PP 0886 NEGOTIATED.

N.W. GAINES COUNTY DV/RE
Develop New Prod in Established Field.
Near Jones Ranch Devonian Fld. ~550 Ac.
Clearfolk,Abo,Wolfcamp,Penn to 9,500 Ft.
Miss, Devonian to 11,300 Ft.
New Discoveries in Area, Wolfcamp & Dev.
100% OPERATED WI. & 76% NRI.
Field Had Production in Dev. & S.Andres.
Newly Acquired Info, Shows, Area Discvs.
Est. Reserves: 400 - 500 MBO.
Cash and ORR Required.
DV 3364RE

PECOS CO., TX PROJECT C+
(25) Wells. (~16) Active.
North Gomez, Texas.
Shallow YATES GAS Production.
10-15 Locations. Infield/StepOuts.
Waterflood Candidate
100% OPERATED WI For Sale. 75% NRI.
NET Prod.: 35 BOPD & 300 MCFD.
Requires Engineering Review.
PP 0699

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JOHN PAUL PITTS

Adding value to petroleum means more Basin jobs

When Rexene Products, announced the completion of its flexible polyolefin (FPO) plant in Odessa, in December of last year. It was an encouraging development for the petrochemical complex, but a disappointing reminder of all the jobs it would create somewhere else.


Pitts

The plant which represents a significant investment for Rexene Corp., will produce 75-100 million pounds of REXflex FPO, each year. A new polymer developed by Rexene, it is highly flexible and soft and offers heat and chemical resistance similar to isotactic polypropylene.

It will find its way into hundreds of products that include: medical tubing, packaging and drug delivery systems, thermoformed parts, automotive skins, moldings and foams, industrial sheeting, foams, tapes and insulation, and a variety of personal care products and packaging.

The Odessa-manufactured polymer will produce thousands of jobs across the United States, but none in the Permian Basin other than the jobs added at the new plant.

"The Permian Basin is missing an opportunity of a life time by not transforming more of its produced petroleum into value added products in the Permian Basin," George Kozmetsky, founder of Teledyne Inc., former Dean of the Business School at the University of Texas Austin, and leader of an Austin-based think tank once told me in an interview.

Before it got hung out to dry in the visionless land of academic limbo, Kozmetsky saw that as a mission for the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED).

It was Kozmetsky's vision to create strategies, identify target industries and organize a task force to go after those industries that could add value to oil and gas. Kozmetsky said it was a good idea to use the Rexene complex as a foundation for diversifying the economy, by attracting or starting other businesses in the Permian Basin that would convert petrochemical products into paints, cosmetics, garden hose, automobile tires and parts and scads of other products.

It was one of those visions that fell between the cracks when Hans Mark left the University of Texas, but Johnny Lassiter, a 20 year resident of Odessa and vice president and general manager for Rexene Products thinks it is still a good idea.

Said Lassiter: "It took a lot of vision for W.D. Noll and E.G. Rodman to bring a petrochemical complex to Odessa, now we need to take it one step further. Bringing more value-added manufacturing jobs to the area is an excellent way to diversity the economy."

Lassister said the key was getting just one manufacturing company to commit to the Permian Basin. "If you get one company, it could start a chain reaction as a manufacturer locates near a supplier who locates next to another supplier. We need a bell cow."

The complex manager, who has tried unsuccessfully to get a Rexene subsidiary CT Films to locate one of its manufacturing facilities to Odessa, said such a reaction could create hundreds of jobs that paid substantially above-minimum wage. "Manufacturing is labor intensive work. Most plants converting our polymers into products have a minimum of 50-60 employees, and pay above $10 an hour.

He said there were advantages and disadvantages to value-added companies locating to the Permian Basin, but no disadvantages that could not be reconciled with solid planning.

The advantages says Lassiter are: an abundance of inexpensive land, a competent work force, proximity to petroleum supplies, and local government that is not hostile to business.

The only disadvantage is transportation, but that is

Titan plans to continue aggressive acquisition plan

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

It once took decades to grow an oil company, but after only 18 months Titan Resources has spent $188 million to become one of the largest independent oil companies in the Permian Basin.

This year the company hopes to earn $70 million dollars based on $2 gas and $21 oil.

Moreover, Jack Hightower, president of the company, says that aggressive acquisitions are still an ongoing strategy for the company. "We are very proactive when it comes to evaluation. We evaluate $1 billion of oil and gas properties every other month, and would like to spend another $200 million this year for select properties," said Hightower. He noted that seven people are utilized in property evaluations.

The company's largest purchase to date is an interest in 27 fields, purchased last September from Mobil for $139 million.

Production from the fields averaged about 9,000 barrels per day of oil equivalent (TBDOE) in 1996, including 34 million cubic feet of gas and 3,400 barrels of oil and condensate per day or under 10 percent of Mobil's production in the Basin.

Mobil operated 13 of the 27 fields, which contained more than 1557 wells, and held working interests ranging from 2.5 to 100 percent. Key fields in this sale include Mi Vida, West Seminole and Sand Hills in West Texas and Eunice in New Mexico.

In coming months, the fields are expected to be a major source of activity for Titan, which evaluates upside potential in advance of an acquisition.

Hightower says the company will continue its aggressive acquisition program as long as it can acquire properties that fit Titan's strategy and provide good economic return.

Being an aggressive acquisition company has also made Titan an aggressive driller. This year the Midland company expects to drill or participate in 143 wells with a capital budget of $60 million.

MEETINGS

E&P expert speaks on reservoirs

Robert G. Loucks, from Arco E&P Technology, will be speaking at the Midland Center on Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m.

Regulations topic of noon speech

DeAnn Craig, Federal Relations Representative for Phillips Petroleum, will be speaking at the Midland Petroleum Club on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

API sponsors emission seminar

Robert L. Ferry, an expert on AST emissions and an API consultant, will be conducting a day-long seminar on "Estimating Emissions from Aboveground Storage Tanks." The seminar will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. For more information call 713/963-6278.

DRILL: Contractors should use caution

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and offshore, would probably continue, but there would always be a niche for the small contractors. "That niche will be in specialized technology or regional drilling, as stake out their expertise."

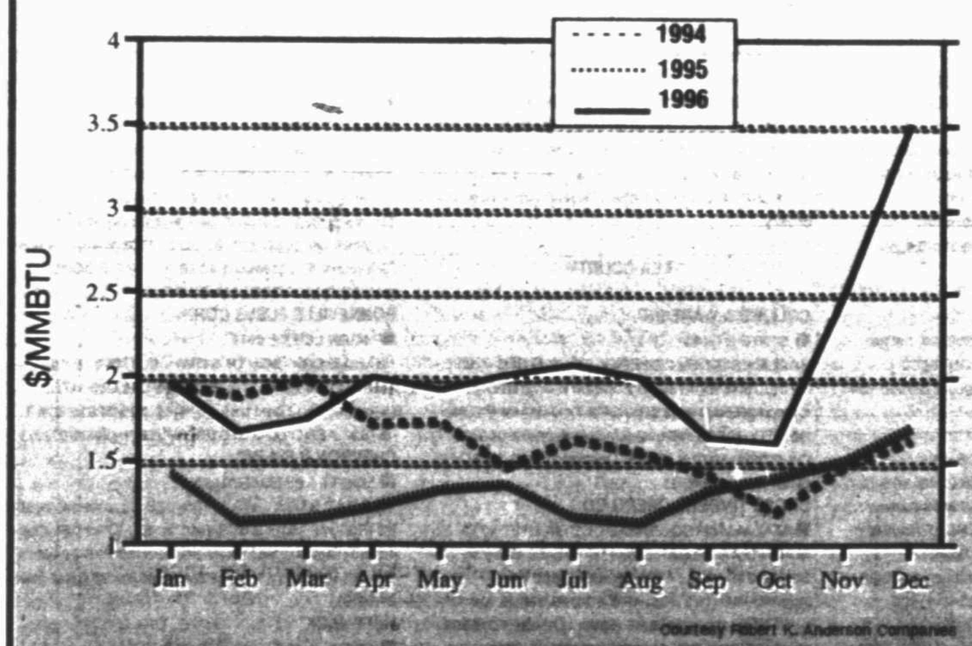
He said the industry could expect to see a proliferation of technology in the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico. "They are now talking about drilling at 8-9,000 feet, and that will create a lot of uncertainity. The deepwater will be very important to the development of industry technology."

Onshore, he said land rigs, crews and drill pipe would be in tighter supply in 1997. "As consolidation continues there will be fewer and fewer players, and they will find fewer and fewer roughnecks."

Van Riet predicts that rates will increase only slightly in 1997, but probably not enough to substantially increase the wages of roughnecks.

"Drill pipe," he said, "is still in short supply, and as a result is probably 25 percent higher than normal."

Spot Gas Price Comparison



Courtesy Robert K. Anderson Companies

*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County.

Waha Averages

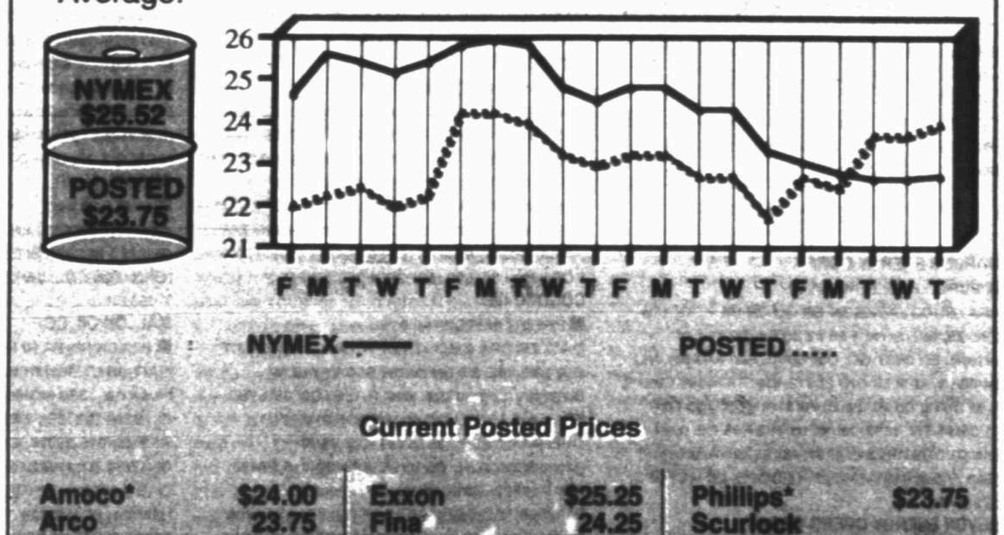
This Month	Last Month
$4.20	$3.50

Current Spot Prices

- Mid Continent (Arkoma) $4.15
- Gulf Coast (Louisiana) $4.09
- Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) $4.20

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:



Current Posted Prices

Amoco*	$24.00	Exxon	$25.25	Phillips*	$23.75
Arco	23.75	Fina*	24.25	Scurlock Permian*	23.75
Basis*	24.25	Koch*	22.75	Shell*	25.00
Chevron	24.50	Marathon*	24.00	Sun*	24.25
Citgo*	24.00	Mobil*	24.25	Texaco	23.75
Conoco	24.25	Navajo*	23.75	Unocal	25.25
E.O.T.T.	24.00	Navajo#	25.00		

#New Mexico Intermediate *Net price without transportation charges

Note: Prices are effective Thursday prior to publication.

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Southeast New Mexico

LEA COUNTY

PAULSON RAND OIL CO INC
■ A J S #1
WILDCAT UPR MISS - WP; 16S 35E-6; c nw se, 1980 fsl 1980 fel EL: 4055 GR. Obj: 13500 (upr Mississippian). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33763. ID# T-481016
T M B R/SHARP DRLG INC
■ T M B R STATE 1 #1
WILDCAT DEL - WP; 19S-35E-1; nw sw ne, 1750 fnl 2100 fel EL: 3646 GR. Obj: 7500 test. NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33757. ID# T-480921
CONOCO INC
■ KLEIN FEDERAL #1
WILDCAT WOLF - WP; 20S-36S-11; ne nw se, 2310 fsl 1650 fel EL: 3589 GR. Obj: 8750 (Wolfcamp). NL: 01/06/97. API# 30-025-33761. ID# T-480990
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ COTTON DRAW 6B FEDERAL #1 WILDCAT BONE SPR - WP; 25S-32E-6; c nw ne, 660 fnl 1980 fel NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33704. ID# T-480942
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ COTTON DRAW 9L FEDERAL #1 WILDCAT WOLF - WP; 25S-32E-9; n/2 nw sw; 2080 fsl 660 fwl NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33705. ID# T-480943

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MENARD COUNTY

BEACON PETR MGMT INC
■ DAVIS J A #1
WILDCAT- W; H & O B RY CO #69 sur, A-429, 1250 fsl 1500 fel of sur, 1400 fnl 1842 fel of lse. 1024 acre lse. 20 mi NW of Menard. EL: 2261 GR. Obj: 3900 test.NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456486. API# 42-327-30818. ID# T-480994

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ECTOR COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ ECTOR - B1 FEE #1
WILDCAT- W; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 3S sec 27, 1950 fsl 2060 fwl of sec, and lse. 643.63 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Penwell. EL: 2885 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-481031.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
■ SWARTZ #1
WILDCAT- W; T & P RY CO sur blk 34 sec 3, 2400 fsl 1725 fel of sec, 1100 fsl 899 fwl of lse. 280 acre lse. 1 mi WNWLY of Garden City. EL: 2654 GR. Obj: 10500 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-481028

MIDLAND COUNTY

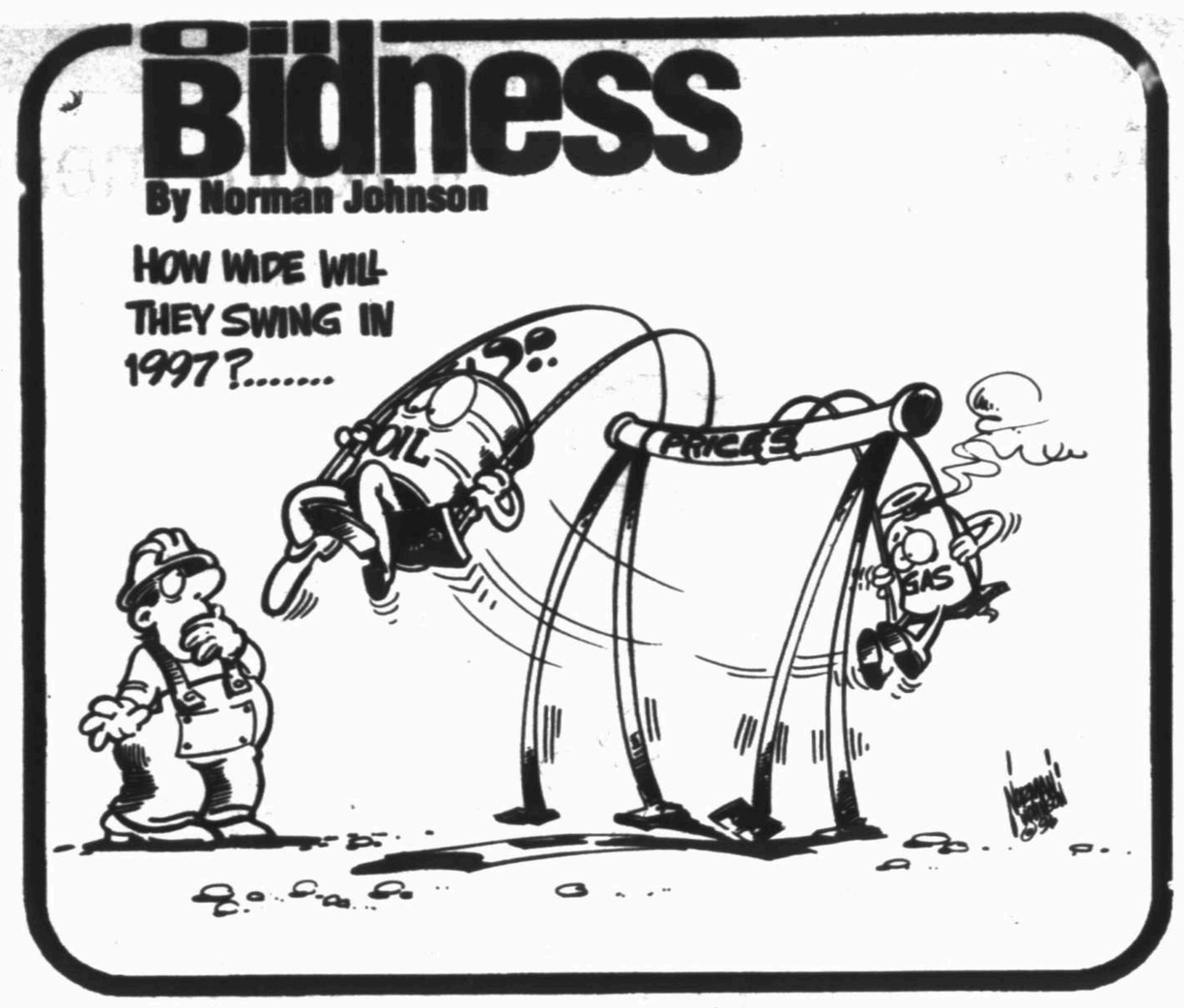
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■ BRAUN #20-1
WILDCAT- W; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 3S sec 20, A-770, 2093 fsl 2456 fel of sec, 510 fnl 2456 fel of lse. 480 acre lse. (A-770 originally known as S P Cross) 15 mi S of Midland. EL: 2674 GR. Obj: 13300 test.NL: 01/06/97. Permit# 456501. API# 42-329-33631. ID# T 480976

PECOS COUNTY

PHOENIX MINERALS INC
■ LA ESCALERA #2
WILDCAT- W; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 65, 1800 fsl 1560 fel of sec, 1800 fsl 1080 fwl of lse. 480 acre lse. 24 mi S of Ft Stockton. EL: 3593 GR. Obj: 1650 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-480966
PHOENIX MINERALS INC
■ LA ESCALERA LTD PARTNERSHIP #1
WILDCAT- RE-ENTRY W; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 65, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 480 acre lse. 24 mi S of Ft Stockton. Summary Orignal Drlr: Oper: HUNT OIL CO Well: ELSINORE #51.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3489 GR. Obj: 4000 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-480967

WARD COUNTY

R K PETROLEUM CORP
■ SITTON EST 44 #2
WILDCAT- RE-ENTRY W; H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 44, 1964 fnwl 1946 fswl of sec, 676 fsl 694 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 10 mi SE of Pyote. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2520 GR. Obj: 10700 test.NL: 01/06/97. API# 42-475-30811. ID# T 480984



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DAWSON COUNTY

BROOKS E B JR
■ DYER N E #1
WILDCAT- W; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 twp 4N sec 43, 467 fsl 1787 fwl of sec, 467 fsl 467 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. 2 mi NE of Ackerly. EL: 2809 GR. Obj: 9500 test.NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481006

GARZA COUNTY

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES
■ LOTT-LLB - A #2
WILDCAT- W; H E & W T RY CO sur blk 31 sec 305, A-388, 1787 fnl 467 fel of sec, 467 fnl 467 fel of lse. 600 acre lse. 14 mi SW of Post. EL: 2894 GR. Obj: 6000 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-480983

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Southeast New Mexico

EDDY COUNTY

MACK ENERGY CORP
■ COOP G J WEST UNIT #144
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D; 17S-29E-21, sw nw se, 1650 fsl 2220 fel EL: 3588 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29329. ID# T-481024
INTERCOAST OIL & GAS CO
■ ILLINOIS CAMP STATE 21 #1
ILLINOIS CAMP NORTH MORROW - D; 18S-28E-21; w/2 ne sw; 1980 fsl 1650 fwl EL: 3577 GR. Obj: 10650 (lwr Morrow). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29331. ID# T-481027
BASS ENTERPRISES PROD CO
■ MERCHANT STATE #4
MILLMAN EAST QU GB SA - D; 19S-28E-1; e/2 ne nw; 660 fnl 2080 fwl EL: 3399 GR. Obj: 3500 (Bone Spring). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29327. ID# T-481022
BASS ENTERPRISES PROD CO
■ PALMILLO 6 STATE #1
MILLMAN EAST QU GB SA - D; 19S-29E-6, sw sw nw; 2010 fnl 603 fwl EL: 3365 GR. Obj: 3800 (Bone Spring). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29326. ID# T-481023
POGO PRODUCING CO
■ AMAX FEDERAL 24 #13
INGLE WELLS DEL - D; 23S-31E-24; nw sw sw; 1310 fsl 330 fwl, 21 mi E of Loving. EL: 3496 GR. Obj: 6700 (Delaware). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29332. ID# T-481021
POGO PRODUCING CO
■ HARROUN 22 #1
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D; 24S-29E-22; c nw nw; 660 fnl 660 fwl EL: 2929 GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-015-29330. ID# T-481026

LEA COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ SAWYER AQN STATE #2
SAWYER WEST SA - D; 10S-37E-6, e/2 ne ne, 810 fnl 660 fel EL: 3984 GR. Obj: 4980 (San Andres). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33755. ID# T-480923
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC
■ PATTY 20 #1
LOVINGTON WEST PENN - D; 16S-36E-20, se sw nw; 2156 fnl 990 fwl, 7920 mi 03,468 of 695632.268. EL: 3942 GR. Obj: 11794 (Pennsylvanian). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33756. ID# T-480922
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM WEST UNIT #88
VACUUM GB SA - D; 17S-34E-34; sw ne ne, 1045 fnl 1118 fel EL: 4030 GR. Obj: 4850 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33768. ID# T-481014
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM WEST UNIT #62
VACUUM GB SA - D; 17S-34E-34, sw se nw; 2550 fnl 1975 fwl EL: 4036 GR. Obj: 4850 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33766. ID# T-481019
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM WEST UNIT #60
VACUUM GB SA - D; 17S-34E-34, nw ne se, 2470 fsl 1100 fel EL: 4027 GR. Obj: 4860 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33765. ID# T-481018
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM WEST UNIT #63
VACUUM GB SA - SP; 17S-34E-34, sw sw ne, 2550 fnl 2550 fel EL: 4034 GR. Obj: 4850 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33767. ID# T-481013
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM WEST UNIT #59
VACUUM GB SA - D; 17S-34E-34, sw se sw, 150 fsl 1500 fwl EL: 4033 GR. Obj: 4850 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33764. ID# T-481017
MOREXCO INC
■ OSO FEDERAL #1
PEARSALL QU - D; 18S-32E-7; se se ne, 2310 fnl 330 fel Obj: (Queen). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33700. ID# T-480935
MELTON JOE DRLG CO INC
■ ACR #1
ARKANSAS JUNCTION SA - D; 18S-37E-20, c sw sw, 660 fsl 660 fwl Obj: (San Andres). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33698. ID# T-480936
WESTALL RAY
■ RAWHIDE FEDERAL #1
CRAZY HORSE DEL - D; 19S-32E-24, s/2 sw nw; 2310 fnl 660 fwl, 20 mi SE of Loco Hills. EL: 3609 GR. Obj: 7800 (Delaware). NL: 01/08/97. API# 30-025-33769. ID# T-481039
MATADOR OPERATING CO
■ LEA AP STATE #2
PEARL WEST SA - D; 19S-35E-30, nw se se, 990 fsl 700 fel EL: 3744 GR. Obj: 6000 (San Andres). NL: 01/07/97. API# 30-025-33762. ID# T-481015
AMERADA HESS CORP
■ WEIR W A - B #5
MONUMENT ABO - D; 19S-36E-26, sw ne nw; 990 fnl 1650 fwl EL: 3682 GR. Obj: 8100 (Abo). NL: 01/03/97. API# 30-025-33758. ID# T-480975
AMERADA HESS CORP
■ WEIR W A #14
MONUMENT ABO - D; 19S-36E-35, nw se nw; 1650 fnl 1650 fwl EL: 3523 GR. Obj: 8100 (Abo). NL: 01/03/97. API# 30-025-33759. ID# T-480974
STEVENS & TULL INC
■ CONOCO STATE #2
TEAS WEST YATES SEV RIV - D; 20S-33E-16, se nw nw; 990 fnl 990 fwl Obj: (Seven Rivers). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33697. ID# T-480937
NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ OSUDO WEST 36 STATE #1
OSUDO UND MOR - D; 20S-35E-36, c nw sw; 1980 fsl 660 fwl EL: 3664 GR. Obj: 13600 (Morrow). NL: 01/03/97. API# 30-025-33760. ID# T-480973
BOYD D K OIL & GAS INC
■ LITTMAN B FEDERAL #2
LITTMAN SA - D; 21S-38E-8; c ne sw; 1980 fsl 1980 fwl Obj: (San Andres). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33699. ID# T-480938
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ CHECKERS 24 FEDERAL #3
RED TANK BONE SPR - D; 22S-32E-24, w/2 ne se, 1980 fsl 990 fel Obj: (Bone Spring). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33701. ID# T-480939
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ CHECKERS 24 FEDERAL #6
RED TANK BONE SPR - D; 22S-32E-24, w/2 nw sw; 1980 fsl 330 fwl Obj: (Bone Spring). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33703. ID# T-480941
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ CHECKERS 24 FEDERAL #5
RED TANK BONE SPR - D; 22S-32E-24, w/2 sw sw; 660 fsl 330 fwl Obj: (Bone Spring). NL: 01/02/97. API# 30-025-33702. ID# T-480940

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CROCKETT COUNTY

R O C INC
■ MAYBERRY J B #2
TIPPETT (UPR WOLFCAMP)- RECOMPLETION D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 31 sec 39, 529 fnel 671 fnwl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 10.5 mi SE of McCamey. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 6343 (upr Wolfcamp).NL: 01/03/97. ID# T 480965
TAMARACK PETR CO INC
■ SUTTON #1508
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T C RY CO sur blk R sec 15, 2173 fsl 2700 fwl of sec, 7453 fsl 2700 fwl of lse. 2880 acre lse. 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2353 GR. Obj: 6800 (Canyon ss).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-480997

DEVELOPMENTS/5

COMPLETIONS

Southeast New Mexico

CHAVES COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ ELDER KATIE STATE #1
CHISUM SOUTH SA - DC; 11S-27S-36, nw nw se, 2100 fsl 2200 fel EL: 3749 GR. Obj: 7000 (Devonian). NL: 11/07/96. API# 30-005-63110. ID# T-479719.Contr: L & M Drilling Co #2. Spud: 10/23/96.TD: 7737 on 11/19/96.PB: 2780.Compl: on 11/23/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 2664-2666 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 2664-2666) P 41 BOPD; GTSTM, 61 BWPD

EDDY COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ BURCH KEELY UNIT #260
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - DC; 17S-29E-25, w/2 nw nw; 660 fnl 25 fwl, 20 mi E of Artesia. EL: 3587 GR. Obj: 5000 (San Andres). NL: 04/02/96. API# 30-015-28912. ID# T-474695.Contr: L & M Drilling Co #3. Spud: 10/31/96.TD: 4650 on 11/09/96.PB: 4613.Compl: on 11/27/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 4191-4642 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 4191-4642) P 48 BOPD; 28 MCFGPD; 672 BWPD
DEVON ENERGY OPERG CORP
■ TURNER - B #107
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - DO; 17S-31E-30, nw nw sw; 2190 fsl 330 fwl, 4 mi SE of Loco Hills. EL: 3589 GR. Obj: 4200 (Grayburg/Jackson). NL: 04/02/96. API# 30-015-28695. ID# T 474685.Contr: Norton #4. Spud: 06/07/96.TD: 4050 on 06/16/96 in San Andres.PB: 4002.Compl: on 10/31/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 2951-3617 (Grayburg/San Andres) gross interval IP: (Grayburg/San Andres 2951-3617) P 94 BOPD grav 37; no gas; 145 BWPD
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ ALLISON CQ FEDERAL #10
BOYD MORROW - RECOMPLTION DG; 19S-24E-13; 2c se ne, 1980 fnl 660 fel, 25 mi SW of Artesia. Summary Orignal Drlr: Field: UND DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN.Compl: on 05/01/90 GAS Zone: 7706-7757 (Canyon) IP: F 448 MCFGPD on open ck; no oil; 174 BWPD; FTP 60
CONOCO INC
■ PRESTON FEDERAL #18
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH UPR PENN - DO; 20S-24E-35, w/2 sw ne, 1980 fnl 2080 fel EL: 3657 GR. Obj: 8100 (Cisco). NL: 09/09/96. API# 30-015-29129. ID# T-478125.Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 10/04/96.TD: 8100 on 10/21/96.PB: 8006.Compl: on 11/26/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 7646-7766 (Cisco) gross interval IP: (Cisco 7646-7766) P 200 BOPD grav 39; 622 MCFGPD; 260 BWPD
CONOCO INC
■ PRESTON FEDERAL #16
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH UPR PENN - REPERMIT DG; 20S-24E-35, 2se nw nw, 660 fnl 710 fwl Summary Orignal Drlr: Well: PRESTON 35N FEDERAL #16.ABND LOC on 11/03/95.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3675 GR. Obj: 9650 (Morrow/Cisco).NL: 05/10/95. API# 30-015-28490. ID# T-466221.Contr: McVay #7. Reentr: 09/01/96.TD: 9650 on 10/12/96.PB: 9540.Recomp: on 11/17/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 7654-7710 (Cisco) gross interval IP: (Cisco 7654-7710) P 3 BOPD grav 39; 1586 MCFGPD; 347 BWPD
CONOCO INC
■ PRESTON FEDERAL #17
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH UPR PENN - DO; 20S-24E-35, c nw se, 1980 fsl 1980 fel EL: 3660 GR. Obj: 8100 (Cisco). NL: 09/09/96. API# 30-015-29135. ID# T-478126.Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 09/09/96.TD: 8100 on 10/01/96.PB: 8005.Compl: on 11/09/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 7627-7742 (Cisco) gross interval IP: (Cisco 7627-7742) P 76 BOPD grav 39; 819 MCFGPD; 532 BWPD
LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ PINNACLE STATE #15
HERRADURA BEND EAST DEL - DO; 22S-28E-36, sw ne ne, 990 fnl 990 fel EL: 3166 DF. Obj: 6475 (Delaware). NL: 09/30/96. API# 30-015-29179. ID# T-478628.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #3. Spud: 09/30/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6475 on 10/10/96 in Delaware.PB: 6429.Compl: on 11/05/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 6104-6116 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 6104-6116) P 22 BOPD grav 40.4, 42 MCFGPD; 118 BWPD
BROWN H L JR
■ STATE 28 #1
WILDCAT DEV ELLEN - WP; 24S 23E-26, nw nw se, 2263 fsl 2033 fel EL: 4816 GR. Obj: 9500 (Ellenburger). NL: 05/18/95. API# 30-015-26508. ID# T-469401
MALLON OIL CO
■ BLACK RIVER 10 FEDERAL COM #1
CARLSBAD SOUTH MORROW - DG; 24S-26E-10; ne sw ne; 1330 fnl 990 fel, 11 mi SSW of Carlsbad. EL: 3364 GR. Obj: 11900 (Morrow). NL: 07/08/96. API# 30-015-29016. ID# T-476705.Spud: 08/17/96.TD: 11862.PB: 11819.Compl: on 11/12/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 11340-11430 (Morrow) IP: (Morrow 11340-11430) 12 hr test: -- F 10000 MCFG on 32/64 ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 1600
POGO PRODUCING CO
■ YVONNE 21 FEDERAL #1
CORRAL DRAW DEL - PLUG BACK DO; 24S-29E-21, 2ne se ne; 1600 fnl 2310 fel, 5 mi SE of Malaga. Summary Orignal Drlr: Field: CORRAL DRAW BONE SPR.Compl: on 06/28/96 OIL PZone: 7640-7660 (Bone Spring) IP: (Bone Spring 7640-7660) F 90 BOPD; 150 MCFGPD on 26/64 ck; 49 BWPD, FTP 170, SICP 1100
T M B R/SHARP DRLG INC
■ STATE 3 #2
SULPHATE DRAW SOUTH DEL - WPO; 25S-27E-3, c se ne; 1980 fnl 1980 fel EL: 3223 GR. Obj: 7000 (Brushy Canyon). NL: 05/14/96. API# 30-015-28968. ID# T-475838.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #3. Spud: 05/11/96.TD: 5910 on 05/24/96 in Brushy Canyon.PB: 5835.Compl: on 07/08/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 5676-5686 (Brushy Canyon) IP: (Brushy Canyon 5676-5686) P 5 BOPD grav 43; 13 MCFGPD; 35 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

LEA COUNTY

COLLINS & WARE INC
■ STATE BTA #3
BAGLEY SIL-DEV - DEEPEN DO; 12S-33E-2, 2nV2 sw ne, 1830 fnl 1980 fel Summary Orignal Drlr: Oper: AMERADA HESS CORP Field: BAGLEY SIL DEV TD: 10735 in Devonian.Compl: on 02/06/92 OIL PZone: 10729-10735 (Devonian) IP: P 36 BOPD; GTSTM; 610 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
■ MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #712
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO; 17S-33E-28, se se se, 330 fsl 330 fel EL: 4101 KB. Obj: 4500 (San Andres). NL: 11/27/96. API# 30-025-33695. ID# T-480178.Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 11/29/96.TD: 4500 on 12/05/96 in San Andres.Compl: on 01/01/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/02/97)PZone: 4301-4371 (Grayburg) gross interval IP: (Grayburg 4301-4371) P 38 BOPD grav 37; 31 MCFGPD; 67 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
■ MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #109
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO; 17S-33E-30, e/2 nw se, 1980 fsl 1470 fel, 6 mi SE of Maljamar. EL: 4060 KB. Obj: 4300 (San Andres). NL: 10/29/96. API# 30-025-33654. ID# T-479419.Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 11/21/96 Mud drlg. TD: 4355 on 11/27/96 in San Andres.Compl: on 12/17/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/02/97)PZone: 4181-4218 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 4181-4218) P 37 BOPD grav 37; 30 MCFGPD; 45 BWPD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
■ MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #15
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO; 17S-33E-32, nw nw nw; 500 fnl 330 fwl EL: 4040 KB. Obj: 4500 (San Andres). NL: 10/03/96. API# 30-025-33615. ID# T-478686.Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 11/12/96 Mud drlg. TD: 4510 on 11/20/96 in San Andres.Compl: on 12/22/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/02/97)PZone: 4322-4395 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 4322-4395) P 2 BOPD grav 37; 1 MCFGPD; 114 BWPD
BONNEVILLE FUELS CORP
■ YORK LOTTIE #4
HUMBLE CITY SOUTH STRW - D; 17S-37E-14, ne nw ew; 2080 fsl 760 fwl EL: 3744 GR. Obj: 11750 (Atoka sh). NL: 04/11/95. API# 30-025-32919. ID# T-467631.ABND LOC on 01/07/97 (Last Info:01/07/97)
CHEVRON U S A INC
■ SCOTT - E FEDERAL #1
WILDCAT STRW - WPO; 18S-32E-28, c ne sw; 1980 fsl 1980 fwl, 15 mi S of Maljamar. EL: 3710 GR. Obj: 12200 (Strawn). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-27442. ID# T-480723.TD: 13100.P&A on 08/19/93.(Last Info: 01/06/97)
HUFF JACK
■ BERN - A #2
EUMONT YATES SEV RIV QU - DO; 19S-36E-14, c ne se, 1980 fsl 660 fel EL: 3745 KB. Obj: 4000 (Queen). NL: 09/13/96. API# 30-025-33581, ID# T-478243.Contr: Red Rio #4. Spud: 09/20/96 Mud drlg. TD: 4022 on 09/25/96 in Queen.Compl: on 01/03/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/08/97)PZone: 3791-3940 (Queen) IP: (Queen 3791-3940) P 110 BOPD, 54 MCFGPD

COMPLETIONS/5

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 4)

TAMARACK PETR CO INC
■ SUTTON #1509
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, T C RY CO sur blk R sec 15, 2179 fsl 660 fel of sec, 7463 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 2660 acre lse. 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2378 GR. Obj: 6800 (Canyon ss).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-480998

IRION COUNTY

RICKS EXPL CO INC
■ WILLIAMS PEARL #236
DOVE CREEK SOUTH (6500)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 21 sec 38, A-1067, 2666 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 3299 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 3640 acre lse. (A-1067 originally known as Hawley Allen) 13 mi SE of Mertzon. EL: 2357 GR. Obj: 6650 (Canyon 6500).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481000

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

LILLIS MICHAEL D
■ MOORE PAUL #4
BYRD (STRAWN)- D, H & T C RY CO #153 sur, 2550 fni 1100 fel of sur, and unit. 320 acre unit. 10 mi N of Brady. EL: 1534 GR. Obj: 900 (Strawn).NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480957
LILLIS MICHAEL D
■ SPAW #7
HALL (STRAWN)- D, J H BLAC WELL #192 sur, 1150 fni 1800 fwl of sur, and unit. 640 acre unit. 10 mi N of Brady. EL: 1530 GR. Obj: 900 (Strawn).NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480956

REAGAN COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #1304S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 35 twp 5S sec 44, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, 5151 fni 3309 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 13) 15 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2669 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480958
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #3914S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, H & W sur blk A sec 12, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 13931 fsl 3326 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 39) 14 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2676 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480959
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #4606S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 19, 660 fni 1980 fel of sec, 12610 fsl 7264 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 46) 11 mi N of Stiles. EL: 2666 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480920
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #4705S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 19, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, 8629 fsl 3332 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 47) 8 mi SW of Stiles. EL: 2663 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480960
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #6306S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 31, 692 fsl 660 fel of sec, 692 fsl 3341 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 63) 10 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2662 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480961
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ MERCHANT UNIT #6703S
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 35, 1980 fni 1980 fwl of sec, 3330 fsl 7290 fwl of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 67) 7 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2667 GR. Obj: 8100 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480962
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1352A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 25, A-666, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 2953 fsl 19175 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. 18 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2703 KB. Obj: 8500 test.NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 456963. API# 42-383-34691. ID# T-481008
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1671A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 33, 434 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 5733 fsl 23177 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 167) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2692 GR. Obj: 8380 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480929
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1672A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 5S sec 33, 1980 fsl 660 fel of sec, 7279 fsl 21857 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 167) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2695 GR. Obj: 8370 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480930
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2144A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 47, 1980 fni 660 fel of sec, 8486 fsl 11261 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 214) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2657 GR. Obj: 8530 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480931

RUNNELS COUNTY

GEOTRAC ENERGY CORP
■ AHRENS TED #2
NORTON NORTH- WP, H & T B RY CO #56 sur, A-986, 1747 fni 966 fwl of sur, 526 fni 966 fwl of lse. 100 acre lse. (A-986 originally known as A G Willis) 6 mi SW of Winters. EL: 1889 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480964

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

CHI OPERATING INC
■ WEST #2
CODY BELL (CANYON)- D, T C RY CO sur blk TT sec 48, 1647 fni 599 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 11 mi NW of Eldorado. EL: 2486 GR. Obj: 7000 (Canyon).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-480996
T X P INC
■ GLASS 50 #1
R E G (5900 LIME)- D, G H & S A RY CO sur blk M sec 50, A-1570, 2568 fsl 509 fel of sec, 504 fsl 509 fel of lse. 195 acre lse. (A-1570 originally known as Mrs Bettie Lynn) 14 mi NE of Eldorado. EL: 2325 GR. Obj: 6200 (Strawn 5900 ls).NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 456962. API# 42-413-31983. ID# T-480999

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ JONES 118 #13
SAWYER (CANYON)- D, H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 118, A-1382, 1621 fsl 2401 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1362 originally known as I W Ward) 7.58 mi SLY of Sonora. EL: 2662 GR. Obj: 6550 (Canyon).NL: 01/06/97. Permit# 455575. API# 42-435-34643. ID# T-480994

TERRELL COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ GOODE ESTATE C UNIT #6
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 26, 1137 fsl 1075 fel of sec, 1137 fsl 472 fel of unit. 704 acre unit. 30 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2407 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480963

TOM GREEN COUNTY

B & R OPERATING LLC
■ RATHBONE #1209C
MCINTIRE (SAN ANGELO)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 20 sec 9, 2993 fsl 1282 fel of sec, and lse. 1080 acre lse. 4.8 mi SW of Knickerbocker. EL: 2353 GR. Obj: 1200 (San Angelo).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-480995

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ARROW OPERATING CO
■ FUHRMAN-MASCHO NORTHEAST UNIT #123
FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-43 sec 6, A-1371, 2468 fsl 1594 fel of sec, 2468 fsl 1051 fwl of unit. 3770 acre unit. (A-1371 originally known as W L Sherrell) 6 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3198 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456667. API# 42-003-38117. ID# T-480946
ARROW OPERATING CO
■ FUHRMAN-MASCHO NORTHEAST UNIT #139
FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-43 sec 6, A-1371, 440 fsl 1077 fel of sec, 440 fsl 1568 fwl of unit. 3770 acre unit. (A-1371 originally known as W L Sherrell) 6 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3207 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456683. API# 42-003-38114. ID# T-480947
DISCOVERY OPERATING INC
■ UNIVERSITY 11 #2
V J K- WP, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 11 sec 10, 2173 fsl 2173 fel of sec, 537 fni 2173 fel of lse. 337 acre lse. 17 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3328 GR. Obj: 8200 test.NL: 01/08/97. ID# T-481034
MACK ENERGY CORP
■ UNIVERSITY - U #5
EMBAR- WP, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 11 sec 24, 2071 fni 556 fel of sec, and lse. 1952.9 acre lse. 16.8 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3308 GR. Obj: 7500 test.NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 456849. API# 42-003-38095. ID# T-481001
RUST OIL CORP
■ PARKER RANCH 21 #1
THREE BAR (DEVONIAN)- D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-54 sec 21, 660 fni 1980 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 15 mi W of Andrews. EL: 3320 GR. Obj: 8500 (Devonian).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481005
TEXLAND JMC JOINT VENTUR
■ SCARBOROUGH - C #13
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-26 sec 24, 50 fni 50 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 19 mi NW of Andrews. EL: 3352 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 01/03/97. ID# T-480951
VISTA RESOURCES INC
■ BLOCK 9 UNIT #406
COWDEN NORTH- WP, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 9 sec 33, 2640 fni 110 fel of sec, 2640 fni 2530 fwl of lse. 1120 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 12 mi S of Andrews. EL: 3151 GR. Obj: 5600 test.NL: 01/08/97. ID# T-481033

CRANE COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
■ LEA P J ET AL #220
LEA SOUTH (TUBB)- PLUG BACK D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 32 sec 47, A-566, 2260 fni 625 fwl of sec, 3160 fsl 4635 fel of lse. 3200 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 10 mi NW of Crane. Summary Plug Back: Oper: PENNZOIL PETROLE-

DEVELOPMENTS/12

COMPLETIONS

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YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ ALPHABET UNIT #2
WILDCAT BONE SPR - RE-ENTRY WPO, 21S-34E-17, 2c se nw, 1980 fni 1980 fwl Summary Original Drill: TD: 14300.
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ COLEMAN O L #6
EUMONT YATES SEV RIV QU PLUG BACK DG, 21S-36E-17, 2s/2 nw ne, 990 fni 1980 fel Summary Original Drill: Oper: TEXACO PRODUCING INC EL: 3634 KB.Compt: on 09/27/90 GAS Zone: 3588-3736 (Queen) gross interval IP: F 848 MCFG/4 hr, no oil, no wtr
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ ETHEL 19 MUR FEDERAL #1
RED HILLS - DD, 25S-34E-19, sw se sw, 400 fsl 1980 fwl EL: 3332 GR. Obj: 12900 (Bone Spring). NL: 11/21/96. API# 30-025-33747. ID# T 480046.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #27. Spud: 11/22/96 Mud drlg. TD: 12609 on 12/18/96 in Bone Spring.P&A on 12/20/96.(Last Info: 01/02/97)Notes: (Rig skid, replaces API #30-025 33657)

CROCKETT COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ BAGGETT E G #7
HUNT-BAGGETT (STRAWN)- DD, G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 22, A-4618, 660 fni 1816 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-4618 originally known as E B Baggett) 5 mi S of Ozona. EL: 2240 GR. Obj: 9500 (Strawn).NL: 12/06/96. Permit# 455781. API# 42-105-37479. ID# T-480337.Contr: Patterson Drlg #35. Spud: 12/18/96 Air drlg. TD: 9350 on 12/26/96.P&A on 12/28/96.(Last Info: 01/02/97)
HARRISON INTERESTS LTD
■ HENDERSON JOHN W III
N #45 - OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk M sec 8, A-5020, 660 fsl 1617 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-5020 originally known as J H Baker) 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2462 GR. Obj: 8950 (Canyon ss).NL: 07/01/96. Permit# 449905. API# 42-105-37332. ID# T-476596.Contr: Wes Tex #18. Spud: 07/22/96.TD: 8950 on 07/31/96.PB: 8900.Compt: on 11/26/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/04/97)P Zone: 6880-8720 (Canyon) gross interval IP: (Canyon 6880-8720) CAOF 2800 MCFGPD -- F 5.6 BCPD grav 68.4; 879 MCFGPDgrav .700 on 12/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1130, SITP 1378, SICP 1206, BHSIP 2456, BHT 213 F @ 8679, SLOPE 0.700 Four Point: 285 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1343, BHP 2414; 451 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1275, BHP 2370; 628 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1220, BHP 2307; 879 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1130, BHP 2216
I P PETROLEUM CO INC
■ PERNER SAM #1
READ RANCH- WP, G C & S F RY CO sur blk G sec 8, A-4574, 969 fni 1215 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 18 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2188 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 09/25/96. API# 42-105-37407. ID# T-478496.ABND LOC on 12/19/96.(Last Info: 01/08/97)Notes: (Replaced by API #42-105-30897)
MARATHON OIL CO
■ OLSON #1208
OLSON- DO, T & N O RY CO sur blk GG sec 9, A-2905, 220 fni 660 fwl of sec, 2494 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 2220 acre lse. 15 mi E of Iraan. EL: 2647 GR. Obj: 2400 test.NL: 09/27/96. Permit# 453125. API# 42-105-37408. ID# T-478564.Spud: 11/11/96.TD: 2480 on 11/19/96.PB: 2426.Compt: on 11/30/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/04/97)P Zone: 2168-2234 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 2168-2234) P 299 BOPD grav 26; no gas; 67 BWPD
OZARK EXPL INC
■ BEAN JOE D #1-32
OZONA (CANYON SS)- PLUG BACK DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk UV sec 32, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-462 orgininally known as R Mossie) 10 mi NW of Ozona. Summary Original Drill: Field: UNIVERSITY 31 (STRAWN DETR).TD: 8200.Compt: GAS
OZARK EXPL INC
■ UNIVERSITY 51-8W #1
BLOCK 51- WPD, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 51 sec 8, 496 fsl 2116 fwl of sec, 496 fsl 513 fel of lse. 325.05 acre lse. 20 mi NW of Ozona. EL: 2631 GR. Obj: 9700 test.NL: 12/11/96. Permit# 455814. API# 42-105-37460. ID# T-480426.Spud: 12/06/96.TD: 8827 on 12/18/96.P&A on 12/18/96.(Last Info: 01/07/97)Logs: Halliburton.
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ CHILDRESS C 3 #7
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, T C RY CO sur blk A sec 3, A-2966, 1650 fsl 567 fel of sec, 965 fni 567 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 23.4 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2343 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/28/95. Permit# 443258. API# 42-105-37158. ID# T 472683.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 08/16/96 Air drlg. TD: 6810 on 08/21/96.PB: 6736.Compt: on 12/03/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 5922-6494 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 5922-6494) CAOF 199 MCFGPD -- F 2.78 BCPD grav 65.0; 187 MCFGRD grav .726 on 8/64 ck, 7.88 BWPD, FTP 187, SITP 1325, BHSIP 1620, BHT 167 F @ 6208, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 187 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 187, BHP 393
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ DAVIDSON #1709
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk KL sec 17, A-3124, 1300 fsl 2100 fwl of sec, and lse. 1009.1 acre lse. 7 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2339 GR. Obj: 8500 (Pennsylvanian 7890).NL: 02/06/96. Permit# 444412. API# 42-105-37189. ID# T-475486.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 09/19/96.TD: 8100 on 09/24/96.PB: 8015.Compt: on 10/11/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 7740-7888 (Pennsylvanian 7890) IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890 7740-7888) CAOF 219 MCFGPD -- F 0.37 BCPD grav 54.0, 210 MCFGPD grav .646 on 22/64 ck, 1.48 BWPD, FTP 236, SITP 2415, SICP 501, BHSIP 2931, BHT 199 F @ 7814, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 210 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 236, BHP 593
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ HOOVER LAURA EST 51 #5
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 51, A-4196, 1980 fsl 660 fel of sec, 792 fni 660 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 27.9 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2176 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 07/22/96. Permit# 450254. API# 42-105-37350. ID# T-477027.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 07/26/96.TD: 7311 on 07/31/96.PB: 7250.Compt: on 10/10/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 6044-7186 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6044-7186) CAOF 95 MCFGPD -- F 0.34 BCPD grav 58.0; 88 MCFGPD grav .660 on 12/64 ck; 13 BWPD; FTP 234, SITP 1815, BHSIP 2226, BHT 160 F @ 6615, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 88 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 234, BHP 604
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MCDONALD 15 #13
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk MN sec 15, A-2621, 2550 fni 1530 fwl of sec, 2550 fni 1530 fwl of lse. 646.7 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 5.7 mi S of Ozona. EL: 2294 GR. Obj: 8500 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 05/20/96. Permit# 446190. API# 42-105-37295. ID# T-475760.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 08/11/96.TD: 8000 on 08/17/96.PB: 7826.Compt: on 10/27/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 7676-7732 (Pennsylvanian 7890) IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890 7676-7732) CAOF 152 MCFGPD -- F 1.26 BCPD grav 53.1, 149 MCFGPD grav .660 on 16/64 ck, 4.28 BWPD, FCP 294, SICP 2115, BHSIP 2601, BHT 197 F @ 7704, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 149 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 4320 min, FCP 294, BHP 349
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MILLSPAUGH SARAH C -16A #4 OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, I & G N RY CO sur blk 2 sec 16, A-631, 1979 fni 1800 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 841 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 21.9 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2137 KB. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 08/12/96. Permit# 451355. API# 42-105-37371. ID# T-477519.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 10/01/96.TD: 7204 on 10/06/96.PB: 7144.Compt: on 11/30/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 6514-6662 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6514-6662) CAOF 255 MCFGPD -- F 217 MCFGPD grav .795 on 17/64 ck, no oil, 5.02 BWPD; FTP 243, SITP 1465, SICP 584, BHSIP 1789, BHT 179 F @ 6588, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 217 MCFGPD on 17/64 ck in 4320min, FTP 243, BHP 693
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MILLSPAUGH SARAH C - 16D #5 OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, I & G N RY CO sur blk 2 sec 16, A-631, 400 fsl 1700 fwl of sec, 400 fsl 939 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 22.2 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2448 KB. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 08/13/96. Permit# 451370. API# 42-105-37373. ID# T-477540.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 09/18/96.TD: 7349 on 09/26/96.PB: 7302.Compt: on 12/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 6364-7236 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6364-7236) CAOF 324 MCFGPD -- F 4.35 BCPD grav 63.0, 257 MCFGPD grav .709 on 22/64 ck, 6.90 BWPD, FTP 245, SITP 1765, BHSIP 2196, BHT 183 F @ 6800, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 257 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 245, BHP 1000
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ PIERCE V I 2 #7
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, W R CARUTHERS #2 sur, A-5032, 467 fsl 1000 fel of sur, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-5032 originally known as A Vasquez) (Rule 37 exception granted) 19.9 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2375 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon ss).NL: 06/13/96. Permit# 449212. API# 42-105-37324. ID# T-476261.Contr: Wes Tex #7. Spud: 08/18/96.TD: 6311 on 09/07/96.PB: 6250.Compt: on 12/07/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 5912-5950 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 5912-5950) CAOF 53 MCFGPD -- F 0.81 BCPD grav 65.0; 50 MCFGPD grav .724 on 16/64 ck, 5.44 BWPD, FTP 205, SITP 1710, BHSIP 2097, BHT 168 F @ 5931, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 50 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in4320 min, FTP 205, BHP 480
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ SCHEUBER - B #8
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk KL sec 14, A-4535, 447 fsl 567 fel of sec, and lse. 329.05 acre lse. (Rule 37 & 38 exception granted) (A-4535 originally known as J Molina) 8.7 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2462 GR. Obj: 8700 (Pennsylvanian 7890).NL: 01/12/96. Permit# 442761. API# 42-105-37126. ID# T 472978.Contr: Wes Tex #1. Spud: 06/16/96.TD: 8350 on 06/22/96.PB: 8224.Compt: on 11/06/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 7836-8058 (Pennsylvanian 7890) IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890 7836-8058) CAOF 517 MCFGPD -- F 2.86 BCPD grav 54.8; 473 MCFGPD grav .683 on 14/64 ck, 5.73 BWPD; FTP 420, SITP 1985, BHSIP 2481, BHT 193 F @ 7946, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 473 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 420, BHP 725
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ UNION PACIFIC #61H
HUNT-BAGGETT WEST (STRAWN)-
HORIZONTAL DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 1, A-2141, 360 fni 1000 fwl of sec, 360 fni 4339 fsl of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. 9.8 mi SW of Ozona. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2351 fsl 100 fwl of sec. 1 -- 2351 fsl 5245 fsl of lse -- S 19 deg 34'34" W 2795.8 ft from surf loc -- Top of PZone: 534 fni 903 fwl of sec, 534 fni 4436 fel of lse. ACTUAL @ 9353 MD: 677 S 182 W of surf loc. (TVD: 9219) -- Survey ran by Radius Inc. EL: 2494 GR. Obj: 10100 (Strawn).NL: 08/14/96. Permit# 451488. API# 42-105-37377-00. ID# T-477579.Contr: Wes Tex #21. Spud: 08/21/96.TD: 11782 on 09/21/96.PB: 11735.Compt: on 10/30/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 9515-11670 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 9515-11670) CAOF 2243 MCFGPD -- F 1818 MCFGPD grav .613 on 16/64 ck, no oil, 12 BWPD, FTP 753, SITP 2065, BHSIP 2504, BHT 223 F @ 9323, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 1818 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 753, BHP 1090
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ WATSON RANCH #8803
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG, T C RY CO sur blk Q-2 sec 86, A-4779, 300 fni 1100 fel of sec, 2469 fnwl 7139 fel of lse. 12926.06 acre lse. (A-4779 originally known as S A Cosse) 26.2 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2291 GR. Obj: 7500 (Canyon ss).NL: 09/23/94. Permit# 426283. API# 42-105-36651. ID# T-463582.Contr: Well Tech #347. Spud: 10/12/94.TD: 7022 on 10/18/94.PB: 6943.Compt: on 12/05/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 5754-6251 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 5754-6251) CAOF 29 MCFGPD -- F 1.03 BCPD grav 53.6, 29 MCFGPD grav .776 on 48/64 ck, 0.41 BWPD, FCP 163, SICP 2035, BHSIP 2642, BHT 164 F @ 6003, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 29 MCFGPD on 48/64 ck in 4320 min, FCP 163, BHP 194

IRION COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■ SUGG 13 #1306
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- DO, H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 13, A-361, 1980 fni 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14.1 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2526 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/26/96. Permit# 444296. API# 42-235-33478. ID# T 473242.Contr: Cleere #4. Spud: 09/24/96 Mud drlg. TD: 4100 on 09/29/96 in Clear Fork.PB: 4054.Compt: on 11/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 3964-3974 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 3964-3974) P 23 BOPD grav 36; 20 MCFGPD; 31 BWPD

MENARD COUNTY

DANIEL EXPL INC
■ CLARK RANCH #10
CELERY (HOME CREEK)- DG, A B & M sur sec 5, A-24, 1350 fsl 821 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 10.5 mi NW of Menard. EL: 2193 KB. Obj: 3999 test.NL: 08/05/96. Permit# 451205. API# 42-327-30810. ID# T-477323.Contr: Dudley. Spud: 11/13/96 Mud drlg. TD: 2066 on 11/19/96 in Canyon ls.Compt: on 12/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 2017-2020 (Home Creek ls) IP: (Home Creek ls 2017-2020) CAOF 1635 MCFGPD -- F 503 MCFGPD grav .585 on 14/64 ck; no oil; no wtr; FTP 445, SITP 595, BHSIP 570, BHT 102 F @ 2018, SLOPE 0.754 Four Point: 179 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 510, BHP 555; 280 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 500, BHP 545; 381 MCFGPDon 12/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 470, BHP 527; 503 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 445, BHP 507

REAGAN COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION CO
■ HICKMAN - P #13
PRICE (GRAYBURG)- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 231, A-574, 2986 fsl 2336 fel of sec, 2986 fsl 330 fwl of lse. 283.76 acre lse. 5 mi SE of Big Lake. EL: 2771 GR. Obj: 2700 (Grayburg).NL: 09/04/96. Permit# 451969. API# 42-383-34614. ID# T-478014.Contr: Rod Ric. Spud: 10/20/96.TD: 2700 on 10/23/96.PB: 2621.Compt: on 12/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 2388-2522 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 2388-2522) P 15 BOPD grav 33; 15 MCFGPD; 13 BWPD
LOMAK PRODUCTION CO
■ UNIVERSITY #8
BLOCK 49 (2450)- DO, UNIVERSITY LANDS sur blk 48 sec 6, 2418 fni 330 fwl of sec, 330 fsl 330 fwl of lse. 166.4 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Big Lake. EL: 2768 GR. Obj: 2700 (Grayburg 2450).NL: 09/04/96. Permit# 451971. API# 42-383-34612. ID# T 478022.Contr: Rod Ric. Spud: 10/26/96.TD: 2700 on 10/31/96.PB: 2646.Compt: on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 2332-2507 (Grayburg 2450) IP: (Grayburg 2450 2332-2507) P 43 BOPD grav 34.2, 48 MCFGPD; 5 BWPD

RUNNELS COUNTY

PIONEER ENERGY CORP
■ GOTTSCHALK D 3 #3
CREWS SW (LWR FRY)- DO, AUSTIN & WILLIAMS #263 sur, A-2, 781 fsel 4300 fswl of sur, 500 fnel 543 fnwl of lse. 40 acre lse. 11 mi SE of Winters. EL: 1794 GR. Obj: 4250 test.NL: 08/06/96. Permit# 451149. API# 42-399-34469. ID# T 477384.Contr: Win Tex. Spud: 09/03/96.TD: 3900 on 09/09/96.PB: 3884.Compt: on 12/13/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 3651-3658 (lwr Fry ss) IP: (lwr Fry ss 3651-3658) P 42 BOPD grav 41, GTSTM, 4 BWPD
SHAMROCK MINERALS CORP
■ MAJORS J A #3
LUCKY PIERRE- DD, A J ROPER #52 sur, A-1267, 3044 fni 2377 fwl of sur, 404 fni 2377 fwl of lse. 285 acre lse. (A-1267 originally known as H T & B Ry Co) 3 mi SW of Winters. EL: 1820 GR. Obj: 3000 test.NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455498. API# 42-399-34491. ID# T-480085.Contr: Dudley #1. Spud: 12/11/96.TD: 2710.P&A on 12/17/96.(Last Info: 01/06/97)

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

ECHO PRODUCTION INC
■ POWELL UNIT #1
GENEVA (ELLENBURGER)- DG, G C & S Pm RY CO sur blk A sec 31, A-98, 660 fni 2100 fel of sec, 1375 fsl 2100 fel of lse. 352 acre lse. 14 mi WNW of Eldorado. EL: 2512 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 08/16/96. Permit# 451473. API# 42-413-31976. ID# T 477613.Contr: Cleere #5. Spud: 09/09/96.TD: 7800 on 09/27/96 in Ellenburger.PB: 7745.Compt: on 12/06/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/04/97)P Zone: 7660-7670 (Ellenburger) IP: (Ellenburger 7660-7670) CAOF 3400 MCFGPD -- F 41 BCPD grav 65, 1149 MCFGPD grav .754 on 16/64 ck, 2 BWPD, FTP 1360, SITP 2300, BHSIP 3065, BHT 167 F @ 7760, SLOPE 1.000 -- Four Point test ran 12/5/96, Four Point: 894 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 90 min, FTP 1900, BHP 2690; 1016 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 120 min, FTP 1810, BHP 2585; 1262 MCFGPD on 14/64ck in 90 min, FTP 1710, BHP 2426; 1427 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 90 min, FTP 1640, BHP 2327

SUTTON COUNTY

INLAND OCEAN INC/RIO GR
■ JOHNSON JERRY #2
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U.S. Dependence on foreign oil rises to record level

Washington -- U.S. dependence on foreign oil imports continued to rise in 1996, reaching a record 51 percent of domestic consumption, the American Petroleum Institute said.

Total U.S. imports of crude oil, gasoline and other refined products were 9.364 million barrels a day in 1996. The increase in imports, up from 47 percent of domestic consumption in 1995, was the largest year-to-year rise since 1993. The previous record, 50.7 percent, was set in 1994.

The API said the rise in imports was caused by falling domestic production as well as strong economic growth in the U.S. that boosted overall demand for petroleum and other energy products.

Demand for petroleum products rose 2.8 percent in 1996, the API said. Deliveries to the U.S. market were 18.213 million bbl/day.

"Our increased dependence on foreign sources of petroleum is at least avoidable, because with a more enlightened oil and natural gas leasing policy, we could be producing much more domestically," according to a statement by Edward Murphy, API's director of Finance, Accounting and Statistics.

U.S. crude oil production fell for the fifth year in a row, dropping 1.8 percent to 6.445 million barrels a day in 1996, the API said.

Production outside of Alaska was higher in the second half of the year than in the year-earlier period, a result of improved technology used in the Gulf of Mexico, the API said.

"This is a very positive sign which suggests a potential significant slowing -- if not reversing -- of the longer-term trend of declining U.S. oil production," Murphy said.

Oil companies want access to protected areas such as Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, which is closed to oil and gas drilling to protect the environment. The Clinton administration opposes opening the reserve to exploration.

"We're looking up areas in the U.S. that are thought to have significant reserves," Murphy said. "Oil prices would be lower right now if we were producing from those areas." Exporters in the Western Hemisphere such as Canada, Mexico and Venezuela continued to meet a growing portion of U.S. demand, increasing their market share at the expense of Persian Gulf producers.

Slightly more than half of last year's imports to the U.S. came from other countries in the Western Hemisphere, with 17 percent from Persian Gulf producers, API said. Five years ago, the Western Hemisphere provided 40 percent of the U.S. oil imports and the Persian Gulf, 25 percent.

Strong demand last year for petroleum products such as heating oil and jet fuel contributed to the increase in oil consumption, the API said.

Gasoline demand grew 0.7 percent last year, after jumping 2.5 percent in 1995 and averaging more than 1.7 percent for most of the 1990s.

Snyder buys interests in Gulf

FORT WORTH -- SNYDER OIL CORPORATION announced that its offshore division has acquired additional interests in its principal Gulf of Mexico properties for roughly $30 million. The acquisition primarily involves interests in the Pabst and Busch fields located on Main Pass Blocks 255 and 259 offshore Louisiana. In addition, the Company significantly increased its interest in a number of other offshore blocks it believes have significant exploration potential. Exploratory drilling on the first of these blocks could begin within 45 days. Current production net to the interests acquired approximates 14 million cubic feet of gas and 370 barrels of oil per day (a total of 2,650 barrels of oil equivalent per day). The purchase brings SOCO's working interest in the Main Pass properties to approximately 60%. Through a series of acquisitions, the Company has increased its net working interest in the Pabst and Busch fields from less than 1% two years ago. Finally, the Company announced that it had acquired via farm out a 50% working interest in South Timbalier Block 231. A platform will be constructed on the Block to permit production from two suspended wells before exploratory drilling resumes. Initial production from the Block is expected before the end of the year.

SOCO simultaneously announced that it had sold or agreed to sell various non-strategic properties for approxi-

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Texas - Directional	56	33
Texas - Horizontal	59	41
U.S. Exploration	144	124
U.S. Deep Depth	498	377
U.S. Gas	538	408
U.S. Horizontal	108	78

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Offshore	17
Ini. Water	1
District 1	14
District 2	11
District 3	51
District 4	45
District 5	24
District 6	36
District 7B	4
District 7C	23
District 8	45
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District 10	18
Total-Texas	*312*

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Schliecher	00	Reeves	01	Lynn	00
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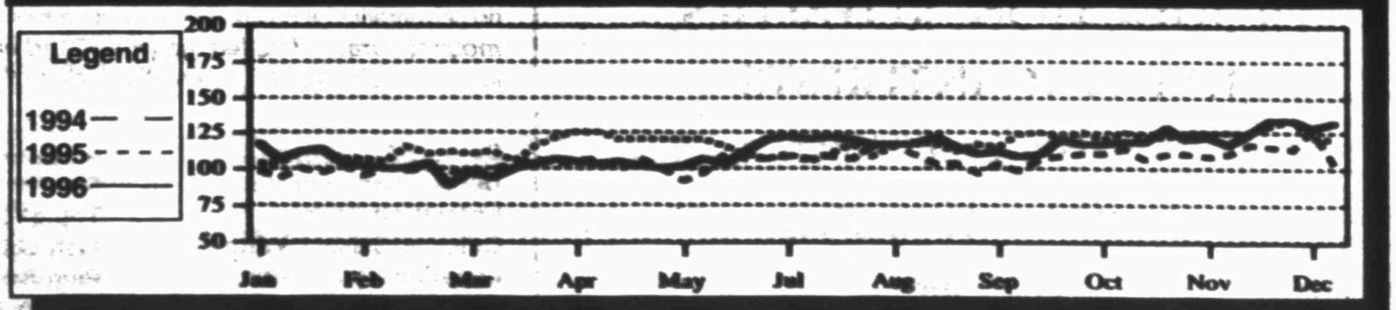
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Mark will serve as the Program Chairman for the 1997 Texas Tech Southwestern Petroleum Short Course. He is available to help you with your pumping unit applications.

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Storage tank seminar slated

The American Petroleum Institute will sponsor a day-long seminar January 27 on Estimating Emissions from Above-ground Storage Tanks" at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

The seminar is among several workshops to be held in conjunction with Energy Week '97 and will provide training and reference materials for estimating AST emissions and determining compliance with U.S. Clean Air Act Regulations.

Study on Alaskan reserve approved

The U.S. Department of the Interior has agreed to study potential drilling areas and related environmental issues in an Alaskan Arctic Coast petroleum reserve. The National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska was set aside as a U.S. navy stockpile in the early '20s and could hold up to 5.4 billion barrels of oil in reserves. Alaska has been pushing for the reserve to be opened to exploration in order to shore up sagging oil incomes.

Enserch names CEO

Thomas M. Hamilton has been named chairman, president and chief executive officer of Enserch Exploration. Enserch's former Chief Executive Officer David Biegler opted to join TU Utilities after the merger of ENSERCH Corp. and the utility company is complete.

Forest announces well results

Forest Oil has announced results from its High Island Block A-549 discovery well in the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas. The well, drilled in March 1996, is producing about 17 Mmcfd. The well logged approximately 200 feet of true vertical pay in multiple zones.

The well is owned 50 percent by Forest and 50 percent by Samedan Oil.

Horizontal drilling in Michigan

Belden & Blake corporation has completed a Niagaran reef oil well in the Michigan Basin, flowing at initial rates of 300 barrels of oil and 100 Mcf of gas per day. The Weber-Brown #1-4 is part of the company's continuing exploration efforts in northern Michigan utilizing horizontal drilling technology. The well was horizontally drilled 1,000 feet at a vertical depth of 5,700 feet, using dual laterals to encounter more of the production reef section.

To date, Belden & Blake has drilled five horizontal wells in the Michigan Basin.

TRC challenges EPA ban

The Texas Railroad Commission is challenging the scientific basis of the Environmental Protection Agency's effort to ban produced water discharges to waters inland of the barrier islands. In gathering data to curtail the discharges, EPA officials are being questioned on matters such as methodology and jurisdictional authority.

The TRC believes that not enough consideration has been given to the economic impact of potentially curtailing or entirely shutting nearly 900 wells in coastal areas.

NCPA and ENRON form energy alliance

SACRAMENTO--The 700,000-customer Northern California Power Agency and ENRON Capital & Trade Resources, a subsidiary of ENRON Corp., announced the formation of a strategic alliance designed to offer improved energy services to customers while positioning NCPA to successfully compete in a deregulated business environment.

NCPA is a nonprofit California public agency established in 1968 to acquire, purchase, generate, transmit, distribute and sell electrical capacity and energy to, and on behalf of, its 15 members.

The NCPA/ENRON agreement is the first of its kind in California and is a response to AB 1890, a new law passed last year deregulating the electric power industry in California.

The partnership will allow ENRON to work jointly with NCPA to more effectively manage power supply and energy sales, and extend utility services to new customers. It will also allow NCPA and ENRON to explore opportunities for increased operating efficiencies. When final agreements are approved, ENRON will provide a comprehensive package of services to NCPA, including the sale of natural gas, and financial and risk-management products.

NCPA's customers will benefit directly through lower energy bills and access to new options from ENRON such as levelized energy billing, single source billing for electricity and natural gas, and other utility services. NCPA will use its existing renewable resource base and delivery system to serve member utilities and their customers.

"We believe that ENRON's wide array of innovative services and products will allow NCPA and its members to compete successfully in the new market," said NCPA General Manager Michael W. McDonald. "Our strategic alliance will provide many opportunities for NCPA member utilities to improve service and reduce costs to their customers."

"The alliance between NCPA and ENRON introduces a new era in energy management to the state of California," said Jeffrey K. Skilling, president and COO of ENRON. "By coupling ENRON's existing capabilities with those of NCPA, together we will be positioned as a significant player in the state's new competitive energy sales market."

California's electric rates are 50 percent higher than the national average. It is expected that deregulation will lead to lower rates for consumers and a more robust energy market that will help speed the state's economic recovery and make it more competitive in attracting new businesses.

In adopting AB 1980, the State Legislature stated: "It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that California's transition to a more competitive electricity market structure allow its citizens and businesses to achieve the economic benefits of industry restructuring at the earliest possible date, creates reliable electric service, provides assurances that electricity customers in the new market will have sufficient information and protection, and preserve California's commitment to developing diverse, environmentally sensitive electricity resources."

NCPA serves nearly 700,000 electric consumers in central and northern California. Its members include Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Ukiah, the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, the Port of Oakland, the Truckee-Donner Public Utility District and the Turlock Irrigation District.

NCPA operates a 24-hour dispatch facility at its headquarters in Roseville, Calif., as well as geothermal, hydroelectric, combined-cycle and combustion turbine power facilities throughout central and northern California.

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Permian Basin Graduate Center course announcement

The Permian Basin Graduate Center has announced its February and March courses.

In oil industry management they offer Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists. This is a course for land men, engineers with no geological background and any one who wants to learn a little more about the make-up of the Permian Basin. The course will run February 10-13 and will last from 8:30 a.m till 5:00 p.m. The cost is $275.

They will also offer Reservoir Engineering for Geologist. This course is designed to provide an overview of basic reservoir engineering principals. This course will last two days, February 4-5, from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. The cost is $275.

In cooperation with Oil & Gas consultants International, PBGC will be offering two courses. The first one, Rod Pumping Systems: Design and Troubleshooting , is suited for operations and engineering people involved with sucker rod system design, installations, operation, or maintenance. This course will be held on February 3-7 from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. The cost is $1,225 plus computer charge.

The second course, Operating and Monitoring Waterfloods, teaches techniques for waterfloods that have been proven by practical application over an extended period of time. The course is February 17-21 and runs Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fri., 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. The cost is $1,225.

In the business and management department a course, How to Manage People at Work, will be taught. This course is designed for new managers or people thinking of moving into management positions. The course is on February 20 and runs 8:30 a.m till 4 p.m. The cost is $90.

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Repel paraffin and scale problems

MagniFlo offers alternative to chemicals, workovers

Most methods of dealing with downhole or flowline plugging from paraffin and scale must be done repeatedly at ongoing cost. Even so, many don't do the job well or cause other damage in the process. How much cost and production loss and hassle could be saved by a one-time solution that you could install and forget about?

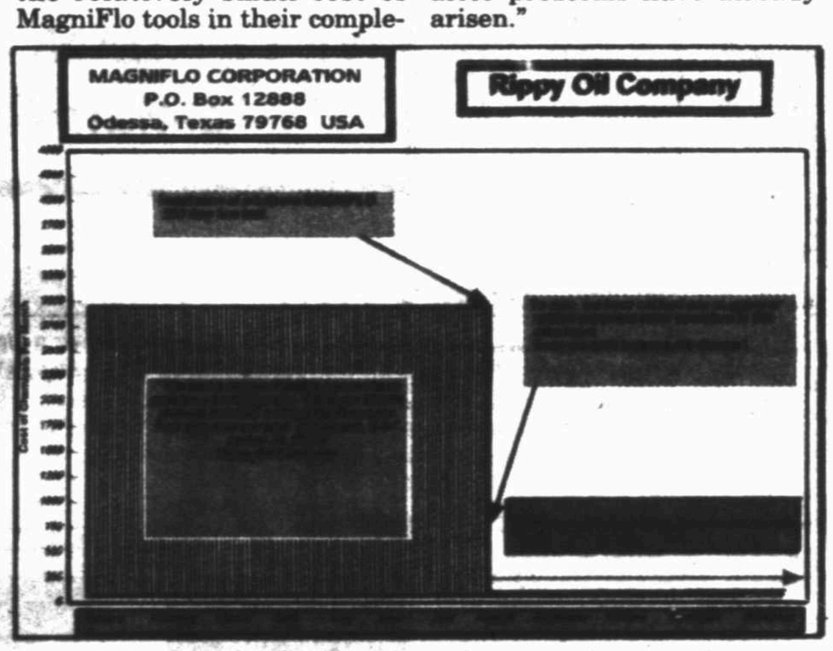
MagniFlo customers domestically and worldwide are discovering the permanent solution of full bore magnetic tools. These tools affect the particulate molecules in such a way as to prevent their depositional bonding with tubing's internal walls. Simply stated, this process known as MagnetoPetroDynamics prevents paraffin and scale from clogging pipes.

Rippy Oil Company in east Texas began saving $3,000 per month after installing a MagniFlo 200 in an above-ground flow line (see letter and chart). MagniFlo also has testimonials showing treatment savings in downhole and processing applications as well.

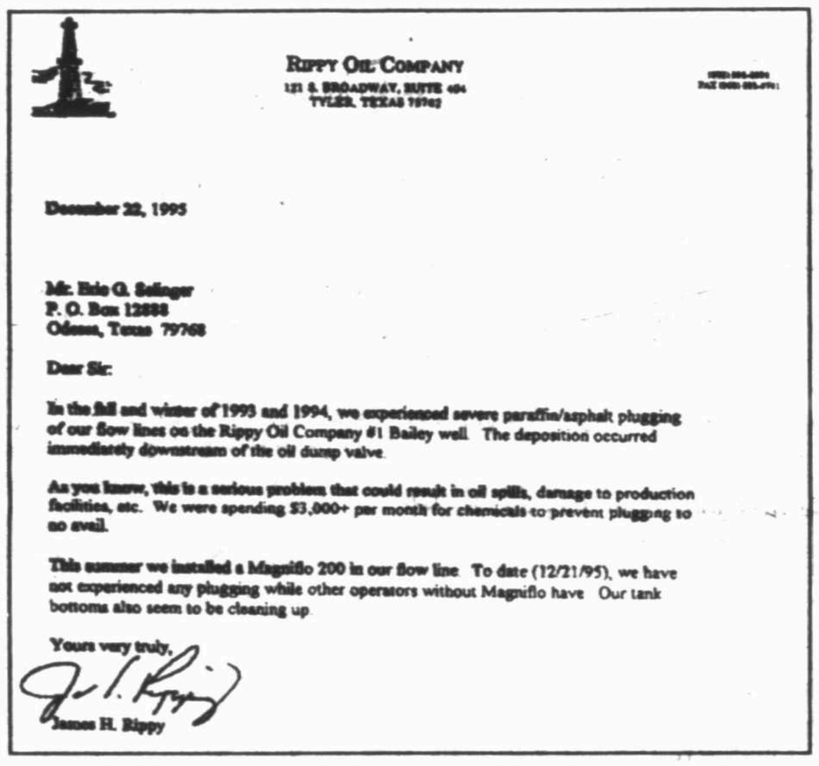
MagniFlo's Brian Crawford points out that cold winter weather only adds to paraffin problems in above-ground lines. "This time of year our tools' payback is especially fast."

This is also the time of year for producers to begin including the relatively small cost of MagniFlo tools in their completion budgets. "When completing a well in an area known for paraffin and asphaltine problems, why not include a MagniFlo tool in the affidavit for expenditures," Crawford recommends. "It's easier to install a tool at completion than to do it later, after problems have already arisen."

MagniFlo Corporation uses tools with powerful, specially designed magnets to reduce costly buildup of scale and paraffin in wellbore and flow lines. The phone number is (915) 561-5515.



This chart details Rippy's savings over four months.



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SNYDER: Agreed to sell various non-strategic properties

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mately $30 million. These properties include interests in the Austin Chalk Trend and in various fields in New Mexico, Nebraska, Louisiana, Texas and Wyoming. The properties being sold, which include interests in about 700 wells, are being disposed of in a number of separate transactions. In announcing the transactions, Thomas J. Edelman, SOCO's President, said, "With the last of our material dispositions behind us and the growing impact Of our acquisitions and drilling success in the Gulf, the restructuring initiated two years ago is now complete. In the process, we have reduced the number of properties in which we hold an interest by more than 80%, developed a sizeable presence offshore and streamlined our organization. We have significantly expanded our reserves and production while enhancing our financial flexibility and have begun to realize sizeable profits from our international activities. We expect to report record levels of net income, cash flow and reserves when our year-end results are finalized. Furthermore, we anticipate that production will reach an all time high in 1997.

El Paso Energy, builds gas pipeline

Mexico City, Jan. 14 (Bloomberg) – El Paso Energy Corp., in partnership with Mexico's state-owned petrochemical company Pemex Gas Petroquimica Basica, won a contract to build a natural gas pipeline for the state-owned utility company Comision Federal de Electricidad, known as CFE.

The financial terms of the contract weren't disclosed.

The pipeline will be used to supply natural gas to CFE's Samalayuca II power plant in the northern state of Chihuahua, said CFE.

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New SPC software improves producers' bottom line five ways

With cost reduction becoming the producer's mission of the 90s, any single way to improve efficiency merits close attention. Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L.P. (Nalco/Exxon) and Control Dynamics have recently produced a program that offers five ways to control costs. "Companies are becoming very interested in the potential for improving their bottom line," says Nalco/Exxon's Todd Horn.

The program uses Statistical Process Control (SPC) to collect and process data so that producers can more closely monitor wells for such things as paraffin buildup in tubulars, well failures and other problems as soon as they occur. It monitors four critical areas to establish the normal range for each: Peak polish rod load (PPRL), delta polish rod load (DPRL) which is the difference between peak and minimum load, card area (an xy plot of the rod load) and run-time parameters.

Its first cost-saving feature allows producers to optimize chemical costs relating to solids treatment such as paraffin, asphaltenes or iron compounds. Graph A shows the history of a well whose paraffin-related failures were virtually eliminated by increasing solvent treatments.

The first four blue dots on the left track the well's PPRL on the way to failure. The first flag marks its actual failure. Up to this point, the well was being treated with 10 gallons of chemicals twice a week. The second flag indicates its return to production after repair. At this time the treatment rate was increased to eight gallons three times a week. Note the return to a level of 21.9, the optimal PPRL for this well. It remained at this level for many months afterward.

For an increased expense of $1500 per year in chemicals, the producer saved $10,000 in pulling costs.

This program can also evaluate the reduction of chemical treatments. Another monitored well was receiving 10 gallons of chemicals twice a week, with little history of failure. Changing to a cheaper chemical brought about no production loss over several weeks. The treatments were then reduced to seven gallons twice a week, with still no production loss. This operator was able to save thousands in chemical costs each year by not overtreating the well.

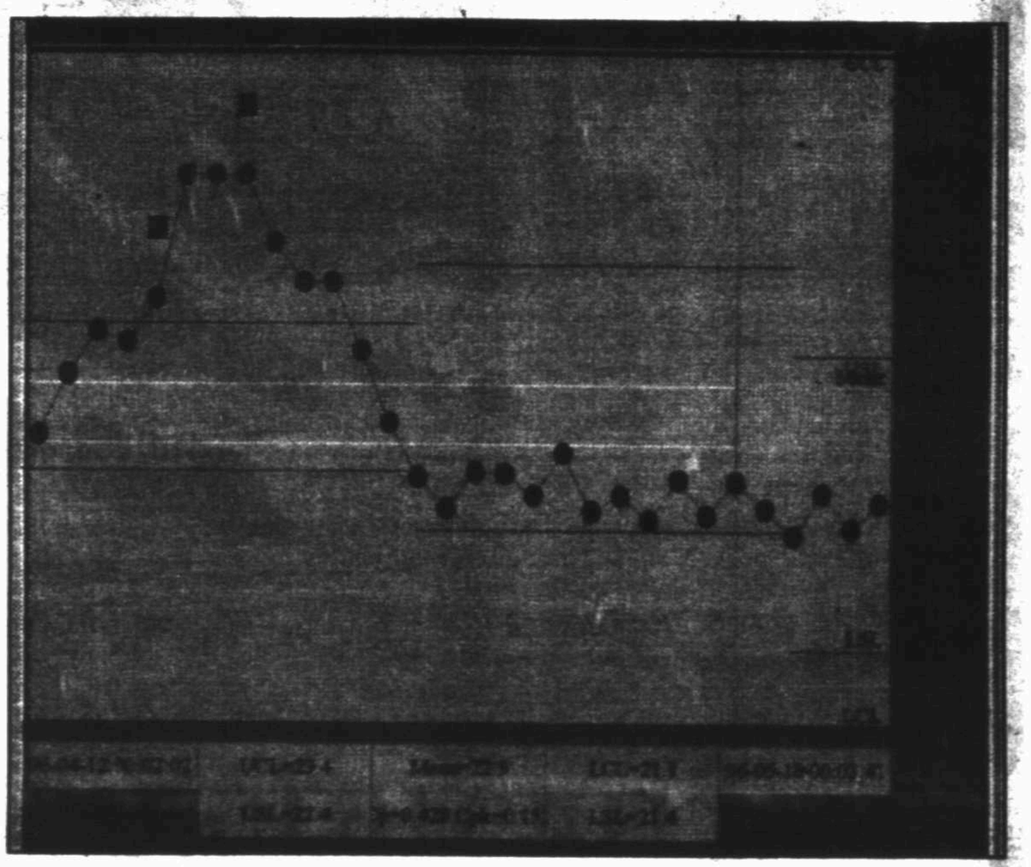
The program's second benefit lies in its ability to immediately identify failures of any type. "This is all a function of monitoring the four critical measurement factors for each well," Horn explains. The program takes into account what areas are outside their parameters and uses this data to help determine the nature of the problem. "In a failure condition you lose the fluid load as a result of the failure of either the rods, the tubing or the pump itself. This brings about an immediate, dramatic change in the parameters," Horn says, allowing repairs to be initiated more quickly than under standard conditions.

The ability to optimize well cycles is the program's third advantage. Graph B details the history of one well's repeated delta rod load alarms (bottom red line). Investigation of the well did not reveal any obvious problems with treatments or equipment. Operators then postulated that perhaps the pump off controller (POC) was not allowing enough down time between cycles. The POC was operating the well 48 percent of the time, with 10 minutes down time between cycles.

Graph C shows how, after the down time was changed to 30 minutes, the well only experienced two alarms over a 24 hour period. Under the new parameters, the well maintained the same production rate as before, but now running 42 percent of the time, thus creating significant savings in power used and in equipment wear.

"Without this program," Horn points out, "no one would have thought there was a way (or a need) to improve this well's bottom line."

Fourth, this procedure allows an operator to document the history of intervention points. The flags discussed on Graph A provide a way to document any change in treatment or operation. Clicking on the flag brings up a text box where a further explanation can be entered for future reference. "This provides a central point for storing pertinent data," says Horn.



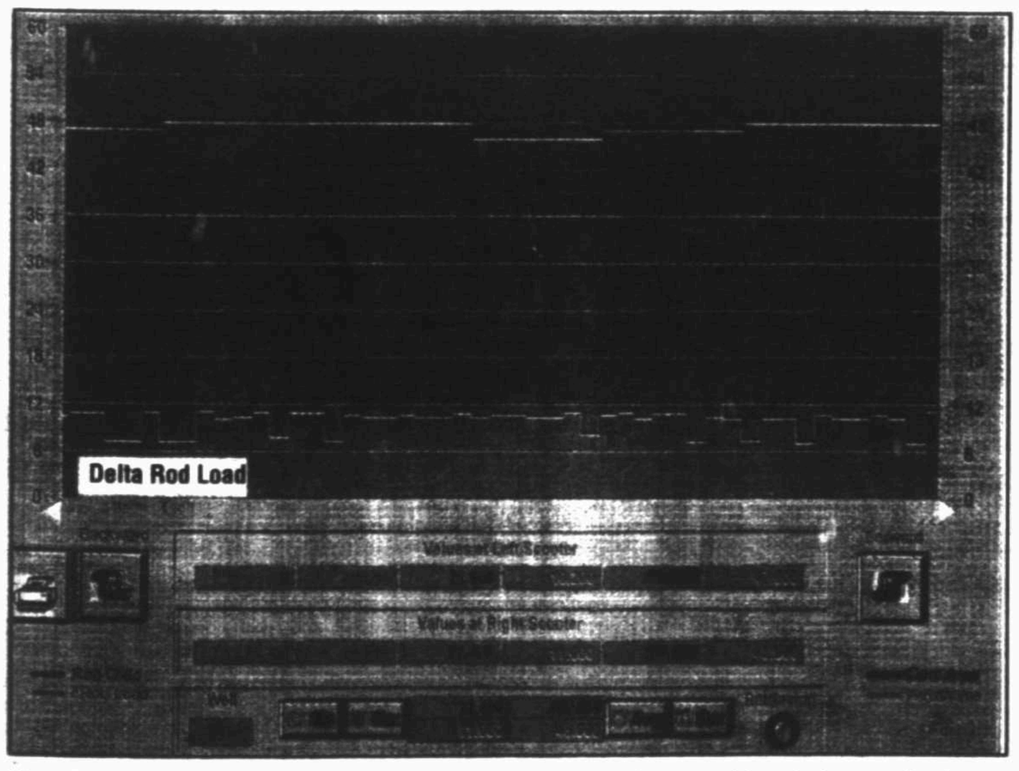
Graph A shows the peak polish rod load history of a well whose paraffin-related failures were virtually eliminated by increasing solvent treatments. The first four blue dots on the left track the well's PPRL on the way to failure. The first flag marks its actual failure. The second flag indicates its return to production after repair. Here, the treatment rate was increased to eight gallons three times a week from the previous 10 gallons twice a week. The blue dots on the right show the well's PPRL returning to its ideal of 21.9. For an increased expense of $1500 per year in chemicals, the producer saved $10,000 in pulling costs.

Its fifth benefit is as a troubleshooting tool. Many times, wells that are not monitored can be in a failure state for days before anyone notices, causing great losses in production. Nalco/Exxon's program identifies failures immediately, allowing quick repairs and return to profitability.

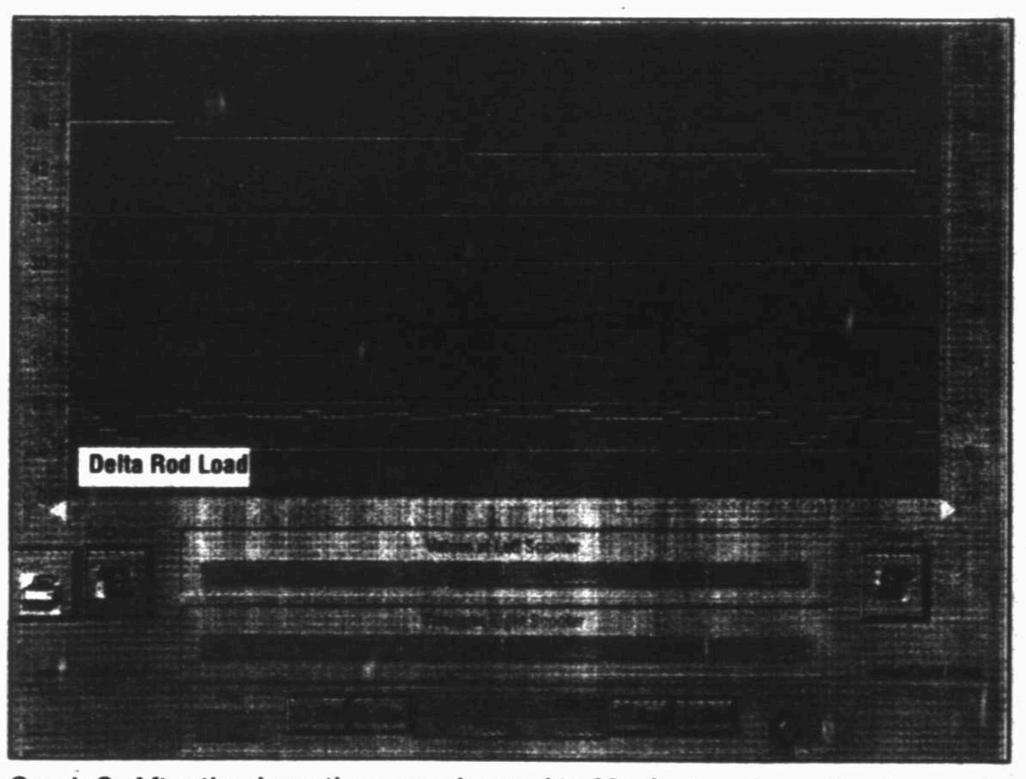
"Ideally, by monitoring a well's four basic parameters, we can even head off failures before they happen," says Horn, "meaning that the well's only downtime would be during the repair itself."

Therein could be a tremendous saving from Nalco/Exxon's new program.

Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L. P., headquartered in Sugar Land, Texas, is a worldwide supplier of specialty chemicals and services used in oil exploration, distribution and refining. For more information call Todd Horn at (281) 263-7716.



Graph B tracks one well's unexplained, repeated delta rod load alarms (bottom red line). It was operating 48 percent of the time and down time between cycles was 10 minutes.



Graph C: After the down time was changed to 30 minutes, the well only experienced two alarms over a 24 hour period (bottom red line). Under the new parameters established by Nalco/Exxon's statistical process control software, the well maintained the same production rate as before, but now running 42 percent of the time. This allowed significant savings in power used and in equipment wear.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Galvin, retiring president of Chevron Inc., atten ceremonies in Singapore in which Chevron's newest tanker wa named for Galvin. Chevron executives, including Galvin and Ke Derr, chairman of Chevron, will be honored February 4, at th Midland Wildcatter's Reception at the Petroleum Club. Galvin wi be replaced by P.J. Peter Robertson, who will become the ne Chevron president.

UPR announces record capital budget for 1997

FORT WORTH --Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. announced its 1997 capital budget and it has been set at $1,035 million. The 1997 budget represents an 18 percent increase from actual expenditures of approximately $880 million in 1996 and is the largest capital expenditure budget in the Company's history.

Development spending in 1997 is expected to total $482 million, which represents an increase of approximately $57 million from 1996 expenditures. Budgeted exploratory expenditures including drilling, lease acquisition and seismic projects are expected to total $272 million in 1997 which is an increase of 6 percent from 1996 expenditures. The 1997 capital budget also includes $156 million for gas value chain assets, which include gas processing plants, pipelines and marketing.

On a geographic basis, approximately $390 million or 38 percent of the capital budget has been earmarked for exploration and development activities in the Austin Chalk business unit, where the Company will continue its active horizontal drilling program. Although this total is essentially even with 1996, the amount of capital budgeted for drilling is expected to increase by about $40 million to $248 million in 1997, offset by lower anticipated spending on acquisition of new acreage.

The Gulf Coast business unit, which is actively involved in exploration utilizing 3-D seismic data, is expected to invest about $150 million in 1997 which is an increase of $25 million from 1996 expenditures. The increase is driven by higher anticipated drilling expenditures. The Company plans to invest approximately $110 million in exploration and development projects in the East and South Texas business unit. A key focus for this group in 1997 will be exploring for pinnacle reefs in the Cotton Valley trend of East Texas, where the Company has accumulated 275,000 net acres.

"Our capital budget for 1997 represents an all-time high for the Company and should enable us to increase our production volumes and reserves," said Jack L. Messman, chairman and chief executive officer.

Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. is one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas exploration and production companies. Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, UPR is the 1 domestic driller.

PITTS: Adding value in the Basin

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not a debilitating disadvantage. Manufacturers tend to locate in areas of high population where they can reach more customers with smaller trucks and fewer miles. But for a manufacturing plant in South Carolina, where some of Rexene polymers go, shipping to California can be more expensive than shipping from Midland or Odessa. Being located in the middle of the United States can be a genuine transportation advantage, as several local manufacturers have testified. And, not to be overlooked is the advantage of being within a rock's throw of a petrochemical complex producing polymer beads for manufacturing.

If the Permian Basin is having a difficult time diversifying, perhaps its because no one is trying to capture the value added market. We export our petroleum commodities to create value-added jobs elsewhere, but keep only extraction jobs for ourselves. Lamesa sends its cotton to South Carolina to be made into blue jeans. San Angelo sends its mohair to England to be made into sweaters. Midland-Odessa sends its petroleum and petroleum products to the Houston Ship Channel to be made into plastics and chemicals. Rexene ships its polymers all across the U.S. to be made into hundreds of products from medical tubes to diapers.

It is a self-defeating trade formula that needs to be addressed by the civic and industry leaders of the Permian Basin.

John Paul Pitts is editor of the Permian Basin Oil Report.

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Case History #197

TYPE OF JOB: Clean-out injection wells with HES Coiled Tubing Unit.

LOCATION OF JOB: Andrews Co., TX.

CUSTOMER CHALLENGE:
To economically clean out injection wells to evaluate injection profiles and increase injection performance.

HALLIBURTON SOLUTION:
Halliburton recommended using a coiled tubing unit and jet nozzle to clean tubing and perforated interval, flow back iron sulfide deposits and spot 15% HCL acid.

MAJOR OBSTACLES:
Four wells have 2.375" ceramic lined tubing and two wells have 2.0625" ceramic lined tubing.

JOB DETAILS & PROCEDURE:
Rig up HES body load Coiled Tubing unit with 1.25" coiled tubing on well and trip into hole, circulating fresh water. Once through packer, increase rate to jet iron sulfide and scale deposits to surface pit. Make four to five passes to insure no fill covering perforations. Spot 800-2000 gallons of 15% HCL acid on perforations and trip out of hole with coiled tubing and move to next well. On the smaller diameter tubing HES spliced 500' of 1" coiled tubing on the bottom and changed the annular BOP for positive pressure control.

DETAILS OF JOB:

County:	Andrews
Well Depth:	±4500 ft
BHST:	115° F
Formation:	Grayburg
Services Used:	Coiled Tubing and acid services
Equipment Used:	Body load Coiled Tubing Unit

RESULTS:
All six wells were cleaned up and after acid, injection rates increased on four of six wells. On the two that did not increase it was determined that more acid was needed.

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL:
Customer said that this was a very economical way to clean out injection wells without losing pressure in the field. It also eliminates possible mechanical contingencies associated with conventional pulling machines even if you own your pulling units.

UNIQUENESS OF JOB:
Two of the wells had small ID packers and HES spliced enough 1" coiled tubing on to the 1.25" tubing to clean out these wells with the same unit.

FUTURE WORK:
This customer will continue to use this method because of the cost savings encountered.

INFORMATION TO DETERMINE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE CUSTOMER:

Cost Analysis:

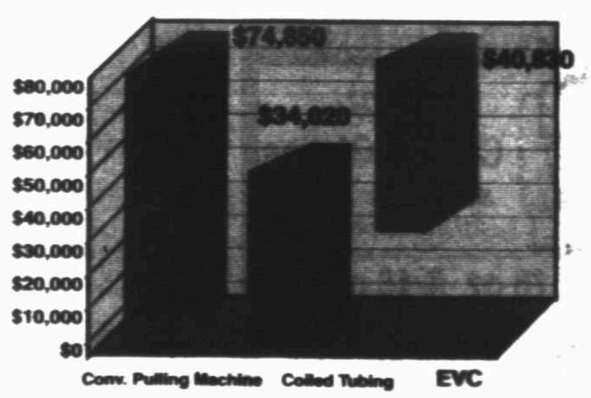
Conventional Pulling Machine:

4 days @ $1500/Day	$6,000.00
Reverse unit for 2 days @ $650/day	$1,300.00
Trucking Fee	$ 200.00
Packer Redress	$ 300.00
Water Hauling 4 Loads	$1,000.00
Dig Flowback Pit	$ 400.00
BOP Rental	$ 200.00
Work string rental 4500' @ $.05/day x 3 days	$ 675.00
Trucking work string	$ 400.00
Packer for acid job	$ 500.00
1000 gallons acid	$1,500.00
TOTAL PER WELL	**$12,475.00**
SIX WELL TOTAL	**$74,850.00**

COILED TUBING WORK OVER WITH ACID TREATMENT:

Coiled Tubing Unit per well with Acid Service	$5,000.00
Flow back Tank rental @ $170/week	$ 170.00
Water hauling @ $250/load	$ 500.00
TOTAL PER WELL	**$ 5,670.00**
SIX WELL TOTAL	**$34,020.00**

Benefit Analysis:
Economic Value To The Customer **$40,830.00**



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Key Energy status grows stronger with acquisitions

By Jeff Limbacher
Staff Writer

Formerly the Yankee Co., Key Energy is like the Phoenix rising from the ashes. Walking out of bankruptcy in the early 80's with only 78 rigs, the company is now the third largest well service co. in the U.S., says Francis D. John, chairman and chief executive officer of Key Energy.

Key announced this week that it had acquired the assets of an Oklahoma trucking and well service subsidiary of an undisclosed company for $2.7 million. "The seller requested to remain anonymous John said.

The assets acquired include three well service rigs, 21 trucks, 32 trailers, 40 frac tanks, construction equipment, vehicles and two saltwater disposal wells, and brings the total number of rigs owned by Key to 402.

The trucking assets expand current MidContinent trucking operations in Western Oklahoma and the two disposal wells are located close to existing yards.

"This acquisition continues the company's strategy to be a major consolidator of the domestic well services industry," said John. "With this acquisition's trucks, frac tanks, disposal wells and ancillary services, the company will be able to improve its margin by adding other services for its existing customers as well as by expanding our customer base."

John said the company plans more acquisitions "very similar to the ones in the last 3 or 4 months. Our strategy is to continue to grow, make are shareholders happy, and create an environment that keeps our employees motivated."

It is a strategy that could almost come out of a military handbook on tactics. "We have a very simple approach, look for small rigs and related services and integrate them into are present operations," John said.

Key Energy has operations in Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, the Appalachian Region and Argentina. Fifty percent of its operations and activities are based in the Permian Basin. "We have a major commitment to the West Texas market," said John. He sees the market continuing its prolific drive for the next ten years, and credits it to the producers finding new ways to produce oil and gas at lower costs.

John also says that Key Energy is going for a bundled approach in the service field in order to offer customers the fullest and widest range of services as well as keeping the well sites more efficient and cost effective."

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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UM CO CANCELLED on 09/29/96.PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4642 (Tubb).NL: 08/31/94. API# 42-103-33511. ID# T-463188

ECTOR COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ HOLT BOBBY #1001
VENTEAM (ELLENBURGER)- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 1N sec 10, A-999, 810 fsl 71.. fwl of sec, 810 fsl 1930 fel of lse. 480 acre lse. (A-999 originally known as G H Kilpatrick #22) EL: 3086 GR. Obj: 13500 (Ellenburger).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481012

TITAN RESOURCES INC
■ FOSTER NORTH UNIT #155
FOSTER- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 42 twp 1S sec 43, A-105, 330 fsl 1845 fwl of sec, 2310 fnl 1845 fwl of unit. 2002.00 acre unit. 6 mi NW of Odessa. EL: 2969 GR. Obj: 4200 test.NL: 01/08/97. Permit# 456967. API# 42-135-37374. ID# T-481030

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1183A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 35 twp 5S sec 19, 1980 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 5969 fnl 5994 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 118) 6 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2691 GR. Obj: 8260 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480932

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1184A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 35 twp 5S sec 19, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 7269 fnl 6001 fel of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 118) 7 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2690 GR. Obj: 8240 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480924

MARTIN COUNTY

ODESSA EXPL INC
■ LOUDER #4
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 1N sec 45, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 7 mi NW of Stanton. Obj: 9500 test.NL: 01/08/97. ID# T-481032

MITCHELL COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ WESTBROOK NORTH UNIT #2601
WESTBROOK- RE-ENTRY D, T & P RY CO sur blk 28 twp 1N sec 11, 330 fsl 330 fel of sec, 10230 fnl 5610 fel of unit. 7979 acre unit. 6 mi NW of Westbrook. PRESENT OPERTIONS: Obj: 3100 test.NL: 01/02/97. API# 42-335-01662. ID# T-480933

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ WESTBROOK NORTH UNIT #6620W
WESTBROOK- RE-ENTRY SP, T & P RY CO sur blk 28 twp 1N sec 21, 650 fsl 2300 fel of sec, 15190 fnl 12660 fel of unit. 7979 acre unit. 7 mi NW of Westbrook. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 3250 test.NL: 01/02/97. API# 42-335-31662. ID# T-480934

STERLING COUNTY

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORP
■ MCENTIRE 34 #8
CONGER (PENNSYLVANIAN)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 23 sec 34, 2200 fnl 2000 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 10 mi NW of Sterling City. EL: 2485 GR. Obj: 7700 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-480965

WARD COUNTY

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ HALL J G 97 #1
RHODA WALKER (CANYON 5100)- DEEPEN D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 97, A-226, 2310 fnwl 2310 fswl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 4 mi NW of Pyote. Geomap: 1-12N 26W Summary Original Drill: Oper: WESTERN RESERVES OIL CO Field: RHODA WALKER.TD: 7013.P&A on 12/18/87

WINKLER COUNTY

B C OPERATING INC
■ MCCUTCHEN W A #2S
KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- DEEPEN D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 15, A-1941, 440 fsl 2200 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1941 originally known as William A McCutchen) 5 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Original Drill: Oper: FALCON COMPANY PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4700 (San Andres).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481011

B C OPERATING INC
■ MCCUTCHEN W A #3S
KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- DEEPEN D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 15, A-1941, 440 fsl 1320 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1941 originally known as William A McCutcheon) 5 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Original Drill: Oper: FALCON COMPANY Well: #8.PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4700 (San Andres).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T 481010

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DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ NEELEY - B UNIT #A5
NAVIGATOR (TANNEHILL B)- D, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 165, A-89, 800 fsl 467 fel of sec, and unit. 40 acre unit. (Rule 37 exception granted) 9.5 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2143 GR. Obj: 4800 (Tannehill B).NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 456957. API# 42-125 30623. ID# T-481009

GAINES COUNTY

BLANCO OIL CO
■ CHERRY ESTATE #1
TEX-MEX SE (WICHITA ALBANY)-RE-ENTRY D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-28 sec 13, A-524, 660 fnl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 24 mi SW of Seminole. Geomap: 6-21N-25W Summary Original Drill: Oper: PETROLEUM TECHNICAL SERV Well: CHERRY EST #1.EL: 3497 KB.TD: 7750.P&A on 11/14/91

GARZA COUNTY

WHEELER OPERATING CORP
■ CONNELL ARLENE #15W
ARLENE (GLORIETA)- SP, G H & H RY CO sur blk 5 sec 66, 1320 fsl 2640 fel of sec, and lse. 360 acre lse. 7 mi ELY of Post. Obj: 5000 (Glorieta).NL: 01/07/97. ID# T-481007

HOCKLEY COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD OIL SERV INC
■ ARMES W T ET AL #2001A
ROPES- RE-ENTRY WP, WILBARGER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 694 fnl 694 fwl of lab 25 lge 5 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. 6 mi S of Smyer. Summary Original Drill: Oper: HONOLULU/SIGNAL O&G Well: ARMES J E - B #1.TD: 9505.PR SENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3406 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480928

SPRINGFIELD OIL SERV INC
■ HARPER J C #1308
ROPES- WP, HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 525 fsl 1200 fwl of lab 21 lge 14 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. 6 mi S of Smyer. EL: 3412 GR. Obj: 11500 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480927

SPRINGFIELD OIL SERV INC
■ MATTHEWS T H #1104
ROPES- WP, HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 900 fsl 1250 fwl of lab 11 lge 13 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. 6 mi S of Smyer. EL: 3378 GR. Obj: 11500 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480926

SPRINGFIELD OIL SERV INC
■ NEWSOME L D #504
ROPES- WP, WILBARGER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 750 fsl 525 fwl of lab 8 lge 5 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. 6 mi S of Smyer. EL: 3374 GR. Obj: 11500 test.NL: 01/02/97. ID# T-480925

SPRINGFIELD OIL SERV INC
■ OWEN J E #2401A
ROPES- PLUG BACK WP, WILBARGER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 530 fsl 859 fwl of lab 15 lge 5 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. 6.5 mi N of Ropesville. Summary Plug Back: CANCELLED on 09/07/95.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3405 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 04/09/93. API# 42-219-01289. ID# T-458364

KING COUNTY

WESTICO ENERGY CO
■ SIMPSON #8
BEE WRIGHT- WP, H & T C RY CO sur blk F sec 126, A-746, 1995 fsl 1578 fel of sec, 1995 fsl 1130 fel of lse. 410 acre lse. (A-746 originally known as J S Craighead) 13 mi S of Guthrie. EL: 1769 GR. Obj: 3500 test.NL: 01/06/97. Permit# 456812. API# 42-269-32250. ID# T 480966

LUBBOCK COUNTY

THOMAS RESOURCES CORP
■ BROADVIEW WEST UNIT #402
BROADVIEW WEST (CLEAR FORK)- D, E L & R R RY CO sur blk JS sec 30, A-910, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 3300 fnl 1980 fwl of unit. 880 acre unit. (A-910 originally known as John Wolfarth) 6 mi NW of Lubbock. EL: 3298 GR. Obj: 5750 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456820. API# 42-303-31352. ID# T 480955

THOMAS RESOURCES CORP
■ BROADVIEW WEST UNIT #503
BROADVIEW WEST (CLEAR FORK)- D, E L & R R RY CO sur blk JS sec 30, A-910, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 3300 fsl 3300 fwl of unit. 880 acre unit. (A-910 originally known as John Wolfarth) 6 mi NW of Lubbock. EL: 3300 GR. Obj: 5750 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456823. API# 42-303-31355. ID# T 480954

THOMAS RESOURCES CORP
■ BROADVIEW WEST UNIT #603
BROADVIEW WEST (CLEAR FORK)- D, E L & R R RY CO sur blk JS sec 30, A-910, 660 fnl 1980 fel of sec, and unit. 880 acre unit. (A-910 originally known as John Wolfarth) 6 mi NW of Lubbock. EL: 3304 GR. Obj: 5750 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456821. API# 42-303-31353. ID# T-480953

THOMAS RESOURCES CORP
■ BROADVIEW WEST UNIT #703
BROADVIEW WEST (CLEAR FORK)- D, E L & R R RY CO sur blk JS sec 30, A-910, 660 fnl 660 fel of sec, and unit. 880 acre unit. (A-910 originally known as John Wolfarth) 6 mi NW of Lubbock. EL: 3284 GR. Obj: 5750 (Clear Fork).NL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456822. API# 42-303-31354. ID# T-480952

SCURRY COUNTY

BAYTECH INC
■ TAYLOR 48 #2
MIRAGE (STRAWN)- D, H & G N RY CO sur blk 3 sec 48, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 2.25 mi ELY of Dunn. EL: 2262 GR. Obj: 7900 (Strawn).NL: 01/08/97. ID# T-481029

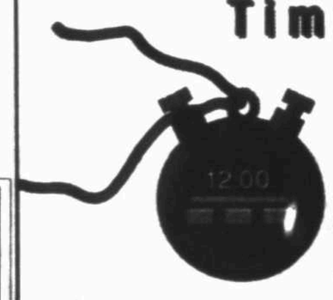
COCKRELL PROD CO INC
■ WHITE #1 -
HERMLEIGH (STRAWN)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 3 sec 90, 1667 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 11 mi SE of Snyder. EL: 2364 GR. Obj: 7700 (Strawn).NL: 01/08/97. ID# T-481045

PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
■ SACROC UNIT #11-11A -
KELLY-SNYDER- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 449, A-2067, 1392 fsl 1147 fwl of sec, 7575 fnl 7850 fwl of unit. 49860 acre unit. (A-2067 orig nally known as Thomas Martin) (Located in tract 11) 10 mi N of Snyder. EL: 2472 GR. Obj: 7200 test.NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 456646. API# 42-415-33524. ID# T- 481004

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY INC
■ KEY #1 -
LAKE THOMAS EAST- WP, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 126, 1851 fnl 1116 fr most Ely wl of sec, 1851 fnl 1116 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. 6 mi S.W of Ira. Obj: 7900 test.NL: 01/06/97. ID# T-480989.

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TERRELL COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ GOODE BROWN BASSETT #2
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- DG, T C RY CO sur blk Y sec 217, A-891, 500 fsl 1700 fel of sec, 1480 fsl 1700 fel of lse. 704 acre lse. (A-891 originally known as J D McCaughan) 30 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2446 GR. Obj: 6350 (Wolfcamp).NL: 09/18/96. Permit# 452689. API# 42-443-30675. ID# T-476306.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 09/18/96.TD: 6220 on 09/23/96.PB: 6149.Compl: on 11/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 5480-5966 (Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Wolfcamp 5480-5966) CAOF 1507 MCFGPD -- F 1216 MCFGPD grav .695 on 18/64 ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 742, SITP 1459, SICP 230, BHSIP 1739, BHT141 F @ 5723, SLOPE 0.690 Four Point: 470 MCFGPD on 11/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1319, BHP 1572, 758 MCFGPD on 13/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1151, BHP1376, 1033 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 923, BHP 1119, 1216 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 742, BHP 922

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ MITCHELL - 11 #4
PAKENHAM (WOLFCAMP)- DG, C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk 1 sec 11, A-90, 537 fsl 2735 fel of sec, and lse. 726.6 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Sheffield. EL: 2722 KB. Obj: 10500 test.NL: 06/25/96. Permit# 449590. API# 42-443-30661. ID# T 476500.Contr: Nabors #715. Spud: 07/13/96 Mud drlg. TD: 9972 on 07/23/96 in thrusted Wolfcamp.PB: 9830.Compl: on 11/19/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 9680-9700 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wolfcamp 9680-9700) CAOF 2000 MCFGPD -- F 854 MCFGPD grav .662 on 11/64 ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 1583, SITP 1823, SICP 1643, BHSIP 2324, BHT 185 F @ 9690, SLOPE 0.625 Four Point: 272 MCFGPD on 5/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1797, BHP 2290, 394 MCFGPD on 7/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1761, BHP2243, 586 MCFGPD on 9/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1683, BHP 2141, 854 MCFGPD on 11/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1583, BHP 2008

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ MITCHELL 11 #3
PAKENHAM- WPG, C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk 1 sec 11, A-90, 711 fnl 1825 fel of sec, and lse. 726.8 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Sheffield. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 467 fnl 1566 fel of sec. 11 -- and lse. EL: 2722 KB. Obj: 12500 test.NL: 04/12/96. Permit# 446745. API# 42-443-30621. ID# T-474923.Contr: Nabors Drlg #715. Spud: 04/12/96 Mud drlg. TD: 11880 on 05/29/96 in 2nd Strawn.PB: 11070.Compl: on 11/20/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 10770-10785 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 10770-10785) CAOF 1650 MCFGPD -- F no oil, SITP 1615, BHSIP 2101 Four Point: 284 MCFGPD on 5/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1580, BHP 2056, 401 MCFGPD on 7/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1542, BHP 2004, 615 MCFGPD on 9/64ck in 60 min, FTP 1468, BHP 1904, 841 MCFGPD on 11/64 ck in 60 min, FTP1343, BHP 1733 Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ POULTER #3802
SOUTH BRANCH (STRAWN)- DD, T C RY CO sur blk 1 sec 38, A-1687, 587 fnl 543 fel of sec, 800 fnel 6426 fnl of lse. 4602.54 acre lse. (A-1687 originally known as J J Nance) 25 mi SW of Sheffield. EL: 2512 GR. Obj: 10500 (Strawn).NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455524. API# 42-443-30702. ID# T-480101.Contr: Wes Tex Drlg #6. Spud: 11/26/96 Air drlg. TD: 10600 on 12/29/96.P&A on 01/01/97.(Last Info: 01/02/97)Notes: (Replaces API #42-443-30502)

UPTON COUNTY

EXXON CO USA
■ MCELROY RANCH CO 130 #29
WILSHIRE (CONSOLIDATED)- PLUG BACK DG, C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk D sec 130, A-1464, 1984 fsl 1996 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fel of lse. 7410.45 acre lse. (A-1464 originally known as J T McElroy) (Rule 37 exception granted) 10.5 mi E of Crane. Summary Original Drill: Field: WILSHIRE (ELLENBURGER).Compl: OIL

THOMPSON J CLEO
■ HALFF 84 #1
AMACKER TIPPETT SW (WOL CAMP)- PLUG BACK DO; G C & S F RY CO sur blk Y sec 84, A-867, 1999 fsl 992 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi NW of Rankin. Summary Original Drill: Field: AMACKER TIPPETT SW (BEND).Compl: on 12/09/96 OIL.P Zone: 10203-10207 (Bend) IP: (Bend 10203-10207) P 47 BOPD grav 41.4, 60 MCFGPD; 67 BWPD

ANDREWS COUNTY

B T A OIL PRODUCERS
■ BLOCK 9 9015 JV-P #2
ANDREWS SOUTH (WOLFCAMP)- PLUG BACK D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 9 sec 38, 467 fsl 1650 fel of sec, 467 fsl 990 fwl of lse. 161 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 15 mi S of Andrews. Summary Original Drill: Field: BLOCK 9 (FUSSELMAN).EL: 3115 KB.TD: 12690.Compl: on 08/04/92 OIL.P Zone: 11844-11864 (Fusselman) IP: P 100 BOPD; 160 MCFGPD; no wtr

ALLEDER INC
■ KNIGHT GENE #1
NIX SOUTH- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-41 sec 10, A-1618, 1787 fsl 467 fel of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. (A-1618 originally known as Bell C Richardson) 11 mi W of Andrews. EL: 3245 GR. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 09/09/96. Permit# 451347. API# 42-003-37949. ID# T 477476.Contr: Riley #11. Spud: 09/15/96.TD: 7300 on 10/03/96.Compl: on 11/16/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)P Zone: 6811-6856 (Iw Clear Fork) IP: (Iw Clear Fork 6811-6856) P 12 BOPD grav 34; 3 MCFGPD; 9 BWPD

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP
■ BLOCK NORTH 12 #11
BLOCK A-49- WPD; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-49 sec 4, A-2167, 895 fsl 657 fwl of sec, 895 ft N'ly sl 3396 fwl of lse. 640 acre lse. (A-2167 originally known as Heber Skinner) 24 mi NW of Andrews. Obj: 12000 test.NL: 11/06/96. Permit# 454938. API# 42-003-38061. ID# T-479721.Contr: Patterson #41. Spud: 11/09/96 Mud drlg. TD: 12206 on 01/01/97.P&A on 01/02/97.(Last Info: 01/03/97)

CRANE COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
■ HENDERSON M F #176
JORDAN SOUTH- DEEPEN WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-23 sec 6, A-1079, 660 fnl 1525 fel of sec, 660 fnl 3759 fwl of lse. 2548 acre lse. (A-1079 originally known as M F Henderson) 17 mi NW of Crane. Summary Original Drill: Oper: PENNZOIL PETROLEUM CO Field: JORDAN SOUTH (DEVONIAN).EL: 2809 KB.TD: 9785.Compl: on 08/04/95 OIL.P Zone: 7296-7341 (Devonian) gross interval IP: (Devonian 7296-7341) F 358 BOPD grav 44; 240 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck; no wtr; FTP 1100

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SAGEBRUSH #1
ABELL (DEVONIAN)- DD; H & T C RY CO sur blk 1 sec 17, A-111, 730 fnwl 2200 fnel of sec, 864 fnel 638 fsel of unit. 809 acre unit. 5 mi NE of Imperial. EL: 2403 GR. Obj: 5900 (Devonian).NL: 04/25/96. Permit# 447437. API# 42-103-34425. ID# T 475236.Contr: Riley #3. Spud: 05/13/96 Mud drlg. TD: 5417 on 05/30/96.P&A on 10/11/96.(Last Info: 01/02/97)

ECTOR COUNTY

MARATHON OIL CO
■ RIGEL #1
ORION- PLUG BACK WP; T & P RY CO sur blk 43 sec 24, A-755, 1834 fsl 797 fel of sec, 805 fnl 797 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-755 originally known as E A Kelly) 8 mi S of Odessa. Summary Original Drill: Field: ORION (WOLFCAMP).EL: 2966 KB.TD: 10450 in Benton.Compl: on 09/11/94 OIL.P Zone: 9385-9485 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wolfcamp 9385-9485) F 61 BOPD; 610 MCFGPD; 22 BWPD

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■ CUMMINS H E - C #10R
GOLDSMITH (CLEAR FORK)- DO; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A sec 10, A-1256, 660 fsl 2077 fel of sec, 660 fsl 560 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-1256 originally known as H E Cummins) 5 mi NW of Goldsmith. EL: 3175 GR. Obj: 6600 (Clear Fork).NL: 08/27/96. Permit# 451894. API# 42-135-37255. ID# T-477875.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 11/05/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6450 on 11/16/96.Compl: on 01/01/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/07/97)P Zone: 5502-6295 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5502-6295) P 28 BOPD, 35 MCFGPD, 140 BWPD

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ HOLT - A #1501
VENTEAM (ELLENBURGER)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 1N sec 15, A-166, 467 fnl 1120 fwl of sec, and lse. 240 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 4 mi NW of Goldsmith. EL: 3087 GR. Obj: 13500 (Ellenburger).NL: 12/20/95. Permit# 442911. API# 42-135-37146. ID# T-472589.Contr: Gene Sledge #11. Spud: 10/07/96 Mud drlg. TD: 13057 on 11/08/96 in Ellenburger.Compl: on 12/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 12995-13057 (Ellenburger) IP: (Ellenburger 12995-13057) P 82 BOPD; 24 MCFGPD; no wtr

T M B R/SHARP DRLG INC
■ EDWARDS - B #5
DOUBLE H- WPO; T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 3S sec 20, A-969, 640 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 660 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-969 originally known as Mrs C J Reid) 10 mi SW of Odessa. EL: 3032 GR. Obj: 4800 test.NL: 07/22/96. Permit# 450269. API# 42-135-37233. ID# T-477026.Contr: T M B R/Sharp. Spud: 07/23/96.TD: 4502 in Grayburg.Compl: on 11/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 4217-4295 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 4217-4295) P 23 BOPD, 19 MCFGPD, 60 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

T M B R/SHARP DRLG INC
■ EDWARDS B II #5
DOUBLE H- WPO; T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 3S sec 29, A-239, 959 fnl 503 fel of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 10 mi SW of Odessa. EL: 3029 GR. Obj: 8000 test.NL: 07/17/96. Permit# 449882. API# 42-135-37230. ID# T-476946.Contr: T M B R/Sharp #17. Spud: 07/11/96.TD: 6655 on 07/21/96 in Grayburg.PB: 4518.Compl: on 10/06/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)P Zone: 4371-4425 (Grayburg) IP: (Grayburg 4371-4425) P 20 BOPD; 16 MCFGPD; 73 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

ARKLAND PRODUCING CO INC
■ BUTLER #3
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- PLUG BACK DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 3S sec 16, A-925, 944 fnl 1799 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-925 originally known as Lewis Boatner) 16.5 mi NW of Garden City. Geomap: 7-16N-15W Summary Original Drill: Oper: ORYX ENERGY CO Wes: ALMA WEYMAN #1.Field: S F M (STRAWN).EL: 2586 GR.TD: 10250 in Strawn.Compl: on 07/01/88 GAS P Zone: 10100-10250 (Strawn) IP: CAOF 500 MCFGPD -- F 53 BCPD grav 49, 337 MCFGPD grav .825 on 18/64 ck; 6 BWPD, FTP 400, CP 2000 -- Four Point: 147 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 105 min, FTP 2733, BHP 4731, 333 MCFGPD on 9/64 ck in 240 min, FTP 2215, BHP 4043, 319 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 195 min, FTP 1961, BHP 3632, 343 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck in 90 min, FTP 1865, BHP 3470, SITP 2629, BHSIP 4819, BHT 190 F @ 10,102, SLOPE .499

COASTAL PLAINS ENERGY INC
■ CLARK #1
WILDCAT- WO, T & P RY CO sur blk 35 twp 4S sec 12, A-946, 2228 fnl 2103 fwl of sec, 467 fnl 538 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-946 originally known as Stephen Calvently Jr) 6 mi W of Garden City. EL: 2725 KB. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 03/12/96. Permit# 445743. API# 42-173-32611. ID# T-474236.Contr: Wes Tex #9. Spud: 04/30/96.TD: 8277 on 05/20/96.PB: 8208.Compl: on 11/28/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/03/97)P Zone: 8178-8202 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wolfcamp 8178-8202) P 29 BOPD grav 39, 22 MCFGPD, no wtr Notes: (Possible new field discovery)

MARTIN COUNTY

PERMIAN CONSULTANT MGMT
■ WHEELER 2 #2-1
WILDCAT- RE-ENTRY W, T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 1S sec 2, 1800 fsl 1700 fwl of sec, 499 fsl 1700 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. 1.5 mi N of Stanton. Geomap: 8-18N-15W Summary Original Drill: Oper: HENDON EXPL INC Wes: WHEELER 2 #1.Field: SPRABERRY (LWR WOLFCAMP).EL: 2728 KB.TD: 11482 in Strawn.Compl: on 04/21/86 OIL.P Zone: 8773-9100 IP: P 12 BOPD grav 38, 35 MCFGPD, 15 BWPD

ACCELL NATURAL GAS CO
■ COWDEN #1
WILDCAT- W, T & P RY CO sur blk 39 twp 1N sec 5, A-725, 1320 fsl 660 fel of sec, 660 fnel 3960 fnwl of lse. 978.75 acre lse. 22 mi W of Stanton. EL: 2906 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 12/17/96. Permit# 456234. API# 42-317-34064. ID# T-480568.ABND LOC on 01/06/97.(Last Info: 01/06/97)

ACCELL NATURAL GAS CO
■ JOHNSON #2
WILDCAT- W, T & P RY CO sur blk 39 sec 4, A-725, 3300 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 660 fswl 5940 fsel of lse. 978.75 acre lse. 22 mi W of Stanton. EL: 2901 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 12/17/96. Permit# 456241. API# 42-317-34065. ID# T-480587.ABND LOC on 01/06/97.(Last Info: 01/06/97)

STEPHENS AUTRY C
■ KELLY #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 twp 1S sec 5, A-197, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 400 acre lse. 1 mi N of Stanton. EL: 2733 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 08/08/96. Permit# 451278. API# 42-317-34042. ID# T-477442.Contr: J S M #1. Spud: 08/20/96.TD: 9400 on 09/02/96.PB: 9293.Compl: on 11/24/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/02/97)P Zone: 7248-9252 (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp) IP: (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp 7248-9252) P 26 BOPD grav 39.2, 31 MCFGPD; 106BWPD

MIDLAND COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ BRYANT - G- 'DEVONIAN UNIT #29H
BRYANT - G- (DEVONIAN)- HORIZONTAL DG, T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 2S sec 35, A-869, 2554 fnl 1131 fwl of sec, 2554 fnl 4146 fel of unit. 5225.1 acre unit. 9 mi SW of Midland. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2044 fsl 705 fel of sec. Coord: X= 1439852.000 Y= 811734.000.-- 3254 fnl 705 fel of lse. ACTUAL @ 15349 MD: 205 N 3460 E of surf loc. (TVD: 11904) PROJECTED @ TD: 210 N 3494 E of surf loc. (TVD: 11905) -- Survey ran by Phoenix Drlg Services. EL: 2618 KB. Obj: 12360 (Devonian).NL: 10/03/96. Permit# 453029. API# 42-329-33207-01. ID# T 478716.Contr: Nabors #303. Spud: 09/28/96.TD: 15384 on 11/07/96.Compl: on 12/15/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 12025-15384 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 12025-15384) CAOF 4968 MCFGPD -- F 98 BCPD grav 54.7, 3405 MCFGPD grav .795 on 30/64 ck, 124 BWPD, FTP 500, SITP 1284, BHSIP 2275, BHT 222 F @ 11905, SLOPE 1.000 Four Point: 3405 MCFGPD on 30/64 ck in 1440 min, FTP 500, BHP 1276, 2749 MCFGPD on 30/64 ck in 720 min, FTP 515, BHP 1148, 2242 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck in 120 min, FTP 836, BHP 1546, 1511 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck in 180 min, FTP 1020, BHP 1797 Notes: (Operator set CIBP @ 11813 and kicked off existing vertical wellbore reference ID #465812 completed gas well 4/18/95, for horizontal drainhole #1)

PECOS COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ LA ESCALERA 49D LTD TRC IV #1
ELSINORE (WOLFCAMP)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 49, A 1830, 2597 fsl 591 fwl of sec, and lse. 652.3 acre lse. 23 mi S of Ft Stockton. BHLoc: ACTUAL @ 8600 MD: 93 S 31 W of surf loc. (TVD: 8597) -- Survey ran by Scientific Drlg International. EL: 3987 KB. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 05/15/96. Permit# 448129. API# 42-371-36605. ID# T-475573.Contr: Nabors #353. Spud: 06/01/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6725 on 06/30/96.PB: 7886.Compl: on 10/04/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/07/97)P Zone: 7171-7185 (Wolfcamp ss) IP: (Wolfcamp ss 7171-7185) CAOF 5218 MCFGPD -- F 5 BCPD grav 69.3; 2874 MCFGPD grav .8560 on 17/64 ck; 1 BWPD; FTP 1632, FCP 940, SITP 2473, BHSIP 3035, BHT 158 F @ 7178, SLOPE 0.819 Four Point: 1382 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 2190, BHP 2716, 2171 MCFGPD on 13/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1954, BHP 2472, 2686 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1758, BHP 2278, 2874 MCFGPD on 17/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1632, BHP 2153

WARD COUNTY

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ SEALY GEORGE 41 #6
MAGNOLIA SEALY SOUTH- WPO; G & M M B & A sur blk F sec 41, A-17, 1650 fsl 990 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi W of Wickett. Obj: 3000 test.NL: 10/24/96. Permit# 453849. API# 42-475-34413. ID# T-479273.Contr: Riley #3. Spud: 11/06/96 Mud drlg. TD: 2980 on 11/11/96.Compl: on 01/07/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 2727 2834 gross interval IP: (2727-2834) P 41 BOPD; 68 MCFGPD; 40 BWPD

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ SEALY GEORGE 41 #7
MAGNOLIA SEALY SOUTH- WPO; G M M B & A sur blk F sec 41, A-17, 2310 fnl 990 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi W of Wickett. Obj: 3000 test.NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 453850. API# 42-475-34414. ID# T-479339.Contr: Riley. Spud: 10/27/96 Mud drlg. TD: 2995 on 11/03/96.Compl: on 01/07/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/08/97)P Zone: 2730 2840 (Yates) gross interval IP: (Yates 2730-2840) P 21 BOPD, 30 MCFGPD, 38 BWPD

COMPLETIONS/14

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Magnum announces horizontal success and New Austin Chalk drilling program

IRVING, Texas, Jan. 10, 1997--(SWN)--Magnum Petroleum, Inc. ("Magnum") (AMEX: MPM) announced today the successful completion of the No. 1 Brown Morgan re-entry well in Fayette County, Texas. A new lateral recently drilled from this wellbore has averaged approximately 120 BOE (barrels of oil equivalent) per day from the Austin Chalk formation over a 31 day producing period beginning December 1, 1996. Magnum owns a 25% working interest in the property. This is the first well in a development program expected to involve approximately fifteen wells over the next few years in an area where Magnum and its partner own over 12,000 gross mineral acres. A second re-entry has been approved by the working interest owners and is scheduled to begin this month.

Commenting on the Company's plans, Mr. Matthew C. Lutz, Vice Chairman and Exploration Manager, stated "Our recent success supports the Company's business plan to exploit proved undeveloped reserves acquired in conjunction with our purchase of producing properties over the last several years. The new laterals from existing boreholes are designed to produce undeveloped reserves at less than half the cost of drilling new wells. The success of this recent lateral completion confirms our geological concept and enhances the potential to establish additional reserves and production in this field."

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COMPLETIONS

(From 13)

WINKLER COUNTY

I P PETROLEUM CO INC
■ UNIVERSITY 45 #2
WAR-WINK (CHERRY CANYON)-DO, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 21 sec 43, 467 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 711 fsl 650 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 5 mi SW of Wink. EL: 2733 GR. Obj: 7400 test.NL: 10/17/96. Permit# 453968. API# 42-495-32605. ID# T 479047.Contr: Wes Tex #16. Spud: 10/22/96 Mud drlg. TD: 7275 on 11/12/96.PB: 7241.Compl: on 12/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)PZone: 7050-7144 (Wr Cherry Canyon) gross interval IP: (Wr Cherry Canyon 7050-7144) P 30 BOPD grav 42.0, 30 MCFGPD, 132 BWPD

STEVENS & TULL INC
■ UNIVERSITY GULF G V #1
WAR-WINK (CHERRY CANYON)-RE-ENTRY DO, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL LAND sur blk 21 sec 43, 1975 fsl 1986 fel of sec, 1975 fsl 642 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 9 mi SW of Wink. Summary Original Drlg:

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ UNIVERSITY 39-21
A #1H - WAR-WINK EAST (7000)-HORIZONTAL DO, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 21 sec 39, 2170 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 480 fnl 480 fwl of lse. 320.95 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Wink. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 480 fnl 660 fwl of sec. 39 -- and lse. -- N 17 deg 46'29" W 1670 ft from surf loc -- Top of PZone: 2150 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 494 fsl660 fwl of lse. EL: 2766 KB. Obj: 8600 (Cherry Canyon 7000).NL: 10/21/96. Permit# 454050. API# 42-495-32607-00. ID# T 479158.Contr: Nabors #403. Spud: 10/28/96 Mud drlg. TD: 7300 on 11/14/96 in Delaware.PB: 7253.Compl: on 11/26/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/02/97)PZone: 7100-7144 (Cherry Canyon 7000) IP: (Cherry Canyon 7000 7100-7144) F 102 BOPD, 87 MCFGPD on 24/64 ck, 5 BWPD, FTP 60

DAWSON COUNTY

HENRY PETROLEUM INC
■ ACKERLY EAST DEAN UNIT #90 ACKERLY (DEAN SS)- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 34 twp 4N sec 40, A-1147, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, 4628 fnl 4619 fel of unit. 4780 acre unit. 3 mi NW of Ackerly. EL: 2828 GR. Obj: 8600 (Dean ss).NL: 08/30/96. Permit# 452223. API# 42-115-32922. ID# T-477957.Contr: FWA #2. Spud: 11/04/96.TD: 8710 on 11/18/96 in Dean ss.Compl: on 12/28/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/03/97)PZone: 8489-8563 (Dean) IP: (Dean 8489-8563) P 57 BOPD grav 37.9, 26 MCFGPD, 26 BWPD

DICKENS COUNTY

ALPINE PETROLEUM INC
■ BEGGS #1 -
GIRARD EAST- WPD, GEORGE E MISCH sur blk M sec 1, A-1276, 979 fr Nly sl 1309 fr Nly wl of sec, 979 fsl 1309 fwl of lse. 505 acre lse. 12 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2123 GR. Obj: 4700 test.NL: 10/24/96. Permit# 454330. API# 42-125-30613. ID# T 479298.Spud: 12/05/96.TD: 4951.P&A on 12/13/96.(Last Info: 01/02/97)

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ SMITHEY UNIT #1R
WILDCAT- WD, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 196, A-606, 2500 fnl 175 fwl of sec, 467 fnl 640 fel of unit. 40 acre unit. (A-606 originally known as R Broell) 9.5 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2165 GR. Obj: 4800 test.NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 456476. API# 42-125-30621. ID# T-480651.Contr: Ringo #3. Spud: 12/13/96.TD: 4650.P&A on 12/28/96.(Last Info: 01/06/97)Notes: (Rig skid 50 ft east, replaces refence ID #480220)

GUNN OIL CO
■ GIRARD UNIT #1
WILDCAT- WD, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 158, A-1110, 100 fsl 1670 fwl of sec, 467 fnl 897 fwl of unit. 40 acre lse. (A-1110 originally known as J W Roberson) 3 mi NW of Girard. EL: 2108 GR. Obj: 4600 test.NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455548. API# 42-125-30616. ID# T-480120.Contr: Ringo #1. TD: 4420 on 12/17/96 in Tannehill.P&A on 12/18/96.(Last Info: 01/07/97)

GAINES COUNTY

CLEAR FORK INC
■ ELAM LAURA #5
HARRIS- WPO, L B ELAM sur blk A-22 sec 14, A-728, 475 fsl 500 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (L B Elam sur also known as Public School Land) 10 mi S of Seminole. EL: 3282 GR. Obj: 4400 test.NL: 05/23/95. Permit# 436092. API# 42-165-34872. ID# T-480504.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 10/17/96.TD: 4293 on 10/24/96 in Queen ss.Compl: on 12/13/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)PZone: 4139-4200 (Queen ss) gross interval IP: (Queen ss 4139-4200) P 6 BOPD, 6 MCFGPD, 12 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

SHELL WESTERN E&P INC
■ WASSON A L - A #9
WILDCAT- WD, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk AX sec 53, A-998, 1700 fnl 600 fel of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 2.7 mi SW of Denver City. EL: 3559 KB. Obj: 3600 test.NL: 04/28/95. Permit# 435262. API# 42-165-34858. ID# T-467989.Contr: Norton #11. Spud: 05/07/96.TD: 3600 on 05/13/95.PB: 3449.D&A on 09/08/95.(Last Info: 01/07/97)

GARZA COUNTY

YATES ENERGY CORP
■ KIRKPATRICK 943 - A #1
ROXANNE K (ELLENBURGER)- DO, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 943, A-237, 1175 fsl 2175 fel of sec, 1175 fsl 330 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 6 mi NW of Justiceburg. EL: 2365 KB. Obj: 8300 test.NL: 07/09/96. Permit# 450064. API# 42-169-33383. ID# T-476769.Contr: Wes Tex #9. Spud: 11/12/96.TD: 8104 on 12/06/96 in Ellenburger.Compl: on 12/16/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/03/97)PZone: 8085 8104 (Ellenburger) IP: (Ellenburger 8085-8104) F 120 BOPD grav 35.8, 17 MCFGPD on 7/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 520

HOCKLEY COUNTY

BOYD & MCWILLIAMS ENERGY
■ ECHOLS #1
ANTON WEST- DO, PUBLICSCHOOL LAND sur, A-291, 1311 fnl 1305 fwl of lab 7 lge 693 of sur, and lse. 177 acre lse. (A-291 originally known as Abner Taylor) 5.5 mi NE of Whitharral. EL: 3493 KB. Obj: 7000 test.NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455181. API# 42-219-36302. ID# T-480077.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 12/02/96.TD: 6875 on 12/15/96 in Clear Fork.P&A on 12/17/96.(Last Info: 01/06/97)

KING COUNTY

BURNS P C OIL PROD INC
■ MASTERSON - A #1
JUNIPER (BEND CONGL)- DG, R M THOMPSON sur blk A sec 26, A-484, 660 fnl 1320 fel of sec, 660 fr most Sly ni 4050 fwl of lse. 2056 acre lse. 20 mi NE of Guthrie. EL: 1801 GR. Obj: 6200 test.NL: 08/06/96. Permit# 451124. API# 42-269-32230. ID# T-477402.Contr: Frey #9. Spud: 09/13/96.TD: 6122 on 11/01/96.Compl: on 11/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 6007-6024 (Bend congl) IP: (Bend congl 6007-6024) CAOF 15871 MCFGPD -- F 1555 MCFGPD grav .740 on 18/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1908, SITP 2022, BHSIP 2474, BHT 141 F @ 6016, SLOPE 0.952 Four Point: 624 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1988, BHP 2432, 998 MCFGPD on 13/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1956, BHP 2401, 1233 MCFGPDon 15/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1938, BHP 2386, 1555 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1906, BHP 2362

BURNS P C OIL PROD INC
■ MASTERSON - B #1
JUNIPER (BEND CONGL)- RE ENTRY DG, J B RECTOR sur blk A sec 65, A-366, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 20 mi E of Guthrie. Summary Original Drlg: Oper: PETROLEUM CORP OF TX Casing: 9 5/8 @ 232 w/150 PR SENT OPERATIONS: EL: 1717 GR. Obj: 6200 (Bend congl).NL: 08/27/96. Permit# 451952. API# 42-269-00057. ID# T-477855.Contr: Riley. Resume: 10/05/96.TD: 5970 on 10/30/96.Recomp: on 11/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 01/07/97)PZone: 5858-5868 (Bend congl) IP: (Bend congl 5858-5868) CAOF 8250 MCFGPD -- F 3 BCPD grav 55.7, 1591 MCFGPD grav .762 on 16/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1212, SITP 1391, BHSIP 1699, BHT 140 F @ 5862, SLOPE 0.960 Four Point: 447 MCFGPD on 7/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1350, BHP 1656, 798 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1314, BHP 1619, 1270 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1252, BHP 1582, 1591 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1212, BHP 1533

LUBBOCK COUNTY

BROWN H L JR
■ SPOONER M #5
EDMISSION NW (CLEAR FORK)- DO, H E & W T RY CO sur blk D-2 sec 15, A-58, 1650 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 240 acre lse. 3 mi N of Lubbock. EL: 3251 GR. Obj: 5600 (Clear Fork).NL: 09/23/96. Permit# 452767. API# 42-303-31324. ID# T 478426.Contr: Sitton #5. Spud: 10/01/96.TD: 5600.PB: 5555.Compl: on 11/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)PZone: 5232-5516 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5232-5516) P 66 BOPD grav 38.0, no gas, 267 BWPD

MOTLEY COUNTY

BASS OPERATING CO
■ SWENSON 1-55 #1
WILDCAT- WD, J H STEPHENS sur blk B sec 55, A-624, 1357 fr Nly ni 1251 fr Ely el of sec, 2007 fnl 701 fel of lse. 200.87 acre lse. 10 mi SW of Paducah. EL: 2027 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 10/31/96. Permit# 454487. API# 42-345-30287. ID# T 479485.Contr: Win Tex #2. Spud: 12/05/96.TD: 3355.P&A on 12/11/96.(Last Info: 01/06/97)Notes: (Possible new field discovery)

SCURRY COUNTY

ADKINS R L CORP
■ HICKMAN #1
COX RANCH- WPD, A J RILEY sur blk 97 sec 610, A-1804, 2044 fsl 1068 fwl of sec, 1959 fnl 1068 fwl of lse. 860 acre lse. (A J Riley sur also known as H & T C Ry Co) 12 mi NW of Snyder. EL: 2686 GR. Obj: 8500 test.NL: 11/09/95. Permit# 441713. API# 42-415-33361. ID# T 471808.Contr: Patterson #2. Spud: 06/27/96.TD: 7413.D&A on 01/06/97.(Last Info: 01/06/97)

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■ STERLING J M ET AL #16
SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)COMMINGLED - SPO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 160, A-2091, 990 fnl 990 fwl of sec, and lse. 415 acre lse. (A-2091 originally known as W B Moore) 8 mi SW of Snyder. EL: 2308 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork).NL: 08/07/96. Permit# 451250. API# 42-415-33427. ID# T-477423.Contr: Bandera #9. Spud: 09/29/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3345 on 10/04/96.Compl: on 01/03/97 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)PZone: 2384-2635 (Glorieta) gross interval -- 3074-3282 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Glorieta/Clear Fork 2384-3282) P 13 BOPD, 22 BWPD Notes: (Permitted as injection well, completed as producer)

VISTA RESOURCES INC
■ HARDEE - B #16X
SHARON RIDGE (1700)- DO, KIRKLAND & FIELDS sur sec 31, 690 fnl 50 fel of lot 6 of C A OKeefe Subdivision of sur, and lse. 128 acre lse. (Located in C A OKeefe Subdivision) 4 mi SE of Ira. EL: 2168 GR. Obj: 1900 (San Andres 1700).NL: 09/09/96. Permit# 452408. API# 42-415-33442. ID# T-478112.Contr: Southwest Petro. Spud: 09/04/96.TD: 1755 on 09/24/96.PB: 1732.Compl: on 10/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 01/06/97)PZone: 1629-1674 (San Andres 1700) gross interval IP: (San Andres 1700 1629-1674) P 49 BOPD, GTSTM, 6 BWPD Notes: (Rig skid 30 ft south, replaces API #42-415-33416)

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NAME DROPPINGS

Jim Davis promoted to VP of finance

Parker Drilling Co. has promoted James J. Davis to senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer for the company. Davis held the previous position of vice president, finance and chief financial officer.

Prior to joining Parker five years ago, Davis held financial management positions with MAPCO, Inc., Mesa Limited Partnership, Gulf Oil Corp. and Exxon Corp.

Santa Fe promotes Hager and Clark

Santa Fe Energy Resources has promoted Kathy E. Hager to the position of Vice president, Public Affairs. In her new position she will direct the investor relations, shareholders services, corporate communications and government affairs for the company. Ms. Hager has been with Santa Fe since 1980 and is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Santa Fe has also promoted Janet F. Clark as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. She will be responsible for financial accounting, treasury, tax, corporate planning, internal audit and public affairs. Ms. Clark has been with Santa Fe since the beginning of January and previously served as Director, Corporate Finance at Southcoast Capital Corporation.

Oilex buys 20 percent of Oil Retrieval Systems, Inc.

HOUSTON–Oilex, Inc. announced that it has acquired a 20 percent stake in privately owned Oil Retrieval Systems, Inc. (ORSI). ORSI designs and manufactures the portable swabbing units that OLEX utilizes in its production of oil and gas at the Revilo Unit, Walker Queen Field and Big Foot Field(s) in Texas. The agreement calls for OLEX to have a 30-day preferential fist right of refusal on all spec units built by ORSI for a period of 3 years. The agreement also calls for OLEX to have input on design for maximum engineering and field utilization of each unit. In a separate agreement reached by OLEX and ORSI, ORSI has acquired a 25 percent working interest in the Revilo Unit wells in exchange for providing a minimum of three oil retrieval (portable) swabbing units. OLEX has taken delivery of two units and will receive delivery of the third by early next week. This cooperative agreement will allow OLEX to utilize the mechanical and engineering expertise of ORSI to more rapidly increase daily oil and gas production.

To further ensure the availability of portable swabbing units, OLEX has placed an order for a minimum of five additional units to be built to specs agreed on by OLEX for delivery in 1997 with the first delivery expected in April. "In addition, with the shortage of oil field equipment coupled with rising costs, OLEX intends to reap benefits for its shareholders from its 20 percent stake in ORSI and the enhanced production it is getting from its leases by utilizing the Oil Retrieval (portable) Swabbing Units," management stated.

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Individual hired will monitor daily drilling report for first production and make needed updates to mainframe master files; maintain mainframe allocation system; and reconcile purchaser statements. Assistant will communicate with area field offices on daily production issues. State and federal regulatory reports will be generated, as well as performing allowable gas balancing, interpreting rules and regulations, and advising action needed to maximize production. Additional duties include joint interest property production inquires and support for various systems to assure accurate and timely information is reported.

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Dominion Energy acquires Natural Gas company

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 10, 1997--(SWN)--Dominion Energy, Inc. has expanded its growing market presence in Michigan's natural gas industry by acquiring Wolverine Gas & Oil, a production company headquartered in Grand Rapids with daily volume in excess of 10 million cubic feet and proven reserves of approximately 75 billion cubic feet equivalent.

Terms of the purchase announced today were not disclosed. It is expected that all 70 employees of Wolverine will continue with the company, which will operate under its same name.

G.E. Lake, Jr., Dominion Energy's senior vice president-oil and natural gas, said: "We are delighted to add a respected and proven producer in Michigan to our growing portfolio of natural gas interests. For Dominion Energy, this acquisition is expected to add immediately to earnings. For Wolverine, it will be business as usual."

Sid Jansma, Jr., Wolverine's chairman, president and chief executive officer, said: "This merger creates a productive synergy between a financially strong, increasingly large U.S. gas producer with an experienced, established Michigan operator. We've known since the beginning of our association that Dominion Energy does business fairly and treats its employees exceptionally well, just like Wolverine. This deal makes good business sense but -- equally as important -- it's a good human fit."

Before its purchase, Wolverine acted as an operator of Dominion Energy properties in Michigan.

Dominion Energy is the natural gas, oil and independent power subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc. (NYSE: D), a holding company with more than $14 billion in assets which is also active in regulated electric utility power, financial services and real estate. Dominion Energy also has ownership and operating interests in 27 competitive power stations in six states and in Belize, Bolivia, Peru and Argentina.

As one of the nation's 50 largest natural gas companies, Dominion Energy is now producing more than 150 million cubic feet equivalent per day from properties throughout the U.S., including Michigan, site of 40 percent of the company's daily volume from more than 800 wells in the Michigan Basin. The acquisition boosts Dominion Energy's proven reserves to more than 475 billion cubic feet equivalent.

"The acquisition of Wolverine conforms with our strategic objectives to grow profitably in selected natural gas markets where we can improve our margins through both increased production and growth in reserves. It also fits with our objective to increasingly operate our own properties when efficiencies and savings can be accomplished by doing so," Lake said.

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DALLAS — Evoking memories of Southfork Ranch, a wildcat drilling rig is rising just northwest of the Dallas skyline.

Contrary to what out-of-state viewers of the longrunning primetime soap may think, oil and gas wells aren't fixtures of Dallas County. But wildcat oilman Sanford Dvorin's venture in the suburb of Coppell could be the county's first commercially productive find.

"My husband and I wee driving by and he said, 'What's that? Is that an oil well?'" said a resident, Ann McDonald. "We couldn't believe it; you can see it from the road."

The $1.7 million project rising 115 feet above half-million-dollar homes and a planned shopping mall is the brainchild of Dvorin, a New Jersey native who says he has almost 30 years of experience putting together drilling deals for himself and others.

"I think these will be very prolific wells," said Lance Weissman, president of Foundation Drilling and Exploration Inc. of Richardson, which is providing financial backing.

"They'll last a good while," he said. "Just the fact that it's under our nose, in Dallas County, it really appeals."

Dvorin, 57, has teamed with his 28-year-old son Jason in a gambit to resurrect the Plano family's fortunes after the oil market went bust in the late 1980s.

State records show that Dallas County has had only a handful of drilling ventures in the past half-century.

But the elder Dvorin predicts that within two weeks, his drill should crack a natural gas reservoir 9,200 feet below Coppell in part of a geologic formation known as the Barnett shale.

Natural gas was discovered in the formation, which runs in a wide swath under North Texas, about 15 years ago by Houston-based Mitchell Energy and Development Corp.

Mitchell has since drilled 250 profitable Barnett gas wells north and west of Coppell in rural areas of Denton, Jack and Wise counties.

