

TRAVEL

Texas sights

It's almost the season for hitting the highways in Texas, and there are many colorful sites and events that make it worth the trip./**1E**



SPORTS

First gold

Russia's Olga Danilova was the Olympic games' first gold medal winner, after winning the 15 km Classical Cross Country event./**1C**

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Clinton, Blair repeat warning to Iraq



President Clinton, left, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are greeted by flag-waving schoolchildren as they visit the FDR Memorial Friday in Washington.

AP Photo

By Sandra Sobieraj
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speaking from the map room where predecessors plotted World War II, President Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair redoubled warnings of military retaliation against Iraq. "We will again prevail," Clinton declared Saturday.

Separately, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl lined up behind any U.S.-led military action should diplomatic efforts fail to force Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to comply with United Nations resolutions requiring him to open all potential weapons-production sites to international inspectors.

Blair, in Washington for official meetings with Clinton and Congress, said "no issue has been more pressing" in those discussions than Saddam's defiance.

"This is a man who has already compiled sufficient chemical and biological weapons to wipe out the world's population. ... He must be stopped," Blair said. If diplomacy fails "and force is the only way to get him into line, then force will be used."

It was a theme Clinton and Blair sounded throughout the prime minister's visit. Blair joined Clinton in his weekly radio address, taped Friday night in the White House Map Room before the leaders and their wives flew by helicopter to the Camp David presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland.

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Clinton, speaking first, noted that the Map Room was where, more than 50 years earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill charted their joint strategy for victory in World War II.

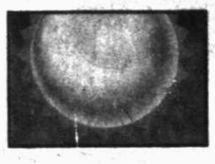
"Throughout the 20th century, the alliance between the United States and Britain made all the difference between tyranny and freedom, chaos and security," Clinton said.

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY

Mostly sunny with high near 70. Weather on 4A



Outlook: annual progress report

Was 1997 a good year? What are the expectations for 1998? Outlook '98, the Reporter-Telegram's annual progress report, will answer those questions with three parts beginning today and continuing Feb. 15 and Feb. 22. Today's and Feb. 22's editions will cover, among other things, education, real estate, tourism, retail, health care and banking. The Feb. 22 edition will deal with the state of the petroleum industry.

Please see insert in today's paper

Slavery in Sudan

MADHOL, Sudan— Trafficking in humans has resurged with civil war in Africa's largest and poorest country. For all but a decade since Sudan's independence in 1956, southern rebels have fought for autonomy from the national government in Khartoum. Since the rebellion resumed 14 years ago, fighting, famine and disease have killed an estimated 1.5 million Sudanese. Much of the fighting on the government side is done by local militias. Unpaid, their bounty is as old as war itself — slaves. Young women and children are the most valuable war booty.

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Teacher sex

SEATTLE — As a judge prepared to send convicted rapist Mary K. Letourneau to prison for 7 1/2 years Friday, new allegations surfaced that Letourneau had sex with her 14-year-old victim in the past month. The Post-Intelligencer has learned that Child Protective Services investigators told prosecutors Letourneau renewed her sexual relationship with the boy after her release from jail Jan. 2.

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Man suspected in Garden City hold-up caught

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

HOUSTON — After a five-day search, a man wanted in connection with a Garden City bank hold-up was arrested at a Houston hotel late Friday by Harris County deputies and FBI agents.

Peter Howard Rasmussen III, 23, was arrested on two warrants charging him with aggravated robbery and aggravated assault, both first-degree felonies. Harris County jail officials said the man remained in their facility Saturday. Bond has not been set.

Jailers said Rasmussen was booked into their facility shortly after midnight Friday and was escorted there by Houston FBI agents.

Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver said that a Harris County Sheriff's Department deputy spotted the suspect's getaway vehicle — a 1996 white Jeep Cherokee — at the hotel's parking lot. The deputy spoke to the front desk clerk, who confirmed that Rasmussen was staying there.

The deputy found the man inside the

Please see **CAUGHT**/4A

MISD to address crossing guard issue at meeting

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District board members on Tuesday will respond to a letter from the city of Midland that in part asks them to consider taking over the school crossing guard program.

MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. confirmed that some city officials contend that the school's own police force should monitor the crossing guard and crosswalk situation. Baressi and board members have said the MISD police have enough things to deal with.

"I think the city's analysis is less than complete," Baressi said. "We're providing a small fortune for our police force. We're spending a lot more money for security and protection ... and helping the city."

A letter to the superintendent from Midland City Manager Mike McGregor states that the city wishes to either

Please see **MISD**/4A

Enjoying every moment



Midlander Myrtle Shepherd, 100, recalls her life as a rancher and educator and friends such as Judge Lucius Bunton and the late Hallie Stilwell.

100-year-old recalls her pistol-packing days

More than legend and folklore, it is true that a petite, blue-eyed blonde young West Texan nick-named "Boyte" was a pistol-packing cowgirl who protected the range from outlaws and cattle rustlers back during the days of the bandit and revolutionary Pancho Villa.

She educated herself into a schoolmarm and dean, was a contemporary of Alpine rancher-author Hallie Crawford Stillwell and was a friend of boys who when they grew into manhood became judges.

Now into her 100th year and aiming to bridge three centuries — the 1800s, the 1900s, and the 2000s — Myrtle "Boyte" Barnett MacDonald Shepherd is as full of vigor as she was as a teen-ager in 1917.

"I wore two pistols," Mrs. Shepherd recalled of the time she rode the fence line on horseback on her father's Presidio County ranch during World War I. "I took care of what needed caring for."

Still blonde like she was in her youth — "I've been blonde all of my life" — Mrs. Shepherd is quite adept at taking care of things in her life, walks a mile a day in fair weather, reads, keeps abreast of world affairs, and dabbles in china painting.

"I had a good life. I still have a good life. I'm active."

She gave away her automobile last year. "I didn't think anybody my age should be driving a car," said Mrs. Shepherd, who was born in January 1898.

Since retiring as a dean in San Antonio in the early 1970s, she has lived with her son, Midland attorney Lloyd MacDonald, and his wife Juanice.

Mrs. Shepherd thinks that her industry and service to others have kept her going strong all of these years.

"I have been very active, and I have a great love for

Please see **RECALL**/4A

Story by Ed Todd | Photo by Curt Wilcott

Starr defends investigation

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr signs autographs for Hal Canary, of Memphis, left, and Betty Bush, center, as he arrives Saturday at Washington National Airport. Stung by Clinton camp charges about damaging leaks, Starr pledged Saturday he will "find out the facts" but insisted he is running his investigation of the president in a professional manner. Story page 9A.

AP Photo



Poll: Bush would win election now

Associated Press

Texas Gov. George W. Bush would win re-election in a landslide with 65 percent of the vote if the election were held now, according to a poll by The Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle.

His Democratic opponent, state Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, drew support from 23 percent of those questioned, according to results published in the newspapers' early Sunday editions.

Many Texans agree with Mauro on several major campaign issues, but even a majority of Democrats approve of the job done by the governor, the eldest son of former President George Bush.

"This matchup is no match," said pollsters Micheline Blum and Julie Weprin in a summary of the findings. "As long as the economy holds up and things stay good, Bush is really going to be hard to beat."

If Bush wins re-election, 46 percent of those surveyed said they would like to see him run for president in 2000, even if it means he must spend a lot of time away from Texas.

Thirty-six percent — mostly Democrats — do not want Bush to run for president, while another seven percent said they want him to try, but not if he must spend much time out of state.

Conducted Jan. 30-Feb. 3 by Blum &

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100 Februarys later, dark suspicions cling to ghost of USS Maine

By Charles Hanely
Associated Press

HAVANA — The lightning and thunder of a huge explosion ripped through the still darkness, shattering windows, knocking doors off hinges, sending the panicked people of Havana streaming down toward the waterfront.

After the echoes died, the destruction of the USS Maine that February night did one more thing as well: It propelled a new player, an assertive America, onto the road to global power.

Today, 100 years later, the oily black waters of Havana harbor ebb and flow over the spot where the U.S. battleship exploded and sank, claiming the lives of 267 crewmen. Tiny ferries chug past, as they did then. Rusting old freighters ride at anchor.

And just as on the moonless night of Feb. 15, 1898, dark suspicions and uncertainties still cling to the Maine.

At Havana's City Museum, Nora Benitez, a custodian of photographs, equipment and other artifacts of the Maine, sets out the standard Cuban view: That the warship was destroyed in a cold-blooded American conspiracy.

"The United States was behind the explosion," she insists. "We've always known it was a pretext the United States used to intervene in Cuba."

A CUBAN naval historian, Gustavo Placer Cervera, more in touch with technical analyses of what happened that night, subscribes to the "Rickover report" — the conclusion that the Maine explosion was probably an accident, not sabotage.

But what's more important, says the retired navy commander, is that the U.S. government "manipulated and used the explosion. ... The key fact is that the war was prepared in advance."

The mystery of the Maine, spark to the Spanish-American War, reaches back to the 19th century. But on this 100th anniversary it's clear it will feed mistrust between nations well into the 21st.

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When the 319-foot-long warship, armed with 10-inch guns, sailed into Havana harbor on Jan. 25, 1898, it was an unwelcome guest.

Spanish colonial authorities had been notified of its "friendly" visit only hours before. But trying to block it would have been dangerously provocative. Relations were bad enough between Madrid and Washington.

The U.S. government was pressuring Spain to pull out of Cuba, where guerrillas were fighting an independence war. Americans were outraged at Spanish atrocities. Some in Washington — and Cuba — favored U.S. annexation of the sugar island.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM McKinley ordered the battleship to Havana to intimidate hard-liners in the Spanish military who were resisting Spain's autonomy plan for Cuba. These officers were furious. Ashore in Havana, the Maine's captain, Charles D. Sigsbee, was handed an anti-American leaflet on which someone had scrawled, "Watch out for your ship!"

On Feb. 15, most of the 328 enlisted crewmen retired after 9 p.m. to their hammocks in the forward quarters. Twenty-two officers were in aft cabins or at their posts.

At 9:40 p.m., those in the rear felt and then heard the explosion, a "bursting, rending and crashing roar," as Sigsbee later called it. It was tremendous — experts estimated 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of powder in forward ammunition magazines blew up.

Towering flames shot into the sky, along with bits of metal deck, guns, men and pieces of men. The forward third of the ship was transformed into mangled, sunken wreckage. The aft settled to the muddy bottom.

Back in America, a sensationalist press decided a Spanish mine had destroyed the ship — even though Spain wanted to avoid war at all costs. "The Warship Maine Was Split In Two By An Enemy's Secret Infernal Machine!" the New York Journal screamed.

THE U.S. Navy was not so sure.

It convened a court of inquiry in Havana, four officers who relied on what the Maine's officers and Navy divers, working in primitive helmets in the inky murk, could tell them.

The court focused on the hull's steel keel, bent upward in an inverted "V." Its report, on March 21, 1898, concluded there were two explosions: The explosion of a mine beneath the hull that blew the keel upward, and the resulting detonation of the powder stored above.

It said it had no evidence fixing responsibility. But for America's yellow press and congressional jingoes, there was no question it was the "perfidious" Spaniards. "Remember the Maine!" was the slogan on millions of American lips, emblazoned across shop windows, sung by children, printed on candies and women's hair ribbons.

By late April, U.S. forces were at war with Spain, and in just three months they seized the Philippines, Guam and Puerto Rico. America, suddenly, was an Asian and Caribbean colonial power.

Cuban rebels, believing they were near victory and fearing U.S. annexation, had not wanted American intervention. Now an independent Cuba came under U.S. domination, in a relationship that didn't end until Fidel Castro's revolution six decades later.

In 1911, because the sunken Maine was a navigation hazard, and 70 men's remains were still trapped in the hulk, U.S. military engineers built a cofferdam around the wreck, water was pumped out, remains were recovered, and the rear two-thirds of the ship was refloated, towed to sea and sunk again.

THE "DEWATERING" allowed the Navy to photograph the wreckage in detail, and a new court of inquiry was convened. It rejected the 1898 finding on the inverted "V," saying that was caused by the internal explosion. Instead, it focused on a hull bottom plate bent inward — damaged, the court held, by an exploding external mine.

So the record stood for decades, until U.S. Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, "father of the nuclear Navy," took an interest and put experts to work on the Maine case, using more sophisticated analysis of the old photos.

Their 1976 report concluded the explosion was almost certainly caused by spontaneous combustion of coal in a bunker abutting a powder magazine. Such coal fires were commonplace in that day. They said a mine would have caused more damage to the inward-bent plate.

But they acknowledged, "A simple explanation is not to be found."

In 1995, Smithsonian Institution Press published a book, "Remembering the Maine," by Peggy and Harold Samuels, pointing up flaws in the Rickover analysis and concluding that Spanish fanatics had set off a mine. It cited no new hard evidence, but uncorroborated reports of the time about plots against the ship.

In Spain, opinion is also divided. The Spanish navy approvingly reprinted the Rickover study, but a Spanish historical journal has pointed a finger at Cuban saboteurs.

MOST RECENTLY, the National Geographic Society commissioned a computer modeling study of the coal-fire and mine theories, and found both feasible. "The case remains open," National Geographic says in its February issue.

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The 40-foot-high columns of Havana's Maine Monument rise forlornly over the Malecon, the city's seaside boulevard. Broken beer bottles litter its derelict fountain.

The pedestal on top has been bare since Castroites pulled down the "arrogant" American eagle in 1961. A new plaque describes the dead sailors as victims of "imperialist greed in its effort to take over the island of Cuba."

"They pretended that intervention on behalf of Cuba was a big deal, but it was just to take over Cuba's resources," said Benitez, the City Museum curator.

Rickover, who died in 1986, concluded that with better investigative work in 1898, "war might have been avoided." Placer is not so sure.

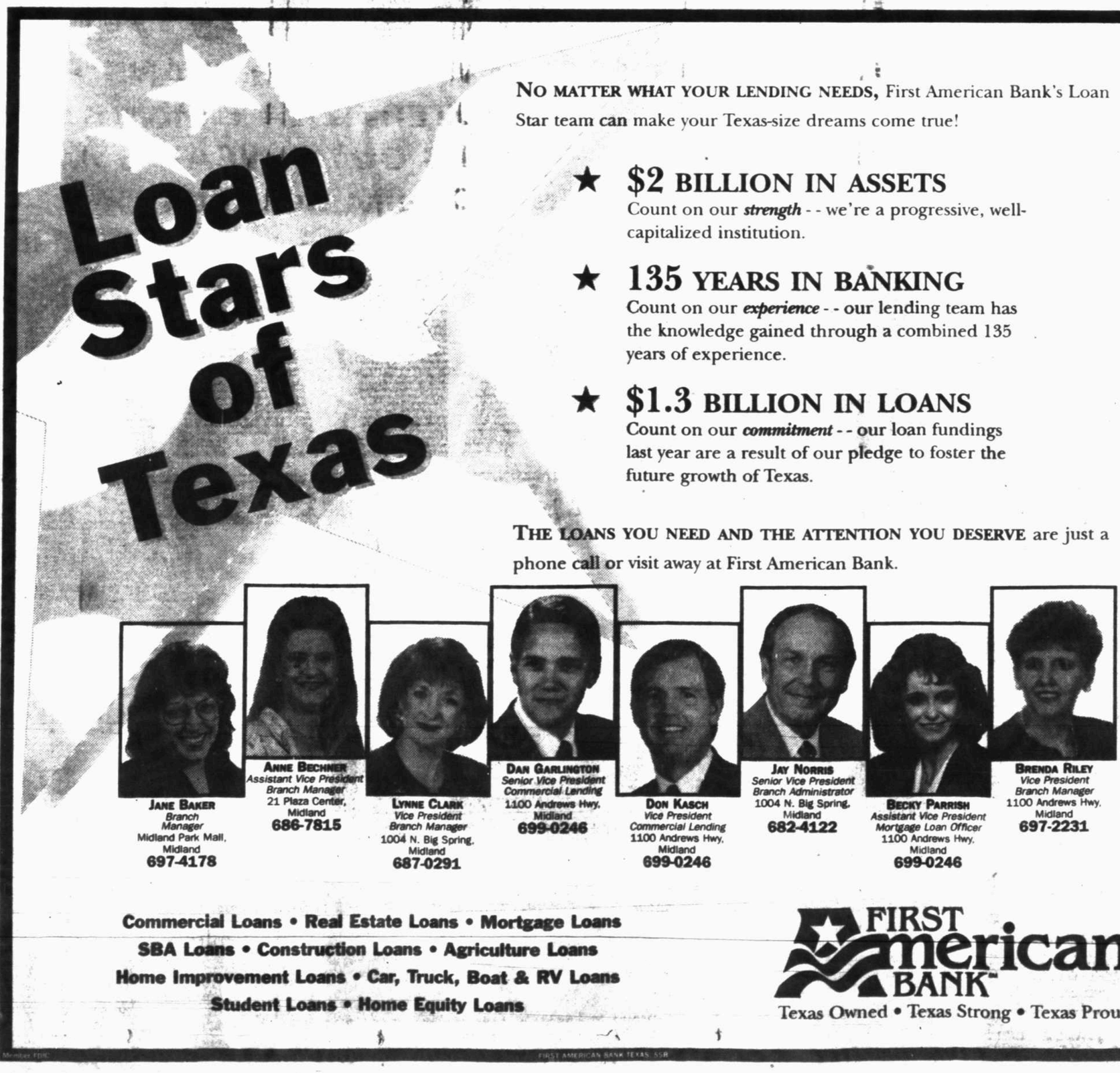
The Havana scholar has labored long hours meticulously reviewing century-old U.S. Navy orders and U.S. diplomatic messages. He says the war plans, the inertia, all were headed toward collision with Spain.

"The explosion of the Maine only accelerated things," he said.

And what happened that windless tropical night 100 Februarys ago? When we remember the Maine, what are we remembering?

"We'll never know," the Cuban historian said. "All we have are hypotheses. We cannot prove them. We will never prove them."





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Massacres intensifying ethnic divisions in Afghanistan

POL KHURASAN DESERT, Afghanistan (AP) — A knobby human spine pokes from the mound of sand, a shallow grave marked only by the paw prints of wild dogs that have scavenged most of the remains.

Then a biting wind whips sand into the air, exposing leg, arm and hip bones. There are human skulls, too, some with scraggly patches of dark hair.

The bullet-riddled bodies of hundreds of soldiers of the Taliban religious army are thought to lie here, in a remote desert in northern Afghanistan. A faction of the anti-Taliban alliance allegedly murdered the fighters, who had been prisoners since a brief alliance soured.

Elsewhere in the desert, witnesses say, other captured Taliban soldiers were baked to death in cargo containers left out in the desert sun or thrown into wells and blown up with grenades.

Reports of massacres are becoming increasingly common in Afghanistan, where rival militias are fighting over slices of a land that has been devastated by war for almost two decades.

The Taliban has been accused of perpetrating massacres of its own. For instance, in the first week of this year, Taliban soldiers reportedly gunned down more than 600 civilians in the Qaiser district of northwestern Faryab province, 270 miles northwest of the capital, Kabul.

The violent collapse last spring of a Taliban alliance with a former foe, which briefly brought more than 90 percent of Afghanistan under Taliban control, dampened hopes for a quick end to the Afghan war.

It also sparked a ferocious round of killings by both sides, leading to fears of a bitter divide among the country's patchwork of ethnic and religious groups.

Most soldiers of the Taliban army, which imposes a stern vision of Islamic law across Kabul and the two-thirds of Afghanistan it controls, belong to the majority Pasthun ethnic group and are Sunni Muslims.

Those who allegedly killed the Taliban fighters in the Pol Khurasan desert were part of an opposition alliance of ethnic minorities: Uzbeks, Tajiks, Shiite Muslims and Ismaili Muslims. Most of the people reputedly massacred by Taliban troops in Qaiser were ethnic Uzbeks.

Leaders of the Taliban and other militias deny their own factions have massacred anyone. But United Nations investigators and international aid workers have reported killing sprees. Captured militiamen told The Associated Press of their own participation in the massacre at Pol Khurasan.

That massacre had its roots in a frenzied series of power struggles and shifting alliances that have come to characterize the Afghan conflict.

The story began last May when Uzbek warlord Rashid Dostum was ousted by his former deputy, Malik Pahlawan, who then invited the Taliban into the opposition-held north to help him share power.

Other members of the anti-Taliban coalition weren't happy with the new arrangement.

Hours after Taliban troops entered the northern stronghold of Mazar-e-Sharif, fighters of the Shiite militia Hezb-e-Wahadat revolted. Pahlawan's militiamen soon joined in attacking Taliban soldiers.

Taliban forces retreated within days, after 300 Taliban soldiers died in ferocious street fighting and thousands more were taken prisoner.

Dostum returned to northern Afghanistan and regrouped his loyalists for attacks on Pahlawan's forces. Before Pahlawan fled to Iran in November, his soldiers now say, he ordered the execution of the Taliban prisoners, apparently viewing them as a hinderance in the fighting.

By the soldiers' accounts, hundreds of prisoners were driven out into the Pol Khurasan desert, lined up, gunned down and dumped into shallow pits. Sand storms have since swallowed the graves, leaving only the executioners, now imprisoned by Dostum, to recount what happened.

"At night when it was quiet and dark, we took about 150 Taliban prisoners, blindfolded them, tied their hands behind their backs and drove them in truck containers out to the desert," Saleem Sahar told an AP reporter under the watchful eyes of his guards.

"We lined them up, 10 at a time, in front of holes in the ground and opened fire with Kalashnikov rifles," Sahar said.

Many wept and begged for mercy, he said, but his men pushed on until the job was finished. "It took about six nights," he said.

At the same time in a nearby patch of desert, other Pahlawan followers say they were executing more Taliban prisoners who were thrown into stone wells.

"We pushed them into the wells, about 10 at a time," said Abdullah Brot, also now a prisoner of Dostum.

"Then I myself pulled the pins out of grenades we had brought and tossed them in, while my soldiers fired their guns into the pit," he said.

Every few minutes, Brot and his men would stop firing and listen.

"If we heard some wailing, then we fired some more until the noise was finished," he said.

Brot said he and his men killed about 1,250 prisoners, "filling nine wells with Taliban bodies."

Still more killing was going on near the border with Uzbekistan, Dostum's men contend.

More than 1,000 Taliban prisoners were stuffed into shipping containers and left to bake in the scorching heat, said Mohammed Saleem Qashlaqi, a spokesman for Dostum.

U.N. officials who investigated the killings estimate 4,000 Taliban men were slain in the desert.

Outraged Taliban leaders have demanded that Pahlawan be tried as a war criminal.

But the anti-Taliban alliance says the Taliban also has massacres to answer for.

One such slaughter allegedly occurred in the first week of January, after Taliban soldiers attacked the Qaiser district in northwestern Faryab province.

In an interview with the AP at his base at Sheberghan, near Qaiser, Dostum said he visited the site shortly after the killings. "I saw with my own eyes what happened," he said.

Taliban soldiers dragged villagers out of their homes, lined them up and gunned them down, Dostum said. When it was over more than 600 people, most of them ethnic Uzbeks, were dead.

"Women had their breasts cut off with knives, while children and elderly people had their throats slit," he charged.

Dostum and his allies say Taliban attacks on civilians belie its claim to be trying to restore peace and security to Afghanistan.

"We say we are Muslims," said Mohammed Mohaqik, a Shiite leader of the Hezb-e-Wahadat militia. "But the Taliban call themselves the army of God, and they think that gives them the right to go around killing everybody."

Some observers say leaders on both sides are encouraging ethnic divisions to strengthen often shaky support.



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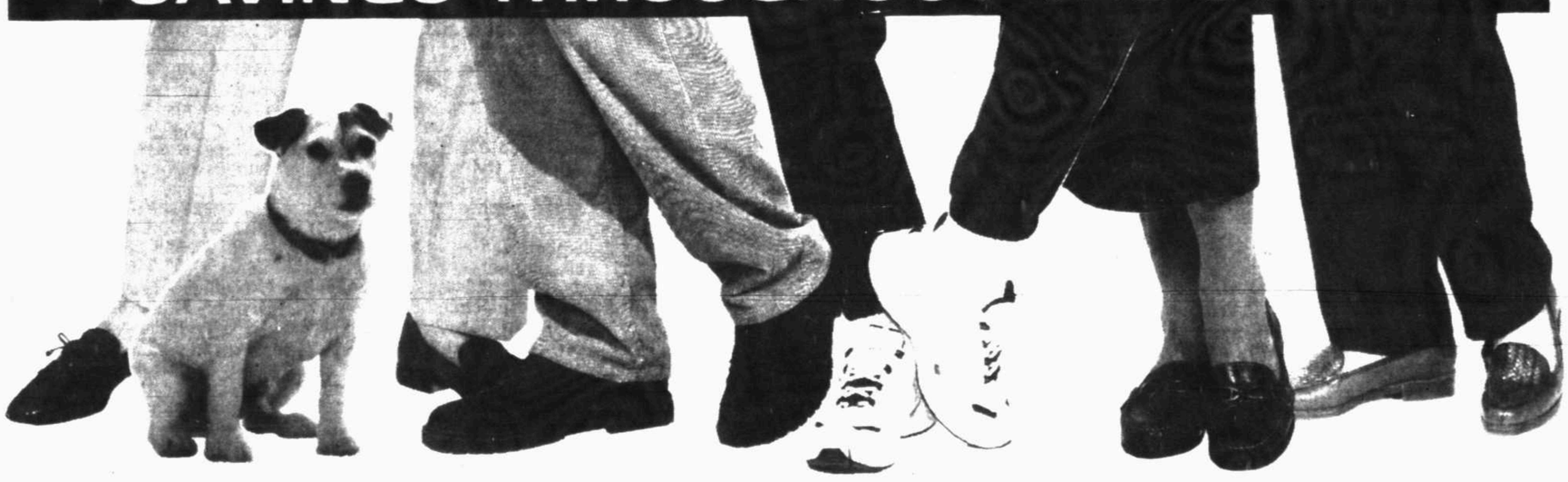
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Windy	Partly cloudy
High 70	High 70	High 64
Low 37	Low 37	Low 36

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 70. Winds will be gusty and from the west at 15 to 25 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low in the upper 30s.

Monday's forecast calls for mostly sunny, but windy skies, with a high near 70.

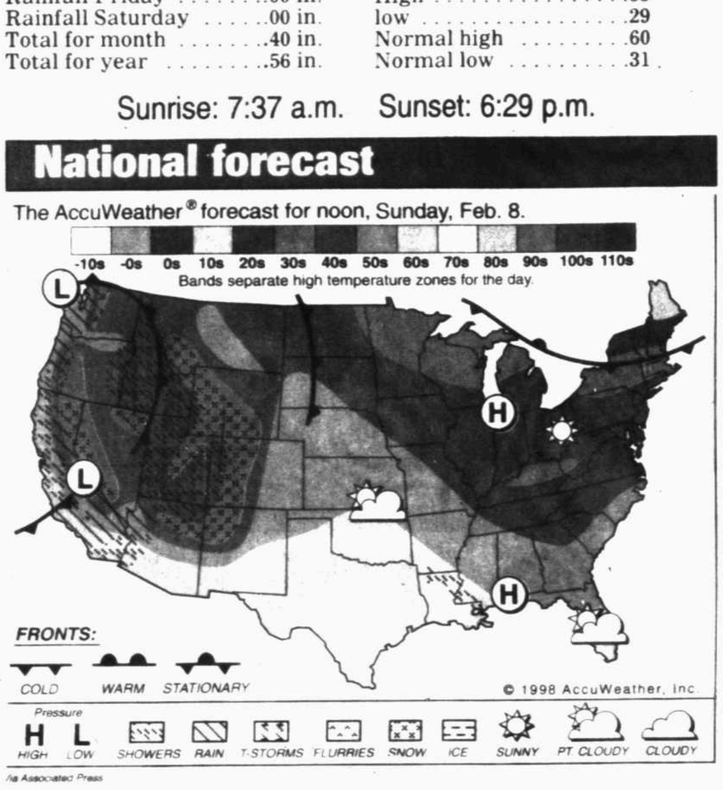
After an overnight low of 29, Saturday's high was 55, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1932. The all-time low was 2 set in 1933.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Friday	.00 in.	High	55
Rainfall Saturday	.00 in.	low	29
Total for month	.40 in.	Normal high	60
Total for year	.56 in.	Normal low	31

Sunrise: 7:37 a.m. Sunset: 6:29 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Feb. 8.



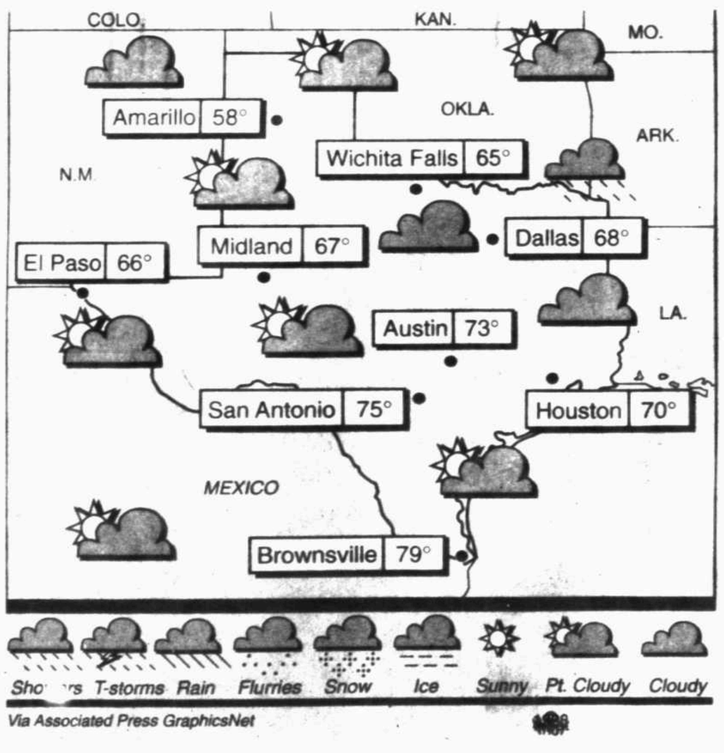
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc			Hi	Lo	Prc	
Albany,N.Y.	35	15	clr		El Paso	65	32	clr	
Albuquerque	55	31	cdy		Evansville	41	32	clr	
Amarillo	53	28	cdy		Fairbanks	6	-9	clr	Otlk
Anchorage	27	17	cdy		Fargo	34	14	clr	
Atlanta	43	35	cdy		Flagstaff	40	30	sn	
Atlantic City	41	32	cdy		Grand Rapids	32	22	cdy	
Austin	61	37	clr		Great Falls	50	37	cdy	
Baltimore	46	37	clr		Greensboro,N.C	41	34	cdy	
Billings	52	29	cdy		Hartford Spgfld	41	21	clr	
Birmingham	38	35	cdy		Helena	45	33	cdy	
Bismarck	46	24	cdy		Honolulu	77	62	clr	
Boise	57	45	cdy		Houston	61	35	cdy	
Boston	36	26	cdy		Indianapolis	46	28	clr	
Buffalo	35	21	clr		Jackson,Miss	53	28	clr	
Burlington,Vt	26	5	clr		Jacksonville	55	46	cdy	
Casper	51	29	clr		Juneau	41	19	cdy	
Charleston,S.C	48	43	cdy		Kansas City	51	32	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va	37	31	clr		Las Vegas	58	47	50	cdy
Charlotte,N.C	44	38	01	cdy	Little Rock	47	39	cdy	m
Chicago	40	27	clr		Los Angeles	61	51	09	
Cincinnati	40	23	clr		Lubbock	53	27	clr	
Cleveland	40	24	clr		Memphis	40	36	cdy	
Columbia,S.C	44	42	cdy		Miami Beach	63	51	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	49	26	clr		Milwaukee	33	25	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	38	7	clr		Mpls-St Paul	36	7	cdy	
Dallas-Ft Worth	57	30	cdy		Nashville	40	34	cdy	
Dayton	44	24	02	clr	New Orleans	60	36	clr	
Denver	45	24	cdy		New York City	42	33	cdy	
Des Moines	41	19	cdy		Oklahoma City	52	26	cdy	
Detroit	43	26	cdy		Omaha	47	18	cdy	
Duluth	38	11	cdy		Orlando	57	44	05	cdy
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					Phoenix	66	54	01	cdy
					Pittsburgh	47	21	clr	

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WARN: Leaders say U.S.-British ties unshakable

(From 1A)

"Now we are turning to face the challenges of a new century. And together, we will again prevail."

Both leaders pronounced U.S.-British ties unshakable. And while Clinton's last-resort plan for military strikes on Iraq is sharply opposed by Russia, France, China and other countries, Blair assured Clinton on Saturday: "I stand foursquare with you in our determination to bring Saddam into line."

Kohl, meeting with Defense Secretary William Cohen and a U.S. Senate delegation in Munich, Germany, said the United States has the "full support" of its European partners and may use German bases in any necessary military operation.

In another gesture of solidarity, eight British ground-attack and reconnaissance aircraft were to be sent to Iraq's neighboring Kuwait in the coming days.

Cohen, meanwhile, said Saturday that one of the United States' three aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf would be brought home. Pentagon officials maintain that two carriers are adequate to support a sustained bombing campaign.

"If that happens, Britain will be there, as we have been in the past," Blair said.

The taping of Saturday's five-minute radio address came near the end of Blair's four-day visit to Washington, his first since his election as prime minister last May.



A line of F-18 jet fighters is seen aboard the USS Independence in the Persian Gulf Saturday as the U.S. military buildup continues in the face of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow United Nations weapons inspectors access to presidential sites. Two F-18s from the USS George Washington collided in mid-air Friday killing one pilot.

AP Photo

CAUGHT: Information on suspect was in national database

(From 1A)

hotel and he was arrested without incident. Authorities also recovered some of the money taken during the hold-up, Caver noted.

Harris County Officer Charles Gholar said that the Sheriff's Department was just assisting the FBI with the arrest. Though a deputy discovered Rasmussen's getaway vehicle, FBI agents took over the case because federal charges are still pending against Rasmussen.

"We sent two of our patrol units to make the arrest ... and a couple of our detectives assisted and lifted prints from the hotel room," Gholar told the Reporter-Telegram Saturday afternoon.

The charges stem from Monday morning's robbery of the Glasscock County Bank in Garden City. The town of fewer than 300 residents is 35 miles east of Midland.

Caver said that Rasmussen — who was armed with a sawed-off shotgun and stun gun — had allegedly stolen a late-model pickup from Houston and made his way to Garden City.



Rasmussen

Rasmussen ditched the truck a few miles from the Glasscock County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, where he kept the office staff at gunpoint until the bank opened at 9 a.m. Before he left, Rasmussen jabbed the staff with a high-voltage stun gun. The voltage used left red welts and probe marks on the victims, Caver said.

The suspect — who was dressed in a security guard uniform — took money from the bank and then locked its employees inside a vault. Rasmussen fled the scene in a customer's 1996 white Jeep Cherokee. The Jeep led authorities to Rasmussen on Friday, Caver said.

Since Monday, information on the suspect and his charges was entered into a national criminal database used by all law enforcement agencies during traffic stops and record checks. Teletype messages were also given to all DPS offices, Caver said.

Even the Texas Banker's Foundation in Austin made efforts to locate the suspect, and offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to Rasmussen's arrest and conviction.

Though authorities said they did not know Rasmussen's whereabouts, they had already obtained information that suggested the suspect had ties to Houston.

Officials scrutinized the bank's surveillance video and found that the cap Rasmussen was wearing that day had a logo for Advanced Security in Houston. Authorities confirmed that the suspect was employed by the security agency at one time.

Authorities also obtained Rasmussen's fingerprints from the agency. At one point of the investigation, authorities found some of the suspect's personal belongings, which provided them with a few more details about him.

Texas Rangers in Houston were also searching for the man at different addresses where Rasmussen lived since 1993, when he moved from Florida to Houston, Caver said in an earlier interview. The last address Rasmussen listed in his records was 12633 Memorial Drive.

MISD: Some on board disagree with city about guard issue

(From 1A)

change the insurance liability for the program or the funding source of the program from the city to MISD.

"Our offer remains to pay MISD $141,000 annually in exchange (for) MISD assuming total responsibility of the crossing guards. Or we will continue to manage the crossing guard program if MISD will reimburse the city $141,000 annually," McGregor writes.

The letter states that the change will "begin to equalize" MISD's funding for other programs that the city and the district participate in, such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.).

Baressi said the city and MISD have been meeting on the issue. Although the two entities have disagreed on some issues, he believes a compromise can be reached and relations are good.

"I think they're all right," Baressi said. "We certainly want to represent the same community and serve the same population."

The city of Midland, like some other Texas cities, operates the crossing guard program because the guards work on public streets. The city also currently controls school zones and placement of crosswalks.

Some school board members maintain that the safety issue at crosswalks should be a shared by MISD, city officials, and motorists. They are not in full agreement with the city manager's position.

Jackie Hamilton, board president, said she thinks the city should continue to oversee the crossing guards.

"I feel like it's the responsibility of the city to (control) the school crossing guards," she said. "They're responsible for making the survey of where the school crossing guards should be located. We just don't have the manpower to monitor all these speed zones."

Ms. Hamilton said the district created its police force to take some of the workload off the Midland Police Department.

"We have a very small group of people and we haven't been functioning that long," she said. "The reason we have them is to get a quicker response, to help (MPD and MISD)."

The district also has many budget constraints that many don't realize, she said.

Board member James Fuller reserved comment on the issue until he can review the letter, but he remains concerned about the crosswalk situation at Midland High School. The Midland City Council will debate the MHS situation on Tuesday and may change the MHS zone's starting time to 7 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

"My only concern on that ... is for the safety of the kids," he said. "There needs to be a flashing light up there to make that school zone crossing obvious. That should be in concert with the lowering of the time."

Among other items, the board will listen to a request from a Lee High School parent to allow high school sophomores to take concurrent enrollment courses with Midland College.

In a letter to the board, Sandra Huck states that "Sophomore students who are taking courses with juniors and seniors should receive the same recognition as the older students. Chronological age is not as important as academic abilities and course level."

Fuller and Ms. Hamilton said they are open to the issue.

"Personally I don't have a problem with that," Ms. Hamilton said. "If those kids are doing the work, then they should get the credit."

RECALL: Mrs. Shepherd says she'd do it all over in same way

(From 1A)

people," she said. "And I try to be interesting. I don't want to bore anybody. I want everybody to like me."

Those who know her do like her, love her, admire her.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns and Marfa Mayor Fritz Kahl thought so highly of her that they signed proclamations in her honor.

"The way to success is to be generous, kind, and forgiving," Burns said in quoting Mrs. Shepherd.

Last week, she put her formula for living even more succinctly: "Forget self; do for others ... If you're doing for yourself, you're narrow. You're little. But when you do for others, you're big."

She did that throughout her family and married life and in her 35 years as a teacher, principal, supervisor, counselor and dean from Marfa to San Antonio.

As one of 12 siblings — six boys and six girls — she had experience in waiting on others and in taking orders from her elders.

Her parents, Rial and Mary Tate Barnett, moved the family from their Coleman County ranch in 1910 and traveled a circuitous railroad route to Marfa (then known as the "City of Lights") to ranch in Presidio County.

In Presidio County, the family initially ranched near Lake San Esteban. Then in 1912 they moved farther south of Marfa to near Casa Piedra in the vicinity of the Cienega Mountains.

She described her father as "very dignified ... popular (and) quite a talker, (he) loved people" and described her mother as a "very quiet, dignified lady."

Her father became the Jeff Davis County judge in Fort Davis following his retirement from ranching in the 1920s. Years later, a brother, Ernest Barnett, became sheriff of Presidio County in Marfa and another brother, Frosty Barnett, was manager of Midland's Hotel Scharbauer for decades.

Since her childhood, Mrs. Shepherd wanted to be a schoolteacher. "I could have been a rancher," she reflected. "I didn't care to. I wanted to care for people" rather than enjoy the relative freedom as a rancher.

In Marfa, Myrtle Barnett was a classmate of the late Lucius Bunton, father of federal Judge Lucius D. Bunton of Midland and Odessa.

"He was my best boyfriend," Mrs. Shepherd said of Bunton. "He was a sure nice fellow ... quite a gentleman."

The Bunton and Barnett families were neighbors in Marfa.

"He's lovely," Mrs. Shepherd said of Judge Bunton, who attended high school in Marfa in the late 1930s and early 1940s and had dated Mrs. Shepherd's daughter, the former Doris MacDonald.

"Myrtle is just nice," Bunton said last week.

As a child, Bunton, who was born in 1924, would visit the saddlery shop owned by saddle-maker, John MacDonald, who was Mrs. Shepherd's first husband.

MacDonald, at 6-foot-2, was endowed with a "tremendous" bass voice and "was a delight," recalled Bunton, who was a playmate of Johnny MacDonald, the older son of MacDonald and Mrs. Shepherd.

Before her marriage, Myrtle Barnett attended the Alpine Summer Normal School in 1915 and 1916 and earned her teaching certificate. One of her classmates was Hallie Crawford, later Hallie Stillwell, the late rancher, author and justice of the peace. "She was a lovely lady," Mrs. Shepherd said.

After teaching children of ranch families at Punta Del Agua, Mrs. Shepherd taught at Marfa's Blackwell Elementary School, where she was principal for one year. In 1920, she attended Teachers College in San Marcos, home of Southwest Texas State University.

By 1921, she was teaching at an orphanage, the Masonic Home, in Fort Worth. It was there that she married MacDonald in 1923.

Among those at the wedding was orphan Perry D. Pickett, "just a little fellow," who later become a district court judge in Midland.

"She was very young and a very pretty woman, very beautiful," recalled Pickett, who is in his early 80s. "She's wonderful. She's just astounding. She's still bright, very bright, and loves life. She's a young 100 years old. She's a wonderful girl, a wonderful lady."

'Some people may call the late 1800s and the early 1900s "the good old days." But the good old days came later for me. There's a lot more freedom now than there was back then.'
— Myrtle "Boyte" Barnett MacDonald Shepherd

The young Pickett was among the boys "who drew straws" at the wedding to determine who would be the ring-bearer.

"Perry Pickett did not win," Mrs. Shepherd said. Other boys at the orphanage then were Abner McCall, who later became president of Baylor University, and Midland landman D.G. "Donk" Roberts.

After her marriage, Mrs. Shepherd returned to Marfa where her husband had owned the saddlery since 1919. "He was a good man. He was a hard worker. He was good-looking."

Aside from raising her family, Mrs. Shepherd earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

After she was widowed in the early 1950s, she moved to San Antonio where she was a teacher, supervisor, counselor, and finally, dean.

In 1963, she married a San Antonio physician, Dr. Walter Shepherd, who died less than a year later.

"But, oh, that year was worth 100 years," Mrs. Shepherd affirmed. "He was the most wonderful man I ever knew."

In reflecting over the years, Mrs. Shepherd said that "some people may call the late 1800s and the early 1900s 'the good old days.' But the good old days came later for me," well into the 20th century.

"There's a lot more freedom now than there was back then.

"You can do whatever you want to now," Mrs. Shepherd said. "Back then ... whatever you did was everybody's business. ... The older ones always bossed the little ones. You bet. You were subject to criticism. It's not so much that way now. It's your business whatever you do."

She lamented the century's major wars, World War I and World War II, and the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"Everybody went to war, and a lot of them died."

"The best time of my life has been since (World War II) after I went to San Antonio. Things seemed to get better and better. Everything eased up. We were always financially comfortable.

"We never did know what it was like to be hungry."

In reviewing her life, Mrs. Shepherd said that she has no regrets. "I have enjoyed life. I hope I have helped others enjoy life. If I were 18 years old (again), I would go back to the classroom. I'd go back to school. I'd do it all over again very much like I did. I'm very happy, very satisfied, with my life. I have enjoyed every moment of my life, 100 years of it."

POLL: Mauro's positions were favored on some specific issues

(From 1a)

Weprin Associates Inc. of New York, the telephone survey of 1,007 registered voters has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

On issues such as leaving public school student promotions to teachers, not tests, or demanding that health-maintenance organizations allow patients total choice in picking their doctors, the survey found more voters agree with Mauro than Bush.

Regarding Bush's top issue of 1997, property tax relief, 59 percent said their property taxes stayed about the same despite the $1 billion cut the governor pushed through the Legislature.

Another seven percent said their taxes went down, and 16 percent said their tax burden was down, but by less than they expected.

"On a couple of issues that may not be people's priority issues, Mauro really is on the side of the vast majority of voters," said Ms. Weprin.

Mauro said a different poll taken last fall showed him trailing Bush by 52 percentage points.

"The poll's good news because I beat George Bush on the issues," he said. "The poll shows my values represent what most Texans believe and he's out of touch."

Bush also was pleased with the results, but warned that "this race is inevitably going to narrow as partisan Democrats come home."

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

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New tremors block relief routes in Afghanistan, claim more victims

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — New tremors split mountain roads and crumbled villages in remote northeastern Afghanistan on Saturday, worsening the lot of survivors of a devastating quake and the aid workers trying to reach them. Another 150 deaths were reported in Saturday's shaking.

Aid agencies say between 2,150 and 4,450 people died in Wednesday's magnitude-6.1 quake, which set off landslides that buried many in their rugged hillside villages.

Saturday's jolts failed to register at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., indicating the latest tremors were below 4.5 in magnitude — but still strong enough to block relief routes and claim new victims.

"And now we may only be able to reach the survivors by helicopter," said Sayed Ali Javed, leader of a team coordinating relief efforts in the isolated Rustaq district of Takhar province, nestled between the Hindu Kush and Pamir mountain ranges.

Reports of Wednesday's quake reached the Afghan capital of Kabul, 150 miles to the south, only on Friday evening. Details were still sketchy Saturday.

Officials with the military alliance that controls the poor farming area said as many as 15,000 families were left homeless. Whole hillsides collapsed onto each other, crushing thousands of mud and brick homes perched on the slopes.

Sher Mohammed, a spokesman for the alliance, said soldiers digging through the rubble found 450 bodies Saturday, raising his death toll estimate to nearly 4,500.

"Our troops are helping the people of the region, but it is taking a long time and there may be more bodies and injured people still trapped," he said by satellite telephone.

Afghanistan's ambassador to neighboring Tajikistan, Abdul Rakhim, told Associated Press Television that 11 villages were destroyed by the quake, and 2,930 houses were leveled. He said that rescuers have recovered 3,681 bodies.

Aid workers are skeptical about the high figures given by the alliance, noting that the area was sparsely populated and that Afghan officials have exaggerated natural disasters in the past.

Juan Martinez, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kabul said local aid workers had counted 2,150 bodies pulled from the rubble. That figure is expected to climb as the digging continues, he said.

Many fear others will die from the bitterly cold weather unless aid agencies can reach the area with blankets, fuel and plastic sheeting.

"The cold must be the major killer now," said Andrew Wilder, who directs the Save the Children program in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

Javed said physicians from Doctors Without Borders, the first foreign aid agency to reach the region, already treated 367 people.

U.N. and Red Cross officials in Pakistan said they have sufficient emergency food, medical and temporary housing supplies in the general region. But getting it to the remote area, ringed by mountains and blanketed in snow, will be difficult.

A U.N. team left Islamabad on Saturday morning, flying to northeastern Badakshan province, which neighbors Takhar. The team will attempt to drive the 48-mile journey west through sheer mountain passes, which they fear may be blocked by snow or landslides.

The Red Cross plans to send a flight Sunday packed with medicine and water purification kits to Hajaghar, an air base west of Rustaq built by the former Soviet Union during its 11-year occupation of Afghanistan.

Already in poor condition, the roads between Rustaq and Hajaghar have been further damaged by the tremors, meaning the 24-mile journey could take hours.

Relief teams were further delayed by the civil war in Afghanistan. The northern-based opposition alliance, which controls 15 percent of the country, including Takhar, is battling the Taliban Islamic army, which holds the remaining 85 percent.

Taliban supreme leader Mullah Omar announced a three-day unilateral cease fire starting Saturday so soldiers of the opposition could assist in relief efforts, the Taliban's Radio Shariat reported.

The Red Cross also dispatched a relief team from the anti-Taliban stronghold of Mazar-e-Sharif. But the 130-mile road trip west to Takhar will take the aid workers through territory plagued by banditry and fierce fighting between the Taliban and its enemies.

Cohen seeks to calm Italy over deaths at ski lift

MUNICH, Germany (NYT) — Secretary of Defense William Cohen sought Saturday to contain the political fallout in Italy over the deaths caused when an American jet clipped a ski lift's cable, pledging full cooperation in a joint investigation and a review of all NATO training flights in Italy.

But despite his pledges and apologies, it was clear that divisions remained over the investigation and its consequences. After meeting with Cohen, Italy's minister of defense, Benjamino Andreatta, made it clear his government wanted to impose restrictions on training flights in Italy, despite the review Cohen announced Saturday.

"Certainly the authorities will make some decision to have a limitation of the flights or exercises," Andreatta said at a news conference with Cohen here, where both men were attending an annual conference on European security issues.

He did not specify the restrictions, but said that they had to take into account the fact "that Italy is a very crowded country."

Andreatta welcomed the assurances by Cohen and by President Clinton that the United States would cooperate with Italy's investigation. But he said, "The possibility of a new disaster has to be prevented."

The accident happened Tuesday afternoon when an EA-68 Prowler, a Marine Corps electronic-surveillance jet, sheared a ski lift's cable in the Dolomite Mountains. The accident sent a cable car with 20 passengers plunging several hundred feet. Everyone aboard died.

The crash has provoked a furor in Italy, with politicians and newspapers calling for punishment of the crew and a permanent halt to training flights.

Italy is a member of NATO and one of the United States' close allies in Europe. The crash has provoked a furor there, with politicians and newspapers calling for punishment of the crew and a permanent halt to training flights.

Andreatta has demanded that the jet's pilot, who has been identified as Capt. Richard J. Ashby, be prosecuted for negligence. He told a special session of Italy's Parliament that the pilot had flown under the cable and that the jet was six miles off course. He called the events leading up to the accident "incomprehensible."

At the news conference, Cohen sidestepped a question about the possibility of Italy prosecuting the pilot, saying he would leave it to the lawyers to review the "status of forces" agreement the United States has with Italy and all NATO members.

But a senior American military official said NATO's charter was clear: any possible prosecutions for wrongdoing rested with the country of the troops involved.

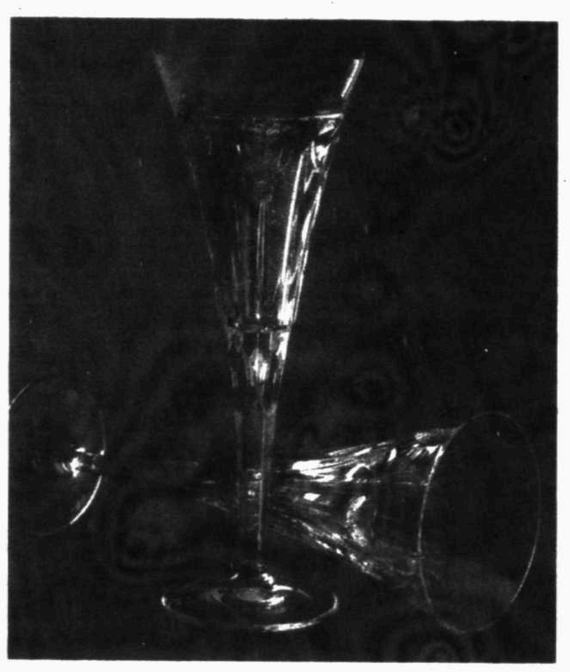
The furor has grown as American military officials offered contradictory explanations for the plane's position and altitude and belatedly turned over two data recorders after officials publicly announced that it did not have them.

American defense officials fear the controversy over the crash could sour relations and undercut an important training ground for American forces at Aviano Air Base, which is about 90 miles southeast of the ski lift where the accident occurred.

The jets at Aviano patrol over Bosnia, and a prolonged suspension — or permanent halt — to training flights could undercut that mission.

"Obviously there is a purpose behind low-level flight testing and training," Cohen said.

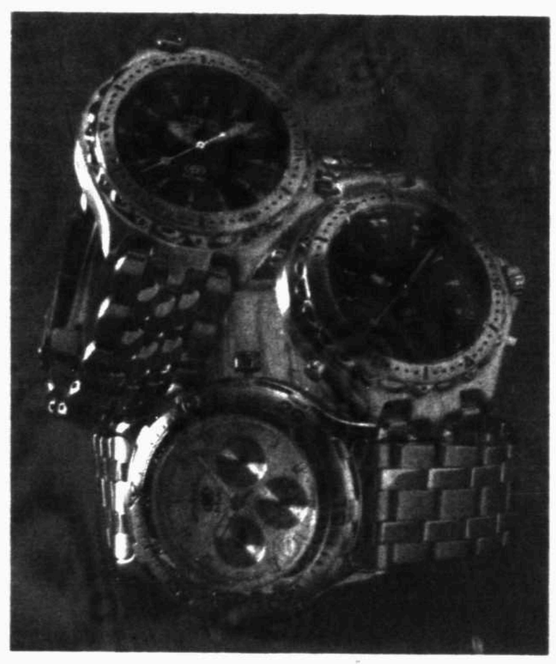
Cohen's aides said afterward that the NATO review could lead to limitations on the time, altitude and course of future training flights, but that it was unlikely to lead to a permanent end to them.



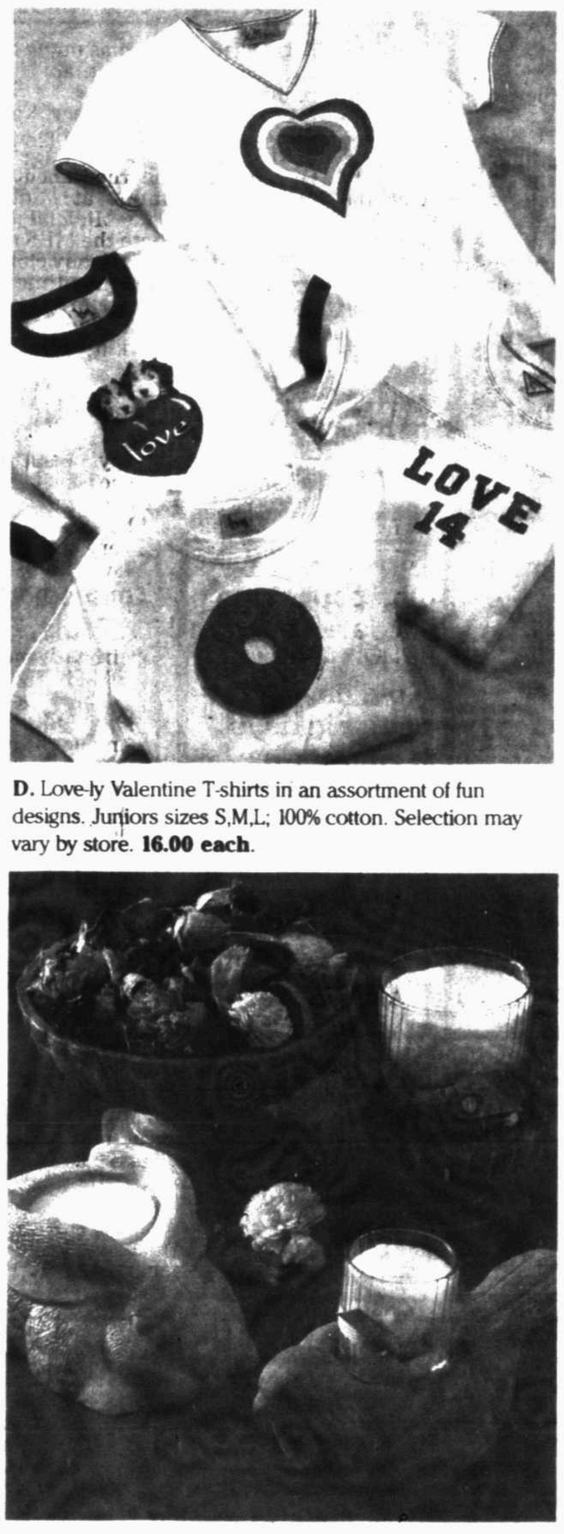
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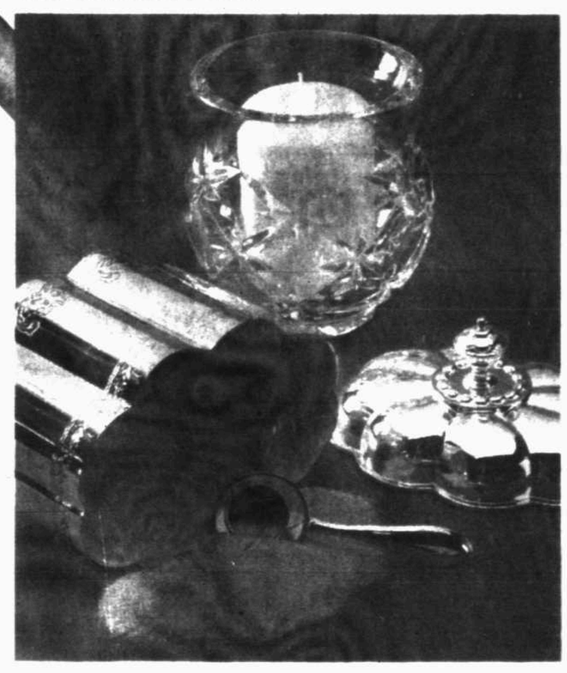


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Egypt battles to enforce female circumcision ban

TUNIS, Egypt (AP) — Rights groups and the government are celebrating a long-sought court ban against cutting women's genitals, viewing it as a rare victory in their quest to better the lot of Egyptian women.

Critics called the ban an insult to their Islamic faith, and the real fight has only begun in a country where customs — many of which date back to Pharaonic times — die hard.

Implementing such a ban will face strong resistance from people who believe chastity is the cornerstone of family honor. To them, female circumcision — sometimes called "tahara," or chastity and virtue — is the embodiment of that honor.

In Tunis, a sleepy village 125 miles southwest of Cairo and far from the heated debates and media attention of the capital, peasants were not even aware of the recent court ruling outlawing a practice that critics consider mutilation.

It is a phenomenon that is repeated over and over in the towns and hamlets of rural Egypt, where female circumcision is most widely practiced.

"God forbid!" Sakina Ibrahim, a 60-year-old villager exclaimed in disbelief when she heard of the ban. "This ruling won't work here, it won't be obeyed," she said.

"It's an evil ruling," interjected Abdel-Maguid Hagar, 36, who gathered along with two dozen people in the village square.

None had heard of the ruling and all were defiant.

"It will continue in secret," declared Hamam Mahmoud Ali, 26.

He will disobey the ruling and circumcise his daughter as planned, he said. If doctors refuse, he will ask a midwife to do it — and neither the government nor anyone else will have to find out.

"They are not going to check if my daughter has been circumcised or not," Ali said.

According to a 1995 government-sponsored study, 97 percent of married women in Egypt have undergone the ritual cutting. The practice became a particular focus of attention during the 1994 U.N. Population Conference in Cairo.

Many men and women believe circumcision ensures that their daughters will remain virgins by diminishing the pleasure of sex. As virgins they will be more marriageable, and as wives they will be less likely to cheat on their husbands, families believe.

But the practice has killed at least eight young girls in the past two years from bleeding, shock and infection.

The surgery ranges from clipping the clitoris to cutting away the external part of the female sex organs.

In the most severe form, known as infibulation, the wound is sewn closed, with only a match stick-sized hole left open.

Survivors endure a lifetime of after-effects — difficulty urinating and menstruating, painful intercourse, repeated infections and sometimes infertility. Women are cut or forced open on their wedding night, cut open more to give birth, then sewed up again.

"I don't like sex because it's painful," said Shadia Mohran, one of three Cairo women who talked to a reporter about circumcision.

All three neighbors had their sex organs completely removed when they were young girls.

"It should be banned," said Aida Ramadan, calling the practice violence against women. "I don't like sex," she added. "I find it repulsive — because of the pain."

But the third, Nawal Abdo, said circumcision is needed to keep wives faithful.

Health Minister Ismail Sallam acknowledges it will be difficult to keep an eye on every doctor and midwife who might perform circumcisions illegally.

But he already has started an educational program aimed at halting the practice — by going into villages and explaining to villagers the health dangers.

The government is also sending clergymen to train local sheiks in villages to discourage the practice. Their message: Despite prevalent beliefs otherwise, Islam does not require female circumcision.

As a result of the Dec. 28 court ruling, doctors who violate the ban face six months in jail and loss of their license. Midwives and barbers — who traditionally perform circumcisions — could go to jail for two years.

Sallam expressed optimism Egypt can end the practice in three to four years.

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Slave trade thrives in Sudan, with women, children most valuable

By Karin Davies
Associated Press

MADHOL, Sudan — Stacks of money pass from the Christian foreigner to the Muslim trader, an exchange anxiously watched by a 13-year-old girl with diamonds of sweat on her brow.

The Sudanese trader, his lap buried by currency worth $13,200, waves carelessly to free his merchandise — 132 slaves.

Akuac Malong, the young Dinka girl, is among them. She has spent seven years — more than half her life — enslaved by an Arab in northern Sudan.

Her brilliant smile belies the beatings, near-starvation, mutilation and attempted brainwashing she endured. "I thought it would be better to die than to remain a slave," Akuac says.

Trafficking in humans has resurged with civil war in Africa's largest and poorest country, said John Eibner of Christian Solidarity International, a humanitarian group that bought Akuac's freedom.

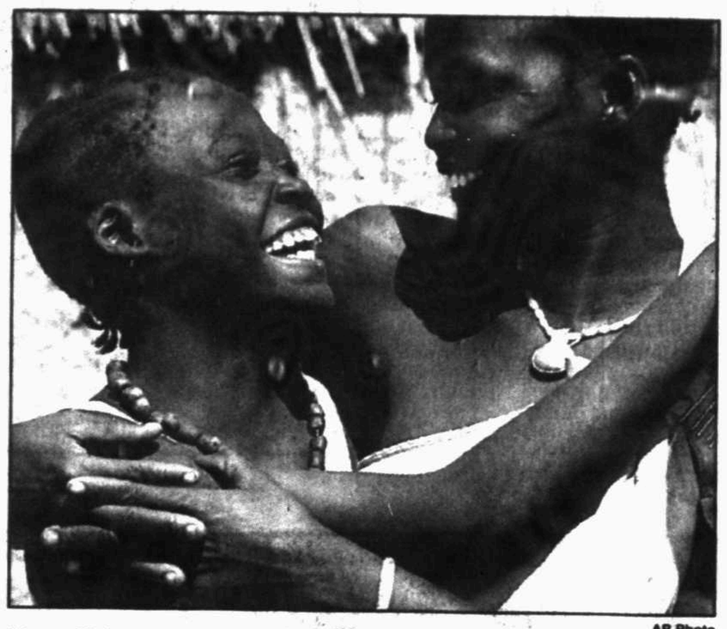
For all but a decade since Sudan's independence in 1956, southern rebels, mainly black Christians and followers of tribal religions, have fought for autonomy from the national government in Khartoum, which is dominated by northern Arabs. The southerners believe the north is trying to impose Islam and the Arabic language and to monopolize Sudan's wealth.

Since the rebellion resumed 14 years ago, fighting, famine and disease have killed an estimated 1.5 million Sudanese — more than died in the genocides and civil wars in Rwanda or Bosnia. More than 3 million people have fled or been forced from their homes.

Much of the fighting on the government side is done by local militias. Unpaid, their bounty is as old as war itself — slaves. Sudan's radical Islamic leaders encourage soldiers to take slaves as their compensation, according to United Nations investigators and the U.S. State Department.

Young women and children are the most valuable war booty. Eibner said old people are beaten and robbed while young men are killed because they cannot be trained into useful, harmless slaves.

According to the Khartoum's regime ideology of jihad, members of this resistant black African community — be they men, women or children — are infidels, and may be arbitrarily killed, enslaved, looted or otherwise abused," Eibner said.



AP Photo

Akuac Malong, 13, left, is hugged by her mother Abuong Malong for the first time in 7 years in Madhol, southwest of Khartoum, Sudan. Akuac, taken from her village and enslaved by an Arab in northern Sudan, was freed when an Arab trader sold her for about $100 to a Swiss-based charity which buys freedom for rescued slaves.

The Sudanese government denies condoning slavery, insisting the practice persists because holding prisoners for ransom is a tradition rooted in tribal disputes.

No side has a claim on morality in this war. The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army has been accused of forcibly inducting teenage boys into its ragtag army. But the southern blacks do not take Arab prisoners for slaves.

Paul Malong Awan, a regional rebel commander, said enslavement is a government tactic to weaken the morale and military might of the south.

Many of the blacks taken away are Dinkas, a million-member tribe that is the biggest ethnic group in southern Sudan. Dinkas are vulnerable because they predominate in northern Bahr el Ghazal, a region that is close to the front between north and south.

Christian Solidarity International estimates tens of thousands of black slaves are owned by Arabs in northern Sudan. The Swiss-based charity has made more than a dozen risky, clandestine bush flights to southern Sudan to redeem 800 slaves since 1995, most recently in Madhol, 720 miles southwest of Khartoum.

Some criticize its work.

Alex de Waal, of the London-based group African Rights, said that by paying large sums to free slaves, the Swiss charity undercuts Dinkas living in the north who do the same secretive work for a fraction of the cost.

Eibner countered: "There is no evidence to suggest that our work has undermined efforts to redeem abducted women and children. In fact, Dinka elders encourage us to press ahead with our activities."

Gaspar Biro, a researcher for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights for Sudan, has cited "an alarming increase" in "cases of slavery, servitude, slave trade and forced labor" since February 1994.

"The total passivity of the government can only be regarded as tacit political approval and support of the institution of slavery," he said.

A U.S. State Department report said accounts it received on the taking of slaves in the south "indicates the direct and general involvement" of Sudan's army and militias "backed by the government."

The centuries-old tensions between Arabs and blacks in Sudan are linked to slaving expeditions by Arabs to the upper Nile, a trade that the 19th century explorer David Livingstone called "an open sore on the world."

Akuac's mother, Abuong Malong, sobs when she sees her daughter for the first time in seven years. "It's like she's been born again."

She recognizes her only from her straight, square teeth. "She was very small when she was taken, her features have changed, but she came back with the same spirit."

Recalling that traumatic day, Mrs. Malong says they were fetching water when Arab militiamen on camels and horses thundered into their village, Rumalong. The raiders began shooting at the clusters of mud and wattle huts and rounding up cows and goats.

"I was running with Akuac for the trees when a horseman grabbed her," Mrs. Malong says. "I was afraid that if I chased the horseman, he would kill me."

Akuac and her older brother were tied to horsebacks and taken north with more than a dozen others from their village, a short walk southeast of Madhol. The women and older children had to carry the booty of their captors.

In Kordofan, Akuac was sold to an Arab who made her wash clothes, haul water, gather firewood and help with cooking.

She survived on table scraps, and slept in the kitchen. "I was badly treated," Akuac says.

Her master also tried to make

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Long muddled, U.N. 'oil-for-food' program makes progress in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (NYT) — It began a year ago with a maddening slowness that crushed the hopes of many Iraqis desperate for food and medicine. It was called the "oil for food" program, a plan allowing Iraq to sell some oil to meet the urgent needs of its people, who are living under the most stringent embargo ever imposed on a country by the U.N. Security Council.

Now the "other" United Nations — the relief agencies — has been given a job unlike any they have had before: saving a whole country of 22 million people from hunger and disease.

But before a program to reduce suffering could begin here, there were endless negotiations, false starts and prolonged battles in the security council sanctions committee over what Iraq should be allowed to have.

Furthermore, President Saddam Hussein waited more than five years before agreeing to the plan, by which time many Iraqis — especially children — were wasting away from malnutrition. Iraqi officials say that more than half a million children have died since the Persian Gulf war in 1991 for reasons related to sanctions.

But the program is finally beginning to make a difference, Iraqis say, although problems and shortfalls remain, particularly in medicine and medical equipment.

(Citing Iraq's "acute humanitarian needs," on Feb. 2 U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan asked the council to raise to $5.2 billion from $2 billion the amount of oil Iraq is allowed to sell in the next six months of the oil-for-food program.)

"To be honest, a successful component remains food and nutrition," said Denis J. Halliday, an Irish expert in public administration who was sent to Baghdad by the secretary general in September to kickstart the lagging project. "The rest of the program is always seen as a disappointment. There have been horrendous delays. The one that sticks in mind probably the most is the health sector."

The lack of medicine is caused not only by sanctions but also by government decisions to build palaces and monuments rather than spend its money on drugs, which it has been permitted to do since since 1990. Doctors say the shortage means that doses are reduced or becoming irregular.

Iraqis have also complained that a rigid definition of essential needs has prevented the importing of teaching materials, books of all kinds and even garbage trucks and ambulances. Sheets and pillow cases for hospitals are beginning to trickle in through private organizations. But for most hospitals, there is no soap or hot water to wash them properly.

Halliday is confident that medicine will soon be available in greater quantities. But he added that delays once largely due to reluctance by the security council sanctions committee to approve many imports may persist because of Iraq's choice of suppliers.

Iraq may sign contracts with whatever companies it prefers, and has placed some huge orders with pharmaceutical producers too small to meet those demands quickly. Months are being lost, Halliday said. Iraq also tests each shipment that arrives, adding another few weeks to the process.

Food supplies have been moved more quickly, Halliday said.

The oil-for-food program began by providing every Iraqi with a basic survival kit of flour, rice, sugar, tea, legumes, salt, cooking oil, soap and detergent. Milk is also given to families with children under a year old.

Originally, these items were expected to supplement government rations. Now U.N. officials acknowledge that the Iraqis have allowed these imports to replace rations instead, a source of some disappointment.

But Iraqis of all income levels who pick up their supplies at neighborhood shops say that they find the new rations so much higher in quality that they can forgo the government handout.

There have been some complaints from a population who grew accustomed to consumer goods imported during the oil-boom years before the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"Of course there's been grumbling and complaints about the sort of rice or the smell of the soap," Halliday said. "But that's preference. That's not quality."

TRADE: Slaves compensation to militias for fighting

(From 7A)

her a Muslim — taking her to mosque and giving her the Arabic name of Fatima.

But Akuac says she maintained her Christian faith, praying and singing hymns in secret and never forgetting her true name. "My name is my name and nobody can change that."

She does bear scars — in the local Muslim tradition, she was forcibly circumcised with her master's daughters when she was 11.

"It was very brutal. It is strange to our culture," Akuac says. "The master told me, 'If I don't circumcise you, I will have to kill you because you will still hold the ideas of your people, and you will try to escape.'"

Her heart is scarred, too. Her older brother, Makol, was killed two years ago at age 13 while trying to escape.

Another returnee, Akec Kwol Kiir, who is in her 40s, says she was repeatedly raped by four soldiers who took her north. She ended up in a camp where slaves were bought and sold. "They treated us like cattle," she says.

Her Arab master insisted that she, too, be circumcised. She refused, and was brutally slashed. Her ear is notched and her chin and neck scarred.

Kwol finally submitted. "Otherwise, they would have killed me. Because I was a slave, they had the right to do whatever they wanted to me," she says.

Akuac and Kwol have been brought back to Madhol along with 130 other former slaves by a trader who calls himself Ahmed el-Noor Bashir.

Slipping into a cowhide-strung chair beneath a shade tree, the 27-year-old dressed in a fine white cotton robe and a close-fitting embroidered cap denies he rescues slaves for the money.

"To others it may seem 6.6 million Sudanese pounds ($13,200) is a lot of money. But how can you put a price on human life? I do it for humanitarian reasons, not for the money," he says.

"My father is Arab but my mother is Dinka. When I see my mother's people are suffering, I must do something."

But many families among the Dinka, particularly those who also lose cattle and crops to raiders, cannot afford Bashir's price — five cows or the equivalent of $100 in cash for each slave returned.

He says he rescues slaves by buying some from owners, takes others from wives jealous of their husbands' concubines, and protects escapees who seek him out.

Though Bashir insists he loses money, he flaunts the Sudanese signs of wealth — on his feet are tasseled, leather loafers, on his wrist a Casio watch, in his hand a shortwave radio.

Eibner says he doesn't begrudge the trader his money. "If this man is caught, he's a dead man."

For that reason, the slave caravan traveled only by the light of a melon slice of moon to reach Madhol.

The three-night walk wearied the 132 freed women and children. Infants of Arab fathers were carried on their raped mother's backs.

Years of abuse are written in bruises and scars on their long, dust-caked limbs. Some wear tattered rags; others are naked.

Yet Akuac's joy at freedom beams from her animated face and chocolately eyes. She sings a song of praise for the Sudan People's Liberation Army and dances with family and friends to the twangs of a homemade, stringed rababa.

The first Sunday after her release, Akuac worships beneath a tree with a crucifix nailed to the trunk. Roman Catholic hymns are sung to the beat of drums and the mewling of infants.

On Monday, she goes to school — but is clearly bewildered as other children practice writing letters in the dirt with sticks and add up four-digit figures.

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'Crisis cabinet' runs intern damage control

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

'His guys will just keep going out there day after day after day and spinning away. They're a disciplined bunch.'

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■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — Another late night phone call with bad news. "Oh no," the presidential adviser muttered, then swore under his breath. "This is a killer."

That call triggered another and another — until President Clinton's inner circle hustled up the support of a friendly defense lawyer, calmed an agitated press corps and plotted a morning attack against Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Around midnight, the adviser stumbled off to bed — confident that his boss would survive another day.

All in a day's work inside Clinton's "crisis cabinet," where four rules apply: Deny the accusations, reveal as little as possible, defuse embarrassing news stories and — above all — try to tar Starr.

Even Republicans grudgingly give the Clinton operation high marks for effort in countering the Monica Lewinsky allegations.

"The fact that the American public has doubts about Starr demonstrates their capacity to spin away, to redefine their desired definition of reality and make it real," said Eddie Mahe Jr., a prominent GOP consultant. Mahe said the president is surrounded by an unusually loyal staff that is "in campaign mode because they're in so much trouble."

Two weeks ago, Clinton was on the edge of ruin: Democrats and senior administration officials wondered if the allegations of an affair and coverup were true, and privately expressed fears of resignation or impeachment. Clinton pulled himself out of the tailspin by denying a sexual relationship with "that woman," and delivering a State of the Union address laced with poll-driven initiatives.

Hunkered down for a long legal and political battle, aides tried to undermine a series of embarrassing leaks. They relied on advanced planning and aggressive action.

Tipped off to rumors that a Secret Service agent caught Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky in a compromising position, the White House ordered the agency to find out whether any agent had seen anything suspicious. That enabled Clinton advisers to quickly denounce a newspaper story that said an agent was cooperating with Starr; the newspaper killed the story.

When a newspaper reported on its Internet site that White House steward Bayani Nelvis told grand jurors he saw Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone in the West Wing, a representative for Clinton contacted the steward's lawyer, Dan Small. It was suggested that Small release a statement about his client's grand jury testimony. Small, already swamped with calls from reporters, issued a flat denial of the story.

Same scenario when reports surfaced that Oval Office secretary Betty Currie told investigators that Clinton called her into his office last month and led her through an account of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Mrs. Currie's attorney, Lawrence Wechsler, quickly issued a statement saying any implication that his client was aware of any legal or ethical wrongdoing "is entirely inaccurate."

Clinton advisers, including the official who termed the report "a killer," later confirmed that the president met with Mrs. Currie — but said he was simply "jogging his memory," not shaping Mrs. Currie's testimony.

Then the Clinton camp turned on Starr.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry denounced "another leak of alleged grand jury testimony" and called the supposed breach "beyond appalling ... it's dangerous." Hours later, Clinton used an East Room news conference to accuse the investigation of "leaking unlawfully." At day's end, Clinton attorney David Kendall vowed to go to court to punish prosecutors for what he called an "appalling disregard" for the grand jury process.

Clinton's supporters, who just two weeks ago feared a resignation in disgrace, were buoyed by the president's confident performance Friday.

"The boy's got a future, doesn't he?" said adviser Paul Begala.

Reluctantly, Mahe agreed. "His guys will just keep going out there day after day after day and spinning away. They're a disciplined bunch."

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Starr vows 'appropriate action' against anyone leaking stories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr promised Saturday to "take appropriate action" if he finds anyone on his staff leaking stories damaging to President Clinton. But Monica Lewinsky's attorney demanded an independent Justice Department probe.

In an escalating war of press releases, William Ginsburg issued a statement accusing Starr of "clearly attempting to evade and avoid the responsibility for his office's unethical, unlawful and abusive acts."

Ginsburg, who represents the young woman alleged to have had an affair with Clinton, also called Starr's promise to police his own staff "self-serving." He said "the American people would have more confidence" in Starr's investigation of Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky if he turned the matter of illegal news leaks over to the Justice Department.

Clinton's attorney, David Kendall, was behind closed doors in his Washington office Saturday, preparing to take Starr to court as early as Monday. Kendall will ask that Starr's office be found in contempt and punished for allegedly passing to reporters secret — and, he says, sometimes false — information from grand jury proceedings.

Kendall detailed the allegations in a publicly distributed letter to Starr on Friday.

"We'll look into those charges," said Starr, who is trying to prove that Clinton had sex with Ms. Lewinsky and that both of them later lied under oath about the relationship.

"We try to carry on this investigation in the most professional way. Charges have been made. ... Let's find out the facts," he told reporters Saturday.

At work in his Los Angeles-area office, Ginsburg was planning his own court action against Starr — a legal motion to force Starr to abide by a signed immunity offer that prosecutors later rescinded in hopes of getting more information from Ms. Lewinsky.

Ginsburg was expected to return Tuesday to Washington, but it remained unclear when he would file his motion.

As the legal maneuvering dragged on, new polls showed Clinton winning the battle for public favor. His job-approval rating remained high, at 66 percent, in separate surveys by Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

Newsweek's survey additionally indicated that just over half of Americans (54 percent) believe it was bad for the country that Starr began looking into the Clinton-Lewinsky question. The public was also almost evenly split over approving Starr's tactics in the case.

Both Ms. Lewinsky and Clinton have denied in legal proceedings connected with the Paula Jones sexual harassment case that they had a sexual relationship.

Prosecutors have secretly recorded conversations, sources have said, in which Ms. Lewinsky contradicts the sworn denials. Starr and his team of prosecutors are investigating whether Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton and his friend Vernon Jordan conspired to commit perjury and tried to get others to lie as well.

The Feb. 5-6 Newsweek survey of 758 adults claimed a margin of error of 4 percentage points. The U.S. News poll, conducted Jan. 31-Feb. 1 among 1,000 adults, had a sampling error of 3 percentage points.

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Prominent evangelicals call for fasting, in hopes of spiritual revival

By Laurie Goodstein
N.Y. Times News Service

For 40 days last year, Linda Creager prepared dinner and sat down with her two sons at the table, but ate nothing. For 40 consecutive days she fasted, swallowing nothing but liquids. Ms. Creager says she was not on a diet, but on a religious mission, to find guidance from God.

"After four or five days, I didn't even want food," said Ms. Creager, a church outreach worker in Birmingham, Ala. "I could really see how great it's going to be when we don't have to eat anymore, when we get to heaven."

Thousands of evangelical Christians, hopeful that the nation is on the threshold of a huge spiritual revival, have quietly taken to preparing by fasting and praying, on their own and in large groups.

Now prominent evangelicals, led by Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ and Pat Robertson of the Christian Broadcasting Network, are calling for 2 million Christians to join in a national 40-day fast beginning on March 1 and ending on April 9, the day before Good Friday — roughly coinciding with Lent, the period of penance preceding Easter.

Many fasters will buy automatic juicers and sustain themselves with fresh-squeezed fruit and vegetable juices. Some will drink only Slim Fast. Others will go on modified fasts by denying themselves a favorite food. What is important to them, they say, is that while they may appear to be carrying on their work and family routines, in private they will be deep in prayer and immersed in Bible study.

"Fasting and prayer is the atomic bomb, or the hydrogen bomb, of all the Christian disciplines," Bright said in a recent interview. "Prayer has great power, but fasting with prayer has infinitely more power."

Biblical accounts, he said, show that God responds to the faithful who fast because it demonstrates true repentance, humility and contrition.

Fasting has never been widespread among evangelical and Protestant denominations. Roman Catholics and many Orthodox Christians fast before Christmas and Easter, Muslims during Ramadan, Jews on Yom Kippur and American Indians before rites of passage and to cleanse their bodies of toxins.

The adoption of fasting by evangelicals coincides with their growing hope for a great spiritual revival, a fervor that scholars say is fueled in part by the coming end of Christianity's second millennium, but even more by what evangelicals see as a dismal moral climate.

Evangelicals, Robertson said, are discovering that fasting "is a way of coming before God and saying we really mean business, we're not just playing this time."

"We're not just saying our prayers," he said. "We really honestly want to see the hand of God move, in this case in behalf of our nation. I believe we're in the middle or the beginning of a major spiritual revival in America, and I believe this is the kind of thing that is needed to bring forth a truly sweeping revival."

By revival, these religious leaders mean not simply a lively prayer service in a church, but a widespread, prolonged phenomenon in which legions of people ecstatically "awaken" to Christ.

There have been two major periods of revival in America that historians call "Great Awakenings." The first swept the colonies from Boston to Philadelphia from 1730 to 1760. The second arose in the early 1800s among students at Yale College and at a huge camp meeting in Kentucky and quickly spread to the Midwest. Though the nation has had subsequent eras of renewed religious interest, evangelicals have frequently expressed longing for a new "Great Awakening."

For many evangelicals, these years before the millennium are a time of utmost urgency, of darkness just before the dawn. Yet theologians say the renewed fervor for revival among evangelicals has also arisen because of moral concerns.

Some evangelical leaders talk of the United States as "Sodom and Gomorrah." As evidence, they rattle off statistics on the high rates of abortions, teen-age pregnancy, divorce, crime, suicide, drug addiction, alcoholism and prostitution, even though some social indicators, especially crime rates, are improving. In addition, the evangelicals say, the current White House scandal has intensified their sense that sin reigns.

Desperate times require drastic measures, evangelical leaders say, so they are promoting fasting and prayer just as the early American evangelist Jonathan Edwards organized fasting days in the colonies as well as Europe from his pulpit in Northampton, Mass., in the first Great Awakening.

"As a nation, we are faced with the gravest crisis in our more than 200-year history, because we have rejected God and His Commandments," Bright warned last year as he and Mission America, an interdenominational group, announced their fourth annual Fasting and Prayer meeting.

"Judgment has already begun with rapid social disintegration during the last three decades, but far worse awaits us," he warned. "Unless we believers truly repent, further judgment and ultimate destruction loom drastically ahead."

Last November, 800 church leaders from more than 60 denominations gathered in Dallas for last year's meeting of collective fasting, preaching and prayer. Their sessions were broadcast by satellite to about 2,200 churches, living rooms and campuses and were heard on more than 110 Christian radio stations.

In Springdale, Ark., the Rev. Ronnie W. Floyd, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, reinforced his belief in the power of fasting three years ago after a 40-day fast during which he drank the juices of cantaloupes, watermelons and carrots. He has since led his church of 10,000 members in extended fasts, written a book on fasting, and in a speech before the Southern Baptist Convention in 1996, persuaded its churches to call a one-day fast.

"These are desperate spiritual moments in the life of our nation," Floyd said in a recent interview, so the faithful must set an example by repenting and "humbling ourselves before God." And the most dramatic sign of repentance, he said, is to go without food: "We deny the most natural thing that our body desires, which is food, in order to persuade God to do something supernatural in our lives."

While evangelical leaders like Floyd see signs of darkness, they also see hints that revival is coming. In interviews, the signs they mention include the spectacle of more than half a million men kneeling in prayer on the National Mall in Washington last October in the demonstration of faith organized by the evangelical men's group Promise Keepers, the enduring ecstatic revival meetings that have drawn more than 2 million people to churches in Pensacola, Fla., and Toronto, and increasing cooperation among Christians across denominational and racial lines.

The sense that both destruction and deliverance are just around the corner is not as paradoxical as it might seem, said Joel A. Carpenter, provost of Calvin College and the author of "Revive Us Again: The Reawakening of American Fundamentalism" (Oxford University Press, 1997).

"People can say it's the very worst of times and that will give them hope, because that's when God begins to act," Carpenter said. "It's almost an ideological judo. You can turn the most adverse of situations into the beginning of the way out."

In the last few years, thousands of people have taken up fasting. Some fast on their own, some with their congregations. A Denver church began the year with a monthlong graduated fast in which, by the fourth week, the congregation was drinking only water.



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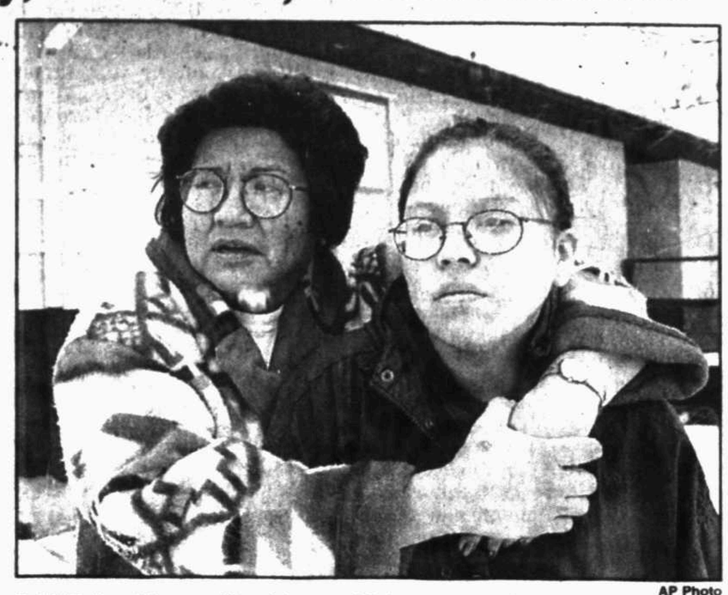
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Reservation teen suicide: a mix of alcohol, drugs, poverty, boredom, broken families

By Philip Brasher
Associated Press



AP Photo
Faith Taken Alive and her 14 year old daughter Dani Black Fox stand outside their black and blue reservation home in McLaughlin, S.D. Dani attemped suicide in her basement in October, 1997. Taken Alive says that her home is painted black and blue because that is what you look like when you are beaten down.

McLAUGHLIN, S.D. — Robert Jaycob Jensen was first.

The lanky 17-year-old Sioux Indian, who'd been drinking heavily and having run-ins with police all summer, slipped into his family's dank basement last Aug. 30. Over toward the corner, past the rusted-out furnace and broken sewer line, he threaded a braided leather belt over a board nailed between floor beams, buckled it around his neck and hanged himself.

On Nov. 16, in the same basement with the same type of belt, Robert's 16-year-old cousin and best friend, Charles Gerry, hanged himself from a nearby pipe.

Three other Indian youths on the Standing Rock Reservation have taken their lives since then — the latest was buried Jan. 24. In the five months since Robert's death, 43 reservation boys and girls have attempted suicide, some more than once.

Counselors are keeping tabs on 150 teen-agers considered at risk. The hellish epidemic, they say, is brought on by a lethal mix of alcohol, drugs, poverty, boredom and wholesale family breakdown.

"There's so much pain here," says Faith Taken Alive, whose 14-year-old daughter, Dani Black Fox, attempted suicide with a friend in October. "You wonder where it came from and why it hit at once."

McLaughlin, population 799, is the biggest town on the 2.3 million-acre reservation. For the most part, its Indian and white residents live separate lives. They report to separate court systems and separate police forces. They even keep separate time: Whites observe Mountain time, while Indians keep to Central time because tribal headquarters, across the border in Fort Yates, N.D., falls within the Central zone.

With its big, gray grain elevator jutting from the rolling prairie, McLaughlin looks from a distance like hundreds of other Midwestern farm towns. But there was trouble even before the suicides.

Burglaries, most targeting the local bar, supermarket and city-owned liquor store, have become common, as have fights, vandalism and petty theft, residents say. Jude's Jack and Jill grocery was burglarized so many times the owners finally covered the storefront with steel grating.

Three of four Indian adults have no jobs, and half the students at the tribal school in Fort Yates drop out before 10th grade. For the idle, alcohol is easy to get. Even teens say panhandlers will readily buy them booze for tip of a dollar or two.

Many of the dropouts wind up roaming with loose-knit gangs that commonly brawl with others, but the tribe has only two detention cells for juveniles and just one probation officer to track up to 60 cases at a time.

The troubled youths, says Robert Preuss, local director of mental health programs for the Indian Health Service, wind up doing "what they want, when they want."

The despair isn't new and it isn't isolated to one Indian reservation. But at Standing Rock, this fresh turmoil is churning up new efforts to halt the self-destruction. And the nation's top-ranking Indian official has challenged the tribe to become a model for other reservations by taking the drastic steps needed, including banning alcohol and institutionalizing alcoholics.

If they do that, vows Kevin Gover, the Interior Department's new assistant secretary for Indian affairs, the Clinton administration will supply the money for the social services and law enforcement now sorely lacking.

That would be a start.

Robert was 2, the youngest of three children, when his mother, Francine Jensen, left his father, who she said beat her and the kids. She got married again and had four more children.

Mrs. Jensen insists she did the best she could as a parent, although she acknowledges being jailed more than once on child neglect and other charges.

Robert's high cheekbones hinted at Sitting Bull, the great leader of the Hunkpapa band of Sioux who settled at Standing Rock. He was active in traditional Sioux rituals, including the Sun Dance and sweat lodge ceremonies, and he loved to box. His long arms and strong left punch made him a natural.

But the boxing club disbanded and he was kicked out of school last year after a fistfight with a classmate. He started drinking heavily, his family says, and was constantly getting arrested for fighting. The photograph his mother keeps on a kitchen shelf clearly shows scars on one cheek.

"The cops were always on his tail, always" and he talked about suicide with friends, says Dani Black Fox. "He used to always ask whether we would go to his funeral if he died. I didn't take him seriously at first. I thought he was just kidding."

Exactly two months after Robert's death, Dani's sister found Dani and a friend trying to hang themselves.

Dani denies the stories going around that some teens had signed suicide pacts. She says most of the youths who have tried to kill themselves, including herself, were simply drunk. "We do need something to do," she says. "All anybody ever talks about at school is drinking."

Besides booze, she says, teens find marijuana "pretty easy to get," and for a cheap rush, kids take turns choking each other with their hands or rubber bands to induce brief blackouts. She says she and her friend tried that in the jail cell where they were deposited after their suicide attempt.

"There's nothing to do in jail. You might as well black yourself out," she says.

Rocky White Mountain, a local pastor, says he once sat for hours with a gun in his mouth after a business went bad in 1985. He believes suicide is a way troubled Indian youth try to get attention in a society where "everything is basically out of control ... It's a tiny fraction of dignity in a world that doesn't make sense."

The Indian Health Service in Washington, D.C., gets reports of suicide epidemics like the one plaguing Standing Rock at least once or twice a year. Gover, who became assistant Interior secretary in November, is making clear that curbing suicides, crime and alcoholism on reservations are priorities.

"There is nothing more significant going on in your community than this crisis," Gover, a member of the Pawnee tribe and himself a recovering alcoholic, told Standing Rock leaders recently. "Defending treaty rights, fighting for sovereignty — none of that matters if we're not dealing with these problems."

Tribal leaders are compiling a wish list of youth programs to submit for government funding. And in McLaughlin, non-Indians are leading a drive to raise money to convert a boarded-up movie theater into a restaurant, weight room and playhouse.

Teens would work at the restaurant and learn how to run a business, says Judene Maxon, who owns the Jack and Jill with her husband. The parking lot could be used as a hockey rink in the winter and basketball courts in the summer. The county already has promised to waive property taxes.

"It wasn't in vain," pastor White Mountain says of the suicides. "God, I believe, is working some good out of it. There is a lot of focus on the youth."

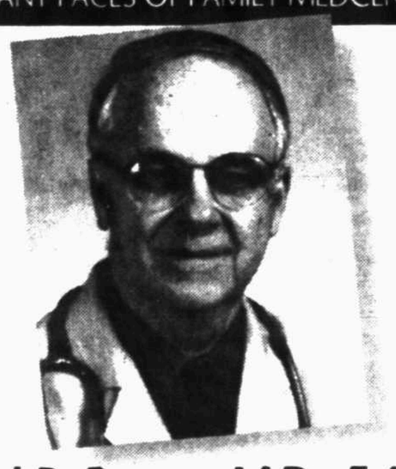
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Treatment for strokes slow to gain acceptance

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A year and a half after its approval, surveys show many doctors are still afraid to use a clot buster as the first emergency treatment for strokes because of the potentially dangerous side effects.

The slow acceptance of tissue plasminogen activator — TPA — was one of the primary topics of discussion at the American Heart Association's 23rd International Joint Conference on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation, which ended Saturday.

Until recently, there was no treatment for strokes. Many hospitals did not even consider them emergencies, since there was nothing they could do. That changed in June 1996 with U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of TPA for strokes.

Given within three hours of the start of symptoms, the medicine can dissolve the clot that chokes off blood to the brain and stop the stroke cold.

Initial studies showed this could reduce the risk of permanent paralysis and other stroke effects by 30 percent to 40 percent, and follow-ups presented at this conference showed those benefits continue one year after treatment.

TPA is already a mainstay of therapy for heart attacks and has been used on more than 1 million people in the past decade.

However, the drug is more difficult to give for strokes. Patients must undergo a quick CT scan to make sure their strokes do not result from bleeding inside the head rather than a clot. Given by mistake to such people, the treatment can be lethal.

For this reason, doctors at the meeting said many neurologists, who are stroke specialists, are leery about trying TPA. And emergency room doctors who routinely administer TPA to heart attack patients are unwilling to try it for strokes without the approval of a neurologist.

"I think it will be at least five years before this becomes routine treatment," said Dr. Thomas Brott of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Brott said he has treated more than 100 stroke victims with TPA, more than any other doctor in the world.

"There are 14,000 active neurologists in the United States, and there are 730,000 strokes," Brott went on. "There just isn't the manpower, and they aren't in the emergency department when they are needed. We're in the hospital eight or 10 hours a day. How can we do it?"

Dr. Patricia Davis of the University of Iowa, who surveyed 773 primary and emergency doctors in rural Iowa, found the absence of a nearby neurologist is a prime reason why TPA is not used for strokes.

Only half of their hospitals had a neurologist on call around the clock for stroke cases. Even when one was available, she said, "the problem is having a neurologist get in a car and be at the hospital in 12 minutes. In a rural state, that's not possible."

Even if a neurologist is available, he or she might not yet know enough about this approach to recommend it.

Dr. Lewis Morgenstern of the University of Texas in Houston surveyed 238 Texas neurologists six months after TPA's approval for strokes. He found that only 16 percent were actually using it. Among those who had no intention of trying the drug, he said, nearly half "grossly overestimated the risk of the therapy."

Doctors at the meeting predicted that eventually emergency room physicians will be trained to decide whether to give TPA without waiting for a neurologist's approval.

But even if doctors are willing to administer TPA, most patients will not receive it because they don't get to a hospital soon enough. They also may be excluded because of other medical conditions, such as taking blood thinners, that make the treatment risky.

Paul Laland of Genentech, which makes TPA, said the company believes that 50,000 U.S. stroke victims a year get to a hospital quickly enough and fit the medical criteria for getting the drug. Since the FDA approval, 9,000 have actually gotten it.

Cosmonauts pitch Space Pens, spacesuits in American TV debut

NEW YORK (AP) — The pen was mightier than the word when late-night television crossed the final shopping frontier early Saturday.

Two Russian cosmonauts aboard the Mir space station, appearing live on the QVC shopping channel, set out to hawk the American-made $32.75 Fisher Space Pen, used on NASA space flights since 1967 because it can write in the absence of gravity.

As they orbited 200 miles above the Earth, a technical problem kept Commander Anatoly Solovyov and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov from being heard discussing the pen. So one of them simply used it to write "QVC" on a pad.

"They love this pen in space," an interpreter for the cosmonauts said during the hourlong program that started at 1 a.m. EST.

But the featured attraction at the sale, anchored from the Catch a Rising Star nightclub in Manhattan, was the $25,000 Sokol KV-2 spacesuit.

Under the club's red, white and blue lights, cosmonaut Alexander Lazutkin provided a ground-based demonstration of the 22-pound suit for viewers.

He described the four blue air valves, the canvas boots and other features. The left arm bore a red flag of the former Soviet Union on the shoulder and a pressure gauge at the wrist.

The suits, Lazutkin insisted, are "in very good condition."

"This suit can be used even in water," said QVC regular Ron Maestri.

At least six callers made serious inquiries about the suits, said QVC spokeswoman Ellen Rubin. Their credit will be checked before any sales are final, she said.

The show also sold 11 tiny pieces of Mars rock — bits of meteorites authenticated by chemical tests as being from the red planet — for prices ranging from $90 to $2,500.

"There are only 14 pounds of Mars in private hands," said Darryl Pitt, the seller of the meteorites.

The program attracted 530 buyers, Rubin said later Saturday. The financially shaky Russian space program gets an undisclosed donation from the proceeds.

Russian space chief Yuri Koptev has said previously that Mir would be used regularly as an advertising prop.

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CPS told investigators that teacher renewed sexual relationship with boy

By Vanessa Ho
Hearst News Service

SEATTLE — As a judge prepared to send convicted rapist Mary K. Letourneau to prison for 7 1/2 years Friday, new allegations surfaced that Letourneau had sex with her 14-year-old victim in the past month.

The Post-Intelligencer has learned that Child Protective Services investigators told prosecutors Letourneau renewed her sexual relationship with the boy after her release from jail Jan. 2.

The allegation of continued sexual contact was relayed to King County Superior Court Judge Linda Lau in chambers Friday, but was not discussed in open court. Lau ignored the allegations, though, when she revoked Letourneau's suspended sentence and sent her to prison.

Lau's courtroom was the stage for other revelations.

In arguments before the judge, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Lisa Johnson suggested Letourneau, 36, bought clothing and collected cash in preparation for fleeing with the boy and their 9-month-old daughter.

"It appeared she was getting ready to leave the jurisdiction" with a passport "virtually hidden" under the gas pedal, Johnson said.

"It's not too much of a stretch ... that she would flee with both the victim and the baby."

She presented evidence found in Letourneau's car early Tuesday morning when police found the former teacher and the boy parked near the Seward Park home where Letourneau was staying: Bags of clothes for a woman, a boy and an infant; a strongbox with 62 $100 bills and Letourneau's passport, concealed under a floor mat.

David Gilkey, a Department of Corrections officer, said Letourneau told him the cash was intended for her divorce attorney fees and for skin treatment she hoped to have.

Gilkey, who also inspected the room in the home where Letourneau was officially living, told the court the room appeared vacant.

That night, Letourneau and the boy told police they were not having sex. But prosecutors confirmed a CPS worker notified them of a suspected ongoing sexual relationship in recent weeks.

"A referral was brought to our attention alleging that Mary Letourneau had sexual contact with the victim after she was released from jail," said Dan Donohoe, a spokesman for the prosecutor's office.

He said the information needs to be investigated by police.

Sources close to the case said the boy told his therapist he and Letourneau were having sex and the therapist contacted CPS.

He declined to say whether Letourneau could face additional charges if the allegations are proven.

David Gehrke, Letourneau's lawyer, declined to comment on discussions between himself and prosecutors or talks in Lau's chambers.

The boy's attorney was unavailable for comment.

Last year, Letourneau, a former Shorewood Elementary School teacher, admitted having a sexual relationship with a sixth-grade student, gave birth to his child and pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree child rape.



AP Photo

Mary Kay Letourneau breaks down during a 10-minute recess before sentencing Friday and is comforted by an unidentified friend in King County Superior Court in Seattle. The 35-year-old former grade school teacher faces nearly seven years in prison for violating a court order by seeing the 14-year-old boy whose child she bore in a relationship both insist is love.

In November, Lau spared Letourneau from prison by suspending the bulk of her prison term.

She was instead sentenced to six months in jail and three years of sex-offender treatment in the community. One of the conditions of that sentence was that she have no contact with the boy.

Friday, after she was sentenced to finish out her sentence in prison, Letourneau was transferred to the Washington Corrections Center for Women. She must serve at least five years of her sentence before she is eligible for release.

On the night of her arrest, the boy told police he had paged Letourneau on an old number. But Seattle police Detective Dane Bean said records showed the pager number was activated Jan. 29.

Bean said he found items in the car indicating Letourneau had contacted the boy more than once since her release from jail.

The evidence included three rolls of film that, when developed, included shots of Letourneau and the boy separately at Pike Place Market and a Jan. 20 photo of the boy holding his baby. He said that in the photos the boy appears to be the same age as he is now.

The boy also told Bean he had a pager that he left in Letourneau's car. Records show Letourneau actually bought that pager Jan. 14, Bean said.

From Jan. 20 to Monday, Letourneau charged $850 for clothes at three Nordstrom stores, he said. In the car he found "young men's" clothing, men's underwear in packages, men's socks, and small baby dresses, baby books and puzzles.

Bean said the two began their last night together with a visit to a North Seattle Larry's Market, where Bean said Letourneau bought beer and food.

They then went next door to the Oak Tree Cinemas to see the movie "Wag the Dog."

When police came upon Letourneau's gray Volkswagen Fox, she did not give her real name and claimed that she was alone in the car. Police said the boy also gave a false identity at first.

In his first interviews with police, the boy appeared hesitant to talk, Bean said. The detective said the boy was not sure "who he could trust" and feared "things he said would be used against Mary."

Johnson, the prosecutor, cited Letourneau's ability to manipulate people and events in her plea to the judge to return Letourneau to prison.

"In one short month out of confinement, she has demonstrated that she is not safe to be at large in the community," Johnson said. "We believe she committed an egregious violation."

She added that Letourneau had been "contentious" during her sex-offender treatment, and that her main treatment provider terminated her after her arrest.

Gehrke argued that Letourneau was mentally ill, functions like an "adolescent" and requires treatment.

"You made the right decision on Nov. 14, your honor," he told Lau. "It was a tough decision. We all recognized, and still do, that Mary is sick and needs help."

Letourneau had a team of three treatment providers, and Gehrke said one team member felt they had failed her "in part because of an error in not addressing how she would behave if the victim contacted her."

He said relapse was common among sex offenders and that Letourneau had a hard time, in part because of an "emergency call" she received from her 13-year-old son, who was suicidal.

Her four children from her marriage now live with their father in Alaska.

Steve Letourneau told KOMO-TV his children "were dying to be with their mother" and were disappointed that plans for a reunion with her were dashed by Friday's stiff sentence.

He called the news "a tragedy."

Gehrke asked the judge to consider Letourneau's five children.

"Anybody who says justice is so easy, so simple has never sat in your seat," he said.

"May God grant you the wisdom of Solomon and the heart of Jesus."

During the hearing, Letourneau, who appeared shaky and pale in a red jail suit, cried intermittently.

Tersely, Lau told Letourneau: "You were given an opportunity for treatment."

She called Letourneau's acts "extraordinarily egregious and profoundly disturbing."

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Hospice project will mean better services for all

Hospice of Midland has broken ground on a $1.855 million expansion of its present facility on Texas Avenue, a project that will allow Hospice to add even more services to those it already provides to the Midland community.

At the Monday groundbreaking, executive director Carol Armstrong noted that, "Hospice wants to do programs that are meaningful to the community and that are under the auspices of hospice care. In addition to our work with the terminally ill, we offer bereavement and grief programs."

While in an earlier day the services provided by Hospice might have been carried out by neighbors or friends of a dying person, in our modern society those ties may be severed by distance. Still, the terminally ill need the companionship and care that Hospice offers.

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Even, perhaps, to a greater degree the services offered by Hospice of Midland to help the loved ones of a terminally ill patient cannot be discounted. Often it is that compassion and caring that makes all the difference to a family or an individual when a death occurs.

Founded in 1981, Hospice of Midland has grown tremendously and was desperately in need of a larger facility. The expansion will provide that space and, at the same time, give Hospice's nurses, counselors, chaplains, volunteers and administrators the ability to do a better job for families and individuals facing death.

That is what Hospice of Midland is all about. We are glad they are there when Midlanders need them.

ANOTHER VIEW

Tax surplus is great if applied thriftily

The state of the union is strong. But President Clinton could undermine that strength with the list of high-dollar proposals he made in Tuesday's (Jan. 27) State of the Union address.

President Clinton's speech before a joint session of Congress was the first formal look at his overall plans for the country in the next year, and the rest of his presidency — however long that might be.

For the first time in years the president actually had the opportunity to make plans with a federal budget that could be balanced or even show a small surplus. In the first six years of his term, Clinton has fought to deal with spending overruns that the Republicans had kept on the forefront of public opinion. ...

But neither he nor the Republican Congress can claim all the credit. This country has enjoyed one of the strongest and longest economic booms in recent history. Budget overruns have gone down not just because the rate of increases in federal programs has been cut, but also because the economy has brought the government unexpected tax windfalls. Revenue has exceeded expectations.

Unfortunately, the president has fallen to the temptation to spend the little surplus rather than save it, or apply it to the nation's $5.5 trillion debt. ...

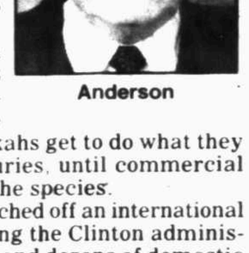
President Clinton was right to tell Congress not to be too eager to use any budget surplus. But he also should honor those same words.

— The Monitor
McAllen

JACK ANDERSON

Makah Indians prepare to kill whales again

WASHINGTON — Sometime next fall — the exact date is a closely held secret — a group of Makah Indians will embark through six-foot waves off the shores of Neah Bay, Wash., in a carved wooden canoe, for the purpose of hunting and killing four gray whales.


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At their side will be a harpoon, the traditional whaling weapon of yesteryear, but also a specially designed, 50-caliber rifle to finish off the beasts as humanely as possible. Trailing the canoe will be a 200-horsepowered boat, which will be used to tow the giant mammal to shore.

It will mark the first whale hunt in the lower 48 states in at least 30 years — and the first time in more than 70 years that the Makahs get to do what they took for granted for centuries, until commercial whaling nearly killed off the species.

The planned hunt has touched off an international political firestorm involving the Clinton administration, the U.S. Congress and dozens of domestic and foreign environmental groups.

Since the Makahs announced their intentions, tribal leaders say they have received numerous threats from environmental groups, some vowing to block the hunt by any means necessary. A conservative congressman from the region, Rep. Jack Metcalf, R-Wash., has even joined with radical environmentalists to sue the Clinton administration in an effort to block the hunt.

But not all environmental groups have been so quick to rush to judgment. Some, like Greenpeace and the Sierra Club, have remained mum on the matter. It's a touchy issue for liberals, who are torn between their competing desires to save the whales and to support indigenous cultures like the Makahs'.

Combined with the intense media interest that will likely accompany the hunt, tribal leaders worry that their ancient ritual on their remote stretch of ocean will become a classic, 1990s-style media feeding frenzy.

"We've had big discussions about this for quite some time," said John McCarty, executive director of the Makah Whaling Commission, a tribal group. "We get piles and piles of letters (from people) wanting to come in and be on the hunt. ... The more (attention) that's brought to us, the more secretive we're going to have to be."

Already the tribe has consulted with law enforcement agencies far and wide. The U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and several local law enforcement agencies have had discussions with the tribe about security.

The Makahs' big break came three years ago, when gray whales were taken off the U.S. government's list of endangered species. The gray whale population has grown steadily in the 30 years since serious conservation efforts began, to the point where they now number some 22,000.

Once the whales were no longer endangered, the Makahs saw an opportunity to bring back some of their lost cultural heritage by reviving a 1,500-year-old tradition. Legally, they're on solid ground. An 1855 pact, the Treaty of Neah Bay, specifically guarantees the tribe's right to conduct whaling. It's the only treaty of its kind, we're told, and it's still valid.

Legally speaking, the Makahs didn't need to ask anyone's permission to resume their hunts. But that's what they did — for political reasons more than anything. First they went to the National Marine Fisheries Service and asked for a legal opinion. The agency's lawyers affirmed that the treaty was valid.

At the agency's urging, the Makahs then came up with a management plan on how to conduct the hunt and disperse the meat. (Makah officials say none of the meat will be sold commercially, though a gray whale can bring up to $1 million on the open market.)

Finally, with backing from the Clinton administration, the Makahs won approval last year from the International Whaling Commission to harvest four whales. Nevertheless, Metcalf and several environmental groups are planning to argue in court that the IWC's approval isn't valid. Metcalf added that he doesn't buy the Makahs' pledge that the whale meat won't be sold commercially.

"This is a historic, landmark decision," Metcalf said. "I don't think the people of America are ready for any kind of commercial whaling."

But the Makahs' supporters say this has nothing to do with money or publicity and everything to do with a small group of people trying to revive their dying culture.

"(Metcalf's opposition) is completely out of keeping with his whole political agenda," said Alvin Ziontz, an attorney for the tribe. "But there's no personal vendetta here. We just don't like things being said about the Makahs that aren't true."

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Another age euphemism has reached maturity

"I'm the oldest of the baby boomers," President Clinton told a fund-raising gathering in Miami a couple of months ago. "I'm what you'd call near-elderly."

That locution was evidently being bruited about the White House at the time, because the president in January announced a proposal to extend government health insurance to people as young as 55. "The 3 million uninsured people in this group," wrote John M. Broder in The New York Times, "known by insurance statisticians as the 'near elderly,' are too young for Medicare."


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This means that another age euphemism — one aimed at junior seniors — has reached maturity. It was first cited in an Associated Press dispatch in 1978 to describe those, in addition to the already elderly, urging additional Social Security benefits. Now near-elderly (usually hyphenated) is the fatalistic term embraced by middle-aged demographers — those from 40 to 60 or so.

Headline writers are not altogether happy about it. The Washington Post has tried the slightly shorter noun almost-old to refer to people aged 62 to 64, but this confers old on everybody above that, which causes great codger unease, especially when life expectancy for Americans has jumped from 47 to 71 in this century.

Old is a dysphemistic no-no (unless you're oldest-old, in a category of those over 85, and wishing you were 80 again). That's a pity; the root of old is the Latin altus, "high, deep," and the word's provenance ought not to put off the vulnerable venerable.

Women who bridle at being put down as no spring chicken or long in the tooth prefer the arch of a certain age. Men stretching their sideburns over their bald spots resist such sports terms as losing a step or past his prime, preferring mature, which has the connotation of deliciously ripe fruit.

"We prefer that the word elderly not be used at all," reports Tom Otwell, at the American Association of Retired Persons. "And we try to avoid senior citizens, which, if not pejorative, is stereotyping." So what would be near-perfect? "We prefer older Americans or mature Americans." The AARP sends applications to people turning 50, a chilling reminder to recipients that their days of wine and roses may be passing, and accurately considers them "older" than most of the population (though "mature" is not based on chronological age). Metlife includes baby boomers, now over 50, in the mature market.

Near-elderly, despite its White House use, is not an official classification. "The term elderly has a common definition, because of repeated and relentless use," says Greg Spencer, chief of the population projections branch of the Census Bureau, "of meaning '65 or older.' So near-elderly might be 50 to 65 — but I'm just making this up."

With this vogue use of the word, I can see a bearded sandwich-sign man, attuned to the latest lingo, advertising: "Repent! This is the near-end."

What is it with near as a trendy substitute for nearly? Isn't nearly elderly what we mean? Doesn't the clipping of the ly result in a grammatical near-miss? (Yeah, I know near-miss is semantically cockeyed and really should be near-collision, but it's an idiom now and there's no use fighting it.)

Near is called a "flat adverb," with the ly clipped off and morphing into the same form as its related adjective. "Drive slow, think different, do right, hang tough." Don't let this dual use get you down; the flat adverb is one of English's little confusions, and it sure (or surely — pick 'em) doesn't worry usagists.

Now we're going to get tricky and lose everybody. In the elderly, the article the transforms elderly from an adjective to a noun. (Same happens with the rich.)

Since near is an adjective meaning "close to," it works as a modifier of the functional noun, elderly. Now here is what I get from Sol Steinmetz, the great lexicographer: "This would not be true of nearly, which is an adverb, and would therefore modify elderly only if the latter were used as an adjective, as in 'many of them are nearly elderly.' "

Get it? Sol also likes the near-elderly because the two ly endings in the nearly elderly fall discordantly on the ear: "The grammatically and euphonically suitable phrase is the near-elderly, not the nearly elderly."

Learn grammar, baby boomers. Fire off those synapses in your brains. Keeps us pre-geezers young.

IF TRUE

If is a short word that covers several different senses: "in case that" or "granting that" or "whether." The "in case" sense is conveyed in the phrase heard so often in coverage of the Clinton sex charges: "if true."

But its wandering nature leads to ambiguity. In Robert Bennett's motion to advance the trial date of the Paula Jones case in light of the Monica Lewinsky firestorm, the president's attorney writes: "All the while, violations of the spirit, if not the letter, of the court's confidentiality order continue unabated."

Does the if in that sentence mean "although," thereby admitting that the letter of the order was not violated? Or does the if mean "possibly even," suggesting that the letter was likely as violated as much as the spirit?

That if lacks precision. In coming weeks, this department will be on the alert for abuses of verbal power in this alleged wrongdoing. (Allege, along with if true, an all-purpose libel-averter, means "to assert without proof.")

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GEORGE WILL

CRI's passing reduce unions' political muscle

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.—The most important voting this election year will not occur in November and will not award any office to anyone. It will happen June 2, when Californians vote on the Campaign Reform Initiative that would bar unions from spending any portion of any member's dues on political activity without the member's written consent, renewed annually. If passed, CRI almost certainly will radically reduce unions' political muscle, thereby substantially altering politics in the state that can be decisive in presidential elections.


Will

National labor leaders disparage CRI as "payback" for the $35 million that unions spent in 1996, which bought issue advocacy for Democrats and helped shave nine seats off the Republicans' House majority. But CRI actually began, in part, as payback for labor's intervention in the Saddleback Unified School Board election near here.

In 1992 in Washington state, voters overwhelmingly (by 72 percent) passed something similar to CRI, and within a year the number of teachers' union members contributing $1 a month to political funds shrank from 48,000 to 8,000. Unions rightly fear freedom of choice regarding political spending for the same reason teachers' unions fear school choice: They know what people will choose.

About 40 percent of union households vote Republican. Seven of the top 10 contributors in the 1995-96 election cycle were unions, which gave 97 percent of their money to Democrats. An October Washington Post/ABC poll found 82 percent support for a federal version of CRI, called a "Payroll Protection Act."

Mark Bucher, another CRI co-author, was provoked by the $12.5 million the teachers' union alone spent to defeat a 1993 school-choice initiative. He says that when recent polling about CRI revealed an astonishing 82 percent support, a "push-down question" was included in polling to provoke hostile responses. Before those questioned gave their opinions on CRI, they were told:

"Your local school teachers' association opposes this initiative and says it will result in less money for our public schools. The teachers say this initiative will reduce their ability to make needed changes in Sacramento, such as class size reduction."

This drove support down, but only to 72 percent, including 66 percent of Democrats, with union and nonunion voters equally supportive. However, the public's healthy inattention to politics, and its healthy conservatism, meaning skepticism, about ballot measures, means that there usually is a 10 percent to 20 percent reflexive "no" vote against initiatives.

Opponents say it would be unfair to limit union leaders' rights to spend members' money while, say, the National Rifle Association remains free to spend members' money without seeking special permission. But people join the NRA largely for political leverage, whereas the Supreme Court has held that under existing law the primary function of unions is to deal with employers on labor-management issues, and workers have a right to refunds of the portion of their dues not spent thereon.

CRI's opponents made a hollow threat to sponsor retaliatory initiatives ending $10 billion of tax breaks for corporations. The peculiar threat was: Stop CRI or we will shrink the profits that provide our members' pay.

By opposing CRI, union leaders reveal their real—and you would think embarrassing—estimate of their ability to elicit members' voluntary participation in the leaders' politics. But embarrassment is nothing next to unions' fear of CRI's power to shift the balance of power in California and, as an infectious idea, elsewhere.

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LETTERS

Value should equal money on schools

I see that MISD is at it again! MISD has not completed spending the money from the last bond election and they are already planning how to ask for another large or larger bond election to repair or build schools.

I lived in Amarillo and the junior high school that I attended was built in the 1930s. Today that school is still being used. It has been expanded and improved but it is still being used and their school taxes are lower than ours. How did they do it? Could it be that they know how to manage their money and their maintenance crew knows what they are doing?

I understand that a certain amount of money is set aside each year to be used to maintain and improve the current school buildings. If the money has been spent properly and the work done, then why is MISD coming back asking for more tax money?

The school taxes have continued to increase and the quality has been decreasing. When are we going to get back an equal value for money invested?

I would like to see the school board hire someone who knows what he or she is doing and who will look into how the maintenance operation is to be run. I would like to see a report on how the past bond money was spent and if any problems were found, how to correct them.

Julian Grace

Raising Loop speed would be big mistake

There is consideration regarding raising the speed limit on Loop 250 to 60 mph. I feel that this is one big mistake. Not only do most people already speed on the Loop, raising the speed limit will only give folks that much more encouragement to do so.

The prime example is when the speed limit went from 55 to 70 mph. How many people actually travel at 70 mph? Very few. In fact most folks travel above the speed limit. I am not excluded from that list either; however, I try to drive carefully and according to the circumstances. While driving on the Loop I am one of the people most people pass on a regular basis. Also, as a motorcyclist I have learned that one should not take advantage of the speed limit and must be cautious, especially around traffic.

I think that if the speed limit is raised, we can expect most motorists to travel between 65 and 70 mph on the Loop and I think that is much too fast for inside the city limits where there is a high volume of traffic. The solution to compensating for speeding motorists is not to raise the speed limit, but to have additional police officers enforce the speed limit we have.

I think that raising the speed limit on the Loop would be a big mistake. Let's use a little common sense.

Mark A. Ehrlich

Clinton dishonors office of president

Clinton's sexual exploits are of no concern to me as long as he is discreet. After more than a week of hearing about the Clinton/Lewinsky incident, I can finally verbalize my feelings. Bill Clinton dishonors the office of the president of the United States. He obviously has no respect for the office; why should we respect him? It should be an honor for anyone to be elected to that office and that individual should conduct himself accordingly!

Jaclyn Comola

Anderson would work full time for county

Midland County is being presented with a great opportunity. This is really the chance of a lifetime for our county and city. We could have a county judge who will be a full-time county employee, with no conflict of interest due to having full-time employment elsewhere. Who, you ask, could possibly care enough about Midland County to sell their successful business and run for office? Dianne Anderson is the answer to your question. Ms. Anderson is a long-time Midland resident, product of the Midland public school system, past school board member, former business owner, who is ready and willing to work for Midland if you will elect her a county judge. We need people in office who are willing to put in the hours, people who have no other agenda to fill, people who are able to work with the public and deal with Midland's issues, not their own issues. Ms. Anderson is the person who can do all of this. All you have to do is vote!

Cathie Graham

Ford's memory fails on how GOP wins

Recently former President Gerald Ford was quoted in a lengthy article giving advice to the Republican Party. He strongly recommended that the Party move away from conservative (he calls them right wing) positions. President Ford, as a pro-abortion advocate, believes the Party cannot be pro-life and win.

The facts clearly prove that President Ford has a very poor memory. He personally ran a campaign devoid of issues and was defeated by Jimmy Carter. He has forgotten that the only term Republican president since Eisenhower was Ronald Reagan who remained committed to a conservative fiscal and pro-life social agenda. More recently, Senator Bob Dole ran a Ford-type campaign and lost overwhelmingly.

The Republican Party and Republican candidates succeed when they articulate their support for lower taxes, less government interference in our lives and a return to traditional values. Specific issues such as school choice, restricting abortion, controlling illegal and legal immigration, the right to own firearms, and preserving English as our official language, all have broad public support and are important to this nation's future. Republican candidates ignore them at the risk of losing any chance to become the governing party in this country.

President Ford, a man of character and integrity, but little or no insight into the real world, should stay with his golf game.

Ernest Angelo, Jr.

Drivers failing to yield to traffic exiting Loop

Is it just me or has anyone else noticed that many drivers on the service roads fail to yield to ramp traffic coming off Loop 250? I travel the Loop every day, and it happens to me at least once every day, even with the big obvious traffic signs stating "Yield to Ramp." Who are these people? Isn't it pretty much standard procedure in every city that service road traffic yields to ramp traffic from loops, freeways, etc.? This isn't something Midland, Texas invented. But maybe there are actually people in Midland who have never been out of Midland. Pretty scary.

Kaye Gassie

Death penalty makes us like those we kill

The definition of murder is the taking of a life against the person's will. I would say capital punishment makes us no better than those we seek to punish. Who do we think we are to preach human rights to the rest of the world when we are providing the horrible methods to take lives? God says "Thou shalt not kill." We have other options in obtaining justice. Another death does not bring back the victim's life. A life sentence, with no chance of parole, would provide punishment and an opportunity for the criminal to seek a means of rehabilitation and restitution to society.

People seem to commit murder mostly on the spur of the moment. Most do not deliberately plan it out as in the murder mysteries. It is the result of mental anguish and violent expression. There are as many explanations for why people kill as there are for any mental illness. To give the best possible solutions requires us to ask the sternest questions. We also do not want criminals having more rights than their victims. We need people to help us make the needed changes in our judicial system and repair the flaws in making laws. Here is where we find the best solutions and grow as beings.

We must start with our own responsibilities towards choosing "get-it-done-people" to represent us, letting them know how we feel and then voting to make sure the right laws get passed. This is the message I would hope our future generations would receive. Children have to be taught the right steps. This is where our patterns of behavior start. Do you communicate your ideas and how to know right from wrong to your children or do they learn other ways? Do you know how they feel about important issues?

Winnie L. Keith

Privatizing buses had bad results elsewhere

I want to voice my concern about the privatization of MISD transportation.

Yes, I am a bus driver employed by the MISD and yes this is a biased viewpoint. I am voicing my concerns that come from the motherhood side of me and the concerns of my husband, who presents a more business-like approach.

As a mother, I want my children's safety and well-being to be the utmost consideration in this issue. Will my children be riding in buses that are serviced regularly? Is the maintenance schedule frequent and detailed? Are the drivers screened for ability, employment history? Are they paid well enough and are the benefits good enough to keep the drivers happy and satisfied ... well enough for them to take pride in what they do ... well enough to keep the turnover rate down?

I drive a handicap bus. Do you realize how important it is that these special children see a familiar face each morning? Please keep these things in mind when it's time to make a decision on the bottom line.

We have listened to a number of reports of other school districts that have tried this. So far, all the reports we have heard have been very negative. Reports of poor maintenance, high employee turnover, disgruntled employees are all that we hear. Have you got some positive reports from any school districts? Can we see these reports?

We have been told that Corpus Christi went contract and is now trying to go back to the way it was. My information states that millions of dollars have been lost. We also hear bad reports from Lubbock. Again we are asking, may we see some positive scenarios that can prove that the well-being of the children is priority number one?

Connie Pylant

Prude is family man, educated, qualified

Just when things could get worse in commissioner's court, Randy Prude, a man of honesty and integrity steps forward to run for the office of county commissioner in Precinct 4.

I have known Prude for many years. He is a family man, well educated, and qualified to fill this position. He has lived in Midland Co. long enough to know its needs and the direction in which it should go to best serve the people, which will be his only concern.

Prude can be trusted to always do what is right, not only in our eyes but God's eyes as well. You can be assured you are seeking to place a Christian in office to represent you with a vote for Prude. Thank God for people like him.

Glen Osborn

Skateboard park is better idea than sod

Why can't our mayor and county commissioners get their priorities in order? The youth of Midland come before sodding around the court house. Margaret Davis, my good friend, and I much prefer that our taxes go toward building a skateboard park for our young people.

Entertainment for the youth of the city is limited, so let's find adequate space and spend some of our monies on providing this skateboard facility.

Cement now! Sod later.

Mrs. B.J. Filley

It's wrong to patronize events hurting animals

Does the Bible forbid rodeos, the circus, animal acts, bull fights, cock fights, etc.? You bet it does! All of the above situations are a hell on earth for the animals enslaved and forced to participate in such barbaric and inhuman atrocities. All the aforementioned involve fear, violence, cruelty, suffering and often death for the animals.

There is no authority given by God for acts of cruelty against His creatures. To name only a few verses, let the Bible speak for itself:

"A righteous man regards the life of his beast." — Proverbs 12:10

"I will make a covenant on behalf of Israel with the wild beast, the birds of the air, and the things that creep on the earth, and I will break bow and sword and weapon of war and sweep them off the earth, says the Lord, so that all living may lie down without fear. I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness and in justice and in loving kindness and in mercies." — Hosea 2:18

Are we wrong when we patronize events where animals are frightened, abused or hurt? You bet we are! It is our moral and spiritual obligation to extend compassion to the whole natural world. Thomas Edison said "Non-violence leads to the highest ethics ... Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages."

Please have a heart — don't participate in animal cruelty. Dare to be different.

Ann Cook
CETA — Christians for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Anderson has ability, intelligence for job

Dianne Anderson is running for county judge and we support her effort. Many people have the notion that only a licensed attorney is qualified to hold that position. In reality, the job has evolved into primarily an administrative job of overseeing the county budgetary process as well as serving as head of the county commissioner's court. The county judge also represents the county on diverse boards. Ms. Anderson's service on the school board has given her ample experience to tackle these tasks. She also will be able to devote herself full-time to the duties of county judge since recently selling her business.

We are confident Ms. Anderson has the intelligence and ability to prepare for and carry out what limited judicial duties do remain with the county judge. After all, over 80 percent of the county judges in Texas are not attorneys and they manage to get the job done.

Linda and Jim Hicks

Morrow is thorough and conscientious

In the recent 25 years I've known Bill Morrow, I've admired his commitment to and consistent hard work for this community. Through our good times and our not-so-good times, he has been steadfast and positive in his dedication to Midland's good health. He is thorough in his analysis and conscientious in his duties; he listens well and works for solutions. Morrow is a person of integrity with no "hidden agendas." He will be an excellent county judge for us. I'm grateful he's willing to tackle that job and I urge all Midland County residents to vote for him.

Jane Wolf

Tucker deserved to die for her crime

In regards to the letter by Tom Harlan, it is obvious that Harlan doesn't know what he is talking about in this very sensitive issue.

Unless he has been a victim of crime, there is no way he can tell what it is like, and if he has been a victim of crime, he is a forgiving person, or a complete idiot.

Prisons are built for punishment, because a person cannot be rehabilitated unless they really want to be.

He says that Karla Faye Tucker is rehabilitated, but how does he know? He has seen her on T.V. once or twice.

When you are in prison or in a 6-by-10 foot cell, you have no choice but to find God.

He speaks about Deborah Thornton's one-night stand. It was her right to do whatever she wanted to do. It was not Ms. Tucker's right to kill her because she was there.

He said to please explain how to repay society if a person is in prison. What would he have the justice system do?

He asks who the victims in a murder case are. That is why they become victims, because someone chose to take their lives.

He also talks about lesser victims, who sue for money. A very small percentage of people do that.

He also asks, what kind of people have citizens become? Mostly quiet, law-abiding citizens — until someone takes the law into their own hands and changes their lives forever.

He stated how long he has lived here, but now he hesitates to let people know where he is from.

I have lived here for only 12 years, and I am proud to let people know I am from here.

It's people like you who have our society and our justice system the way it is. I hope you never have to go through the pain of being a victim of crime, but then, since you hesitate to tell people you are from here, move!

Luis Frescaz

Morrow has integrity and good judgment

Bill Morrow is seeking the office of Midland county judge. Bill has always exhibited a sincere interest in the people of Midland as well as the future of Midland. He has been willing to devote the necessary hours to make Midland a better place to live.

He has extensive budget review experience with private companies, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and the Midland City Council. He has also worked in a variety of non-profit organizations such as United Way, MHMR, Midland Community Theatre and at the legal aid clinic of Casa de Amigos.

A vote for Morrow is a vote for a man with integrity, responsibility, and good judgment. We need him.

Deane Stoltz

Local children have helped improve society

In this day and time when children take guns to school, teenagers are tried for murder and the education of school children is being challenged, I would like to commend several groups of school children who have contributed to the betterment of society.

Last year, the student council of Midland High School collected canned goods for Area Missions Outreach Services (AMOS), a local food pantry. It filled the shelves, and we were able to give out these cans for many months. For the past several years, school children from DeZavala, Emerson and South elementaries have collected cans and personal items to give to AMOS clients.

Collecting cans may seem like a small thing but when all the cans are brought to a central location and given out to hungry families, it is a great service to the community.

These students have learned the value of helping others. They have acquired the emotional skill of giving without expecting anything in return. This is something that school books cannot teach, and tests cannot measure.

Margaret Thomas-Mouton
Executive Director, AMOS

Thanks to post office for returning check

I want to take this opportunity to commend the staff of the regional U.S. Postal Service, especially Cliff at the counter at Midland Airport, for their honesty and efficiency. On Friday, Jan. 30, I inadvertently dropped my bank deposit slip (containing $200 in cash) into a mail drop outside the West Odessa post office, along with letters I was mailing.

The bank deposit slip only contained my account number and the bank's address. The employees took the trouble to call the bank. The bank then called me, and I then went to the terminal and picked up the slip and cash from Cliff.

A.L. Hickerson
Odessa

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HISTORICAL MARKER

Midland County's ninth sheriff is said to have never drawn his gun in 18-year tenure

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

By Bill Modisett

The "long arm of the law" was a sometimes threatening image of the early West. But not with Audie Francis, Midland County's ninth sheriff.

In fact, Francis had "a reputation for preserving law and order without violence during the boom days and Midland was not ever bothered by the rougher element that follows the oil strikes. So far as is known, Francis never drew a gun on anyone during his 18 years as sheriff."

Francis was obviously not like the lawmen depicted on the silver screen. He was more interested in results and justice than theatrical shenanigans.

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Elected sheriff of Midland County in 1923, following the 10-year service of W.E. Bradford, Francis had been known only as a rancher and cattleman.

He worked for the Scharbauer Cattle Company for a number of years and was foreman of the Scharbauer's Five-Wells Ranch north of Midland for a time.

At the time he was elected sheriff, Francis operated a Gaines County ranch on which he raised both sheep and cattle. A 1941 article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram also noted, "He has one of the best-known herds of thoroughbred horses in West Texas."

Francis also had ranched in the Seminole area.

An amiable and generous individual, Francis not only kept law and order in Midland County but collected taxes as well, because at that time the sheriff served a dual function.

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Born in Coryell County on Jan. 17, 1884, Francis moved to Midland in 1906. The ranching business attracted him and he followed that line of work until he ran for sheriff.

When he first began serving as sheriff, Midland had only about 1,000 residents. But after the discovery of oil in the Permian Basin during the 1920s, the population grew, particularly in 1927-28. By the time he retired in 1941, Midland's population stood at between 9,000 and 10,000.

Rapidly growing cities tend to attract rough individuals and Francis was charged with keeping the peace in just such a setting.

Having worked on the cattle ranges of West Texas, there's little doubt that he could have done what was needed with a shooting iron to achieve that goal.

But he didn't. Audie Francis preferred a different approach.

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One of the more interesting incidents in Midland's past occurred while Francis was serving as sheriff — a jailbreak.

At the time, Francis and his deputy, Bud Estes, were out of town. Sheriff Francis and his wife, the former Effie Florey, lived in the old two-story jail.

One night, Mrs. Francis and the couple's daughter heard "a racket upstairs but we thought it was the wind."

Investigating the situation further, she walked outside the jail and saw a man climbing down a pipe.

An early Midland newspaper account reported her as saying, "It was dark and I just pointed my finger at him and told him if he didn't stand still, I'd shoot." That put an end to that jailbreak without a shot being fired.

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Audie Francis — and his wife — kept law and order in Midland until he retired in 1941.

A close friend, Elliot Cowden, had Haltom's Jewelry in Fort Worth make "a gold sheriff's badge with a ruby in the center for Francis to commemorate the years he served Midland well as sheriff."

Francis maintained the law in Midland when times were rough — and never even drew his gun.



Courtesy Midland County Historical Museum

Early-day Midland County Sheriff Audie Francis, left, is pictured in this photo of the sheriff-tax assessor's office in Midland County Courthouse. At right is Francis' deputy, Bud Estes.

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Residents prefer Huntsville be known for more than its executions

By Allan Turner
Hearst News Service

HUNTSVILLE — "Killer prices!" the sign read. "Deals to Die For!"

To Chip Looney, owner of a local music shop, the idea for a Karla Faye Tucker sale was nothing less than a stroke of merchandising brilliance.

But, while some enjoyed the joke, Looney last week conceded he had hit a sour note.

Calling attention to Huntsville's status as the nation's execution capital — especially in a flippant manner with hundred of news reporters in town — didn't play well with image-conscious locals.

"I have a lot of people upset with me," he dryly acknowledged at midweek. "Twenty percent were extremely negative."

The 35,000 people of Huntsville, for almost 150 years the top prison town in Texas, would rather their city be known for its historic sites, beautiful forests and lakes, and its educational and cultural attainments. The fact that 145 people have been killed in the little blue room deep inside the Walls Unit — a quarter of those executions in 1997 alone — is best left unmentioned.

"Many local people are embarrassed by the executions," said one resident. "They feel Texas is known as a brutal state. People are very defensive about that. That's not what they want Huntsville known as."

Even Mayor Bill Green, an economics professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and a supporter of the prison system, wishes the executions would just go away.

"In terms of deterrence," he said, "I think they would be more effective if they were held in the killers' home communities."

There was a time when such sensitivities would have smacked of heresy.

In the mid-1800s Huntsville, a loser in a multicity bid to become state capital, consoled itself by securing the first official state prison. The state capital is Austin.

"One of the city leaders said he'd much rather have the prison than the capital," said James Patton, chairman of the Walker County Historical Commission. "It was a matter of having a constant source of revenue rather than every two years when the Legislature met."

For years, the prison system reigned supreme. Everyone had relatives or friends who worked there. A local newspaper soothed the community by simply omitting references to coming executions. If executions raised concern, or were somewhat unseemly, few commented in public.

Today, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice still has a major presence in Huntsville, located in eastern Texas north of Houston. Its headquarters is in a squat building across the street from the death house. Seven prisons ring the city, employing more than 7,000 and pouring $15 million monthly into the economy.

Now, though, Patton said, the community has grown in size and diversity.

"There are so many mixed opinions now," he said. "There's a large retirement community. There's the young. There's 'Old Huntsville.'" And, he said, there are some who view the prison system, and especially the impact of its steady stream of executions, as a negative.

Civic leaders seem to fight a rear-guard battle when it comes to the town's image as an execution center. (Roughly a third of the nation's executions since 1976 have taken place in Huntsville.)

Green said plenty of reporters who are drawn to Huntsville by controversy surrounding capital punishment leave with a positive image.

"They discover that Huntsville isn't a grim place to live," he said. "That it isn't all built around executions."

Green did acknowledge, in a recent interview with the local newspaper, that the influx of media and others for highly publicized events such as Tucker's execution can be an economic "shot in the arm" — an admittedly unfortunate use of words.

The 38-year-old Tucker, who was executed Tuesday night for her role in the pickax murders of two Houstonians in 1983, was the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War. Her case attracted international attention and was widely criticized by death penalty opponents.

John Quirk, an official of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, recalled meeting with a reporter who had come from Spain to cover the Tucker execution.

"He told me through an interpreter that in his country Huntsville is viewed as a ghost town" because of the executions, he said. "Obviously the image from outside the community is different from inside."

One of the big differences, he said, is that residents, regardless of their view on the death penalty, simply aren't focused on executions.

The night Tucker was killed, he said, a crowd roughly the size of that gathered at the prison turned out for the opening of a new supermarket.

"We have other things in our lives besides executions," he said. "Yes, yes, yes, this is where the executions are. But there is so much more."

Houses slide down hills as new storm socks California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Five houses slid down soaked hillsides Saturday as the latest in a series of storms blew drenching rain through Northern California.

Cloudbursts dumped up to an inch of rain in some areas, and power outages blacked out 87,000 customers and shut down Bay Area Rapid Transit trains under San Francisco Bay.

However, dams and levees were reported in good shape as people worked to recover from last week's devastating storms.

"It looks like we're going to have a needed 24-to-36-hour break," National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Smith said at a briefing at the state-federal Flood Operations Center.

While California was wet, heavy snow was the problem in the East, where a supermarket in West Virginia had to be evacuated Saturday after its roof started to collapse under the weight. As much as 4 feet of snow had fallen in southern West Virginia in the past week. Thousands of people had no electricity in Kentucky.

Saturday's storm in California was expected to be followed by light rain today and only clouds on Monday. But another storm moving across the Pacific could strike Tuesday or Wednesday.

"We're still on the storm track," Smith said.

In Rio Nido, about 50 miles northwest of San Francisco, an early morning mudslide destroyed at least three houses and damaged two others, said Barbara McFarland of the Emergency Operations Center.

The mud flowed so fast that at one point emergency crews and home owners had to run from it, witnesses told KCBS radio.

Nobody was injured, but officials evacuated the residents of 300 other houses in the area for fear that they could be isolated by washouts or mudslides, she said.

Wind gusts of 125 mph were measured atop Mount Diablo in the east San Francisco Bay area, with gusts to 65 mph on the San Mateo coast. Bridges in the region were closed to trucks, trailers and tall vehicles because of the wind.

Flooding also closed major roads, including Interstate 80 in Contra Costa County and California Highway 29 through the Napa County wine country.

"It's hard to keep up with Mother Nature," said California Highway Patrol Officer Virgil Aguilar.

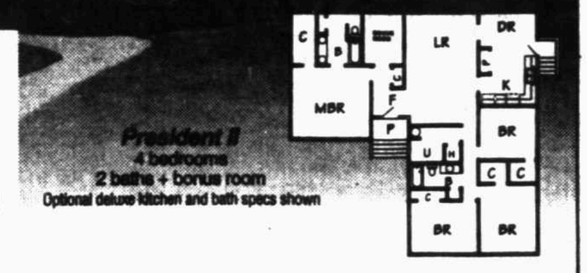
Power outages hit 87,000 homes and businesses in Northern California, said Chris Johnson of Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Bay Area Rapid Transit service through the TransBay tube also was stopped by a morning power outage.

In snow-weary West Virginia, the roof of a Kroger's store in Sophia sagged about a foot Saturday, forcing the evacuation of that and six other stores in a shopping plaza, said Bob Smith, a dispatcher at Raleigh County emergency services.

"We haven't had any major collapses, but a lot of people are starting to discover the damage that's been done," Smith said.

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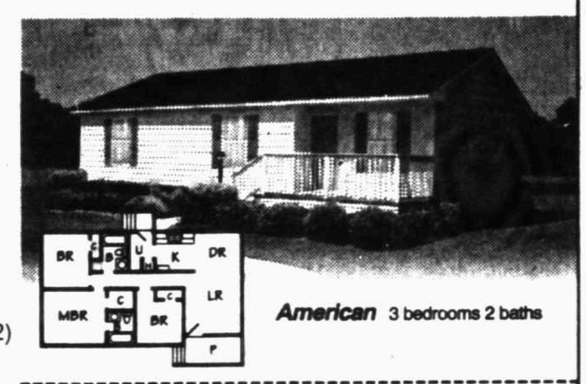


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Home equity loans backlogged

■ Risk of violating consumer guidelines and conflicts between Texas' homestead provisions and the new home equity law have caused many to shy away from making loans.

Associated Press

DALLAS — Hailed as the new darlings of the banking industry, home equity loans are backlogged by the hundreds because of legal hurdles, a confusing state law and other problems, according to lenders,

Just a month after equity loans became legal in Texas, industry officials say some lenders have privately told colleagues they are staying on the sidelines until the uncertainty clears or are limiting their types of lending instruments.

"The whole thing's a mess," said Michael Anderson, a mortgage broker at Reliance Mortgage Co., who has taken more than 100 applications for home equity loans but cannot find a lender willing to accept them.

"The backlog is massive. ... We are just piling them (applications) up and now actually are discouraging them," he said.

Banks, mortgage and finance companies, credit unions and other institutions statewide have intensively lobbied for years for legislation that would allow customers to borrow against the estimated $127 billion of equity locked up in Texas homes.

But now Anderson is turning away business, not because his office is overworked but because the lenders are not coming forward.

"I think the industry is feeling kind of sheepish about their inability to deliver the product," a bank official who declined to be identified told The Dallas Morning News for Sunday's editions. "The private sector is choking trying to make this happen."

Texas homeowners are allowed under the law effective New Year's Day to pledge their houses for loans of up to 80 percent of the value not already mortgaged.

Researchers had estimated that Texans might save as much as $225 million in interest payments and even

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BASIN BRIEFING

UTPB book club

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Spanish Book Club is to meet 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The book under discussion is to be "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. For more information call 552-2308.

Ingram concert

ODESSA — Dallas native Jack Ingram, who toured with Johnny Cash last year, is to perform Feb. 20 at Dos Amigos. Tickets are $7 at the door. The show begins at 8 p.m. with Danny Hickle of Terlingua. For more information call 368-7556.

ALA meeting

The American Lung Association has planned a special meeting 1:30 p.m. Friday at Westwood Medical Center. The Valentine's Day meeting will feature pulmonary specialists, Drs. David E. Griffith of Tyler and Maurice A. Click Jr. of Laredo. For more information call 522-2273.

Support groups

Two support groups are to meet Tuesday at Allison Cancer Center. Noon Dialogue is to meet at noon; lunch will be provided. Caregiver Support Group is to meet at 7 p.m. Social worker Angela Peterson is to speak at both groups.

Utility assistance

West Texas Opportunities is accepting applications for its Utility Assistance Program. To apply, call 8-10 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Applicants must meet federal income guidelines for assistance, in addition to other criteria. For more information call 620-1555.

TOPS open house

ODESSA — TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) is to host an open house, in recognition of the organization's 50th anniversary, 7 p.m. Monday at Central Baptist Church, 1404 N. Texas in Odessa. For more information call 332-7036.

Trunk showing

Robbie Casey's will host a trunk showing of designs by Pam McMahon, wife of entertainer Ed McMahon, on Tuesday at the store in Courtyard Shopping Center, Midkiff and Loop 250 across from Midland Park Mall.

Man arrested

A Midland man was arrested Friday on charges of intoxication manslaughter that stem from a September car accident that claimed the life of a 24 year-old Hobbs, N.M., woman.

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For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

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

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

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

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

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Ra...lered in benefit raffle



One of the original Princess Di Beanie Baby dolls will be raffled off by the shop Expressions, for the benefit of Hospice of Midland. Tickets are $5 each for the Saturday drawing.

"Like an angel, she came from heaven above
She shared her compassion, her pain, her love
She only stayed with us long enough to teach
The world to share, to give, to reach."
—Poem dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales

It appears the late Diana, Princess of Wales' charitable reach extends even to Midland.

Last fall, after the death of the princess, Ty Co., maker of the popular Beanie Babies, created Princess The Bear, a royal blue Beanie Baby with a yellow rose embroidered on her chest. Almost immediately, the toy became difficult to find and, when found, could sell for as much as $300.

One of the original princess dolls — complete with the special poem on its tag — found its way to the Expressions shop in Midland. It's not for sale, but it may be had for the price of a $5 raffle ticket. Proceeds will go to Hospice of Midland. The toy maker is donating all proceeds from sale of the dolls to the Princess of Wales' Official Charities.

"We've contemplated for sometime doing something for the community to say 'thank you' for our success and for supporting us," said Sandra Green, owner of Expressions. "We've had Princess Di for quite awhile, but we couldn't decide what charity to benefit."

The brother of Vennie Dollahan, a tenant at Expressions, found the doll in Dallas and sent it to his sister. Hospice of Midland was chosen because Ms. Dollahan's father was cared for by a hospice group in San Angelo last year.

Since the raffle was announced this past week, the two women said there has been a tremendous response, especially from collectors. Customers who hear about the raffle agree that Hospice is a worthy choice, Ms. Green said.

"Hopefully, you or I will never need it, but if we do, it's there for us," she said.

Ms. Dollahan said one collector has already purchased 10 tickets and plans to buy 10 more before the drawing at 5 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

"We had one collector come in and ask us to take it out of its case so he could touch it," Ms. Green said. "We wouldn't do it. I really hope it goes to a collector; some of them will just die."

She said she is excited about the opportunity to express her appreciation to the community and to support a worthy cause.

"Because this is our first time to do this, we don't know what to expect, but we hope Midlanders will be supportive. If this works and is profitable for Hospice, then we'll look at other efforts. There are lots of good local charities here that warrant our community's support."

Raffle tickets for Princess the Bear Beanie Baby can be purchased for $5 each at Expressions, 3201 N. Big Spring St., between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The drawing will be 5 p.m. Saturday.

Story by Mella McEwan *Photo by Brian Adameik*

Reporter-Telegram to sponsor Permian Basin Jefferson Awards

■ Readers are invited to nominate those individuals who they believe deserve recognition for their selfless community service.

Beginning this year, the Reporter-Telegram is sponsoring the Permian Basin Jefferson Awards, which will honor outstanding area residents who deserve recognition for selfless community service.

The newspaper invites its readers to make nominations for the 1998 Jefferson Awards, which recognize the dedication, sacrifice and accomplishment of people who serve others.

This is the 26th anniversary of the national Jefferson Awards program, which is named for Thomas Jefferson.

While the Reporter-Telegram is sponsoring the Permian Basin awards, the national sponsor is the American Institute for Public Service in New Castle, Del.

Readers who know firsthand about the good work people do in their community may nominate them for Jefferson Awards, Reporter-Telegram Publisher Charles Spence said.

Typical of those normally nominated

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Trail ride

Brittany Simmons, 8, leads her horse Skipper toward the starting line of the Hill Country Trail Ride in Johnson City recently. The cowboys will ride in any weather and some don't mind the rain. The trail ride ends in San Antonio to start the 49th annual Stock Show and Rodeo.

AP Photo

GARY OTT

Parents' visit causes knots to form in pit of stomach

It is one of those conversations that immediately brings mixed emotions. A part of you is quite pleased with the latest developments while the other side of you lets out a quiet groan as you whisper to no one in particular, "Dear Lord, please help me get through this in one piece."



Ott

Your folks are coming for a visit.

Now, if you live a "normal" life — you are married, have two children, own a three-bedroom house in the good part of town and basically enjoy a middle-class existence — this visit is no big deal. You actually look forward to it. Your children jump and down and exclaim, "Mama and Papa are coming!" Which means they are about to be spoiled rotten. Again.

But if you are a 45-year-old bachelor who lives alone, a knot begins to form in the pit of your stomach. Suddenly, you feel 19 years old again. Your parents aren't coming to visit, they're checking up on you. So you had better be on your best behavior.

At least, that's the way it feels.

Think back to that point in your life. You have just moved into your first apartment and a week later the folks announce that they want to drop by and "say hi."

Yeah, right. You and I both know what they're up to. They're going to give you — and your new apartment — the once-over. They are going to critique your housekeeping skills. They are going to judge your taste in reading materials. And they're going to determine whether or not you have mastered any culinary skills beyond opening a can of pork 'n' beans and pouring the contents into a small cooking pot.

Now, 26 years later, they are again dropping by for a visit.

And like before, your initial thought is, "Oh, dear."

Still, you ARE 26 years older. Things HAVE changed. And so have you. For one thing, you have matured. What was important to you back then no longer matters. You have become a productive member of society. And your lifestyle reflects that change.

But try though you might, you can't completely rid yourself of the nagging sensation that your parents are really just checking you out.

So for the 48 hours leading up to their arrival, you methodically go through your apartment making sure everything is just right ... much like you did 26 years ago.

But when you were 19, your two biggest concerns were:

1. Nothing illegal is left out in plain view.

2. All girlie magazines are safely tucked away between the mattresses of your bed.

Now things are different. You've given up all of your bad habits, and you can't remember the last time you bought a magazine that featured a photograph of naked woman.

Like I said, you're respectable these days.

So now when you get word that your folks are coming for a visit you start worrying about "grown-up" concerns, things like "When was the last time I changed the bed sheets?" or "How can I best 'pretend' to grab the check at dinner while still allowing Dad to win out in the end? And, while we're on that subject, is going to the restroom at the precise moment that the waiter approaches my table too obvious?"

But even more important than all of that is the one burning question all single persons — especially those not currently involved with anyone — must eventually answer: "Do I get a date for dinner?"

This is not as simple as you might think.

Sure, you want to show your parents that "Yes, I'm quite normal. My life is very fulfilled. Thank you, very much."

But by the same token, you don't want to scare your date to death, either. I mean, when you start introducing a strange woman to your parents, there is a certain unwanted significance that can be read into that. Besides, you gave up "dating" years ago.

So you ponder. And ponder. And ponder.

Then you decide. "OK, I'll drag a female friend — after all, she owes me one — to the restaurant, but I'm definitely losing the battle for the dinner tab ... even if I have to hang out in the bathroom for two hours."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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DEATHS

Frances Judd

Frances Pauline Judd died Saturday, Feb. 7, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Oak Grove Cemetery in Paducah, Ky. Local arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 9, 1904 in Caseyville, Ky.

She was a member of the Disciples of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul M. Judd, on Aug. 26, 1986, and daughter Martha Judd.

She is survived by a son, Donald K. Judd of Midland; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Lena Lewis

Big Spring resident Lena Mae Lewis, mother of Midlander Martha Womack, died Saturday, Feb. 7, in Athens.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Visitation is to 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Feb. 8, at the funeral home.

She was born May 15, 1922 in Roby.

She lived in Big Spring since 1954 . She was employed at JCPenney's, T.G & Y Co., Wal-Mart and Moss Elementary School. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Stanley A. Lewis, April 13, 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Lewis of Farmers Branch and Jerry Lewis of Athens; a brother, Milton Lewis of Big Spring; two sisters, Claudia Massingill of Whitesboro and Betty Brewer of Garland; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or the Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin, P.O. Box 3389, Midland, Texas, 79702.

William Pomeroy Jr.

William H. "Bill" Pomeroy Jr. died Friday, Feb. 6 at a local retirement home.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1912 in Tulsa, Okla.

He moved to Midland in 1945. He was president of Shoreline Oil and Gas Co. and of Pearl Royalty Co. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Midland Community Theater.

He was preceded in death by a son, William H. Pomeroy III, and a daughter, Barbara L. Pomeroy.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline (Lewis) Pomeroy of Midland; a son, Russell Pomeroy of Alexandria, Va.; two daughters, Suzanne Ready of Palmer, Mass., and Renee Sloan of Hewitt; one grandson and two granddaughters.

Memorials may be directed to Visual Aids Newsmobile, 2908 W. Ohio Ave., Midland, Texas, 79704.

John Reeves

PARIS — John Travis Reeves, a former Midlander, died Thursday, Feb. 5, at his Paris residence.

Services are to be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with the Revs. Ray Starnes and Sally Frances Ross officiating. Burial is to follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in Paris under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris.

He was born Aug. 20, 1908 in Lamar County.

He was employed by the Union Gas Company in Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. After retiring from Pennzoil he was an independent landman. He was a member of the Lion's Club of Mobile, Ala., and Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Mable Claire (Hunt) Reeves of Paris; a son, William T. Reeves of Richardson; a daughter, Carol A. Streicker of Highland Park, Ill.; a sister Lucile Reeves of Paris; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Ella C. McFadden Hospice of St. Joseph's Hospital; the Organ Fund of First United Methodist Church, or to United Methodist Church of Satartia, Miss.

Rogelio Brito

MONAHANS — Rogelio Brito died Thursday, Feb. 5 at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9 at St. John's Catholic Church in Monahans with the Rev. John Lucido officiating. Burial is to follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. today, Feb. 8, at the funeral home.

He was born May 12, 1975 in Ojinaga, Mexico.

He was a longtime resident of Monahans. He worked for Plastic Molding Co.

Survivors include his wife, Luna Brito of Monahans; his parents, Lazaro Brito and Ludmila Brito of Monahans; four brothers, Lazaro Brito Jr. and Omar Brito, both of Odessa, Jaime Brito of San Antonio and Martin Brito of Monahans; three sisters, Bahola Garcia of Big Spring, Onieda Brito and Nohelia Brito, both of Monahans; and his grandmother, Juanita Gallegos of Odessa.

Manuela Ramos

BIG LAKE — Manuela Ramos died Friday, Feb. 6 in Big Lake.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Midland. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Midland under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited today, Feb. 8 at the funeral home.

She was born May 19, 1905 in Mexico.

She was preceded in death by two sons and a daughter.

Survivors include a son, Octavio Ramos of Big Lake; a daughter, Julia Ramos of Big Lake; 36 grandchildren, 104 great-grandchildren and 48 great-great-grandchildren.

Henry Gray

Midlander Henry Gray died Friday, Feb. 6 at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Services are under the arrangement of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Jan., 20, 1909, in Ada, Okla.

He lived in Midland for about 30 years. He worked for Continental EMSCO and Palmer Pipe and Supply. He retired in 1988. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, American Legion and VFW in Midland and Loyal order of Moose Lodge in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife Berdean (Stephenson) Gray of Midland, three stepsons, Don Stephenson of Houston, Rod Stephenson and Ronnie Stephenson, both of Midland; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and several nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Moose Charities, attention General Governors Office, Moose Haven Life Care Center, Texas Lodge 1701, Moose Heart, Ill., 60539-1184.

James Coats

James Coats, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 7, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Russell Gifford

Russell "Rusty" Gifford was born February 27, 1911, in Hickman, Kentucky, to James Marshall and Ada Gifford. At age 11, he moved to Amarillo with his family. Mr. Gifford joined the Texas Department of Public Safety after being with the Amarillo Police Department from 1941 to 1945. While he was with the highway patrol, he lived in Pecos, then was transferred to Midland in 1945. Mr. Gifford served as the mayor of Midland in the late 1940s. He was employed with Grant Oil Tool and Tri-Service, before becoming employed with the city of Midland in 1960. He retired in 1976 as an appraiser. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, where he served as an usher for many years; member of the Midland Jaycees; Downtown Lions Club, since 1947; lifetime member of the Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623, AF & AM, serving as chaplain for many years. He was the recipient of a 50-year pin and received the Golden Trowel Award from the lodge in 1992.

Mr. Gifford was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Sullivan, in 1970. He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis Anne Gifford of Midland; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He died at a local hospital Thursday, February 5, 1998.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Monday, February 9, 1998, at the First Baptist Church with pastor Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park with Masonic Gravesite Rites being rendered by members of Midland Lodge No. 623.

Family visitation has been scheduled for Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Charles West, L.H. Harve Turnbow, Elmer Barnett, W.C. Osborne, F.L. Cooper and Robert L. Truitt.

Honorary pallbearer will be Newnie W. Ellis.



Lottie Courtney

Funeral services for Lottie E. Courtney, 93, of Midland, formerly of Wills Point, Texas, were at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 7, at First Baptist Church in Wills Point with the Revs. Garland Whitmire and Donald Tisdale officiating. Burial followed at Rose Cemetery in Wills Point under the direction of Hershel LyBrand Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998.

Born in Tennessee on August 14, 1904, to James Elihu and Ruthie Jane Miracle, her family moved to Wills Point when she was seven years old. She married Albert (Ab) Courtney in 1922. Spending most of her life as a homemaker, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She worked for Thurmon's and Denton's variety stores.

Albert preceded her in death in 1959. She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, two brothers and six sisters.

In 1995, she moved to Midland where she lived with her daughter's family. Following an illness last September, she resided at Parks Methodist Retirement Village in Odessa.

She is survived by three sons, Dr. Albert K. Courtney and his wife, Betty, of Midland, Maston C. Courtney and his wife, Barbara, of Amarillo and Jerry Don Courtney of Clarendon; a daughter, Elaine Paniszczyn and her husband, John, of Midland; twin sister, Claudia Coates and her husband, Bill, of Wills Point; and a sister-in-law, Katie Courtney, of Wills Point.

Also, five granddaughters, Allison Naslund of Amarillo, Deborah Freeman and her husband, Crandall, of Gordon, Stacey Paniszczyn and her husband, John Starkey, of Irving, Emily Courtney of Dallas and Lesley Paniszczyn of Midland; five grandsons, Steven Courtney of Austin, David Courtney and Philip Courtney of Midland, Matthew McKinley and his wife, Charla, of Austin and Tom Paniszczyn of Midland; one great-grandson; four great-granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews; and two stepgrandsons, Drue Ross of Austin and Robert Ross and wife, Pam, of Abilene; and two step granddaughters, Sandy Roark and her husband, Murray (Pap), and Pam Lovell, all of Midland.

Pallbearers were Philip Courtney, Steven Courtney, Crandall Freeman, Matthew McKinley, Tom Paniszczyn and Drue Ross.

The family requests memorials be made to the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, c/o Pam Logan; P.O. Box 5072, Midland, Texas, 79704.



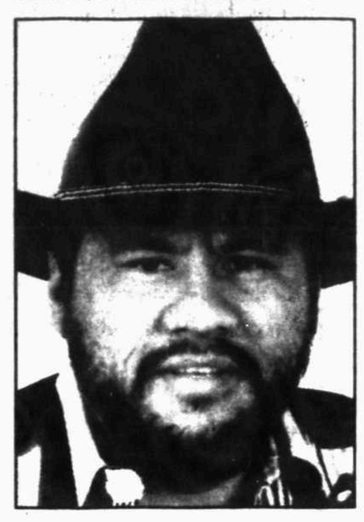
Johnny Rimes

Johnny Rimes, 53, of Odessa, died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, at Medical Center Hospital. He was born Sept. 12, 1944, in Aspermont, Texas, to Walter and Francis Vincent Rimes. Johnny came to Odessa in 1945, and graduated from Odessa High School in 1963. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1967, in Vietnam. Mr. Rimes married Sherry Francis March 8, 1968, in Midland. He owned and operated Quality Compressors from 1978 to 1986, and was employed by Western Gas Resources at the Midkiff Plant at the time of his death. He is a member of Mission Baptist Church.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, at Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Berry officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Sherry Rimes of Odessa; daughters, Laurie Rimes DeCarr and husband, J.J., of Odessa, Chris Rimes Cunha and husband, Bruce, of Odessa, Renee Rimes Moore and husband, Tom, of Odessa; four grandchildren, Christopher, Nicole, Chad and Dillon; father, Walter Rimes of Odessa; sister, Jean Huckaby of Odessa; brother, Charles Rimes and wife, Malinda, of Houston; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Francis Rimes in 1978.



Matias Ruiz

Matias (Matt) Ruiz went home to be with his father Fidel Ruiz, February 4, 1998, after a long illness.

He was born November 26, 1963, in Midland, Texas, to Fidel A. Ruiz and Angelita H. Ruiz. He attended school in Midland, graduating from Midland High School in 1983. He was manager of Auto Zone and owner of Matt's Automotive.

Matt is survived by his wife, Dolores Ruiz of Midland; his sons, Mathew Matias Ruiz and Christian Bo Ruiz, both of Midland; his daughter, Tiffany Jewel Ruiz of Midland; his mother, Angelita Ruiz of Midland; his brother, Fidel Ruiz of Midland; his sisters, Rosemary Ruiz, Mary Ann Ruiz and Angie Ruiz Esquivel, all of Midland; his grandmothers, Anita Hernandez and Trine Ruiz; and his grandfather, Manuel Villareal.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 1998, at Golf Course Church of Christ with Todd Brown officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Ruben Esquivel, Ray Miranda, Alex Padilla, Eric Portillo, Enrique Esquivel, Balitmore Ruiz, Roman Leyba, Raman Leyba Jr., Frank Hernandez, Diego Mancha, Tony Moya and Juan Moya.

Honorary pallbearers are Richard Padilla, Chad Lozano, Robert Perkins, T.C. Ruiz, Moses Ruiz, Robert Prado, Oscar Moya and Mike Mendoza.

EQUITY: Conflicts with homestead provisions may rule loan ineligible

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more after deducting interest paid from their federal taxes.

But mortgage bankers and brokers, depending heavily on investors in the secondary mortgage market to buy loans they originate, contend that consumer safeguards are hampering their usual buyers.

If consumer guidelines are violated, an investor who holds a mortgage could be forced to refund the entire loan, even if not originating the loan or breaking the law.

"A lot are saying we can't take a risk, so a lot of loans aren't getting funded," Ben Howard, president of Transcoastal Mortgage, said.

Conflicts between Texas' homestead provisions and the new home equity law are creating other problems. A house qualifying for the homestead exemption must be on less than one acre of land in cities and on more than one acre in rural areas.

So a home on more than one acre of urban land or on less than one acre in a rural setting might not be eligible for an equity loan.

As a result, "many banks are shying away from the loans," Robert Harris, Texas Bankers Association president, said. "It's a real box."

Austin officers cleared by grand jury for shooting fellow officers

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County grand jury has cleared two Austin police officers in the accidental shooting of two fellow officers during a domestic violence call.

"I knew there was no criminal intent on their part," said Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Gonzales, who was off-duty when he was shot.

The incident occurred in December when Gonzales went to the house of neighbor Victoria Treminio, 44, to investigate a domestic scuffle.

By the time police arrived, Ms. Treminio's 43-year-old boyfriend, Ignacio Martinez, had fatally shot her and barricaded himself inside the house.

Gonzales and Austin police officer Andy Anderson were inadvertently shot during the first 30 minutes of the standoff, while police were trying to determine whether Martinez had hostages.

After several hours police discovered that Martinez had also taken his own life.

The two city police officers involved in the shooting — Eric De Los Santos, a nine-year-veteran, and Michael Burgh, a three-year veteran — were placed on administrative duty during the investigation, but returned to their regular assignments Friday after grand jurors met.

Austin police have concluded that misinformation and confusion led to the accidental shootings.

For example, police said, a 911 dispatch incorrectly told officers that Gonzales was no longer at the scene. Minutes later, Gonzales was shot by an officer who assumed he was the armed suspect.

Also, the news that a fellow officer had shot Gonzales did not reach all of the officers immediately. Thirteen minutes later, Anderson was shot by an officer who thought he was the suspect who had just shot Gonzales.

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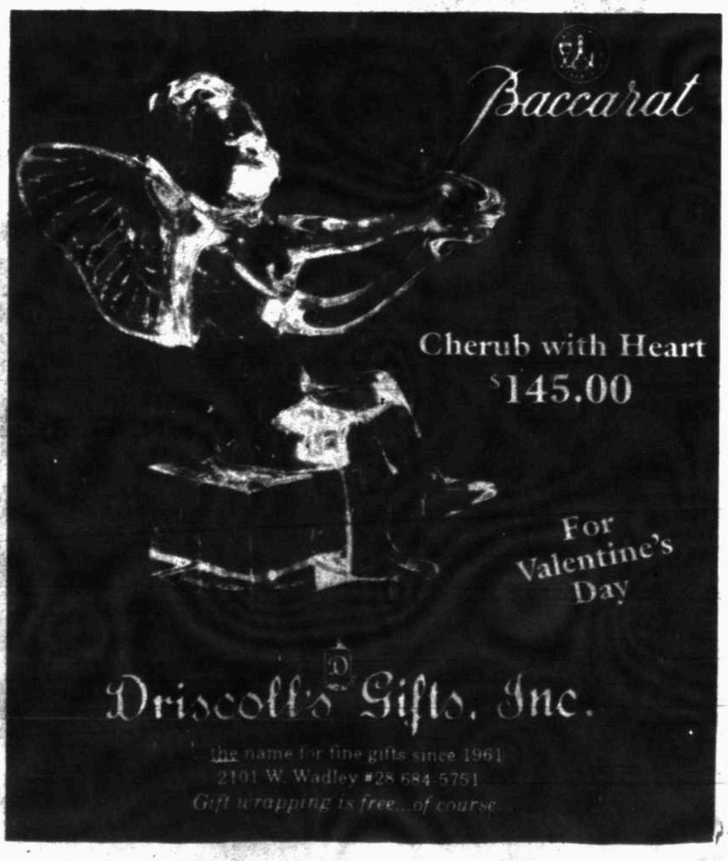
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A letter describing the merits and accomplishment of the person being nominated should be submitted as well.

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McDonald's owner sues customer

HOUSTON (AP) — Hubert Lee says he bit into a roach egg-infested breakfast biscuit at a Houston-area McDonald's restaurant. Nearly four months after the incident, the used-car dealer is still upset.

Anyone driving past Lee's car lot in northeast Houston can see that.

"I got roach eggs at McDonalds at Jensen (Drive)!," trumpets a portable sign at Lee's business.

But the McDonald's outlet that sold him the breakfast is just as steamed. Owner Phillip Hagans is suing Lee for libel and slander.

"I have done nothing to provoke Mr. Lee in any way, yet he continues to slander me publicly and has caused serious mental and financial damage to me personally," Hagans said in a court affidavit.

The legal tangle can be traced to Oct. 22. Lee's son was driving his father to a doctor's appointment. En route, they bought breakfast sandwiches from the drive-through window at Hagans' restaurant. Lee alleges he took a bite and saw a roach egg fall from his mouth and onto his napkin. He said he had his son pull the car over and he vomited.

Lee complained to the outlet but said they only offered him a $1 refund or another breakfast sandwich.

Still aggravated over the situation nearly a month later, Lee rolled out a portable sign Nov. 15 at his car lot. On it, he placed the accusatory message.

On Friday, after Hagans filed his lawsuit, Lee filed a countersuit against him and McDonald's, alleging they violated the Deceptive Trade Practices Act by not warning consumers of the hazards of eating there.

"I'm just letting people in my neighborhood know what happened to me," Lee said Friday. "I get fed a roach egg. They offer me a dollar, then turn around and sue me."

Attempts to reach Lee and Hagans were unsuccessful Saturday. There was no answer at Lee's home and a message left at Hagans' workplace was not immediately returned to The Associated Press. Hagans' home telephone number was unlisted.

However, Hagans said in his lawsuit that the eatery did not serve tainted food. Health inspectors and the restaurant chain itself found no evidence of roaches or related contamination, his suit said.

Hagans, in his affidavit, said he apologized to Lee "for any unpleasant experiences," but Lee wanted compensation. "I asked what was his meaning of compensation and he said a lot more than an apology or a refund."

So far, the fast-food restaurant has failed to gain a temporary restraining order to have the sign removed. An injunction hearing was scheduled Friday before state District Judge Lamar McCorkle, but the countersuit by Lee canceled the hearing.

Hagans attorney G. Harlan Coleman, who did not return calls for comment, said in the suit that business had been hurt substantially by the slanderous message. Hagans wants $100,000 in damages, while Lee seeks unspecified damages.

POLICE REPORTS

Odessa stabbing

ODESSA — Police arrested an Odessa man Saturday morning for allegedly stabbing two of his family members, authorities said.

Socorro Gonzales, 48, and Soila Gonzales, 15, were taken to Medical Center Hospital for stab wounds they sustained during a family disturbance that occurred at 1314 Drury Lane at about 7 a.m.

Police said Socorro Gonzales sustained a stab wound to her torso, while Soila Gonzales sustained a stab wound to her neck. Hospital officials said that the two victims were treated at the hospital and released by Saturday afternoon.

The suspect, Jose Gallegos Rodriguez Jr., 20, was arrested in connection with the stabbings. He tried hiding from police in a trash bin behind the crime scene, but was located and arrested.

He was charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Police did not say how Rodriguez was related to the two victims.

Robbery suspect

ODESSA — Police are looking for a man, who assaulted a 79-year-old woman and took her purse, and his accomplice . The robbery occurred at the Lincoln Tower, 311 W. Fourth St., on Thursday. The woman sustained a black eye, facial cuts and a broken finger.

Police said the purse snatcher is a Hispanic male who is 20- to 30-years-old. He is about 5-feet, 5-inches tall and about 150 pounds. He has brown eyes, a mustache and goatee. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a dark shirt.

The accomplice, who drove the getaway vehicle, is a white man who is 20- to 30-years-old and had blond hair. He was in a red, older-model Nissan Sentra. The two fled the scene northbound on Sam Houston Street.

Anyone with information on this case should call Odessa Crime Stoppers at 335-TIPS or the Odessa Police Department at 333-3641.

Midland Police Department
Friday

Theft: A car was vandalized at Wal-Mart, 3417 N. Midland Diver. It was reported at 3:06 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
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Theft: At 7:30 p.m., a shoplifting report was made from the Finish Line, 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Anyone having information concerning any of these incident should contact the Midland Police Department at 695-7108 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-LOCK-UP.

Midland man arrested for September car accident

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A Midland man was arrested Friday on charges of intoxication manslaughter that stem from a September car accident that claimed the life of a 24 year-old Hobbs, N.M., woman.

Adam Trevino, 22, was arrested at the Texas Department of Public Safety at 9:35 a.m., according to Midland County Sheriff's Office reports. Officials said that the man turned himself in after a 238th District Court grand jury of indicted him last month.

Trevino remained at the Midland County Detention Center as of late Saturday. His bond was set at $10,000, jail officials said.

The indictment claims that Trevino was intoxicated when he struck a pickup truck driven by Charlcia Nance. The accident occurred at the intersection of Fairgrounds Road and Business 80 just after midnight on September 27, 1997.

The indictment stated that Trevino was driving "... while intoxicated and not having the normal use of mental and physical faculties by reason of the introduction into the body of alcohol ... and by reason of that intoxication did then and there cause the death of Charlcia Nance by accident and mistake..."

According to the DPS investigation, Ms. Nance was the driving a pickup westbound on Business 80 when Trevino's northbound vehicle drove over the railroad tracks at a high rate of speed. Trevino's car became airborne and struck the passenger's side of Ms. Nance's car. She died later that morning at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Family members said previously that she was a nail salon technician in Midland for at least a year.

Intoxication manslaughter is a second degree felony, the range of punishment for the crime is from two to 20 years in prison, according to Midland District Attorney Al Schorre. He told the Reporter-Telegram that Trevino has no prior criminal convictions.

Killeen man believed to be victim of insurance scam

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A body found in a fire-gutted truck two weeks ago is believed to be a Gulf War veteran from Texas who was looking for work in the Colorado Springs area.

Court documents filed Friday in Fourth Judicial District Court tentatively identified the victim as Len Eugene Dragnett of Killeen, Texas.

Carl McGee, 30, of Fountain, has been charged with first-degree murder. He is accused of killing Dragnett in an effort to fake his own death and collect insurance money.

The body recovered from a charred camper shell Jan. 24 was burned beyond recognition, but Teller County investigators were able to make a tentative identification through Army dental records, Sheriff Frank Fehn said.

Authorities contacted Dragnett's family in recent days, District Attorney Jeanne Smith.

"We were secure enough in the information that we went ahead," she said.

Fehn said forensic odontologists will compare the dental records they have compiled with the military records, and he hopes to have a positive identification by this weekend.

Investigators remain unsure of how McGee may have met Dragnett and the exact cause of Dragnett's death.

According to a court affidavit, McGee told investigators he picked up a man hitchhiking, but then gave two versions of what happened after that.

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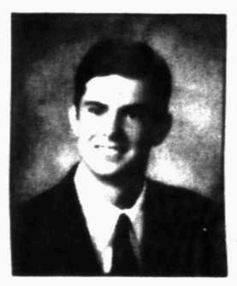
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He ranks among some 1,800 students recognized for excellence, leadership and achievement in school and community activities, who are in the running for $1.4 million in college scholarships to be awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. This is the tenth year of awarding scholarships for a total of $13.7 million.



As scholarship candidates, students must submit additional information to be screened in February by a committee of 21 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States. If selected as one of 152 Coca-Cola Scholar finalists, Alex Zemkoski will travel to the Coca-Cola Selection Weekend, held in Atlanta from April 23-26, 1998 to be named either National or Regional Scholar. The 52 National Scholars will receive an award of $20,000 for college; the 100 Regional Scholars will receive $4,000.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation maintains an ongoing relationship with the recipients during college and beyond through programs, internships and regional reunions. The annual awards represent one of the largest business-supported scholarship programs in the U.S., which is funded by Coca-Cola Bottlers and the Coca-Cola Company.

Alex Zemkoski has been accepted to Texas A&M, College Station where he will attend this fall as an Engineering Computer Science major.

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The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will perform at the Museum of the Southwest's Big Band Bash Feb. 24 at the Petroleum Club. For information or to make reservations, call 570-7077.

Tommy Dorsey Orchestra to play at black-tie dinner, dance

From Staff Reports

The Museum of the Southwest will present a black tie dinner and dance featuring the big band sounds of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra on Feb. 24 at the Petroleum Club in downtown Midland.

In addition to the Dorsey orchestra, the fund-raising event will also include Buddy Morrow, one of the few big band conductors of today.

The 1998 Big Band Bash will fund development of innovative programming and infrastructure for the children's museum and enhancement of the Museum of the Southwest grounds.

Seating is limited for the fund-raiser and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to make reservations, call 570-7077.

Over the years, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra has showcased many great singers, including Frank Sinatra, Jack Leonard and Jo Stafford.

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Sinatra blossomed during his years with Dorsey, often admitting that listening to the orchestra helped him develop his phrasing, his breathing, his musical tastes and his musical knowledge.

Morrow, who is the current conductor of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, is recognized as one of the all-time great trombone players. His talent has been evident through the years and first came to the public eye when he was featured with leading orchestras such as Paul Whiteman, Artie Shaw and Jimmy Dorsey, and as a staff musician with many of the major radio and television shows.

Deadly viruses under microscope at biomedical center

■ San Antonio institution will be one of only three in nation with a full 'biosafety level 4' lab approved for study of lethal viruses.

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Out of rain forests in South America and from distant outposts in Asia, deadly viruses that once posed little threat in the United States are creeping closer.

Bracing for their invisible attack is a growing team of scientists in San Antonio, where the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research investigates tropical and emerging diseases.

With construction of a new maximum-containment laboratory, the foundation is expanding its infectious disease research and will be one of only three institutions in the nation with a full "biosafety level 4" lab approved by the National Institutes of Health for studying lethal viruses.

It will be the only BSL4 lab not operated by the government.

"It's a huge jump, a big step," said Jean Patterson, who chairs the virology and immunology department at the Southwest Foundation.

The nonprofit institution is hiring more scientists to investigate emerging diseases, including newly identified viruses moving north from Mexico and Central America.

Among the other viruses under study at the foundation are hepatitis B, C and E; Epstein-Barr virus; papilloma viruses, which can cause tumors and are linked to cervical cancer; and HIV, which causes AIDS.

The Southwest Foundation, an independent organization founded in 1941 by rancher and oilman Tom Slick Jr., also does research in the fields of genetics; organic chemistry; physiology and medicine; and laboratory animal medicine. It is known worldwide for operating the largest breeding colony of baboons.

Most funding for the foundation's $22 million annual operating budget comes from the National Institutes of Health and other agencies through grants and contracts. Private contributors have helped raise money for the new construction.

Already, researchers around the world are inquiring about using the virus lab, part of a 10-year, $30 million modernization program.

Virologists say the dramatization of their profession in the book "The Hot Zone" and the movie "Outbreak" also have piqued public curiosity about their research — a field they clearly enjoy.

'You just fall in love with (infectious disease research). It's so much a part of everyday life.'
— Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research scientist Rebeca Rico-Hesse

"You just fall in love with it," said foundation scientist Rebeca Rico-Hesse. "It's so much a part of everyday life."

The Southwest Foundation currently operates a BSL4 lab consisting of a glass "glove box," allowing scientists to reach into an enclosed area through fixed-in-place gloves that jut into the container.

One of the primary uses right now for the glove box is the study of the herpes B virus, found in Macaque monkeys. Though not harmful to the monkey, the virus can be lethal if passed on to humans through blood contact.

The new $9.8 million laboratory is slated for completion in 1999. It will be a full "suit lab" similar to those at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the U.S. Army Research Institute for Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md.

Scientists using these larger BSL4 labs wear airtight clothes resembling space suits that are equipped with oxygen. All materials must be decontaminated before they are brought out of the containment lab.

"We're just looking forward to getting the new facility so we can really get going," said Rico-Hesse, who tracks emerging diseases such as viral hemorrhagic fevers, including dengue fever.

Dengue fever infects an estimated 50 million people each year in a geographic band around the equator. Transmitted by mosquitoes, it produces flu-like symptoms in humans and in some severe cases can cause what is known as hemorrhagic syndrome.

"Basically you have this massive internal hemorrhaging," Rico-Hesse said. Hemorrhagic dengue fever, first noticed in Southeast Asia, initially caused deaths in babies and gradually has become lethal in adults.

"So something has changed," Rico-Hesse said.

In the 1980s and 90s, it has been detected in the Americas. Since 1994, hemorrhagic dengue fever has infected people in central Mexico.

"Coming here to San Antonio is the perfect place to be because we're waiting for that disease to enter the United States, particularly Texas," Rico-Hesse said.

Rico-Hesse first became interested in viruses in high school when a biology teacher explained how small the organisms are. She also was curious about an outbreak of Venezuelan equine encephalitis that struck Mexico and South Texas, killing horses and causing encephalitis in humans.

In her research, Patterson focuses on viruses that infect parasites. She studies the microscopic organism Leishmania, which when infected can cause the disease leishmaniasis.

Endemic in Central and Latin America, the disease can be transmitted by sand flies. In humans the illness can cause ulcers, nose and mouth disfigurement and damage to internal organs.

A University of Texas Health Science Center study found some rodents infected with the parasite in and around San Antonio, she said.

Patterson became the foundation's virology and immunology chairman in 1996 after she was recruited from Harvard Medical School. She said she liked the opportunity to head a department and lead its growth in emerging virus research.

In November, safety precautions surrounding virus research grabbed headlines when specimens of herpes B en route to the Southwest Foundation fell off a delivery truck in rush-hour traffic in San Antonio.

Health officials searched for the samples and warned the public about potential dangers. The specimens were recovered or destroyed in traffic. No one was harmed.

Despite the lethal nature of some viruses studied at the foundation, communities surrounding the 397-acre campus haven't shown alarm. Perhaps area residents are used to having a sizable medical center in the city and realize viruses also exist in the world outside the lab, Patterson said.

When she speaks to civic groups, Patterson has noticed many people seem intrigued by her work and "don't seem to have this 'not in my back yard' attitude" about virus research.

"People are really interested in it," she said, adding, "We're interested in things that are going to affect South Texas."

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Navy **Petty Officer 3rd Class John A. Campos**, a 1991 graduate of Midland High School, and Navy **Airman Gary P. Glover**, son of Delores Higginbotham of Midland, are currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

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Marine **Cpl. Edwin L. Maddux**, a 1986 graduate of Crane High School, recently completed the Marine Corps Field Wireman course.

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Marine **1st Lt. Michael T. Nelms**, grandson of Elijah L. Nelms of Midland, recently participated in a training exercise while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

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Navy **Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew M. Mullin**, son of Michael and Linda Mullin of Midland, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport.

Mullin is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School.

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Navy **Petty Officer 3rd Class Enrique Jaramillo**, son of Enrique and Alice Jaramillo of MCamey, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the USS Peleliu.

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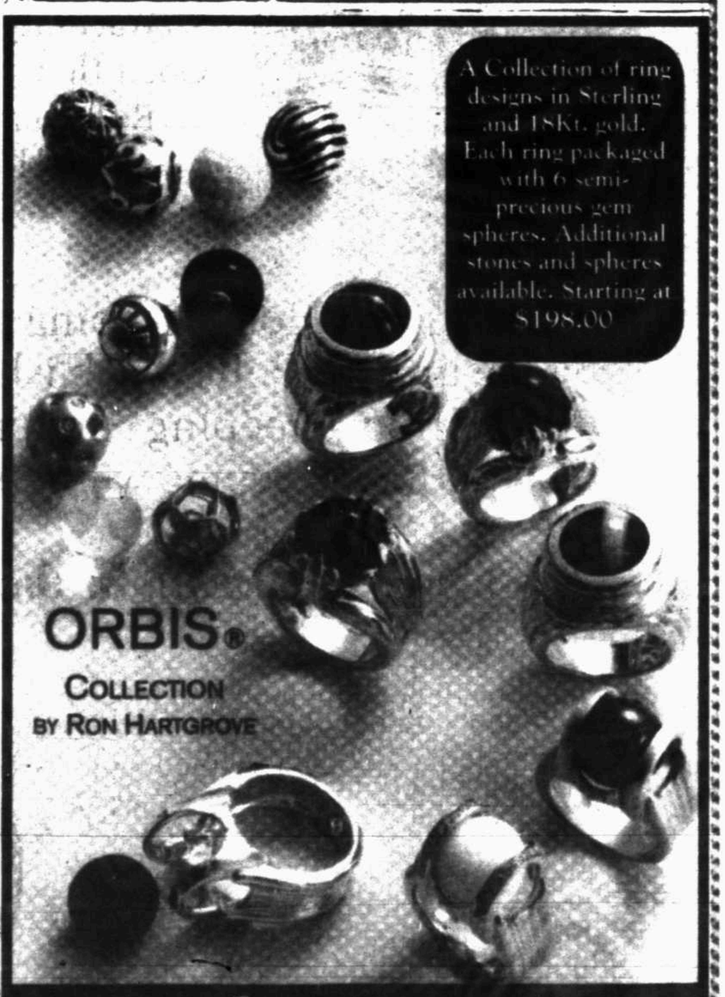
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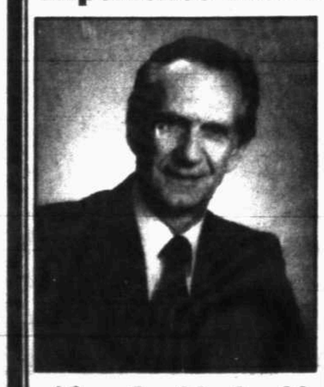
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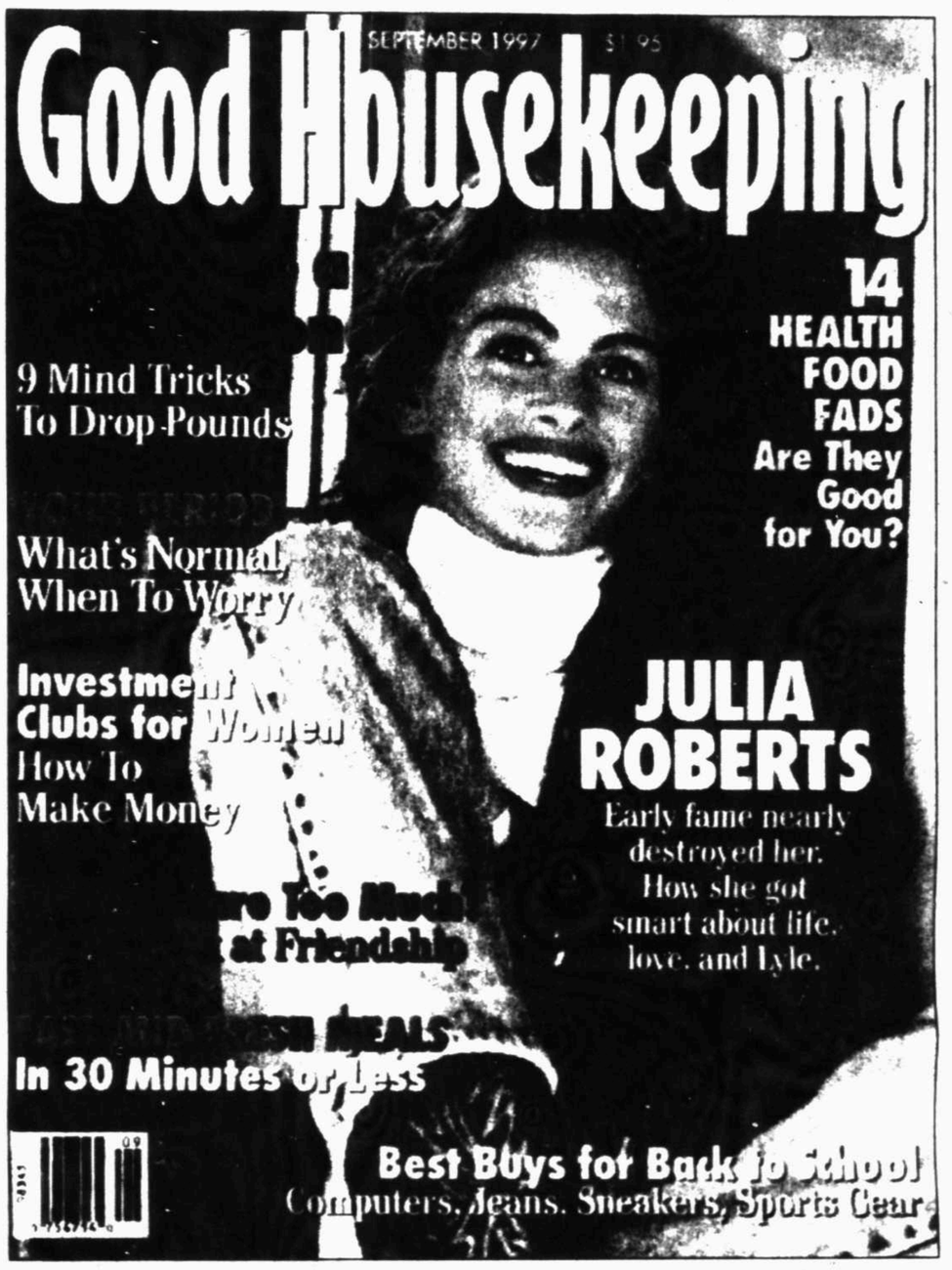
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Bad press aside, Harlingen prep school ranks among elite

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HARLINGEN — When Dubi Izaacson looked for a secondary school to help prepare his academically gifted son for college, his choices were unlimited.

His son was already sought by Ivy League colleges for scoring in the top 10 percent when he took the Scholastic Aptitude Test at age 11, so Izaacson wanted a school that would fulfill his son's academic needs as well as provide a structured environment for learning.

After months of researching college preparatory schools across the country, Izaacson settled on a mid-sized military school in Harlingen — Marine Military Academy.

"We chose MMA because of their goals, rules, honor classes and their small student-to-teacher ratio," said Izaacson, whose 15-year-old son, Joshua, attends the academy. "A lot of the other schools fall by the wayside academically."

For the Izaacsons, MMA was perfect, though different parents choose the school for different reasons — some for its academic program and others for its rigid military-style environment.

However, in the past few months, concerns about military practices and safety arose after two cadets were accused of slashing the throat of another cadet while he was sleeping.

Soon after the October slashing, 18 students were removed from the school by their parents, citing the incident as the reason for leaving, said Randy Fleuriet, a Harlingen attorney representing the academy.

MMA took another blow in the fall when 11 parents filed a lawsuit against the school demanding a refund of tuition on the grounds that the institution failed to provide adequate protection for the cadets and that the academy didn't deliver what it promised. A total of 50 parents had joined the lawsuit.

A separate lawsuit, making similar allegations against MMA, has also been filed by two other parents.

But the parents of most cadets have kept their sons in the school. Many, such as Izaacson, maintain it was a great choice. For example, his son is the top-ranked cadet in the school with an academic grade point average of 4.71.

The school's officials said that Marine Military Academy, which provides a college preparatory program for students from the eighth through 12th grades, is one of the best, if not the best, in the country from a military and an academic standpoint.

Despite the negative publicity from the lawsuit and the throat-slashing incident, 55 new students were admitted for the spring semester to the all-male boarding school, Fleuriet said.

To get a better idea where MMA ranks academically, the Valley Morning Star profiled 10 military schools — including Marine Military Academy — in Texas and the nation and two public high schools in Harlingen.

Compared to other military schools in the nation, MMA's strengths are its college-like atmosphere and small class size. The classrooms and facilities were comparable to those found in a small university, but without the big teacher-to-student ratio. MMA has a ratio of 1 teacher to 13 students, which allows for more one-on-one teaching, officials and students said.

"I find teachers here care a lot more about the students," said Luis Ballesteros, 16, and a junior cadet at MMA. "They'll go out of their way for you."

The academy also boasts a college placement rate approaching 100 percent, an attribute that for Steve McDaniel of Houston sealed the decision to send his son to MMA.

"The chief thing was that MMA has had 94-98 percent of its students placed in college for the last five years," McDaniel said. "(My son) was looking at the possibility of going to a military college. Annapolis says MMA has the largest number of graduates there."

In addition to student-teacher ratios and graduation rates, the Star compiled comparative information about enrollment, tuition, class size, the number of teachers and the degrees they hold, and average combined scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

MMA was found to be solidly in the middle of the pack when compared with other military schools in the nation — and when compared with military schools in Texas.

There are two other military schools in Texas: San Marcos Baptist Academy in San Marcos and the Texas Military Institute in San Antonio.

Both house coed students and have small student-teacher ratios. But they vary greatly in tuition. TMI's tuition is about $9,000 per student. The Baptist Academy is about twice as much at $17,000 for students in their first year.

MMA is in between those tuition figures at $16,000 per student.

The academy's tuition rank was about average compared with other out-of-state military schools, and its students' SAT scores seemed to place it in the middle when ranked against the other private military schools.

The average SAT score at MMA was a combined total of about 1040. Culver Military Academy in Indiana boasted an average SAT score of 1150, the highest among the profiled schools. The lowest for the private military academies profiled belonged to Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia, whose SAT average was about 950.

When it came to the kind of teachers MMA employs, it ranked fairly well among the other schools, but nowhere near New Mexico Military Institute.

There are 41 teachers at MMA, including three with doctorates and 17 with master's degrees. New Mexico Military Institute has about 64 teachers, including 16 with doctorates: the rest hold master's degrees.

Where MMA and the other military schools really stand out is in a comparison with the two public high schools that were profiled. For example, academically, MMA towers over this community's generally highly regarded Harlingen High School and Harlingen High School South.

The percentage of students who graduate from Harlingen High School is 15 percent lower when compared with MMA. The graduation rate for seniors at Harlingen High School who attended during the 1996-97 school year was about 85 percent. For Harlingen High School South, it was 92 percent.

The graduation rate for MMA was 100 percent.

SAT scores are also lower at Harlingen High School, where the combined average score is about 931, 110 points below MMA's. Harlingen High School South's average SAT score is slightly higher at 947, but still well below MMA's.

"It's really unfair to compare us to a public school," said Gene Meier, director of curriculum for MMA. "Public schools have a discipline issue almost every day. We have one every two years. It's just an unfair comparison."

The biggest difference involves the percentage of students going on to college. At the two public high schools, the proportion going to college is in the 40 percent range.

At MMA, 96 percent of the students went to college, according to the academy's most recent figures.

But Harlingen school district administrators said the low percentages of graduates going to college from the public high schools were inaccurate, because the district doesn't have a formal tracking system.

"Our stats are based on students' transcripts that are requested from colleges they've applied to," said Dr. Linda Wade, assistant superintendent of curriculum for the district. "The state has tried to keep track, but not all students have social security numbers. It's something we should look at."

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Teen achieves Eagle Scout rank

From Staff Reports

Mark N. Wallace, a senior at Midland High School, recently received the rank of Eagle Scout at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Wallace, the son of Steve and Lee Wallace of Midland, is a member of Troop 80 sponsored by Northwestern Baptist Church. Over the years, he has held the leadership positions of senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and assistant patrol leader. He served as a den chief for Cub Scout Pack 155, and has reached the brotherhood level in the Order of the Arrow. He has attended numerous summer scout camps, including backpacking Philmont National Boy Scout Ranch twice.



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For his Eagle project, Mark solicited donations of materials from local merchants and, with several other members of Troop 80, built a fence around a garden which will be used to grow produce for the Midland Soup Kitchen.

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Beach Boys founding member dead at 51

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carl Wilson, a founding member of The Beach Boys and lead guitarist for the seminal surf band, has died from complications of lung cancer, his family said Saturday. He was 51.

Wilson died Friday evening in Los Angeles with his family at his side.

"Even though he was diagnosed with cancer last year and going through treatment for a year, he was real fighter," said publicist Alyson Dutch. "He participated in the entire summer tour this year."

Wilson was born in Hawthorne, a Los Angeles suburb about 5 miles from the Pacific. He learned to play guitar as a teen-ager and — with brothers Brian and Dennis, cousin Mike Love and friend Alan Jardine — founded The Beach Boys in 1961.

Dennis Wilson, who was killed in a swimming accident in 1983, came up with the idea of a surfing theme for the music. Brian Wilson and Love started writing lyrics, capitalizing on the surfing craze that began in the mid-1950s.

The Southern California quintet did not make its first public appearance until New Year's Eve 1961 at Long Beach's Municipal Auditorium. Their stage fright was not helped by the fact they could play only three songs.

Despite the limited repertoire, the audience embraced the group. Throughout the 1960s and later, the band defined the "surfing beat" with such songs as "I Get Around," "Good Vibrations," Help Me Rhonda" and "Surfin' U.S.A."

In the early 1980s, Carl Wilson said he tired of the Beach Boys' focus on nostalgia and lack of musical growth. He left the quintet in 1981 to work on a solo career, and released an album that year.

But he later rejoined the group and had performed with them ever since.

Jolly judge in Zamora trial diffuses tension

"There's enough tension in any major criminal trial without the judge adding to it. You've got to have a sense of humor."

— Zamora Trial Judge Joe Drago III.

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — He dresses like television's Columbo, sounds like Andy Griffith, golfs like Rodney Dangerfield and sometimes wears golf shirts hidden beneath his judicial robes.

He drives an aging junker, appears at ill-fated moments in unmatched socks or shoes and is so good-natured and easygoing that jurors once broke into song to wish him a happy birthday.

But he is not — repeat not — to be disturbed during his noontime naps.

Meet Joe Drago III, the state judge presiding over the capital murder trial of Diane Zamora, 20, a former Naval Academy midshipman accused of killing her 16-year-old romantic rival.

The second week of often lurid testimony resumes Monday in Drago's tiny, eighth-floor courtroom at the Tarrant County Judicial Center.

By all accounts, Drago, an immensely popular and respected jurist, is doing a bang-up job under intense pressure.

"There's been so much bad press about the criminal justice system, I think Joe sees this as an opportunity to conduct a fair, dignified court proceeding," says attorney Jack Strickland, a criminal defense attorney not involved in this case.

Friends say Drago agonized over this trial, and it shows.

"You can tell he's in control of the courtroom, and that's what I really respect," said fellow judge Rufus Adcock, who pops in and out of the press room to catch snippets of testimony on TV.

"He anticipated all the problems and he's covering them."

Although patient, Drago has his limits. Scuttling some pretrial motions, he told the attorneys: "I think we've had plenty of foreplay in this case, and it's time to get on with the trial." Later, he ordered them to move along: "At this rate, we're not going to finish this trial in my lifetime."

Adcock, who, like Drago, once prosecuted cases as an assistant district attorney, said the judge's velvet glove approach with both lawyers and media reduced the threat of a legal "circus."

Others agreed.

"One of the best things about Joe is that he doesn't take himself too seriously," said attorney Bill Lane. "He knows the law backward and forward and he lets the lawyers try their case.

"He's an umpire. If a lawyer steps out of line, he's going to throw the flag."

Lawyer Tim Evans compared Drago's court to the old "M.A.S.H." TV series.

"It's serious business, but the characters are good at what they do and they perform with a sense of humor. That's what goes on behind the scenes in Drago's court."

A native Texan from Port Arthur, Drago clearly resembles his Italian-born father, and jokes that he wants Danny DeVito or Joe Pesci to play his role in any future movie.

Although no stranger to high-profile murder trials, Drago has never before dealt with a case that has produced two quickie books and a TV docudrama and lured Court TV to town for gavel-to-gavel coverage.

He strolled through the makeshift press area last week, gazed at the mountains of electronic equipment and proclaimed it the "Star Wars Room."

"It looks like the mother ship," he joked.

Drago overrode prosecutors' objections and other pressures to allow Court TV and two news photographers inside the courtroom, all on a pool basis and under severe restrictions.



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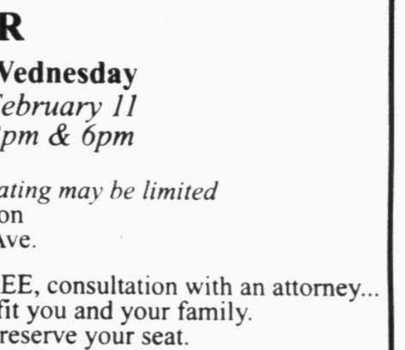
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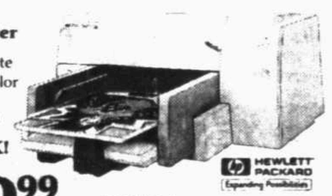
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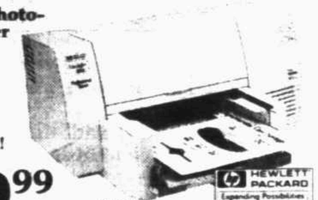
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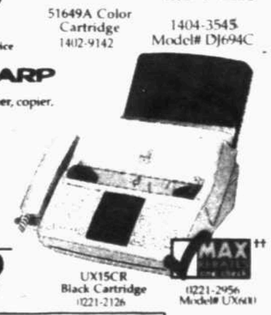
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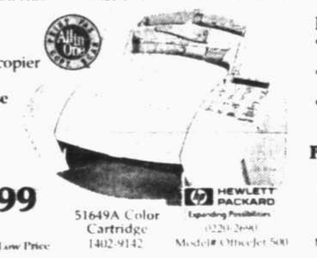
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French Louisianans celebrate their once-fading heritage

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Thirty years ago, several thousand Louisiana residents spoke French, ironically at a time when most of the world had yet to be introduced to the term "Cajun."

Yet, as if predicting a future trend, the Louisiana Constitution forbade the use of French in public schools, declaring English as the official — and only — language of Louisiana. It was a statewide law in practice since 1921.

About 30 years ago, Life magazine published an article on the French culture of Louisiana titled "A Waning Echo From the Cajun Country," and predicted its complete demise by the year 2000.

To Congressman James Domengeaux, a native of Lafayette, that was the last straw.

"It infuriated James Domengeaux," said Warren Perrin, "and he said, 'We've got to do something about this.' "

In 1968 the state created CODOFIL, the Council for Development of French in Louisiana.

Although the majority of Louisiana residents who speak French are Cajuns, descendants of French-speaking Catholics who were expelled from Nova Scotia in the mid 1700s, CODOFIL was established to preserve the French-Louisiana culture as well, harkening to the founding of Louisiana by d'Iberville 300 years ago.

"It wasn't founded for the Cajuns, but for the French in Louisiana, to preserve this culture, this incredible resource we have," said Perrin, president of the Council.

The Council's 30th anniversary this year comes at a busy time. Budget cuts have threatened the Council's programs in recent years. Members are setting aside worries to plan the 1999 FrancoFete, an entire year of activities celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Louisiana.

Thirty years ago many French-speaking Louisianians shied away from speaking their native language in public. It was a time when folks were Cajun before Cajun was cool.

Perrin is a case in point. His older brother was raised speaking French, but his parents noted how difficult it was for him entering school and chose to speak only English to Perrin.

"Education was a difficult experience for him," Perrin said of his brother. "I'm the first in my line not raised speaking French. The break was in the Baby Boomer generation."

After graduating from law school, Perrin returned to his hometown of Erath to practice law and realized he was handicapped not speaking French. He couldn't communicate with many residents.

"It was absolutely necessary to practice in French," Perrin said, who eventually learned French by ear rather than formal education. He now speaks French on a regular basis, and used it recently on a trip to the Seventh World Francophone Summit last November in Hanoi.

The Council has established the Acadian Museum of Erath. It displays the history of the Acadians as they were exiled from Canada and traveled south.

"People aren't ashamed and afraid to speak French any more like they were years ago, when they were told they couldn't speak French because it made them look ignorant, uneducated," the late Domengeaux told The Baton Rouge Advocate in 1985. "We've changed the minds of many educators about the need for and the benefits from teaching French and other foreign languages."

Today, about 80,000 elementary school children study French in programs created by the agency, more than ever before, said Perrin.

The agency originally recruited French teachers from France.

"They taught Parisian French and the parents couldn't understand their children," Perrin said. "Plus, Louisiana French is an oral language, not a written language."

Now, more than 200 teachers are in Louisiana from Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, plus Africa, the West Indies, France and Belgium.

"We've diversified and by doing that, it helps all Francophones in Louisiana," Perrin said.

The University of Southwestern Louisiana recently created a doctoral degree in Francophone Studies, the first of its kind in the United States, Perrin said.

The first man scheduled to receive the degree is David Cheramie, the Council's executive director.

"He brings an educated French and a Cajun French so it's a nice complement of the two," Perrin said

Council members are busy preparing for the upcoming FrancoFete, They are also planning the Congres Mondial Acadien-Louisiane, or World Acadian Congress, to be held in August of 1999. Both events are being promoted heavily by the Louisiana Office of Tourism, which hopes to make 1999 a record year.

FrancoFete is scheduled to open with either a half-time or pre-game show at the 1999 Sugar Bowl, then continue throughout the year, Perrin said. Major dates will be March 3, the anniversary of the establishment of the French colony of Louisiana, and American and French independence days, July 4 and 14. The Acadian Congress will be Aug. 1-15, 1999.

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Cemetery a final resting place for loved one's ashes

For those who have already scattered ashes of a loved one, Mariposa Gardens will have a special "Book of Life" statue for placing names.

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Michael Burkett already knows how he wants it to be.

Early in the morning, as the sun rises over Monterey Bay, Calif., his family and friends will take a boat out on the water and shake his ashes like a giant handful of flake fish food into the sea.

"It was a place that meant something to us. We all grew up in this bay," the 48-year-old Mesa writer said about this family tradition. "My mom goes down to the beach every Christmas morning and wishes everybody a Merry Christmas," he added lightly. "It's sort of convenient."

Not everyone wants to sprinkle ashes into a bay, scatter them at the base of a mountain or even take them home. But lots of people want to be cremated, which is why Mesa Funeral Care Mortuary and Chapel is creating another alternative called Mariposa Gardens — a cemetery for creatively placing cremated remains.

Nearly 50 percent of all those who died in Maricopa County in 1997 were cremated, more than twice the national average of about 22 percent.

That figure isn't surprising because the county fits the profile for high cremation rates, said Jack Springer, executive director of the Cremation Association of North America. It is a transient place where people come to retire and eventually die. They do not have solid roots here, so they choose cremation. Or, if they want to be shipped back to their roots, they may choose to be cremated before shipping.

Cremation rates in the United States have been increasing at a steady rate of 2 to 4 percent a year for the past 20 years, Springer said.

Cemeteries like Mariposa Gardens are the new way of preserving the past. Old cemeteries, with markers bearing generations of family names and old war heroes, are a part of our heritage.

While people may be more transient, relatives of those who died often want to feel close to their deceased loved one — something they can't do if the ashes are sprinkled in faraway places.

"It's important for them to know exactly where their loved one is," said Jeanie Hendricks, manager of Mesa Funeral Care. "We've had a number of families who have had a scattering who told us it's not the same to go to the base of Superstition Mountains as it is to go to their grandparents' grave."

Mariposa Gardens is a cemetery on the forefront of final resting places. Complete with a 42,560-square-foot building and elaborate garden grounds, the 21-acre plot includes a bubbling brook, flower garden, enclosed fragrance garden, lighted covered walkways, and even mood music playing in the background.

The cemetery's groundbreaking was last month, and staff expect to open by fall.

Though there is a mausoleum/crypt space, most of the cemetery is for thousands of cremated remains, billions of "ashes." And there are hundreds of ways to memorialize those ashes.

People will be able to place their loved ones in special "boulders" around the bubbling brook, amidst the roses in the flower garden, or in a special glass-front "niche" in the chapel walls. Costs range from $200 for a basic spot, to $500,000 for families who want to construct their own private estate area. For those who have already scattered ashes of a loved one, Mariposa Gardens will have a special "Book of Life," statue for placing names.

Lawyer brings law office on wheels to you

ALBUQUERQUE , N.M. (AP) — It may look like a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck but it is really a law office on wheels.

The lightweight, maroon pickup is The Law Mobile. The attorney who rolls from client to client is Diane D. Strader.

Her novel brand of lawyering takes her to the homes of the elderly and disabled who find it difficult to get to an attorney. And she visits the offices of busy professionals who can't tear away from their work.

"I have one great-grandfather who was a small town lawyer and judge and another great-grandfather who was a circuit-riding minister," Ms. Strader says. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if I could be a circuit-riding lawyer and go out to the people.' "

Client Naomi Jacobson, who was nursing a broken ankle and foot during Ms. Strader's last visit, likes the personal approach.

"I'm 84 years old," Mrs. Jacobson says. "It really helps a person like me to come right to the house like that."

For busy professionals, Ms. Strader is a time- and stress-saver.

"She comes at the times that are good for me and at the place that is good for me," said Dr. Lydia Prado, an Albuquerque gynecologist. "She's somebody who is a friendly, informed professional and gives good advice and does it expeditiously."



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NASCAR Winston Cup Series, Bud Shootout, 11 a.m., CBS.

ARCA Bondo/Mar-Hyde Daytona 200, 12:30 p.m., ESPN.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **Men,** Missouri at Kansas, 1 p.m. (joined in progress), CBS.

Oklahoma at Texas, 2:30 p.m., ABC.

Women, Auburn at Arkansas, 2 p.m., FSN.

Saint Louis at N.C.-Charlotte, 4 p.m. (same-day tape), FSN.

Oregon at Southern California, 1 a.m. (same-day tape), FSN.

GOLF — PGA Buick Invitational, final round, 1:30 p.m., NBC.

Senior PGA LG Championship, final round (same-day tape), 4:30 p.m., ESPN.

OLYMPICS — Luge (men's singles, runs 1 and 2), speed skating (men's 5,000m), women's ice hockey (China vs. U.S.) (same-day tape), 2 p.m., CBS.

Snowboarding (men's giant slalom, run 1) (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TNT.

Figure skating (pairs, short program), alpine skiing (men's combined downhill), snowboarding (men's giant slalom), cross-country skiing (men's 15km classic) (same-day tape), 7 p.m., CBS.

NBA — All-Star Game, 5 p.m., NBC.

SOCCER — CONCACAF Gold Cup IV, El Salvador vs. Brazil, 6 p.m., FOX.

ABL — Colorado Xplosion at San Jose Lasers, 6 p.m., FSN.

BOXING — Rafael Del Valle (23-1-1) vs. Enrique Sanchez (23-0-0) for vacant WBA junior featherweight championship, 8 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NHL — Dallas Stars 3, Chicago Blackhawks 1.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **Men,** No. 5 Utah 60, Rice 49.

Oklahoma State 85, Baylor 72.

Texas Tech 102, Texas A&M 75.

Wyoming 67, Texas-El Paso 55.

Fresno State 80, SMU 73.

TCU 119, San Jose State 84.

Southern Mississippi 72, Houston 67.

Women, No. 7 Texas Tech 79, Baylor 67.

No. 17 Utah 74, Rice 66.

No. 19 Stephen F. Austin 75, Northwest Louisiana 67.

District 7 Soccer

BOYS

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Midland Lee	10	3	4	0
Abilene High	7	3	4	1
San Angelo	11	1	3	1
Odessa Permian	11	3	3	1
Midland High	5	6	1	4
Odessa High	6	7	0	4
Abilene Cooper	1	8	0	4

Saturday's Games

Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 1; Midland Lee 2, Abilene High 1; San Angelo Central 2, Odessa High 1 (SO 1-0).

Tuesday's Games

Midland Lee at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Midland High; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central.

Saturday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland Lee; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa High. Midland High is open.

GIRLS

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Midland Lee	9	3	4	0
Midland High	12	2	4	1
San Angelo*	8	4	3	1
Abilene Cooper	5	5	2	2
Odessa Permian	8	3	1	3
Odessa High	2	9	1	3
Abilene High	5	7	0	5

*Record includes a tie

Saturday's Results

Midland High 5, Abilene Cooper 2; Midland Lee 4, Abilene High 0; San Angelo Central 2, Odessa High 0. Permian was open.

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Midland Lee; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper.

Saturday's Games

Midland Lee at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Midland High is open.

Texas sales record

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers set a franchise record Saturday for the first day of individual ticket sales, the club announced.

When the ticket windows closed at The Ballpark in Arlington on Saturday, 53,890 tickets had been sold for the team's 81-date home schedule. That number eclipses the previous record of 46,909, set in 1997.

The total includes telephone orders, group sales and outlet sales.

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Indiana coach Larry Bird, left, and Detroit player Grant Hill talk during practice for Sunday's NBA All-Star game. Bird will coach Hill and the Eastern All-Stars.

Jordan may miss All-Star game

By Ken Berger
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Where's Michael?

The appearance of the most famous All-Star of all was delayed again Saturday when Michael Jordan missed practice with the flu and was listed as questionable for what could be his final All-Star game.

Jordan, the top vote-getter for Sunday's game, was in bed with a 101-degree temperature and an upper respiratory infection, the NBA said.

"He wants to play in the NBA All-Star game but a decision on his status will not be made until Sunday," the league said in a release.

Jordan, the Chicago Bulls star who has said he might retire at the end of the season, skipped media day Friday so he could play golf in Las Vegas with his friend, Charles Barkley. It has been their custom to play hooky on the first day of All-Star weekend for several years and pay the $10,000 fine imposed by the league.

Thousands of fans and media were prepared to besiege Jordan with the usual questions about his future. Now, perhaps he has played his final All-Star game after all.

"He's told us that he's going to do everything possible to play," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "He's been pretty good about living up to those commitments in the past."

Please see **ALL-STAR**/2C

Heavy snow delays downhill

■ Lack of snow worried Nagano organizers several weeks ago. Now too much snow has postponed Olympics' 1st glamour event.

By Larry McShane
Associated Press Writer

NAGANO, Japan — A Russian cross-country skier captured the first gold medal of the Nagano Games on a snowy winter's morning, while one of the Olympics' glamour events — the men's downhill — was postponed by a storm that threatened to dump 17 inches on the Japanese Alps.

The heavy snow, which later wreaked havoc on the snowboarding competition, idled World Cup leader Hermann Maier and the rest of the powerful Austrian Alpine skiers. But the swirling flakes provided a picture-postcard backdrop for Olga Danilova's victory in the women's 15-kilometer classical race.

The Russian skier, in winning the games' initial gold medal, sailed through the snow in Hakuba to capture a tight race by 5.6 seconds. Danilova, whose last Olympic race came six years ago in Albertville, used a late surge to defeat teammate Larissa Lazutina.

There was no word on when the downhill would be rescheduled, but prospects for the immediate future were dim. Accumulations of 16-17 inches were expected before the snow tapers off Monday night atop Mount Karamatsu.

"It was impossible to ski today," said Tommy Moe of Jackson, Wyo., whose reign as defending champion was extended by at least one day. "It was snowing unbelievably hard. Fog would come in and go out, then it would be clear for a second. Then it would snow harder."

With the downhill put off Sunday (Saturday night EST), two other medals were on the line in the first full day of Olympic action — snowboarding, where the Canadians took the gold, and speedskating, set for later Sunday.

— **MEN'S GIANT SLALOM SNOWBOARDING:** Ross Rebagliati of Canada won the first Olympic men's giant slalom snowboard gold medal, leapfrogging past American Christopher Klug of Aspen, Colo., on the day's second run. After the incessant snow delayed the run for 15 minutes, Klug — who was in second place heading in — nearly wiped out on his second run through foggy conditions and wound up in sixth place.

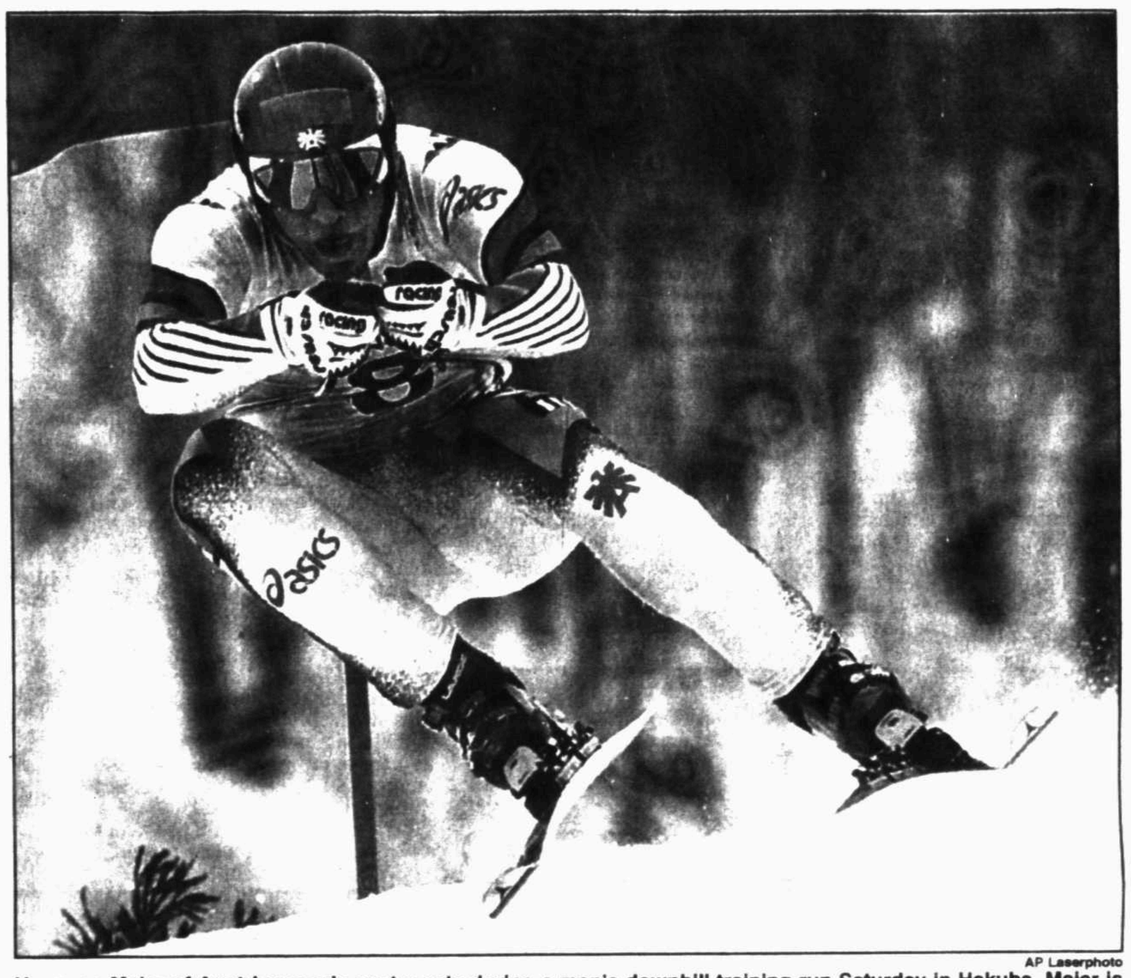
The silver went to Thomas Prugger of Italy, while Ueli Kestenholz of Switzerland the bronze in 2:04.08. Jasey-Jay Anderson of Canada, the leader after the first run, tumbled to 13th after a spill on his board; the sloppy conditions caused at least five other snowboarders to wipe out.

— **WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Danilova was joined on the medal stand by teammate Lazutina, who took the silver, and bronze medalist Anita Moen-Guidon of Norway. The fastest American, Kerrin Petty of Townshend, Vt., finished well back in the pack, nearly six minutes behind the winner.

— **MOGULS FREESTYLE:** The elimination round of the women's moguls freestyle skiing event brought better news for the Americans, with two skiers — past gold medalist Donna Weinbrecht of West Milford, N.J., and Liz McIntyre of Winter Park, Colo. — in the top four. Weinbrecht is tied for the lead.

On the men's side, Jonny Moseley of Tiburon, Calif., was alone in first place. The finals for men and women are on Wednesday.

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AP Laserphoto

Hermann Maier of Austria speeds past a gate during a men's downhill training run Saturday in Hakuba. Maier is one of the favorites to win the first prestigious event of the Winter Olympics in Nagano, but he'll have to wait another day. Heavy snow forced postponement of the downhill finals.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Abilene High's Daniel Flores (12) tries to poke the ball away from Midland Lee's Justin Smith during Lee's 2-1 victory Saturday at Lee Soccer Field. Both teams entered the game unbeaten in District 7 play.

Rebels win battle for District 7 lead

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Abilene High Eagles dominated Saturday's game against the Midland Lee Rebels. The scoreboard at the end just didn't show style points for the Eagles.

Despite out-shooting Lee in the game 15-4, and playing mostly on the Rebels' side of the field, it was Lee, not AHS, which walked away with a 2-1 victory at the Lee soccer field.

The Rebels, who improved to 10-3 overall and 4-0 in District 7, even had a chance for a shutout until a late penalty kick by the Eagles' Cheno Rodriguez made the final score that close. Lee goalkeeper Shane Fisher notted seven saves and the Rebels' defense continued to turn away and frustrate the Eagles' offense.

"They had us on our heels a little bit," said Lee coach John McCulloch. "We were doing good with the counterattack and scored another goal in the second half.

"We need work on our defense. I told them that this wasn't the best game we've played all season, but we got the win and we needed it. We got two out of the four shots for two goals, and I told them that was a bright point. And I thought Shane did a tremendous job today."

Lee took a 1-0 lead at the half with a goal by Josh Pressler,

Please see **LEE**/4C

Lady Bulldogs' offense heats up for five goals vs. Cooper

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

In a game between two of the biggest rivals in District 7 soccer, the Midland High girls soccer team broke through with its best offensive effort of the district season.

Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs registered its most lopsided win ever against an Abilene Cooper team with a 5-2 win over the Lady Coogs at the MHS Soccer Field.

"We had it together today," said forward Melinda Baca, who had one goal and an assist.

The win, as decisive as it was, comes as surprise, or at least shows how good MHS (which improves to 12-2 overall and 4-1 in district) is playing because of the final score. In the past two seasons, there have been four games decided by one goal and one decided by two. This is also the most goals any MHS girls team has scored against the Lady Coogs (5-5 and 2-2).

"We always want to beat Cooper," MHS midfielder Brenna Byerlotzer said. "This is the first time we had gotten such a big lead on them. Usually it is 1-0. This will get us fired up for Lee."

The Lee game is what the Lady Bulldogs, the two-time defending district champs have been shooting for since an "own goal" was the deciding factor in 1-0 loss at Lee. In that game, MHS outshot Lee 18-3, but couldn't find the back of the net.

"We can't wait (for the Lee game)," Baca said. "(Back then) we weren't gelling well, we got into a boom-ball game and got upset with each other. We had so many opportunities and couldn't put the ball in the net.

"Since then we got into practice and worked on it."

The game versus Cooper was the antithesis of the Lee game. MHS got off 18 shots but five of those tickled the twine.

Jodie Mitchell showed why she will be playing for nationally-ranked Texas A&M next season on MHS's first two goals. In the 17th minute, Mitchell took a ball on the left wing, and as she approached the end line, the senior reversed her field, took a step back up the field before launching a ball into the upper right corner of the goal.

Her second goal of the game, and 11th of the season, was equally as spectacular as she trapped a Kim Elger pass, put on a burst of speed to get by a Cooper defender and then flicked the ball up and over the rushing Cooper keeper, Jenny Breed, for a 2-0 lead.

"She (Mitchell) is so quick and is a great player. She has lots of skill," Cooper coach Claudia Blea said before summing up the whole game. "Midland played a great game and Cooper didn't."

Cooper scored in the 30th minute and MHS' lead of 2-1 carried into the half. However, the Lady Bulldogs came out in the second with inspiration and started to put the game away. Midfielder Sarah Duran put a nice pass through the Cooper defense to Byerlotzer, who was streaking down the left side. Byer-

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Colorado enshrines Midland man

Staff Report

DENVER — Midland's Lloyd Madden, a former All-America selection at the Colorado School of Mines, will be inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Denver.

Madden is being inducted for his outstanding accomplishments in football and track at the Colorado School of Mines.

Originally from Dodge City, Kan., Madden wore No. 14 and played halfback for CSM's football team while double-majoring in mining and geophysics. Madden also ran for the Orediggers track and field team and graduated with honors (fifth in his class of 154) in 1941.

Madden was drafted by and played for the Chicago Cardinals in 1940 before entering the U.S. Armed Forces. Now a resident of Midland, Madden has been a successful geologist in the oil field during his professional business career.

During his collegiate career at Mines, Madden was named All-Rocky Mountain Conference and led the conference in scoring in both 1938 and 1939. Additionally, in 1939, Madden was the leading scorer in the nation as he accounted for 141 points, leading to his selection to the AP All-America football team.

"This is a great honor for me," Madden said. "It is quite an accomplishment to be inducted to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and I'm very thankful to everyone that helped me to get this recognition."

Madden, 79, had a phenomenal 1939 season, rushing for 1,316 yards on 92 attempts, an average of 14.3 yards per carry while playing with a weight of only 185 pounds. He scored 23 touchdowns, enabling the Orediggers to achieve their only undefeated record.

"As a country boy coming to school, I needed all the help I could get," Madden said. "They wanted you to learn. They really wanted you to succeed. That was their theory."

Mines also had a football theory. Give the ball to Madden.

Madden also was an All-Rocky Mountain Conference

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LOCAL SOCCER ROUNDUP

Lady Rebels rip AHS, stay perfect in district

Staff Report

ABILENE — The Midland Lee Lady Rebel girls soccer team followed the lead of the Lee boys' team by moving to 4-0 in District 7 competition.

The Lady Rebels did it with a 4-0 win over Abilene High Saturday at the Lee Athletic Complex.

In the game, Ritha Belizaire scored one goal and dished out two assists. Maggie George scored the Lady Rebs' first goal in the eighth minute with an assist from Belizaire who also assisted Linsey Johnson's goal in the 20th minute.

In the second half, Erin King and Belizaire added goals for Lee, which outshot the Lady Eagles 16-5. Especially in the wet conditions in Abilene, it was a good game for Lee.

"We got to do some things we needed to work on," Midland Lee coach Mike Simpson said of the balanced scoring. "We did a good job of spreading it around a bit and not working on one specific area."

Lee posted its second shutout in district play, where the Lady Rebels have allowed two goals in four games. Simpson gave credit to its backline — sweeper Tiffani Zachry, April Rankin, George, Kristi Taylor and Devin Turner.

Lee moves to 9-3 overall and 4-0 in district. The Lady Rebs are in first place in the district and still have games against Permian and at San Angelo Central to end the first half. So, Simpson is taking it one game at a time.

"The win is good and we had an open date. This is a good one to come back on because the next three (games) get progressively harder," Simpson said. "It may be at the turn when we think about positioning). Right now, it is scenarios and speculation. We have to get through with the half and then everything will fall into place."

Midland High wins its first district game

ABILENE — The Midland High boys broke a four-game losing streak with a 4-1 victory over Abilene Cooper.

The Bulldogs, which improved to 5-6 overall and 1-4 in district, outshot the Cougars 29-4 and scored more goals in the second half (three) than they have all season long.

"Hopefully this win gives us something to look forward for the rest of the season," said MHS coach Tom Esikhati. "The guys were down and this win came at the right time. We made some offensive changes and we're starting to click."

The only goal of the first half came on a penalty kick from Greg Hunter in the 25th minute.

In the second half, Zach Inman, Hunter and Ross Brunner scored for the Bulldogs. Toby Alexander and Russel Jones got assists. Alexander had four saves for the Bulldogs on goal.

MHS hosts Odessa High on Tuesday.

Central boys win shootout

The San Angelo Central Bobcats needed a shootout to get by Odessa High, a team winless in District 7 action, 2-1 on Saturday.

Central won the extra period 1-0 as Steven Garcia converted on his attempt and Mark Rogerson added two saves for Central (11-1 overall and 3-1). Odessa High falls to 6-7 and 0-4.

Central girls win 2-0

The San Angelo Central girls improved to 3-1 in district with a 2-0 win over Odessa High.

Central (8-4 overall) held OHS (2-9 and 1-3) to no shots while getting off 10 shots. Kelli Larsen and Ali Ader scored for the Lady Bobcats, who are one game behind Lee.

Slam-free All-Star Saturday falls flat

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — If Dunk-Free Saturday had opened on Broadway, the drama critics would have been breaking out their sledgehammers.

The NBA's annual All-Star eve gimmickfest went over like a lead balloon Saturday night, playing to a sellout crowd so non-transfixed that thousands — despite paying $100 per ticket — left early.

"They should have had the slam-dunk contest," said Spike Lee, an avid Knicks fan and courtside regular at Madison Square Garden.

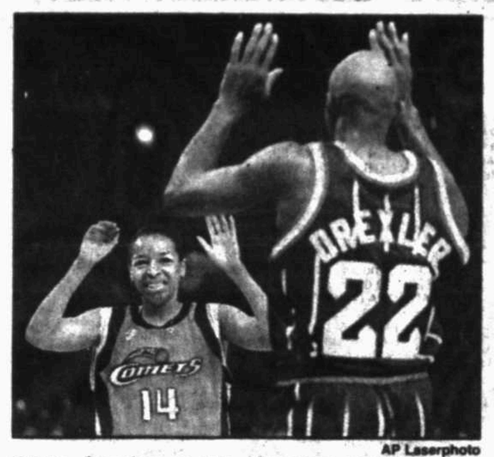
Instead, the crowd sat silently through the debut of 2ball, a shooting skills contest won by Clyde Drexler of the Houston Rockets and Cynthia Cooper of the Houston Comets.

The buzz didn't build during the rookie game, either, which was won 85-80 by the East as Zydrunas Ilgauskas of the Cleveland Cavaliers won the Most Valuable Player award.

And the fans — or what remained of them — were lingering at the exit ramps as the 3-point shootout went down to the final round and Jeff Hornacek of the Utah Jazz defeated Hubert Davis of the Dallas Mavericks.

"I know they wanted to give publicity to the WNBA, but they could have kept the slam-dunk as part of it. I think the players really wanted to have a dunk contest," Lee said.

At least the evening wasn't totally non-jammin'. Ilgauskas had four dunks during the rookie game on his way to scoring 18 points, Tracy McGrady of Toronto, at 18 the youngest player in the league, had a spectacular windmill jam to start his string of three straight stuffs and Bobby Jackson of Denver was the hands-down winner of Dunk of the Night for catching an alley-oop pass from Rodrick Rhodes off the backboard and — despite being 6-foot-1 — going big time airborne for a windmill finish that may have been the individual highlight of the night.



AP Laserphoto

Clyde Drexler of the Houston Rockets and Houston Comet Cynthia Cooper celebrate winning the NBA All-Star Saturday "2ball" competition, which replaced the slam-dunk contest.

"It put a little excitement in the game. Everybody wanted to see a little razzle-dazzle," Jackson said.

Saul Holcman of New York, a former guidance counselor and current househusband, came sort of close to making the million-dollar shot. The 40-year-old, attempting a two-handed overhead shot, seemed to lose his balance right at the point of release.

His shot was a little short and to the left, making million-dollar shot contestants 0-for-4 in All-Star Saturday history.

"I noticed that in the 2ball game a lot of pros didn't make a lot of 3-pointers either, so it's OK," Holcman said.

The 2ball competition seemed to confuse the crowd, which didn't know the rules and didn't know how many points each team had scored until the public address announced it long after each pair of competitors had finished.

2ball was the event that replaced the dunk contest, which league officials felt had gone stale. They signed up several of the league's best-known stars to pair with WNBA players from the same city, but only the participants seemed to have an idea of what was going on.

"It was a hard thing to do in front of the New York crowd because they don't make a sound unless you say the word 'New York,'" said Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks.

Cooper, the MVP in the WNBA's inaugural season, and Drexler defeated Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz and Tammy Reiss of the Utah Starzz, 73-61, in the final round.

Hornacek defeated Davis 16-10 in the final round of the 3-point shootout, tying the lowest final-round winning score in the event's 13-year history.

That tidbit didn't seem to matter to Hornacek's two young sons, who ran onto the court and embraced their dad immediately after he won.

"That was their whole thing all year. They wanted me to get into the contest," Hornacek said. "I just wanted to get into it so we could come to New York and have a little family vacation. We'll take the win, too, I guess."

ALL-STAR: Jordan has flu

(From 1C)

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza wouldn't speculate on a possible replacement if Jordan can't play.

Teammates, opponents and his coach, Larry Bird, said they expected Jordan to be on the court at game time.

"He'll be here," said Bird, the former Boston Celtics star and All-Star teammate of Jordan.

"He'd have to be rolling around on his death bed," West forward Karl Malone of Utah said. "But I don't think that's going to happen. I think Michael will play."

Jordan arrived in New York Saturday and notified the league that he was ill, Brienza said. NBA physician John Hefferon examined the 34-year-old Jordan and put him on antibiotics.

While no one would blame Jordan for avoiding the media crush on purpose, his teammates didn't think that was the case.

"He wouldn't do this if he wasn't sick," Cleveland's Shawn Kemp said. "That's just not like him."

Jordan reiterated recently that he would retire at the end of the season if coach Phil Jackson was not rehired.

"It is totally simple," Jordan said. "I won't play anywhere else, I won't follow Phil. I will totally retire. That clears up every question. What management is saying, if Phil is out, then this is my last year."

So naturally, this speculation fueled by Jordan was the preeminent topic of conversation at All-Star events.

"Mike will probably play," said Kobe Bryant, the 19-year-old Los Angeles Lakers guard whose matchup with Jordan at Madison Square Garden was so anticipated. "It's in New York, the mecca of basketball, and it might be his last All-Star game. I think if Michael can go, he'll go."

Jordan has enjoyed some of the best performances of his remarkable career in New York. He scored 47 points in a 1988 game and set the arena record with 55 in his first game at the Garden following a year off to play minor league baseball.

There also was his inspiring performance while stricken with the flu in Game 5 of the NBA Finals last season in Utah. Dizzy and dehydrated, Jordan scored 38 points as the Bulls beat the Jazz 90-88. They went on to win the series and their fifth title this decade.

Last year at Cleveland, Jordan had the first triple-double in All-Star history.

Was that Jordan's last All-Star moment?

Could he pull off one more implausible feat in a career filled with them?

Is he merely psyching everybody out?

Only Michael knows.

Police arrest Charlotte's Mason on rape charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Mason of the Charlotte Hornets was arrested late Saturday on two counts of third-degree rape of two teen-age girls.

His lawyer, Frank Rothman, anticipating the arrest all day, insisted his client was innocent. Mason was arrested after five hours of questioning by detectives.

"There will be scientific evidence that will vindicate Anthony," Rothman said. "He's a target for people like this," Rothman said.

Mason, 31, and William Duggins, 24, were each charged with two counts of statutory rape in the attack on two girls, 14 and 15, on Friday night, said Mary DeBourbon, a spokeswoman for Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown.

Mason and his friend met the sisters at a charity basketball game at York College in Queens, said the spokeswoman.

The Daily News reported in its Sunday editions that the alleged attack took place in a limousine after the game. The girls told an older sister about the alleged attack, the paper said.

After the girls were treated at a Queens hospital, nurses reported the suspected sexual attack to police.

"We will fight this to the bitter end," Rothman said prior to Mason's arrest.

Mason, a former New York Knicks star who was born and raised in Queens, was at a small party at a private home in the Laurelton section Friday night with about 10 other people, according to Rothman.

He said the two girls told police Mason and one other person at the party had sex with them.

LOCAL GOLF ROUNDUP

Winchell, Lady Rebels take 3rd in San Angelo

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — It was a good weekend for Midland High's Shelly Winchell and the Midland Lee golf team.

Both Winchell and the Lady Rebs took third in the respective medalist and team standings this weekend in the Blue Division of the San Angelo Girls Invitational.

Winchell recorded an 86 on the Quicksand Golf Course for a two-day total of 175 to finish six strokes behind Permian Jodie Duff and three strokes in back of Leslie Hawley of El Paso Hanks.

The Lady Rebs shot a 374 at Quicksand and finished the tournament 15 strokes behind Permian. Permian finished with a 757 while Lee fired a 772. Hanks took second with a 766. Amarillo High finished with the best team score of Saturday, a 366.

Lee, which placed fourth at state last year, found things a little difficult at Quicksand, which has over 100 bunkers on the 18 holes.

"That course has sand all over the place, and we didn't play well enough," Lee coach Phyllis Sutton said. "I think our first time players were nervous and will be all right.

"Permian is hungry and played well. They deserved what they have."

The Midland High girls registered a 395 for a two-day total of 803 and a sixth-place finish. MHS was led by Winchell. Krystal Mehaffey paced Lee with 86 on Saturday and a total of 181, which was good for a tie for sixth.

In the Orange division for Class 4A schools and smaller, the Snyder girls ran away with the team title by 37 strokes. Snyder shot a two-day total of 672. Pampa was second at 709, Big Spring, Andrews and Fort Stockton rounded out the top 5.

Dani Mallon won the individual title with a 152 over two days. Big Spring had three girls in the top 11. Kelly Hollar finished in fifth, Stephanie Waggoner tied for eighth and Ashlie Simmons was 11th.

Andrews Jessica Treadwell was 10th.

Results from the San Angelo Invitational played Saturday in San Angelo. The Blue Division was played at the Quicksand golf course while the Orange Division was contested at the Riverside Golf Course:

Blue Division

Team Standings: 1. Odessa Permian 368-757; 2. El Paso Hanks 378-766; 3. Midland Lee 374-772; 4. Amarillo High 366-787; 5. Abilene High 386-792; 6. Midland High 395-803; 7. Central 406-822; 8. Abilene Cooper 424-835; 9. Plainview 409-836; 10. Ozona 414-837; 11. Lubbock Monterey 406-844; 12. Odessa High 412-856; 13. Lubbock Coronado 399-864; 14. Lubbock High 511-1,038.

Medalist Standings: 1. Jodie Duff, Permian 83-169; 2. Leslie Hawley, Hanks, 82-172; 3. Shelly Winchell, MHS, 86-175; 4. Liz Wardlaw, Central, 81-178; 5. Sarah Maurer, Amarillo High, 86-179; 6. (tie) Rebecca Marta, Amarillo High, 79-181; 6. Krystal Mehaffey, Lee, 86-181; 8. Jessica Gonzalez, Hanks 88-182; 9. Devon Day, Abilene High, 91-183; 10. Amanda Flewellen, Monterey, 90-184.

Individual Scores

Permian: Duff 83-169; Abby Lasater 94-197; Shannon Hanchey 99-195, Michael Ann Bronson 92-196; Teresa Parisher 112-216.

Lee: Mehaffey 86-181; Amber Meyers 98-193; Roach 94-199; Vanessa Cody 96-204; Tawny Alonzo 102-205.

Midland High: Julie Jacobs 97-200, Winchell 86-175; Jordan Braun 99-221, Lindsey Howell 113-217.

Odessa High: Iva McLemore 99-196, Amber Jackson 107-214; Lory Hurst 100-206; Amanda Burns 134-263; Amber Barth 105-240, Care Reagan 124-262.

Orange Division

Team Standings: 1. Snyder 335-672; 2. Pampa 341-709; 3. Big Spring 359-726; 4. Andrews 358-731; 5. Fort Stockton 358-735; 6. Pecos 364-745; 7. Justin Northwest 360-746; 8. Monahans 373-768; 9. Borger 394-787; 10. Canyon Randall 385-793; 11. Alpine 397-801; 12. Hereford 386-812; 13. Sweetwater 413-832; 14. Lake View 429-851; 15. Sonora 418-871.

Medalist Standings: 1. Dani Mallon, Justin NW, 74-152; 2. Randi Reed, Snyder, 78-157; 3. Daysha Weaver, Snyder 81-160; 4. Alison Piersall, Pampa, 83-164; 5. Kelly Hollar, Big Spring, 84-168; 6. Kacey Henderson, Randall, 84-169; 7. Shelbie Allison, Pampa, 84-170; 8. (tie) Renee Gonzalez, Fort Stockton, 87-171; 8. Stephanie Waggoner, Big Spring, 83-171; 10. Jessica Treadwell, Andrews, 87-172; 11. Ashlie Simmons, Big Spring, 87-174.

Individual Scores

Snyder: Weaver 81-160; Reed 78-157; Keisha Gafford 83-175; Lacey Kidd 94-181; Adrienne McJimsey 93-190.

Big Spring: Hollar 84-168; Waggoner 83-171; Simmons 87-174; Brittany Robertson 114-222; Christine Medellin 105-222.

Andrews: Jennifer Sanders 89-185; Rachel Robb 91-189; Treadwell 87-172; Keesha Parker 91-188; Jessica Thames 94-189.

Andrews passes Lee for second at Del Rio

DEL RIO — The Andrews golf team came on strong to take second place away from the Midland Lee golf team at the Del Rio Invitational this weekend.

Andrews, which started the day in sixth place, fired a 315 for a two-day total of 635 to pass the Rebs by two strokes.

Andrews' Brad Gibson, a state qualifier last year as a freshman, had the second-best round of anyone in the top 10. Gibson registered a 73 for a total of 152 to tie for fifth in the medalist standings.

The Rebels, which came into the round tied for third, had a total of 318 to finish at 637. San Antonio Churchill, defending Class 5A champions, shot a 306 for a total of 610.

Midland High finished in the 13th place with a team score of 677.

No individual stats were reported for MHS and Lee.

Second day results from the Del Rio Invitational played at the Leaning Pine Golf Course on the Laughlin Air Force Base and Del Rio's San Felipe Country Club:

Team Standings: 1. Churchill 306-610; 2. Andrews 315-635; 3. Midland Lee 318-637; 4. Abilene Wylie 319-638; 5. San Antonio Lee 318-643; 6. (tie) Converse Judson 327-644; 6. SA MacArthur 326-644; 8. San Antonio Madison 310-646; 9. San Angelo Central 331-655; 10. Fort Stockton 335-659; 11. San Antonio Taft 321-663; 12. Uvalde I 338-672; 13. Midland High 343-677; 14. Del Rio 341-679; 15. Laredo Alexander 340-703; 16. Uvalde II 364-736; 17. Laredo Nixon 365-747; 18. (tie) Brackettville 377-765; 18. Eagle Pass 368-765; 20. San Augustine 358-773; 21. SA Holmes 375-778; 22. SA Roosevelt 393-819; 23. Laredo Martin 399-848; 24. Laredo Cigarroa, 447-949.

Medalist Standings: 1. Gibby Martens, Laredo Alexander, 72—174; 2. Trey Pyka, Churchill 78-148; 3. JJ Wall, Churchill, 74-149; 4. Chris Chappa, MacArthur, 74-151; 5. (tie) Brad Gibson, Andrews, 73-152; 5. Chance Holmes, Churchill, 74-152; 7. Parker Briley, Wylie, 76-153; 8. (tie) Kory Steen, Madison, 76-154; 8. Pillips Festermaker, Judson, 80-154; 8. Chris Andross, San Angelo Central 78-154.

Lee JV wins at Snyder

SNYDER— The Midland Lee JV golf team won the Snyder Invitational this weekend at the Snyder Country Club.

Lee defeated Midland High by three strokes after firing a 655. MHS had the lowest round on Saturday (330).

Results from the second day of the Snyder Invitational held at the Snyder Country Club:

Team Standings: 1. Midland Lee 334-655; 2. MHS 330-656; 3. Colorado City 356-685; 4. Odessa High 356-686.

Lee Scores: Chad Wheeler 80-159; Justin Smith 83-164; Daniel Pender 89-166; Tyler Blair 83-170; Chris Smith 88-172.

MHS Scores: Mitch Malouf 77-160; C.W. Porter 80-162; Michael Ledford 89-169; Cody Summersall 87-170; Ryan Duffey 86-172.

Medalist (partial standings reported): 3. (tie) Wheeler, Lee, 159; 5. (tied) Malouf, MHS, 160; 7. Porter, Lee, 162; 8. J. Smith, Lee, 172.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Mustangs end season

SEAGRAVES — The Midland Christian Lady Mustangs ended their season Saturday after a 64-29 district playoff loss to Lubbock Trinity.

"I think it was the fact that our girls haven't been in a playoff game," said Midland Christian coach James Blake. "I have five freshman playing and it was just a lack of experience. But they played hard, they're going to be a good ballclub."

The Lady Mustangs (10-12) were led by Betheny Spradlin with 12 points.

Lubbock Trinity (3-24) held Midland Christian to just six points in the first quarter and two points in the third with tight man-to-man defense.

In eighth grade action, Midland Christian defeated Lubbock Trinity 26-19 to improve to 11-7 for the season. Kelly Philbeck scored eight for MC.

Lubbock Trinity 64, Midland Christian 29,

Lubbock Trinity (3-24): Boren 2 0-0 6, E. Hill 1 0-0 2, Bender 5 6-8 16, Davis 2 0-0 5, Bromley 4 5-6 13, Sansom 7 1-2 15, Livesay 1 0-0 2, Ashby 1 0-0 2, L. Hill 1 1-2 3. **Totals 24 13-18 64.**

Midland Christian (10-12): Jenny Porter 2 1-2 5, Sarah Clinch 0 1-2 1, Kristie Cosner 3 0-0 6, Betheny Spradlin 2 8-10 12, Garen Glasscock 1 0-2 2, Kim Spradlin 0 1-2 1, Sasha Hollar 1 0-2 2. **Totals 19 11-21 29.**

Lubbock Trinity	15	19	14	16	—64
Midland Christian	6	14	2	7	—29

3-point goals: LT 3 (Boren 2, Davis 1). Total Fouls: LT 21, MC 13, Fouled Out: None.

Trinity loses to Amarillo team

The Midland Trinity Chargers lost 74-71 to Amarillo San Jacinto Saturday.

The Chargers were led by Mike Landry and Ronnie Brewster with 13 points each, and Evan McLaughlin had 10.

Amarillo San Jacinto 74, Midland Trinity 71

Trinity (15-14): Lane Rouse 7, Mike Landry 13, Mark Stoltz 8, Evan McLaughlin 10, Ronnie Brewster 13, Mark Villanueva 4, Greg McCabe 16.

ASJ	19	18	17	20	—74
Trinity	18	25	15	10	—71

Trinity girls split two

The Trinity Lady Chargers defeated Amarillo San Jacinto 61-37 on Friday. For the Lady Cahrgers Catherine Durbin had 19, Jevon Clay 16, and Sarah Gifford 14. On Friday, Midland Trinity lost to Amarillo Trinity 46-37. The Lady Chargers end the season with a 4-4 record in TAPPS 1-3A and 10-10 overall.

YMCA gymnastics

BIG SPRING — Here are the Alamo YMCA Gymnastics team results from the USGA Meet held here on Saturday. All the girls qualified for the North State Meet to be held March 21 in Plano.

Level 7: Whitney Leonard — 2nd in Floor (8.8), 3rd in vault (9.15). Lauren Luskey — 1st in vault (8.85), 1st in bars (6.35), 1st in beam (7.75), 1st in floor (8.25), 1st in all-around (31.2). Rachel Ochs — third in beam (6.9). Kristen Willis — 2nd in bars (8.1), 3rd in beam (8.0), 3rd in floor (8.7), 3rd in all-around (33.85).

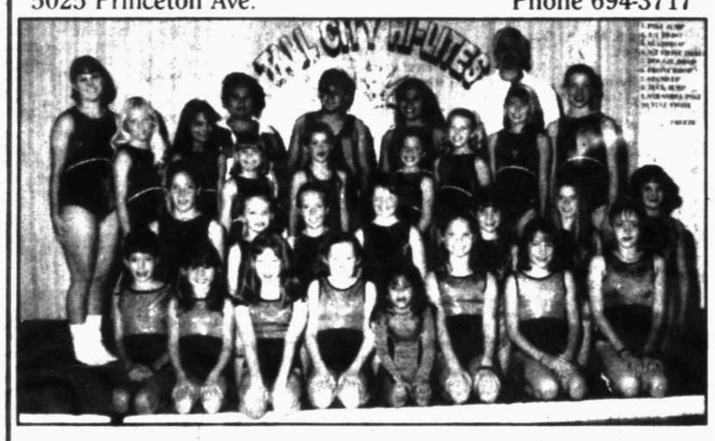
Level 8: Meghann White — 1st in vault (8.1), 2nd in bars (7.6), 2nd in beam (8.5), 1st in floor (8.85), 2nd in all around (33.05).

SJ soccer beats Abell

The San Jacinto eighth grade boys soccer team defeated Abell 4-0 Saturday. Clay Cauble led the San Jacinto attack with two goals while James Gripp and Matt Lozano had a goal apiece. Pete Eastep was in goal for the shutout and had three saves.

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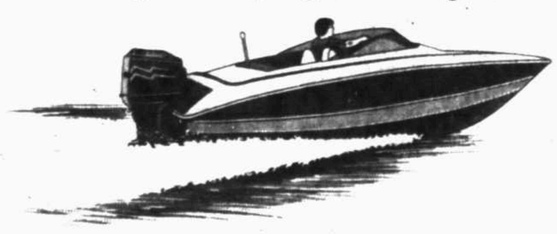


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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	34	16	6	74	158	110
Philadelphia	29	17	9	67	160	123
Washington	26	19	11	63	156	143
N.Y. Rangers	17	24	16	50	140	154
N.Y. Islanders	20	29	8	48	148	158
Florida	18	27	12	48	138	160
Tampa Bay	10	37	9	29	104	185

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	29	16	13	71	160	132
Montreal	28	21	7	63	168	141
Boston	23	22	11	57	140	138
Ottawa	23	25	10	56	130	140
Buffalo	22	21	12	56	143	138
Carolina	21	29	7	49	139	161

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	36	13	8	80	174	115
Detroit	31	15	12	74	177	136
St. Louis	30	21	8	68	173	145
Phoenix	24	22	11	59	162	159
Chicago	22	25	9	53	134	133
Toronto	19	29	7	45	129	162

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	13	16	74	172	138
Los Angeles	26	20	9	61	161	146
San Jose	21	27	7	49	136	146
Edmonton	19	28	10	48	141	164
Anaheim	19	28	9	47	137	171
Calgary	16	30	11	43	149	178
Vancouver	15	33	8	38	147	200

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Carolina 3, Boston 1
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
St. Louis 4, Detroit 1
Dallas 3, Chicago 1
Colorado 3, Philadelphia 2
Los Angeles 5, Anaheim 2
Toronto 3, Florida 2
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 2, Ottawa 2, tie
Buffalo 4, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 1, Phoenix 1, tie
Calgary 4, Edmonton 2
San Jose at Vancouver (n)

Sunday, Feb. 8-Tuesday, Feb. 24
Olympic Break

Stars 3, Blackhawks 1

Chicago .....0 1 0 — 1
Dallas .....1 2 0 — 3

First Period—1, Dallas, Zubov 8 (Sydor), 12:40 (pp)

Second Period—2, Chicago, Sykora 1 (Zhamnov, Amonte), 16:26. 3, Dallas, Verbeek 17 (Nieuwendyk, Langenbrunner), 17:17. 4, Dallas, Verbeek 18 (Zubov, Nieuwendyk), 18:40 (pp).

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Chicago 9-7-8—24. Dallas 15-8-8—31. Power-play Opportunities—Chicago 0 of 3, Dallas 2 of 4. Goalies—Chicago, Hackett 14-13-9 (31 shots-28 saves). Dallas, Turek 9-5-0 (24-23). A—16,928 (16,928)

Maple Leafs 3, Panthers 2

Florida .....0 1 1 — 2
Toronto .....1 0 2 — 3

First Period—1, Toronto, Modin 10, 6:02.

Second Period—2, Florida, Fitzgerald 9 (Lindsay), 7:14.

Third Period—3, Toronto, D.King 12 (penalty shot), 7:09. 4, Toronto, Modin 11 (Johnson, Sullivan), 8:35. 5, Florida, Whitney 21 (Svehla, Niedermayer), 14:30 (pp).

Shots on goal—Florida 18-9-13—40. Toronto 6-12-7—25. Power-play Opportunities—Florida 1 of 5, Toronto 0 of 4. Goalies—Florida, Vanbiesbrouck 16-20-9 (25 shots-22 saves). Toronto, Healy 3-7-2 (40-38). A—15,726 (15,726).

Blues 4, Red Wings 1

Detroit .....1 0 0 — 1
St. Louis .....0 2 2 — 4

First Period—1, Detroit, Maltby 11 (Lidstrom, Draper), :42.

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Turgeon 9 (Campbell, MacInnis), 16:15 (pp). 3, St. Louis, Duchesne 11, 16:45.

Third Period—4, St. Louis, MacInnis 16 (Duchesne, Conroy), 12:35 (pp). 5, St. Louis, Hull 20, 19:44 (en).

Shots on goal—Detroit 12-3-7—22. St. Louis 13-8-8—29. Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 0 of 4, St. Louis 2 of 5. Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 24-13-10 (28 shots-25 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 23-17-6 (22-21). A—20,523 (19,260).

Kings 5, Mighty Ducks 2

Los Angeles ....1 1 3 — 5
Anaheim .....0 1 1 — 2

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Tsyplakov 14 (Perreault, Murray), 10:56 (pp).

Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Courtnall 8 (McKenna), 6:18. 3, Anaheim, Green 15 (Selanne, Ruchin), 9:09.

Third Period—4, Los Angeles, Blake 13 (Courtnall), 4:47. 5, Anaheim, Cullen 2 (Selanne, Karpa), 5:29. 6, Los Angeles, Courtnall 9 (LaFayette, Bylsma), 9:55. 7, Los Angeles, Perreault 21 (Tsyplakov), 18:57 (en). Shots on goal—Los Angeles 5-7-8—20. Anaheim 8-11-14—33.

Missed penalty shots—Los Angeles, Murray, 11:33 third. Power-play Opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 4, Anaheim 0 of 6. Goalies—Los Angeles, Fiset 20-15-7 (33 shots-31 saves). Anaheim, Hebert 13-21-6 (19-15). A—17,174 (17,174).

Avalanche 3, Flyers 2

Philadelphia .....2 0 0 — 2
Colorado .....1 1 1 — 3

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Svoboda 3 (LeClair, Niinimaa), 2:36 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, LeClair 38 (Daigle, Lindros), 14:41. 3, Colorado, Ozolinsh 9 (Kamensky, Lemieux), 19:37 (pp).

Second Period—4, Colorado, Yelle 7 (Kurri, Roy), 18:14 (sh).

Third Period—5, Colorado, Lacroix 13 (Corbet, Donovan), 7:18.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 8-5-8—21. Colorado 6-8-8—22. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 5, Colorado 1 of 6. Goalies—Philadelphia, Hextall 15-9-5 (22 shots-19 saves). Colorado, Roy 23-10-12 (21-19). A—16,061 (16,061).

Hurricanes 3, Bruins 1

Carolina .....0 1 2 — 3
Boston .....0 1 0 — 1

First Period—No scoring.

Second Period—1, Boston, Khristich 18 (Heinze, Allison), 15:45 (pp). 2, Carolina, O'Neill 12 (Gelinas), 16:27.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Primeau 16 (Ranheim), 15:01. 4, Carolina, Haller 3 (Ranheim, Primeau), 19:56 (en).

Shots on goal—Carolina 5-10-12—28. Boston 9-17-9—35. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 1, Boston 1 of 2. Goalies—Carolina, Kidd 10-13-2 (35 shots-34 saves). Boston, Dafoe 18-19-8 (27-25). A—16,944 (17,565).

Devils 3, Islanders 2

New Jersey .....0 2 1 — 3
N.Y. Islanders ...1 0 1 — 2

First Period—1, New York, Miller 1 (Pilon, Tzerkawski), 5:51.

Second Period—2, New Jersey, Elias 15 (Gilmour, Niedermayer), 1:26. 3, New Jersey, Bodger 6 (Andreychuk, Holik), 17:17.

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Rolston 11 (Stevens), 3:40. 5, New York, Palffy 30 (Berard), 15:29 (pp).

Shots on goal—New Jersey 6-16-13—35. New York 12-10-12—34. Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3; New York 1 of 2. Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 32-11-4 (34 shots-32 saves). New York, Salo 16-19-4 (35-32). Flaherty (19:34 third, 0-0). A—16,297 (16,297).

Lightning 4, Capitals 3

Tampa Bay .....1 2 1 — 4
Washington .....0 2 1 — 3

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Tucker 3 (Wiemer, Richer), 8:32.

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Ysebaert 8 (Zamuner, Wilkie), 5:06. 3, Washington, Bondra 35 (Reekie), 7:46 (sh). 4, Washington, Bondra 36 (Oates, Brunette), 11:30 (pp). 5, Tampa Bay, Wiemer 8 (Richer), 16:17.

Third Period—6, Tampa Bay, Richer 7 (Wiemer), 11:11. 7, Washington, Zednik 14 (Juneau, Bulis), 17:40.

Shots on goal—Tampa Bay 7-13-2—22. Washington 9-18-7—34. Power-play Opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 4, Washington 1 of 5. Goalies—Tampa Bay, Fitzpatrick 1-8-1 (34 shots-31 saves). Washington, Ranford 4-8-2 (22-18). A—19,740 (20,674).

Penguins 2, Senators 2

Pittsburgh ...1 0 1 0 — 2
Ottawa .....1 0 1 0 — 2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Barnes 22 (Olausson, Hatcher), 4:35. 2, Ottawa, Redden 4 (Cunneyworth, Alfredsson), 11:53 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Brown 8 (Hicks, Lang), 8:06. 4, Ottawa, Dackell 9 (Gardiner, Lambert), 15:46.

Overtime—None. Penalties—None.

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 3-15-5-0—23. Ottawa 12-10-17-1—40. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3, Ottawa 1 of 4. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Barrasso 23-10-11 (40 shots-38 saves). Ottawa, Rhodes 9-16-5 (23-21). A—18,500 (18,500).

Sabres 4, Canadiens 1

Buffalo .....1 1 2 — 4
Montreal .....0 1 0 — 1

First Period—1, Buffalo, Holzinger 11 (Plante), 7:15 (sh).

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Woolley 6 (Dawe), 5:24. 3, Montreal, Corson 17 (Malakhov, Recchi), 14:31 (pp).

Third Period—4, Buffalo, Wilson 4 (Dawe), :58. 5, Buffalo, Zhitnik 7, 19:42 (sh-en).

Shots on goal—Buffalo 8-5-9—22. Montreal 14-11-9—34. Power-play Opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 4, Montreal 1 of 6. Goalies—Buffalo, Hasek 20-17-10 (34 shots-33 saves). Montreal, Thibault 13-9-5 (21-18). A—21,273 (21,273).

Rangers 1, Coyotes 1

N.Y. Rangers .0 1 0 0 — 1
Phoenix .....1 0 0 0 — 1

First Period—1, Phoenix, Drake 9 (Ronning, Janney), 16:53 (pp).

Second Period—2, New York, Leetch 14 (Gretzky, Driver), 8:54 (pp).

Third Period—None

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—New York 4-6-5-3—18. Phoenix 9-7-5-3—24. Power-play Opportunities—New York 1 of 5, Phoenix 1 of 6. Goalies—New York, Richter 14-19-14 (24 shots-23 saves). Phoenix, Khabibulin 21-19-9 (18-17). A—16,210 (16,210).

Flames 4, Oilers 2

Edmonton .....2 0 0 — 2
Calgary .....2 1 1 — 4

First Period—1, Calgary, Bure 8 (Nylander, McInnis), 5:02. 2, Calgary, Stillman 18 (Fleury, Domenichelli), 6:03. 3, Edmonton, Mironov 11 (Guerin), 9:11 (pp). 4, Edmonton, McAmmond 12 (Mironov, Weight), 18:44.

Second Period—5, Calgary, Bure 9 (Patrick, Morris), 2:11.

Third Period—6, Calgary, Bure 10 (Fleury), 19:41 (en).

Shots on goal—Edmonton 10-8-9—27. Calgary 15-9-4—28. Power-play Opportunities—Edmonton 1 of 6, Calgary 0 of 6. Goalies—Edmonton, Joseph (3 shots-1 saves), Essensa 3-4-1 (6:31 first, 24-23). Calgary, Roloson 5-9-4 (27-25). A—18,719 (18,742).

Buick Invitational

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP) — Course scores Saturday after the rain-delayed second round of the $2.1 million Buick Invitational on the 7,056-yard, par-72 s-South Course and 6,601-yard, par-72 n-North Course of the Torrey Pines Golf Club (a-amateur):

Steve Pate	67s-65n — 132
Skip Kendall	71s-63n — 134
Kevin Sutherland	68s-67n — 135
Tom Kite	65n-70s — 135
Davis Love III	62n-73s — 135
Bob Tway	63n-72s — 135
Robert Damron	68s-67n — 135
Jeff Sanday	63s-72n — 135
Jeff Sluman	67n-69s — 136
Doug Martin	65n-71s — 136
Steve Stricker	70s-66n — 136
Steve Jurgensen	63n-73s — 136
Spike McRoy	70s-66n — 136
Stewart Cink	65n-72s — 137
Scott McCarron	68s-69n — 137
J.L. Lewis	70s-67n — 137
Kelly Gibson	72s-65n — 137
Tiger Woods	71s-66n — 137
Russ Cochran	67n-70s — 137
Paul Azinger	66n-72s — 138
Bobby Wadkins	65n-73s — 138
Joe Durant	68n-70s — 138
Trevor Dodds	66n-72s — 138
Fuzzy Zoeller	63n-75s — 138
Payne Stewart	66n-72s — 138
David Ogrin	68n-70s — 138
Neal Lancaster	67s-71n — 138
Glen Day	70s-68n — 138
Brent Geiberger	67n-72s — 139
Craig Stadler	69s-70n — 139
Brian Henninger	73n-66s — 139
Omar Uresti	68n-71s — 139
Steve Flesch	72s-67n — 139
Bob Estes	66n-73s — 139
Scott Gump	69s-70n — 139
Phil Mickelson	70s-69n — 139
Larry Rinker	71s-68n — 139
Lennie Clements	66n-73s — 139
Bob Gilder	72s-67n — 139
Lee Porter	69s-70n — 139
Jerry Kelly	67n-73s — 140
Paul Goydos	67n-73s — 140
D.A. Weibring	67n-73s — 140
Rick Fehr	69s-71n — 140
Sandy Lyle	69s-71n — 140
Chris Perry	65n-75s — 140
Esteban Toledo	68n-72s — 140
R.W. Eaks	65n-75s — 140
Jeff Gallagher	71n-69s — 140
John Riegger	69s-71n — 140
Michael Bradley	69n-71s — 140
John Daly	70s-70n — 140
Scott Simpson	69n-71s — 140
Tommy Armour III	67n-73s — 140
Tom Pernice Jr.	71s-69n — 140
Mike Standly	70s-71n — 141
Mark Calcavecchia	69n-72s — 141
Lee Janzen	70s-71n — 141
Mark O'Meara	71s-70n — 141
Mike Springer	68n-73s — 141
Frank Lickliter	69n-72s — 141
Jay Don Blake	70n-71s — 141
Greg Twiggs	67n-74s — 141
Kirk Triplett	71s-70n — 141
Jim McGovern	74s-68n — 142
Andrew Magee	68n-74s — 142
Billy Mayfair	76s-66n — 142
Jay Haas	70s-72n — 142
Dan Forsman	71n-71s — 142
Dave Stockton	73s-69n — 142
David Edwards	75s-67n — 142
Sonny Skinner	69n-73s — 142
John Adams	71s-71n — 142
Peter Jacobsen	69n-73s — 142
Duffy Waldorf	71s-71n — 142
Blaine McCallister	73s-69n — 142
Rocco Mediate	68n-74s — 142
Dave Barr	71s-71n — 142
Len Mattiace	71s-71n — 142
Vance Veazey	71s-71n — 142
Ben Bates	71n-71s — 142

Failed to Qualify

Mike Hulbert	69n-75s — 143
Jim Carter	69n-74s — 143
Bruce Fleisher	74s-69n — 143
Phil Tataurangi	70s-73n — 143
Joey Sindelar	68s-75n — 143
Chris Smith	73s-70n — 143
Steve Lowery	69n-74s — 143
Jonathan Kaye	70s-73n — 143
Jim Estes	70n-73s — 143
Dicky Pride	71n-72s — 143
Brad Fabel	72s-71n — 143
David Duval	73n-70s — 143
John Huston	72n-71s — 143
Glen Hnatiuk	73n-70s — 143
Ronnie Black	72s-72n — 144
Billy Ray Brown	69n-75s — 144
Lanny Wadkins	70n-74s — 144
P.H. Horgan III	70n-74s — 144
Mark Carnevale	70n-74s — 144
Franklin Langham	72s-72n — 144
J.P. Hayes	73s-71n — 144
Kent Jones	73s-71n — 144
Justin Leonard	69n-75s — 144
Brad Faxon	75s-69n — 144
Jesper Parnevik	72s-72n — 144
Mark Wiebe	70n-75s — 145
Clarence Rose	73n-72s — 145
Richard Coughlan	73s-72n — 145
Lee Rinker	73s-72n — 145
Billy Andrade	69n-76s — 145
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Brandel Chamblee	69s-76n — 145
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David Berganio	69n-76s — 145
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Dick Mast	71n-75s — 146
Scott Verplank	73s-73n — 146
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Dave Rummells	72s-74n — 146
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Brad Sherly	76s-70n — 146
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Doug Barron	77s-70n — 147
Niclas Fasth	71n-76s — 147

Men's Top 25

No. 4 ARIZONA 83, WASHINGTON ST. 61

WASHINGTON ST. (8-14): Daniel 3-13 8-9 14, Slotemaker 3-5 0-0 7, Nelson 2-5 1-3 5, Pengelly 3-10 0-0 7, Kazadi 2-10 1-2 5, Hutchens 2-4 0-1 4, Mensah-Bonsu 6-6 0-2 12, Crosby 1-6 0-0 2, B.Stewart 2-2 0-0 4, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 24-62 11-19 61.

ARIZONA (21-3): Davison 1-4 2-2 4, Dickerson 8-17 0-0 19, Bramlett 3-6 2-2 8, Bibby 3-6 7-7 13, Simon 6-9 4-5 19, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Terry 7-13 1-2 15, Edgerson 0-2 1-2 1, Pastner 0-0 0-0 0, Tebbs 0-0 0-0 0, Wessel 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 1-1 1-2 3, J.Stewart 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 29-59 19-24 83.

Halftime—Arizona 39, Washington St. 24. 3-Point goals—Washington St. 2-10 (Slotemaker 1-1, Pengelly 1-6, Kazadi 0-3), Arizona 6-17 (Dickerson 3-5, Simon 3-5, Bibby 0-3, Terry 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington St. 31 (Daniel 14), Arizona 38 (Edgerson 13). Assists—Washington St. 13 (Slotemaker 4), Arizona 16 (Bibby, Terry 5). Total fouls—Washington St. 19, Arizona 18. Technical—Daniel. A—14,536.

No. 5 UTAH 60, RICE 49

UTAH (20-1): Mottola 7-12 1-3 16, Jensen 1-3 4-6 6, Doleac 6-12 5-7 17, Miller 0-3 0-1 0, Hansen 5-10 1-3 16, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, McTavish 0-2 0-0 0, Caton 1-4 0-0 3, B.Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Carlisle 1-1 0-0 2, Althoff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-48 11-20 60.

RICE (5-17): R.Johnson 3-7 2-2 9, Michaelis 3-14 0-0 6, Sanni 6-7 0-2 12, Stringer 0-1 0-0 0, Crawford 3-11 2-2 8, Armstrong 2-2 2-2 6, Wilks 2-6 2-2 6, Bougaieff 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-50 8-10 49.

Halftime—Utah 29, Rice 29. 3-Point goals—Utah 7-20 (Hansen 5-8, Mottola 1-3, Caton 1-3, Jensen 0-1, Doleac 0-1, Jackson 0-1, McTavish 0-1, Miller 0-2), Rice 1-10 (R.Johnson 1-3, Stringer 0-1, Wilks 0-1, Crawford 0-2, Michaelis 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah (Doleac 8), Rice (Michaelis, Crawford 8). Assists—Utah (Miller 6), Rice (Wilks 3). Total fouls—Utah 13, Rice 16. A—3,734.

NO. 6 UCLA 84, OREGON STATE 75

UCLA (18-4): Bailey 7-18 4-5 21, Johnson 6-13 5-6 20, Henderson 6-9 8-11 20, Davis 0-1 5-6 5, Watson 2-4 0-0 4, McCoy 4-9 6-8 14, Hines 0-1 0-2 0, Loyd 0-0 0-0 0, Reed 0-1 0-0 0, Farnham 0-0 0-0 0, Knight 0-1 0-0 0, Daley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-58 28-38 84.

OREGON STATE (12-11): S.Benjamin 1-1 0-0 2, Woods 5-10 2-9 12, C.Benjamin 11-17 11-18 34, Tanner 1-5 3-6 6, Bickerstaff 5-12 2-4 12, Vaden 3-8 0-0 7, Walton 0-0 0-2 0, Marshall 1-5 0-0 2, Petrovic 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 27-58 18-40 75.

Halftime—UCLA 46, Oregon State 32. 3-Point goals—UCLA 6-13 (Bailey 3-5, Johnson 3-5, Davis 0-1, Watson 0-2), Oregon State 3-13 (Tanner 1-3, C.Benjamin 1-4, Vaden 1-5, Bickerstaff 0-1). Fouled out—Bickerstaff, Vaden. Rebounds—UCLA 50 (McCoy 12), Oregon State 35 (Woods 8). Assists—UCLA 17 (Watson 7), Oregon State 14 (Tanner 7). Total fouls—UCLA 27, Oregon State 27. A—10,400.

NO. 7 CONNECTICUT 76, NO. 9 STANFORD 56

STANFORD (19-3): Sauer 1-7 0-0 3, Madsen 2-5 3-3 7, Young 3-9 0-0 6, Weems 1-8 2-2 5, Lee 6-15 3-4 17, McDonald 0-1 0-0 0, Moseley 2-7 2-2 7, Collins 2-3 2-2 6, Mendez 1-3 0-0 3, Tshionyi 1-3 0-0 2, Seaton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-61 12-13 56.

CONNECTICUT (21-3): Freeman 3-4 1-2 7, Hamilton 10-15 0-0 24, Voskuhl 4-5 0-2 8, Moore 2-8 5-5 9, El-Amin 3-9 0-0 6, Jones 2-3 0-1 4, Klaiber 1-1 0-0 2, Mouring 0-1 0-0 0, Hardnett 5-11 4-6 14, Wane 1-2 0-0 2, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-59 10-16 76.

Halftime—Connecticut 36, Stanford 24. 3-point goals—Stanford 6-23 (Lee 2-7, Mendez 1-2, Sauer 1-3, Moseley 1-4, Weems 1-5, McDonald 0-1, Tshionyi 0-1), Connecticut 4-13 (Hamilton 4-5, Mouring 0-1, Hardnett 0-1, Moore 0-3, El-Amin 0-3). Fouled out—Wane. Rebounds—Stanford 44 (Young 12), Connecticut 32 (Wane 6). Assists—Stanford 8 (Weems 3), Connecticut 16 (El-Amin 7). Total fouls—Stanford 16, Connecticut 17. A—10,027.

No. 10 PURDUE 107, OHIO ST. 75

PURDUE (20-4): Cornell 5-8 2-2 17, Cardinal 3-6 3-4 10, Miller 9-10 4-4 22, Austin 7-11 2-5 19, Eldridge 3-4 2-2 10, Robinson 6-9 0-0 13, McQuay 2-4 0-1 5, Mayfield 2-4 0-0 6, Carretta 1-2 0-0 2, Barnes 1-1 0-0 3, Kerkhoff 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-60 13-15 107.

OHIO ST. (7-15): Singleton 0-4 1-2 1, Sanderson 8-14 3-6 24, Johnson 2-7 0-0 4, Davis 4-13 2-4 10, Redd 7-16 3-6 18, Coleman 3-7 0-0 7, Lumpkin 2-2 0-0 4, Steele 0-0 1-2 1, Herron 3-4 0-1 6, Hanna 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-67 10-21 75.

Halftime—Purdue 50, Ohio St. 38. 3-Point goals—Purdue 16-26 (Cornell 5-7, Austin 3-5, Eldridge 2-3, Mayfield 2-4, Barnes 1-1, McQuay 1-1, Robinson 1-1, Cardinal 1-3, Carretta 0-1), Ohio St. 7-16 (Sanderson 5-7, Redd 1-3, Coleman 1-4, Davis 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Purdue 28 (Miller 9), Ohio St. 39 (Redd 9). Assists—Purdue 28 (Austin 7), Ohio St. 15 (Davis 6). Total fouls—Purdue 20, Ohio St. 13. A—12,479.

No. 11 PRINCETON 76, HARVARD 48

PRINCETON (18-1): Earl 4-5 0-0 11, Mastaglio 2-4 0-0 4, Henderson 3-5 2-2 8, Goodrich 8-10 0-0 18, Lewullis 8-10 2-2 24, Chapman 1-2 0-0 3, Walton 3-4 0-0 6, Gregory 1-1 0-0 2, Taylor 0-1 0-0 0, Rozier-Byrd 0-0 0-0 0, Walters 0-1 0-0 0, Kilburn-Peterson 0-1 0-0 0, Belin 0-0 0-0 0, Hite 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-44 4-4 76.

HARVARD (9-10): Hill 5-8 0-0 11, Beam 2-4 0-0 5, Scott 2-9 2-3 6, Coleman 2-3 0-0 4, Fisher 3-10 0-1 6, Long 2-3 0-0 4, Ewing 6-6 0-0 12, Dean 0-0 0-0 0, Dexter 0-1 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-44 2-4 48.

Halftime—Princeton 44, Harvard 24. 3-Point goals—Princeton 12-24 (Lewullis 6-8, Earl 3-4, Goodrich 2-3, Chapman 1-2, Henderson 0-1, Taylor 0-1, Walters 0-1, Walton 0-1, Kilburn-Peterson 0-1, Mastaglio 0-2), Harvard 2-7 (Hill 1-1, Beam 1-1, Long 0-1, Dexter 0-1, Scott 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Princeton 22 (Lewullis 5), Harvard 16 (Ewing 6). Assists—Princeton 23 (Henderson 6), Harvard 10 (Hill 4). Total fouls—Princeton 10, Harvard 10. A—2,198.

NO. 12 NEW MEXICO 77, COLORADO ST. 62

COLORADO ST. (18-4, 6-3): Chilton 3-9 0-1 6, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Palacio 3-7 0-0 2, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, McKanstry 0-1 2-2 2, Mahmud 6-14 3-6 17, Christiansen 8-13 0-0 16, Barnett 4-8 1-2 10, Ford 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-55 6-11 62.

NEW MEXICO (18-3, 8-1): Long 6-10 6-8 19, Thomas 3-5 4-4 10, Henry 0-2 0-0 0, Shields 9-13 0-1 25, Olney 4-8 2-2 13, Gibson 4-7 2-2 10, Baum 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-46 14-17 77.

Halftime—Colorado St. 36, New Mexico 34. 3-Point goals—Colorado St. 4-14 (Palacio 1-2, Mahmud 2-7, Christiansen 0-4, Barnett 1-1), New Mexico 11-24 (Long 1-3, Henry 0-2, Shields 7-11, Olney 3-7, Baum 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Colorado St. 33 (Barnett 7), New Mexico 20 (Shields 4). Assists—Colorado St. 9 (Barnett 3), New Mexico 17 (Gibson 8). Total Fouls—Colorado St. 16, New Mexico 12. A—17,914.

TENNESSEE 70, No. 13 SOUTH CAROLINA 69

SOUTH CAROLINA (17-4): Gallman 2-7 1-2 5, Grant 4-6 2-2 12, Stack 1-5 2-2 5, McKie 8-14 6-6 27, Watson 4-11 2-2 10, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Williams 3-4 2-2 8, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Nix 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-54 15-16 69.

TENNESSEE (15-5): Black 3-7 0-0 6, Lee 5-9 0-0 10, Torrey Harris 2-3 0-3 4, Wharton 7-15 2-3 19, Tony Harris 9-18 2-2 22, Victor 3-5 2-2 9, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Green 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-59 6-10 70.

Halftime—Tennessee 38, South Carolina 31. 3-point goals—South Carolina 8-17 (Grant 2-2, Stack 1-3, McKie 5-6, Watson 0-4, Davis 0-2), Tennessee 6-14 (Lee 0-1, Wharton 3-6, Tony Harris 2-5, Victor 1-1, Green 0-1). Fouled out—Williams. Rebounds—South Carolina 40 (Gallman, Stack 7), Tennessee 25 (Victor 6). Assists—South Carolina 9 (McKie, Watson 4), Tennessee 19 (Tony Harris 7). Total fouls—South Carolina 16, Tennessee 17. A—16,112.

NO. 14 ARKANSAS 93, VANDERBILT 83

VANDERBILT (15-8): DiSpaltro 6-11 2-4 14, Maddux 7-14 0-0 15, Bates 4-7 8-10 16, Prater 7-12 2-3 19, Strong 1-4 0-0 2, LaPointe 5-11 0-0 10, Ford 3-9 0-0 7. Totals 33-65 12-17 83.

ARKANSAS (20-3): Williams 5-7 0-1 10, Hood 2-7 0-0 4, Davis 10-14 4-7 24, Reid 3-12 2-3 9, Bradley 4-11 6-8 17, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 4-6 1-1 9, Adebayo 2-4 0-0 4, Walace 4-10 2-3 11, Jennings 1-3 0-0 2, Whitney 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 36-76 15-23 93.

Halftime—Arkansas 37, Vanderbilt 32. 3-Point goals—Vanderbilt 5-17 (Prater 3-7, Maddux 1-4, Ford 1-4, Strong 0-1, LaPointe 0-1), Arkansas 6-16 (Bradley 3-5, Whitney 1-1, Reid 1-4, Wallace 1-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Vanderbilt 35 (DiSpaltro 7), Arkansas 41 (Davis 15). Assists—Vanderbilt 23 (Maddux 9), Arkansas 21 (Reid 7). Total fouls—Vanderbilt 19, Arkansas 15. A—20,164.

ST. JOHN'S 77, No. 15 WEST VIRGINIA 69

WEST VIRGINIA (19-4): Owens 4-14 6-13 14, Lewin 3-9 1-1 7, Goree 2-4 0-1 4, Pledger 3-8 3-4 9, West 1-10 1-2 3, Jones 7-14 3-5 23, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Kearse 1-3 1-2 3, Beynon 0-0 0-0 0, Solhem 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 24-67 15-28 69.

ST. JOHN'S (18-7): Posteil 5-5 7-13 17, Grant 5-6 2-2 12, Hamilton 1-4 3-6 5, Turner 3-6 0-0 6, Lopez 6-18 2-5 17, Charles 0-1 0-0 0, Artest 5-11 5-6 15, Jesse 2-2 0-1 5. Totals 27-53 19-33 77.

Halftime—West Virginia 38, St. John's 31. 3-Point goals—W.Virginia 6-19 (Jones 6-10, Pledger 0-1, Owens 0-3, West 0-5), St. John's 4-12 (Lopez 3-7, Jessie 1-1, Turner 0-1, Artest 0-3). Fouled out—Goree, Pledger. Rebounds—W.Virginia 40 (Lewin 11), St. John's 45 (Artest 13). Assists—W.Virginia 10 (West 4), St. John's 15 (Turner 5). Total fouls—W.Virginia 25, St. John's 20. A—6,008.

NO. 16 MICHIGAN STATE 75, NO. 24 IOWA 64

IOWA (16-7): Bowen 2-4 2-2 7, Moore 2-5 2-4 7, Rucker 3-4 0-0 6, Oliver 3-11 2-2 8, Luehrsmann 0-3 0-0 0, Bauer 0-0 0-0 0, R.Davis 9-18 0-0 18, Galloway 0-1 0-0 0, McCausland 2-9 5-6 11, Koch 2-4 2-2 7. Totals 23-59 13-16 64.

MICHIGAN STATE (17-4): Hutson 2-5 2-2 6, Klein 2-6 0-0 4, Smith 6-11 5-7 17, Cleaves 0-5 4-4 4, Bell 3-6 2-2 8, Guess 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 2-3 1-2 5, Cherry 0-0 0-0 0, D.Davis 1-5 0-0 3, Peterson 6-9 0-0 14, Granger 2-3 0-0 4, Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Wiley 4-4 0-1 8. Totals 29-58 14-18 75.

Halftime—Michigan State 34, Iowa 31. 3-Point goals—Iowa 5-20 (McCausland 2-8, Bowen 1-1, Koch 1-1, Moore 1-2, Luehrsmann 0-1, Galloway 0-1, Oliver 0-3, R.Davis 0-3), Michigan State 3-12 (Peterson 2-4, D.Davis 1-2, Klein 0-2, Cleaves 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Iowa 22 (Moore 6), Michigan State 45 (Smith 12). Assists—Iowa 10 (Luehrsmann 5), Michigan State 14 (Cleaves 8). Technical foul—Miller. Total fouls—Iowa 16, Michigan State 16. A—15,138.

NO. 17 MISSISSIPPI 75, ALABAMA 74

ALABAMA (10-13): Bacote 1-9 0-0 2



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Slovakia's Jan Varholik, left, is checked against the glass by Austria's Dieter Kalt and Andreas Pusnik during an Olympic preliminary round game Saturday at the Aqua Wing in Nagano, Japan.

Russian skier claims Games' first gold

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — Persistent underachiever Olga Danilova outclassed the big names from Norway to finally make a big name for herself as the first gold medalist of the Nagano Olympics.

The 27-year-old mastered the changing conditions on a tough Snow Harp course to win the women's 15-kilometer classical cross-country race ahead of teammate Larissa Lazutina.

Although they had four skiers in the top seven, the Norwegians, who had been looking at a possible sweep, wound up with just a bronze. Anita Moen Guidon collapsed over the line in third.

"It's one of the happiest days of my life," said Danilova, whose only previous Olympic appearance at Albertville six years ago yielded a best of sixth place in the 5K.

Breaking into tears, Danilova said she was thinking of her 2-year-old twin sons Savily and Simeon, back home in Alexandrov.

"I'm happy but especially for my twins," she said. "Right now, I'm still not aware that I'm the Olympic champion. I guess I need to spend some time alone to realize what I've done."

Danoliva's was the 99th gold medal won in Winter Games competition by an athlete from Russia and its two team predecessors, the Soviet Union and the Unified Team, according to records compiled by the Russian National Olympic Committee.

Danilova has spent the last few seasons on Russia's second-string team after a series of disappointing performances at World Cup level. Although she has climbed to eighth in this season's World Cup standings, she has failed to finish higher than third.

Lazutina, who has won two relay golds but just missed out on individual medals at the last two Olympics, appeared to be the main threat to the powerful Norwegians.

Going out 20th of the 65 starters, Lazutina was second to Moen-Guidon at the first timed checkpoint and maintained her speed even though the conditions changed during the race.

Starting out in bright sunshine, the skiers met colder, cloudier weather as a snowstorm loomed over the course and, on a wickedly undulating track, many began to slow down in the second half of the race.

But the two Russians seemed to thrive in the tough conditions and were the only two gold- and silver-medal contenders from half way, as the Norwegians wilted.

Danilova trailed Lazutina by 2.8 seconds at 8.5 kilometers and gradually cut her lead to a half second by the 13.8-kilometer mark.

Although both skiers had plenty of strength left for a fast finish, Danilova had the power to clinch the gold.

She completed the distance in 46 minutes, 55.4 seconds with Lazutina, who won relay golds at the last two Olympics, 5.6 seconds behind.

Moen-Guidon, who placed fourth in the 5k at Lillehammer four years ago, was third in 47:52.6, ahead of Irina Tarenenko Terelia of Ukraine (48.10.2).

"I've been No. 4 often and many times I have been close behind. So I feel very happy," Moen-Guidon said.

World Cup leader Bente Martinsen, expected to be the leading Norwegian challenger, finished 1:19 behind the winner and appeared to be close to a medal.



AP Laserphoto

Russia's Olga Danilova (29) stays ahead of Austria's Renate Roider in the 15-kilometer cross country event. Danilova won the event, earning the first gold medal of the Nagano Games.

Brooks suffers his first Olympic coaching loss

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Belarus did what its Soviet predecessors couldn't — defeat a Herb Brooks-coached team in the Olympics.

Another former Soviet republic making its Olympic debut, Kazakstan, also won, Slovakia salvaged a tie that felt like a loss, and Japan couldn't take advantage of a boisterous home crowd as the "junior varsity" portion of the men's hockey tournament got under way Saturday.

The heavyweights from the United States, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Russia and the Czech Republic — each made up almost entirely of NHL players — have byes into the final round, which begins Friday.

So the other eight teams began battling Saturday for the other two final spots. Belarus defeated France 4-0, Kazakstan rallied for a 5-3 victory over Italy, Germany beat Japan 3-1, and Slovakia and Austria played to a 2-2 tie in the first athletic events of the 18th Winter Games.

In 1980 at Lake Placid, Brooks coached the U.S. team to a 6-0-1 record — including the "Miracle on Ice" victory over the powerful Soviet Union that led to an unlikely gold medal. Now a scout for the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins, he was lured back into coaching by France general manager Jim Tibbetts.

Though he spent his return engagement barking at, pleading with and cheering on his new team, he couldn't keep his Olympic record perfect.

"There's no parallel. That's then and this is now. It's two different situations. You can't bridge the gaps," Brooks said. "I've got to keep on moving. Some of these guys on the team don't know what happened in 1980."

On Sunday, Slovakia faces Italy and Kazakstan meets Austria. Germany takes on Belarus and Japan plays France on Monday.

Slovakia 2, Austria 2

Slovakia outshot its opponent 38-13 but Claus Dalpiaz was superb in goal for the Austrians. He stopped Zdenko Ciger on a breakaway with about 3 minutes to go to preserve the tie and was fortunate that two third-period shots by Lubomir Sekeras hit the left post.

"Great goaltending ... that's the way we're always going to win against a team like that," said Austria coach Ron Kennedy, who was so happy with the tie that he forgot his team didn't win. "Slovakia quite obviously is more talented, but we were not intimidated."

Kazakstan 5, Italy 3

Kazakstan scored four consecutive goals to rally from a 3-1 deficit.

"I told our players to skate faster, to pass the puck quicker, to fight harder and to stay cool," Kazakstan coach Boris Alexandrov said. "And they did what I said."

Hackl begins quest for third straight gold

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Germany's Georg Hackl began his quest for a record third straight Olympic gold medal in luge, blistering the 15-turn Spiral course in 49.861 seconds on the first of four runs.

Wendel Suckow, of Marquette, Mich., was the first slider of the day and broke his own track record with a run of 50.069. But Hackl, sliding third, quickly erased it with a flawless run.

Hackl, who had back surgery in October and has been hampered by slow starts, fell behind at the top of the run but quickly gained speed as he plummeted through the final four turns.

Armin Zoeggeler of Italy was second at 49.715, and Markus Prock of Austria was in third at 49.861.

The first dozen sliders Sunday eclipsed the old track record of 50.506 seconds, set last year in the final World Cup race of the 1996-97 season. Suckow, seeking to win the first luge medal for the United States, was sixth entering the second run of the day, trailing Hackl by nearly a half second, an eternity in luge.

The final two runs of the competition were set for Monday afternoon.

After a week of perfect weather that produced ideal practice conditions on the 15-turn Spiral track, a blinding snowstorm hit the area less than two hours before the start of competition.

The whiteout lasted only about a half hour and didn't delay the start, but the weather conditions varied throughout the two runs. One minute it was sunny, the next the air was filled with flurries whipped around by a biting wind.

OLYMPICS: NHL players arrive this week

(From 1C)

— **HOCKEY:** The hockey preliminary round — the only Olympic competition on Saturday — opened with four games. Eight teams are competing for two spots in the next round, which will include the Olympic debut of professional players like Wayne Gretzky and Brett Hull.

— Japan, before a frenzied, flag-waving crowd, battled Germany into the third period before Daniel Kunce broke a 1-1 tied by jamming in a rebound with 9:36 left. Jan Brenda scored an insurance goal five minutes later for the Germans.

— Kazakstan made its debut a success by rallying to beat Italy 5-3. Backup goaltender Alexandr Shimin took over for Vitaliy Yeremeyev at the start of the second period and stopped all six shots he faced to help Kazakstan erase a 3-1 deficit.

— Belarus ruined coach Herb Brooks' Olympic return by defeating France, 4-0. For Brooks, coach of the 1980 American gold medal winning team, it was his first-ever loss as an Olympic coach.

— Slovakia, expected to be the best team in its preliminary pool, was tied 2-2 by surprising Austria. Slovakia, the sixth-place finisher in the 1994 Olympics, played without NHL stars Peter Bondra and Zigmund Palffy. The pair will join the team for the final round — if it advances out of preliminary play.

LEE: Rebels triumph in battle of unbeatens

(From 1C)

who took a feed from Russell Matchull from the left side and boomed it past Eagles's goalkeeper Kenneth Russel. That was the first shot the Rebels took.

The Rebels made it 2-0 in the 56th minute when Matt Dickinson scored off a corner kick by Danny George from the right corner. Like a bank shot in basketball, Dickinson booted the ball to the right corner of the goal, where it took a generous bounce inside the net.

This was a good win today for the Rebels considering that not only did they play a tough Abilene team but also were short-handed with fullback James Moore and Troy Henry not suited up for the game.

"(AHS) attacked really well together by bringing up fullbacks. We had a hard time marking up the middle," McCulloch said. "After we would steal the ball, we would give it back to them too many times and I think that's why they were able to keep the pressure (going).

"We were missing Troy up front, he's a big workhorse up front and he's able to keep the pressure on the defense. In the second half, especially, we weren't able to keep the pressure on the defense."

The Rebels are no strangers to playing without a few key players and may be getting used to that if these wins continue to mount.

"All season long it seems like we never have had the team that we wanted to start out with," said senior midfielder Pressler. "We just try to get past it, take it one game at a game, and do what we can to win.

"This is a good win for us, and I know other teams are going to be gunning for us. We just have to maintain that momentum."

Even AHS coach Mike Wiersema admired the play of the short-handed Rebels.

"Midland Lee played a great game, they played with a lot of heart and picked up for that player (Henry) who had to sit out for the (red) card. They showed a tremendous amount of resilience and character," Wiersema said.

Still, the loss must be tough for the Eagles, who dropped to 7-3 overall and 4-1 in district and continue to have trouble putting the ball in the net.

"We had the opportunities but we've been playing a lot of games like that where we didn't finish our opportunities and we'd still win," Wiersema said. "We needed a team to let us know that we can't do that all year long. And that happened today."

Lee's Fisher proved to be the stingy one as he continued to deny the Eagles threats. For the senior goalkeeper, these are the kind of games where he can thrive and enjoy.

"I like high-pressure stuff," Fisher said. "I had a lot of shots, a lot of opportunities but we still have a lot of work to do. I felt like the ref took away the defensive shutout, but the win still feels good. We deserve to be on top."

Unlike the Eagles, the Rebels converted on the few opportunities that came along.

"We've been working on finishing a lot lately," Pressler said. "Because goals win games."

The win was important for the Rebels considering they have Odessa Permian and a very good San Angelo Central team coming up this week.

"It's a good win," McCulloch said. "I wish things could've gone better for us but what more can you ask for."

JV Action: The Midland Lee Rebels defeated Abilene 1-0 as Jeremy Brown scored the only goal in the game.

Midland Lee 2, Abilene High 1

AHS	0	1	—1
Lee	1	1	—2

First Half — 1. Lee, Josh Pressler (Russell Matchull), 12th minute.

Second Half — 2. Lee, Matt Dickinson (Danny George), 56th minute. 3. AHS, Cheno Rodriguez (penalty kick), 73rd minute.

Shots: AHS 15, Lee 4. Corner kicks: AHS 2, Lee 2. Goalie Saves: AHS 2 (Kenneth Russel), Lee 7 (Shane Fisher). Fouls: AHS 22, Lee 14. Offsides: AHS 4. Cards: AHS 2 — Jason Gaston (yellow), Adam Gaston (yellow) Lee 1 — Kyle King (yellow).

MHS: Midland High offense really clicks

(From 1C)

lotzer's shot then beat Breed just inside the left post.

Baca played the role of playmaker in the 66th minute with a crossing pass which Jill Knottek put in for her second goal in consecutive games. Baca, a sophomore, then got into the scoring act thanks to a Meg Bennett assist.

"I was pleased with their play in the second half," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "We looked good at moments in the second half and we had a go-get 'em attitude. I never thought we get to play the whole team against Cooper."

Hodkinson did have one gripe.

"The good news was we put the ball in five times," Hodkinson said. "I'm equally dissatisfied with the two balls we gave up. Both of them were defensive let downs. We are going to battle top teams and we are not going to get there allowing cheap goals."

Hodkinson also is looking at the second half and the team's game versus Lee. He doesn't want to write off Tuesday's game versus Odessa High, but a rematch with Lee has been on his team's mind.

"We want to have momentum going into second half," Hodkinson said. "We talked about how important it was that the Lee game means more, and that we wanted a chance to make that game mean something."

IN JV ACTION: MHS thrashed Cooper 12-0. Kathleen Coleman had the hat trick (3-goal game) for the Lady Bulldogs, D'Lynn Knous scored two goals while Ashlee Winkler, Sarah Tinslar, Jessica Salgado, Elysse Burrow, Emily Shugit, Kristin Knight and Erica Carrillo each score one goal. Catherine Wade, Shugit and Knous each split time in goal for 8-0 MHS, which improves to 8-0 for the year.

Midland High 5, Abilene Cooper 2

Abilene Cooper	1	1	—2
Midland High	2	3	—5

First Half: 1. MHS, Jodie Mitchell (Unassisted), 17th minute; 2. MHS, Mitchell (Kim Elger), 27th minute; 3. CHS, Carolyn Poyner (Cricket Holt), 30th minute.

Second Half: 1. MHS, Brenna Byerlotzer (Sarah Duran), 44th minute; 2. MHS, Jill Knottek (Melinda Baca), 76th; 3. CHS, Rebecca Watkins (Poyner), 78th minute; 4. MHS, Baca (Meg Bennett), 75th minute.

Shots: CHS 6, MHS 18. Corners: CHS 4, MHS 3. Saves: CHS 6 (Jenny Breed 6); MHS 3 (Tori Watson 3). Fouls: CHS 2, MHS 12. Offsides: CHS 0, MHS 1. Cards: None. Penalty Kicks: None.

MADDEN: Mines star was All-American

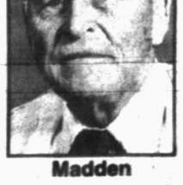
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track star, but it was football that was his calling.

In 1940, Madden accepted the highest salary paid to a player at his position in the pro ranks when he signed a $2,500 contract with the NFL's Chicago Cardinals.

"I ran up more points than I probably would have at the big colleges, but when I went to the pros, I played against all those guys and did fine," Madden said.

In 1940, Madden averaged 8.5 yards per carry, but World War II put a halt, "to a lot of things, including my football career," Madden said. "They couldn't afford to pay my contract."



Madden

Madden then returned to CSM where he graduated with honors. The Air Force then sent him to the UCLA graduate school of physics, then to the University of Chicago's physics department to study tide forecasts.

He served five years with the Air Force before making his way to Midland and a life in the oil fields.

"Football always has been a part of my life," said Madden, who is still active in the oil industry. "That's genes, something that's part of me, something I can't get away from. But my mother was the intellect, and that intellect I got from her helped make me what I am in the world of business.

"So, I guess I would give both equal status although the School of Mines did give me my start."

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Snowboarders hope to shred staid Olympics

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

YAMANOUCHI, Japan — The shredders are stoked and ready to rail.

Snowboarding is crashing into the mainstream and making its debut on the Olympic stage.

"Maybe we can bring some color to the games," said Todd Richards, the top U.S. freestyler.

No kidding.

With their renegade image, hip-hop look, grunge lingo and thrash-metal tunes, snowboarders certainly bring a new dimension to the staid Olympics.

"The sport's image is important," said giant slalom specialist Chris Klug. "It's not skiing. It's not a team sport. We come from a different background. It's unusual for us to have to wear uniforms and do this and that. But it's a sacrifice we're willing to make."

Klug, Mike Jacoby and Adam Hostetter represent U.S. medal hopes in the opening event Sunday (Saturday night EST), the men's giant slalom. It's a speed race, similar to the GS in Alpine skiing, with riders "railing" (making fast, hard turns) through gates down a 3,073-foot course on Mount Yakebitai.

With few American medal hopes in Alpine skiing, snowboarding shapes up as the sport with the best U.S. podium chances.

"It wouldn't surprise me to see maybe four medals," Jacoby said. "I'd consider that a minimum."

Sunday's race could provide the first U.S. medal of the games.

"It would be great to get the momentum going for the country," Klug said. "It would set the pace and tone for the country."

Klug, 28, a former high school quarterback from Aspen, Colo., is the top-ranked U.S. rider this season. Jacoby is a two-time world champion. Hostetter came out of nowhere to clinch a spot on the team in the final qualifying event.

"Call me the dark horse," Hostetter said. "I think somebody said me coming (to the Olympics) is like a snowball in hell. I was like 14th going into the last day. When I made it, it was kind of a shock to myself and everyone else."

The Americans must contend with the powerful Europeans and Canadians. The Europeans, especially the Austrians, have dominated the World Cup events this season.



AP Laserphoto

Todd Richards of Worcester, Mass., is representing the U.S. in the Winter Olympics in snowboarding, which is making its debut as a medal sport.

Austria has four legitimate medal contenders, led by Martin Freinademetz. Canada's Mark Fawcett and France's Nicolas Conte are other favorites.

"The Austrians, Canada, the U.S., any of these countries could easily sweep the podium," said Canada's Ross Rebagliati.

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In halfpipe, competitors ride back and forth on a U-shaped trough — about 350 feet long and 20 feet wide, with walls 12 feet high — and perform aerial tricks and jumps like skateboarders on a ramp. The riders are judged for maneuvers and technical merit.

Halfpipe moves have names such as "stale fish" (jumping while holding the back edge of the board), "stiffy" (jumping with both legs straight) and "ho-ho" (two-handed handstand). Riding backward is called "fakey."

Richards and 18-year-old Ross Powers are the top U.S. contenders in the men's event, while Michele Taggart heads the women's field.

American speedskater's Olympics are over before competition begins

By Doug Ferguson
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Derek Parra had the track and his thoughts to himself.

He moved briskly down the backstretch and through the turn, then came out of his crouch and breezed around the M-Wave oval one last time, looking like a speedskater on a victory lap.

The former in-line skater from California never expected a medal in the 5,000 meters. All he hoped for was a chance to race.

But only a few hours after the Olympic flame was lit, his games were over because of a dispute on how to fill out an entry form.

"If they would have told me I wasn't going to race, it wouldn't have mattered," Parra said after leaving the ice Saturday morning. "Now, it's like somebody saying, 'Here's the keys to a new car!' Then you get to the driveway to leave the dealership and it's, 'Nope, can't have 'em.'"

The U.S. team, infuriated that Parra won't be skating, claims the International Speedskating Union allowed Kazakstan to change its application form after the entry deadline had passed.

"The rules say after the entry deadline, nothing can be changed," said U.S. coach Gerard Kemkers. "Kazakstan made a mistake, and we have to pay for it. Derek has to pay for it."

An ISU official said Kazakstan unintentionally entered its skaters as substitutes — meaning they could only replace their countrymen instead of taking open spots based on World Cup times.

Once the mistake was caught, Parra was bumped and replaced by Sergei Kaznacheyev, who ranked three spots ahead.

"There is no way to say the U.S. did it wrong and Kazakstan did it right, or the other way around," said Tron Espeli, technical commission member of the ISU.

Parra came to Nagano realizing he might not race. While he qualified for the U.S. team, his World Cup time ranked 41st, and only 32 skaters can compete.

But he at least could march in the open ceremony, mingle in the Olympic Village and in the M-Wave with the greatest speedskaters in the world, maybe even race if enough skaters ranked ahead of him decided not to enter.

That would have been sweet consolation for someone who had never even set foot on ice until four years ago, when he was passing through Milwaukee on his way to a wedding and stopped by the only indoor speedskating oval in the United States.

He had won 21 gold medals during a nine-year career as a in-line skater, winning world titles and setting world records. Two years after switching to ice, he was headed to the Olympics.

And when the entry deadline passed Tuesday for the 5,000 meters, his name was on the list.

"They told me I was in and I wanted to scream," Parra said. "I couldn't have been happier than at any time in my life. I won a lot of world championships, but none of that compared to when they told me I was going to race. I probably spent $30 that night calling all my relatives."

Now he might never get another chance.

Canada's Rebagliati wins 1st gold medal in snowboarding

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

YAMANOUCHI, Japan — The first Olympic gold medal in snowboarding goes to ... the sport itself.

Once reviled by traditionalists as a sport for renegade teen-agers, snowboarding crashed into the Olympic mainstream in rousing fashion Sunday (Saturday night EST) at the Nagano Games.

Not even the bad weather spoiled the party.

As thousands of Japanese fans cheered enthusiastically, blew tiny horns and did the wave, Canada's Ross Rebagliati shredded his way through heavy fog on the second run to win the men's giant slalom.

Italy's Thomas Prugger took the silver and Switzerland's Ueli Kestenholz got the bronze as the United States was shut out of the medals.

But the sport was the real winner, taking its spot on the Olympic stage for the first time and injecting the games with a shot of youthful vitality.

"The Japanese are stoked on it — I certainly was," said U.S. racer Chris Klug, who finished sixth. "It really showcased the event. People are starting to realize, 'Hey, this is an exciting sport.'"

Even Mike Jacoby, a U.S. medal contender who slumped to 17th place, found reason to celebrate.

"It opens the sport to a whole new generation who haven't been on the slopes yet," he said. "It's the beginning of the Olympic dream for children."

Rebagliati, who was eighth after the first run, carved a super second run through poor visibility to win in a total time of 2 minutes, 3.96 seconds. Prugger was second in 2:03.98 and Kestenholz third in 2:04.08.

First-run leader Jasey-Jay Anderson of Canada and Klug both struggled in the fog on the second run and finished out of the medals.

Klug nearly fell, touching the snow with one hand to stay upright and losing valuable time. He finished the second run in 1:05.87 and wound up sixth at 2:05.25.

"Right at the middle of the steep section I caught my arm in the bottom of the banner and it flung me up and spun me," Klug said. "It got me off line a little bit."

Anderson slipped down on his second round and finished 13th in 2:11.33.

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But the weather nearly wrecked the party.

The first run was held under bright, sunny skies at Mount Yakebitai, but the second run was nearly wiped out by the same front which hit the men's downhill in Hakuba earlier in the day.

The second run was halted after five competitors went down. The race resumed 15 minutes later despite poor visibility.

Rebagliati was the first competitor down after the delay and he put down a time of 1:04.09 that held up for the gold.

Two other top favorites, Nicolas Conte and Christophe Sugara of France, fell on the second run.

"The visibility obviously played a factor in the second run," Klug said. "It was pretty challenging to see, especially in the top flats."

"But you had five gates visibility," he said. "As long as you have two or three, the race should be run. That wasn't a (wrong) decision whatsoever."

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American leads qualifying for men's freestyle moguls

IIZUNA KOGEN, Japan (AP) — American Jonny Moseley led the men's qualifying in the Olympic freestyle moguls, while one of America's top female hopes barely made it to the finals.

Ann Battelle, a gold-medal favorite, snagged the 16th and final spot Sunday (Saturday night EST) when a two-time world champion failed to finish.

Battelle, skiing next to last, had a poor run and found herself in 16th with Candice Gilg of France to ski. But Gilg, trying a "helicopter" spin in which she turns 360 degrees in the air on the first of two jumps, fell off balance and nearly stopped.

She continued for the second jump but, disheartened after the error, skied off the course and stopped, giving Battelle the final qualifying spot.

"I thought I skied good enough for the top 10, but when I saw I was 16th I thought my Olympic experience was over," said Battelle, from Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Gilg said that after her troubles on the top jump, "I could have fought harder but I knew it was a huge mistake and I didn't have the energy to fight back."

Donna Weinbrecht of West Milford, N.J., the gold medalist in the event from the 1992 Olympics, tied for first with Canadian Anne-Marie Belchat with 23.35 points. A tie-breaking procedure gave Pelchat the top spot, although the skiers start from scratch in Wednesday's final.

Liz McIntyre of Winter Park, Colo., the 1994 silver medalist, tied with Tatjana Mittermayer of Germany for third. That tie couldn't be broken.

Moseley, from Tiburon, Calif. scored 26.53 points to top the men's event on the 275-yard course that dropped about 105 yards. Finnish skiers Janne Lahtela and Sami Mustonen were second and third, 25.43 and 25.16.

Jean-Luc Brassard of Canada, the defending gold medalist from Lillehammer, had some ragged jumps and placed seventh in qualifying.

Moseley cemented his top spot in qualifying by doing a unique jump, called a 360-Mute-Grab jump. Among the freestyle skiers, he's the only one to do it.

"I plan to do it all week. I wasn't sure I would be able to do it with all the pressure and different situations," Moseley said. "It's one thing on the World Cup, but the Olympics are a different story."

Another American, Alexander Wilson of Buffalo, N.Y. came in 10th with 24.32 points to advance to Wednesday's final.

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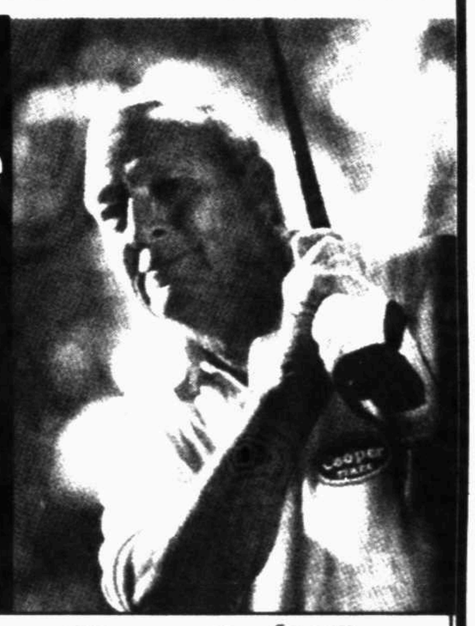
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Tech not exceptional in blowout of Aggies

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — As far as Cory Carr could see, there was nothing exceptional in Texas Tech's performance against Texas A&M Saturday.

But even he had to concede that the Red Raiders' 102-75 winning margin over the Aggies was eye-catching.

"We're not playing exceptional," Carr said. "But we are playing better on defense and shooting the basketball. The team played two halves for a change, and really played a great game."

He and Rayford Young scored 25 points each to power Tech to its biggest winning margin of the year and its biggest ever in Big 12 play.

Tech appeared to be getting its confidence back, which may bode well for the Red Raiders for the remainder of Big 12 play. Texas Tech (12-8, 6-4 Big 12), which extended its winning streak to four games, led at halftime 45-30.

The Red Raiders had dominated the Aggies with a strong inside game in the first half, but that effort lost some steam when starting forward Cliff Owens left with a concussion. Carr, Young and Stan Bonewitz were eager to pick up the slack on the perimeter in the second half.

Texas A&M (6-14, 0-10), which lost its 11th game in a row, had closed to 56-44 with 14:26 left to play after a 3-pointer and a dunk by Michael Schmidt.

"I was fearful of this happening," A&M coach Tony Barone said. "I was concerned that we would not be able to maintain our interest coming into this game. But they were the reason we played this way."

That would be the extent of the Aggies' challenge. Tech went on an 11-2 run to build a 67-46 lead at the 11:38 mark.

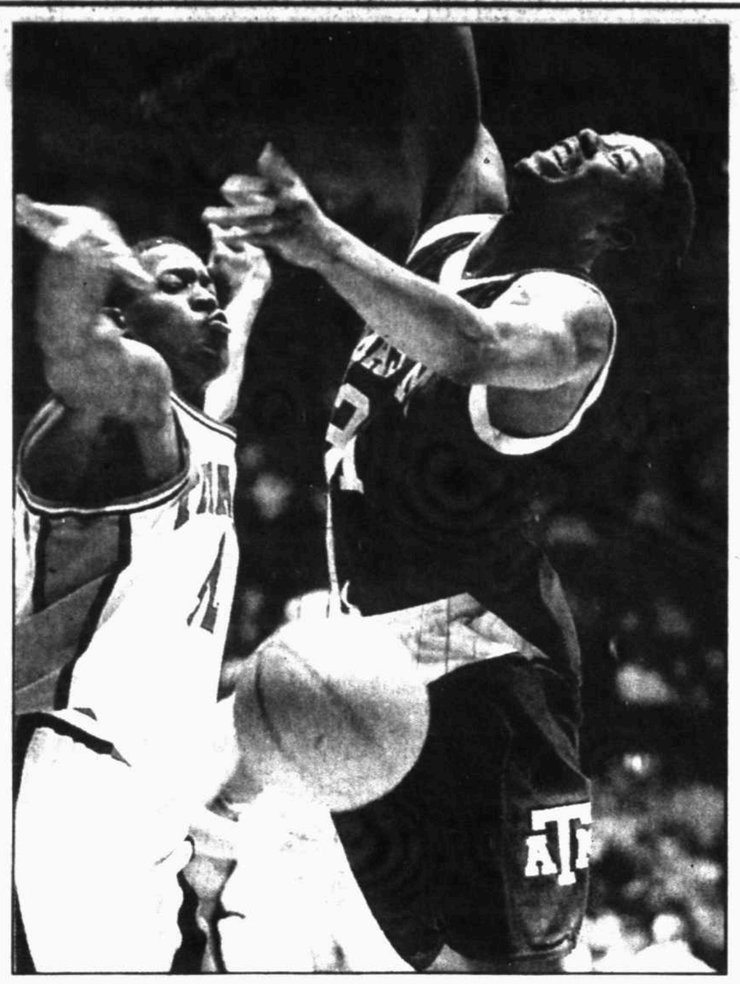
The Red Raiders inflated their cushion to 86-58 at the 6:52 mark after nine consecutive points by Young, who tallied 19 points in the second half.

Tech also received 14 points from Bonewitz, 12 points from Da'Mon Roberts and 10 points from Johnny Phillips.

Shanne Jones led the Aggies with 23 points and 10 rebounds, while Chris Clayton added 10 points.

"They know they're a good basketball team," Tech coach James Dickey said. "The confidence is something we had been missing for quite a while. When we got it, it has been sporadic.

"I really felt we did a good defensive job for the most part. We did a good job on the boards, and the guys got on a hot streak. We're getting better."



AP Laserphoto

Texas Tech's Da'Mon Roberts, left, strips the ball from Texas A&M's Shanne Jones (31) during the first half Saturday in Lubbock. Texas Tech won 102-75.

Lady Raiders escape from Waco victorious

Associated Press

WACO — Coach Marsha Sharp was especially relieved for the 79-67 win Texas Tech managed to eke out from Baylor Saturday night.

It took Alicia Thompson scoring 30 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to help the No. 7 Lady Raiders fend off the Lady Bears' challenge.

"We had to hold off a couple of huge challenges from Baylor," Texas Tech Coach Marsha Sharp said. "Alicia made some huge plays for us in the second half."

Baylor (14-7, 7-4 Big 12) scored six straight points to pull within 69-62 with 1:07 left, but Tech (16-4, 7-4) hit five free throws in the last minute to seal the win.

"I give a lot of credit to Texas Tech to go into someone else's house and beat them," Baylor Coach Sonja Hogg said. "We came back in the second half and stepped up the intensity defensively.

"We made several runs, but you can only make so many runs," Hogg said. "We just got battered on the boards."

Angie Braziel, a former Odessa Permian and South Plains College standout, scored 24 points for Tech, which out-rebounded the Lady Bears 47-28.

"I got a lot of looks off the press," said Thompson, a former Reagan County star. "I credit the guards; they handled it well. Angie and I were at the end of it, so we got the end results."

Baylor took a 43-42 lead with 16 minutes remaining, but Tech then scored 10 consecutive points to move ahead 52-43.

No. 17 Utah 74, Rice 66

SALT LAKE CITY — Angie Thill scored 12 of her 18 points in the final six minutes as 17th-ranked Utah outlasted Rice and broke a three-game losing streak.

Kristi Rose scored 15 and Julie Krommenhoek added 13 for the Utes (17-3), who made 14 of 17 free throws down the stretch to ice the win.

Kirra Jordan had a career-high 28 points for the Owls (14-7), who saw their four-game winning streak come to an end.

The game was designated a league-crossover and will not count in Western Athletic Conference standings.

■ Texas Women

No. 19 Stephen F. Austin 75, NW Louisiana 67

NATCHITOCHES, La. — Christie Smith's 22 points and 14 rebounds led No. 19 Stephen F. Austin over Northwestern State 75-67 in a Southland Conference game.

After pulling away late in the first half for a 41-28 advantage at halftime, SFA (18-3 overall, 10-1 SLC) built a lead as large as 28 points over the first 14 minutes of the second period.

Anitra Davis added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Ladyjacks, who took the lead for good midway through the first half in rebounding from a conference loss in overtime Thursday at Northeast Louisiana. Katrina Price also had 14 points for SFA.

Senior Amanda Cooper had a career-high 22 points and 11 rebounds to pace the Lady Demons (11-9, 5-6). Sonya Bearden and Judy Clark also scored 11 points each for Northwestern.

Utah beats Rice, gives Majerus 200th victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rick Majerus had good reason to take a bow but he declined.

After his No. 5 Utes beat Rice on Saturday, he said he didn't have a clue he had won his 200th game at Utah. And once he learned of the milestone, it still meant little to him.

"Of all the numbers going on today, that is the one that I care less about," Majerus said. "It didn't even know it until you told me. I guess it means my plumbing's working. I guess it's staying power."

His Utes shut down Rice in the second half for a 60-49 win, which also gave Majerus his 299th career coaching victory and his seventh 20-win season in nine years at Utah.

Mike Doleac scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half for Utah (20-1, 7-1 Western Athletic), which improved to 5-0 against the Owls. Hanno Mottola and Drew Hansen each added 16 points.

Rice (5-16, 2-6 Western Athletic Conference) put up a good defensive fight for a 29-29 tie at halftime but the Utes pushed the ball inside to Doleac to start the second half and began pulling away.

"The second half we played with passion," Majerus said. "We had two or three guys who didn't have that passion."

Utah outscored the Owls 10-2 in the opening minutes of the second half to take control of the game for the first time. Rice got within four points at 45-41 with 9:30 to play.

■ Texas Schools Roundup

Oklahoma St. 85, Baylor 72

STILLWATER, Okla. — Adrian Peterson poured in 20 points to lead the Oklahoma State Cowboys past Baylor in Stillwater.

Desmond Mason and Brett Robisch each had 18 points for the Cowboys, who led throughout most of the game.

The Cowboys led by 17 at the half. Baylor got as close as 11 points with just under 9 minutes to play in the second half, but the Cowboys went on an 13-0 run keyed by a 3-point shot by Peterson before the Bears could score again with just over a minute to play.

Baylor center Brian Skinner made the first score of the second half off a miss by forward Leon Morris. But Oklahoma State quickly extended its half time lead to 20 and never let go.

Guard Patrick Hunter led Baylor scoring with 24 points, followed closely by Skinner who had 22 points. Roddrick Miller scored 14 points.

Baylor (10-10, 5-5 Big 12) shot 43.8 percent from the field and 43.5 percent from 3-point range.

Wyoming 67, Texas-El Paso 55

EL PASO — Jeron Roberts was a perfect 20-for-20 from the free-throw line, finishing with 33 points to lead Wyoming to a win over Texas-El Paso.

Wyoming (5-4, 15-6 Western Athletic Conference) made 35 trips to the foul line, racking up 27 points.

UTEP (3-6, 12-9) lost its fifth game of its last six.

The Miners led 20-18 with four minutes remaining in the first half when Bradley Mann hit a 3-pointer for a 21-20 lead Wyoming lead. The Cowboys never trailed the rest of the game.

Gregg Sawyer helped Wyoming with 10 points and Andy Young added nine baskets. UTEP was led by William Smith's 21 points.

Holdsclaw the difference in No. 1 Tennessee's win

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Lady Vols knew who to turn to each time Old Dominion made hearty attempts to climb back.

And Chamique Holdsclaw, working the baseline, kept coming through, leading the top-ranked Lady Vols to an 85-61 win over the No. 3 Lady Monarchs.

"Everybody in the house knows we want the ball in her hands. This team understands that," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt. "The beauty of this is Chamique will let everybody else do their thing, but when it comes time she knows she's our go-to player."

ODU (19-2) looked determined to stick around until the end in the rematch of the 1997 NCAA championship game. The Lady Monarchs managed to hold together against Tennessee's relentless defensive pressure and 20,495 screaming fans, cutting the lead from 18 points to nine several times midway through the second half.

Holdsclaw scored 24 of her 33 points in the second half, including 13 straight Tennessee points in one six-minute stretch.

Tennessee (25-0), the two-time defending national champions, forced 27 turnovers and converted them into 32 points.

■ Women's Top 10

No. 2 Connecticut 95, Providence 46

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Nykesha Sales scored 23 points as second-ranked Connecticut routed Providence.

It was the Huskies' 11th straight victory over the Friars, and their 53rd consecutive win in the Big East.

UConn, a 78-point winner over Providence on Jan. 6, never trailed in the rematch. The Huskies (23-1, 13-0 Big East) led 7-4 before holding the Friars without a field goal for almost seven minutes.

Providence (10-11, 6-7) got no closer than 22 in the second half and Connecticut led by as many as 50. Abrosimova finished with 16 points for the Huskies. Kelley Hunt added 13, and Paige Sauer and Kelly Schumacher each had 10.

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 84, No. 19 W. Kentucky 76

RUSTON, La. — Amanda Wilson had 32 points and 12 rebounds for No. 4 Louisiana Tech in an 84-76 victory Saturday over No. 18 Western Kentucky that avenged a loss a week earlier.

The victory broke a tie atop the Sun Belt Conference standings, moving Tech (18-3 overall, 8-1 Sun Belt) ahead of Western Kentucky (18-7, 7-2).

No. 22 Clemson 68, No. 9 North Carolina St. 58, OT

CLEMSON, S.C. — Amy Geren forced overtime by making two free throws with five seconds left in regulation, then put Clemson ahead for good with a 3-pointer in the extra period as the No. 22 Lady Tigers beat No. 9 North Carolina State.

Geren, who finished with 15 points, was fouled on a 3-point attempt with Clemson trailing 53-51. She missed the first attempt, but made the next two to tie the score.

UCLA survives poor shooting versus Oregon State

By The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Toby Bailey scored 21 points and Kris Johnson added 20 as No. 6 UCLA made up for a poor shooting performance with strong rebounding to beat Oregon State 84-75 Saturday.

UCLA, coming off a 97-81 loss to Oregon on Thursday night, looked lethargic again, shooting just 43 percent from the floor. But the Bruins outrebounded Oregon State 50-35 to win their 11th straight over the Beavers.

Corey Benjamin scored 22 of his 34 points in the second half for Oregon State (12-11, 2-9 Pac-10), but had his momentum slowed when he was forced to sit out the last 6:36 of the first half with foul trouble.

No. 4 Arizona 83, Washington St. 61

TUCSON, Ariz. — Michael Dickerson scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half as No. 4 Arizona overcame early struggles to beat Washington State.

Miles Simon added 19 points in a balanced scoring attack by the Wildcats (21-3, 11-0 Pac-10), who extended their winning streak to 14 games and won their 26th straight over the Cougars — the longest streak in a Pac-10 series.

Carlos Daniel had 14 points and 14 rebounds, his conference-high 11th double-double, but couldn't prevent the Cougars (8-14, 1-10) from losing their seventh straight.

No. 7 Connecticut 76, No. 9 Stanford 56

STORRS, Conn. — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and Connecticut held Stanford to its lowest point total of the season, handing the Cardinal their third loss in the four games.

The win was the fifth straight for the Huskies (21-3) who led by 12 points at halftime and by as many as 25 before Stanford (19-3) scored the final five points of the game.

Connecticut, always one of the nation's leading defensive teams, held Stanford well under its average of 81.6 points per game. The Cardinal's previous low was 63 points in a 21-point win over San Diego State.

No.10 Purdue 107, Ohio St. 75

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brad Miller scored 22 points and Chad Austin added 19 as No. 10 Purdue hit a conference record 15 3-pointers in a win over Ohio State.

It was Ohio State's worst loss at St. John Arena, eclipsing the 122-92 loss to Indiana in 1959 and coming during the building's last season. The Buckeyes move to the new Value City Arena.

It was also the Boilermaker's most lopsided victory ever in Columbus. In the 70 previous meetings at Ohio State, Purdue's biggest margin was a 38-20 win in 1918.

Miller, who also had nine rebounds, scored many of his points on inside shots set up by one of Austin's seven assists.

No. 11 Princeton 76, Harvard 48

BOSTON — Gabe Lewullis matched his career-high of 24 points and No. 11 Princeton shot 68 percent from the field to rout Harvard.

The Tigers, who crushed Dartmouth 71-39 the previous night, won their 11th in a row and beat Harvard for the 15th straight time.

Princeton (18-1, 6-0 Ivy League) made 30 of 44 shots from the field, including 12 of 24 from 3-point range.

The Tigers made 16 of 21 shots in the first half and led 44-24 at halftime, but Harvard (9-10, 3-5) cut that to 49-35 six minutes into the second half.

■ Top 15 Roundup

No. 12 New Mexico 77, Colorado St. 62

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Clayton Shields scored 25 points and New Mexico converted five straight Colorado State turnovers into 11 points in the second half to extend the Lobos' home winning streak to 40 games.

Shields hit seven 3-pointers as he continued his late-season scoring binge. He has scored 20 or more points in five straight games.

New Mexico (18-3, 8-1 WAC) outscored the Rams 14-0 over a 4 1/2-minute stretch in the second half. Jameel Mahmud led Colorado State (18-4, 6-3) with 17 points.

Tennessee 70, No. 13 South Carolina 69

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Freshman Tony Harris scored 22 points and made a key steal in the waning seconds to lead Tennessee.

The Vols (15-5, 5-5) won its fourth straight Southeastern Conference game, its longest streak in the league in nine years, and reversed a 30-point loss to the Gamecocks (17-4, 7-3) less than three weeks ago in Columbia.

Brandon Wharton scored 19 points as the Volunteers broke South Carolina's seven-game winning streak.

No. 14 Arkansas 93, Vanderbilt 83

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Nick Davis scored 24 points and Pat Bradley bounced back from missing his first six shots to score all 17 of his points in the final 9:11 as Arkansas beat tenacious Vanderbilt.

Davis had 13 in the first half, including eight in a run that put Arkansas (20-3, 9-1 SEC) ahead to stay. Bradley's first 3 came after Vanderbilt (15-8, 4-6) had closed to within 60-59 and his second made it 68-62. His next one pushed the lead to 76-70. He added a 15-footer to make it 81-75 with 3:31 to play.

St. John's 77, No. 15 West Virginia 69

NEW YORK — Felipe Lopez and Lavor Postell each scored 17 points and St. John's closed the game with a 10-4 run to snap West Virginia's five-game winning streak.

The Red Storm (18-7, 10-4 Big East), who won for the ninth time in 10 games, also got 15 points and 13 rebounds from freshman Ron Artest.

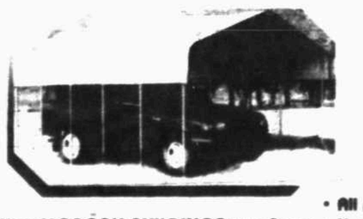
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Labontes take front row for Daytona

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Forget about sibling rivalry when it comes to the Labontes.

Bobby surprised elder brother Terry on Saturday by knocking the favorite off the pole for the Feb. 15 NASCAR Winston Cup season-opener.

But, if anybody was expecting the two-time series champion to be upset about being forced to start the main event from the outside of the front row, they were mightily disappointed.

"I'm real happy for Bobby," Terry said. "We never really have been rivals in anything. We've always gotten along pretty well and I don't think we've ever gone more than a day or two without talking."

Asked what was said when they first saw each other after qualifying, Bobby grinned and said, "I don't think we can say that here. But after that everything was OK."

It was Terry Labonte, who was the favorite to take the top spot going into the first of three rounds of time trials that will determine the lineups for Thursday's Twin 125-mile qualifying races.

The elder Labonte had led most of the sessions since Daytona International Speedway's 2 1/2-mile, high-banked oval opened for practice Friday.

He went out second among the 55 drivers who drew for the first round, setting the target at 192.127 mph in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. Bobby, the 16th driver to take to the historic track, easily topped that, putting his Joe Gibbs Pontiac on the pole at 192.415.

Nobody came close, and for the first time in the 40-year history of NASCAR's most prestigious race, brothers will share the front row.

The time difference between the two laps was 0.070-seconds.

"I'm awfully happy," said Bobby, who finished the 1997 season by beating his brother at Atlanta Motor Speedway. "The guys on this team put a big effort into it, more than they ever have. It's paying off. This place here, the driver has some input into it, but not like other places.

"I honestly thought we might wind up in the top 10, with an outside chance of the outside spot (on the front row)," he added. "It was just a little gust of wind or something that made the difference."

Terry lived up to his nickname of The Iceman. He didn't seem the least bit upset at losing the pole, especially to his brother.

"That's all we had," he said. "I knew Bobby had something for us. I figured it would be close. We really qualified at the same speed we practiced and I knew if we did get beat, we did the best we could."

With Ford introducing it's new Taurus, replacing the discontinued Thunderbird, nobody knew what to expect.

In practice Friday, it appeared the Fords might be capable of pushing the General Motors cars for the top qualifying spots. But, when it came time to take to the track on the partly sunny, cool afternoon, the Monte Carlos and Grand Prixs were dominant.

The top Ford, as expected, was the Taurus driven by Rusty Wallace. Instead of challenging for the front row, Wallace wound up eighth at 190.444.

The Tauruses will get their first race experience in Sunday's Bud Shootout, a made-for-TV dash for the previous year's Winston Cup pole winners.

"I feel good to have the best Taurus in the field," Wallace said. "I'd like to be a little quicker, but that's all we could do. We'll keep working on it.

"Racing's what it's all about. Qualifying doesn't mean a whole lot. If it will draft good and handle good for 500 miles, that's the deal.

"We should know more about these cars after tomorrow," Wallace added. "We need to find out how these cars will be in traffic to know how they're going to race in the 500."

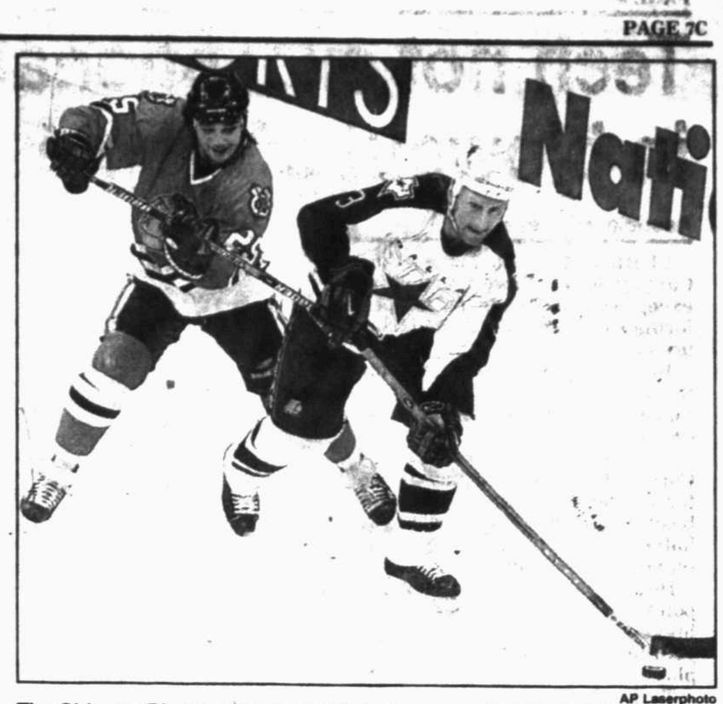
In front of Wallace, besides the Labontes, were the Chevys of Kenny Schrader and Dale Earnhardt at 191.787 and 191.006, the Pontiac of John Andretti at 190.828, the Monte Carlo of 1997 pole-winner Mike Skinner at 190.674 and the Grand Prix of former Daytona winner Derrike Cope at 190.617.

Rounding out the top 10 were Ward Burton's Pontiac at 190.130 and the Ford of Lake Speed at 190.062.

Defending Winston Cup champion and Daytona 500 winner Jeff Gordon was 11th in a Chevy at 189.930.

Rick Mast, who qualified a Taurus well back in the field, said, "This is the first time out of the box for these cars and nobody's had a lot of time to work with them or develop them or find out the tendencies, yet. We know the car's got more speed in it. It's just up to the teams to get it."

Only the Labontes clinched starting spots in the main event. The qualifying races will determine positions two through 30, the next six spots will be filled by the fastest drivers remaining from three days of time trials. Provisional qualifiers, based on last season's car-owner points will get the next six positions, with one spot available at the rear of the field for a former series champion, if needed.



AP Laserphoto

The Chicago Blackhawks' Sergei Krivokrasov, left, tries to take the puck away from the Dallas Stars' Craig Ludwig during the Stars' 3-1 victory Saturday in Dallas.

Stars beat Chicago, enter break on top of NHL heap

DALLAS (AP) — With an NHL-high 80 points, the Dallas Stars are heading into the Winter Olympic break on a team high.

Pat Verbeek scored twice over a span of 1:23 in the second period to break out of an extended slump, and Roman Turek continued his stellar goaltending with 23 saves as the Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-1 Saturday.

"Sixty five points would have been a good total," said Hitchcock. "So we're excited as heck to have 80. This is as high as we could get, especially with all the key injuries we've had."

The Stars are 8-2-0 over their last 10 games to strengthen their grip on the top spot in the Western Conference. Their 36-13-8 record is the best in the NHL.

"This is a good game for the team to go into the break on a positive note," said Verbeek, who has three goals in his last two games after scoring twice in the previous 20. "This will give us confidence that when we come back, we'll be ready to go back to work."

Meanwhile, Turek, Dallas' backup, has allowed one goal or less in seven of his last eight games while improving his record to 9-5-0. Turek has started four of the last five games while the Stars give No. 1 goalie Ed Belfour time to rest his ailing back.

Turek, a 27-year-old native of the Czech Republic, is being groomed as Dallas' goaltender of the future while Belfour takes care of the present. Belfour has a 26-8-8 record, 1.93 goals-against average, and has already set the club record for shutouts in a season with seven.

"He's a solid goaltender," Hitchcock said of Turek. "Eddie's not going to play forever. He (Turek) makes the saves when they need to be made. It's a nice situation for us having two goalies playing so well."

Michal Sykora scored the only goal for the Blackhawks, 1-4-0 in their last five games.

Terry Labonte really wants to win this race

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — With two Winston Cup championships, 19 career victories and earnings approaching $17 million, Terry Labonte has left very little on the table.

So, why is this 41-year-old Texan still so hungry?

There's an entree known as the Daytona 500, the tastiest of all meals ever created for stock car racers. Labonte has smelled the aroma for all of his adult life, but never taken a bite.

"Sure, it's great to finish that well on a tough track like Daytona," said Labonte, who qualified second to his brother, Bobby, Saturday for the $7 million season-opener next Sunday at Daytona International Speedway.

Labonte has finished second in the last three races on the 2 1/2-mile superspeedway — including both events last year. He has three career seconds in the Daytona 500.

"When you're that close that often, it makes you want to win that much more," Labonte said.

But Labonte doesn't speak in specifics of the race, as memorable as a trip to the winner's circle would be. He treats it as the first of 33 steps he hopes to climb this year.

"We're focused on a fourth straight championship for Hendrick Motorsports, and we need a real strong effort at Daytona to get started on the road toward meeting that goal."

Unless he gets an unpleasant surprise, he should leave here in good shape to challenge teammate Jeff Gordon. Labonte, whose second series championship was sandwiched by those Gordon won in 1995 and 1997, is in his element.

Labonte is the only driver with top-10 finishes in each of the last four restrictor-plate races. Last year in those events — in which a plate on the carburetor slows the cars at Daytona and Talladega, Ala. — Labonte ran 2-6-2-1, with the victory coming in October at Talladega.

Daytona Notes

LOOK OUT: Mark Martin was "so excited" by his qualifying run for the Daytona 500 that "I forgot to stop" — until it was almost too late. After completing his two timed laps at Daytona International Speedway, Martin sped along pit road and nearly hit cars still lined up to make their runs.

"... The radio didn't have an antenna on it, so I couldn't hear what they were saying until I got around here," Martin said, adding that he was delighted by a run at 188.557 mph that placed him 28th on the grid for one of two qualifying races Thursday. "I was positive we were going to be 40th.

"There was some mistake. I swear, I'm restrictor-plate illiterate."

JUST 1 OF 33: The story of Dale Earnhardt at Daytona International Speedway is perhaps the most repeated in the modern era of stock car racing. The seven-time Winston Cup champion has a record 29 victories on the 2 1/2-mile superspeedway, but none in the Daytona 500.

Next Sunday, he will try for the 20th time to remedy that wrong of the road. Win or lose, he promises to forget it in a hurry.

"The season begins at Daytona," the 46-old-driver said. "It doesn't end there."

Earnhardt concedes the importance of Daytona, the premier stock car race in the world. He, like virtually every driver, spends most of his preseason testing at the track. But there's much more.

"When we leave here after the race on Sunday, we have 32 more ..." Earnhardt said.

PARK, A ROOKIE OF SORTS: The record book lists Steve Park as a rookie on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit, but no one should think he's inexperienced at Daytona International Speedway.

Sure, the Daytona 500 will be his first Winston Cup race at the 2 1/2-mile oval, but Park says he is quite conversant with its high banks and long, flat straightaways. He's driven it often, the same way any race fan would.

"It's almost like time behind the wheel," Park said, alluding to NASCAR II, the video game he has played to familiarize himself with the track.

WHEN IT COUNTS: Defending champion Andy Hillenburg will try to win the 200-mile ARCA race Sunday at Daytona International Speedway. By doing so, he would become the first driver ever to repeat.

"That would be a great thing to do," said Hillenburg, who pays his bills by operating the Charlotte, N.C.-based Fast Track driving school. "We're looking at making a bit of history."

THE PITCHMAN: Some people claim Darrell Waltrip — despite being the biggest winner among active NASCAR drivers with 84 victories — has lost his fast ball.

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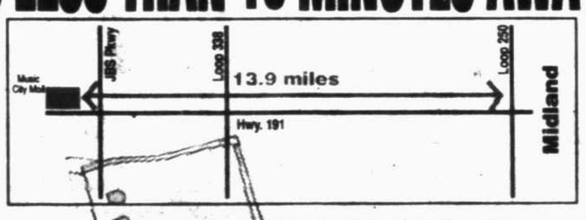
Waltrip was asked to assess his run Saturday in qualifying for the Daytona 500 of next Sunday.

He did just that — briefly — then quickly switched to an infomercial for his new sponsor, Builders Square.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Booster Club's fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field. All Lee alumni are welcome to come and play. Lunch will be served by the Lee Booster Club at noon. There will also be a Meet the Rebels Day Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Lee High Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Tickets for hot dogs and apple pie will be available at the door. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to sign up to play or to get information...

The **Midland Lee Baseball Booster club** will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library....

The **Lee Softball Booster Club** will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** is meeting Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A. The public is invited to attend...

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library...

Lee High Soccer Booster Club meets at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 in the school library...

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is $39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499...

Masters Golf will offer a **Valentine's Day Special: Beginning golf lessons for couples**. The cost is $59 a couple and the times are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lessons are available to the first four paid couples. Call 570-4499 for more information and to sign up...

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a 27-hole **2-Person tournament** Feb. 21. Nine holes will be a scramble, nine a low ball and nine an alternate shot format. Play begins at 10 a.m. and players form own teams. All players must have established USGA handicap. Entry deadline is Feb. 18 by 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program** is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

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COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn ri swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normall assists of eight thirty minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

Volleyball...

Registration for **YMCA youth volleyball** for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

Basketball...

The **Boys & Girls Club** of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A $15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Halff Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit. 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions...

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the **SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament** on March 21. The entry fee is $80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833...

Soccer...

The **Third Annual Sooner Soccer Shootout** will be held on Feb. 13-15 for boys and girls basketball teams in grades 3-10 in Midwest City, Okla. Team from several Midwestern states have already registered to play and those who are interested must call Gary Vick at (405) 722-4518 as soon as possible...

The **Force United** (girls U-11) **Soccer Club** will hold tryouts Feb. 20-21 to fill openings on the team. Team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. If interested call Kelly Hunter at 367-1142...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

The **Midland Softball Association Spring Organizational Meeting** will be held on Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn. Entry Fee for the 12-game season will be $250 and games will begin April 6. Call the Midland Softball Association at 683-8741 for information...

Signups for the Midland United Girls Softball's Spring Season will take place at Midland Park Mall on Feb. 7-8 and Feb. 14-15. All Saturday signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Sunday signups will last from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The last chance to signup for the MUGS spring season will be Feb. 23-26 at the MUGS Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Robin Askew at 686-7025...

The **West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team** is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018...

Baseball...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** will hold signups on Feb. 14 for all area players. The signup includes T-Ball (ages 5-6), M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports for late signup through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please, do not call Crestview Baptist Church...

The **Midland Challenger Little League Division**, for ages 6-18 with physical or mental disabilities, begins play March 31 at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field, off Loop 250 behind Putt-Putt Golf. Players are assisted by buddies. Buddies can receive community service hours. The league needs buddies and coaches. Call 697-6536 if interested. Players may register at the Crestview Baptist Church Activities Building on Feb. 14...

Football...

Quanah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quanah High School at 940-663-2791...

Tennis...

The **USTA Adult Leagues** for men, women and mixed doubles and seniors play starts in April. Captains meetings are on Feb. 16-19. For more information, call coordinators Juanell Fort at 686-0277 and Lance Armstrong 687-4046...

Mike Carter and Kevin O'Shea from TTA will be conducting an inservice on the different USTA/TTA programs designed to help introduce the game of tennis to beginner players of all ages. Tennis pros, tennis coaches, P.E. coaches, volunteers can pick or choose the inservice of interest. Please RSVP by Feb. 18. You may call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360. Scheduled: 2-3:30 p.m., "Scoop it up" and levels 1,2 & 3; 3:30-5 p.m., clinicians training for school assemblies. The inservice meetings will be held at the Kimber-Lea Swim Club and Tennis Club..

Beginner tennis classes at $4 an hour for grades (k-3rd), (4th-6th), (7th & up) from Monday through Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6- 7 p.m. Fridays will be "Scoop It Up play day" from 4-6 p.m. Sessions will be held Feb 23-April 10 and deadline to register Feb. 17. For more information call 689-2237 or 683-5360 and ask for Luis Valdez at Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club...

Miscellaneous...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program** is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The **Midland Women's Bowling Association** is holding its 43rd annual City Tournament Feb. 7-8 and 14-15. The team event is Feb. 7 and 14 at 9 a.m., noon amd 3 p.m. at AMF Midland Park Lanes. The doubles and singles event is Feb. 8 and 15 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Cactus lanes. Multiple entries for the team event are allowed. Entry fee is $12.50 per event with a deadline of midnight Jan. 31. Entry forms are available at Midland Park and Cactus Lanes...

The **"I Luv to Run" Fun Run** held by the Permian Basin Road Runners Club is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. starting at Chaparral Center. Registration will be from 1-1:45. There will be a three-mile race and a one-mile race for kids. The cost will be $2 for kids, $3 for PBRRC members and $5 for non-members. For more information, call Jerry Dutchover at 520-6188 or Al Steel at 550-9063...

The **Midland Colts Semi-Pro** football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** will be meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) building. Program at 7:30 p.m. by David Ham of Peyton's Bikes who will show the newest bikes, components and accessories. On Feb. 22 at 2 p.m., the Permian Basin Bicycle Association will have its Friendship Ride. Meet at Scharbauer Elementary School at teh Grasslands in Midland. Plan on a 1.5 hour. For more information call 699-1718 or 697-5533.

Darkness halts Buick's third round with four tied for lead

Associated Press

■ **Golf Roundup**

SAN DIEGO — This time it wasn't rain that stopped the Buick Invitational. It was darkness. For the sixth time in its last eight attempts, the PGA Tour was unable to start and finish a round of golf on the same day.

And when darkness finally fell on Torrey Pines on Saturday with the third round still unfinished, Steve Pate, Kevin Sutherland, Scott Simpson and Bob Tway were tied for the lead at 11-under-par.

They will try again Sunday to finish the suspended round and get in the final round. But even as darkness lowered on the course, storm clouds were rolling in off the Pacific Ocean and the threat of another El Nino storm loomed.

Simpson will pick up play with only three holes left in the third round. Tway will go back out to the 10th hole, Pate and Sutherland will resume at No. 9.

Six players, including Davis Love III, were one stroke off the lead and another five were at 9 under par, including Tiger Woods. Woods has six holes left to play in the third round.

If a storm does roll in on Sunday and the tournament is shortened to 54 holes — the minimum required for it to be an official tournament — Simpson would be in the best shape since he would have the fewest holes to play in the wind and rain.

"I'm looking forward to tomorrow," said Simpson, who was 7 under par through 15 holes of the third round. "I'm coming off my worst year ever and I'm really excited. Hopefully we will get in 72 holes. But it doesn't look good."

In a desperate effort to get the tournament in and avoid a second consecutive week with no winner, play was to resume at 8:15 a.m. Sunday with the final round starting at 9 a.m. without waiting for everyone to finish the third round to regroup the players by score as is usually done.

The idea is to give as much daylight as possible in anticipation of rain delays.

Weather was never a problem on Saturday. It was just that not enough holes were played on Friday.

Pate birdied three of his final five holes and finished the rain-delayed second round under sunny skies to take the midway lead in the at 12-under-par 132.

Skip Kendall, who birdied three of his final four holes, was two strokes back at 10-under 134, with Love, Tom Kite, Tway, Robert Damron, Sutherland and Jeff Sanday at 135 starting the third round.

Pate and Kendall both climbed the leaderboard by taking advantage of the easier North Course at Torrey Pines in the second round, Pate shooting a 65 and Kendall a 63.

Love, who was on the South Course, began the resumed round tied for the lead with Kite at 9 under and quickly made a birdie when he hit a driver and wedge to 4 feet on No. 10 — his first hole of the day.

But a balky driver betrayed him coming in as he missed his last three fairways and finished with a bogey when he hit into the pond in front of No. 18 from the left rough.

Albus leads Senior LG by four

NAPLES, Fla. — Jim Albus, trying to win his first title since 1995, shot a 2-under-par 70 Saturday and took a four-stroke lead over Raymond Floyd after two rounds of the Senior LG Championship.

As cold, cutting winds blew across Bay Colony Golf Club in gusts of more than 30 mph, only 14 players were able to break par while 55 were over par — eight of them in the 80s.

Albus six times saved par on his way to a round without a bogey. It gave him a 36-hole total of 7-under 137.

Floyd shot a 69 and is at 141. Five shots back at 2-under are Gil Morgan, who shot a 73, and Frank Conner, who had a 70.

After two years of pain following surgery in 1995 to relieve a nerve blockage in his neck, and then a broken ankle last year, Albus goes into Sunday's final round with a chance to win his first title since the 1995 Dominion Seniors in San Antonio.

Els regains lead in South Africa Open

DURBAN, South Africa — Ernie Els regained the lead from fellow South African David Frost in the South African Open on Saturday by shooting a 4-under-par 68.

Els, who is seeking his third title in this tournament, has a 54-hole total of 204 and a one-stroke edge on Frost.

Frost started the day with a two-stroke lead, and it quickly went to three when Els three-putted the first hole. But that was his only bogey of the day. Frost went on to shoot a 71 as the temperature soared into the mid 90s.

Norman moves to within one shot of Olazabal

SYDNEY, Australia — Greg Norman broke the course record with an 8-under-par 64 on Saturday to close to within one stroke of the leader, Jose Maria Olazabal, after three rounds of the Greg Norman International.

Norman was seven shots behind the Spanish golfer when the round began.

Olazabal shot a 2-under-par 70 and finished the 54 holes at 204, 12 strokes under par.

Norman had six birdies and an eagle in Saturday's round. The tournament's host broke the course record of 65 on the 18th hole where he rolled in a 13-foot putt.

The round came after Norman had slumped to a 73 Friday when his concentration was affected by questions from reporters about President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Clinton's visit to Norman's home in Florida last year prompted the questions.

"I was focused after yesterday's debacle because I knew that was the reason I finished as poorly as I did," Norman said of his play Saturday.

Davenport must face Hingis in final

TOKYO (AP) — Lindsay Davenport can't believe how well Martina Hingis is playing.

On Sunday, she'll try and stop the surging Hingis in both the singles and doubles finals of the Toray Pan Pacific Open.

The two advanced to the singles final with semifinal victories Saturday, the top-ranked Hingis beating Iva Majoli of Croatia 6-0, 6-2, the second-ranked Davenport defeating Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-2, 6-1.

"She has played fabulous tennis this week," Davenport said of Hingis, the Australian Open champion. "It's especially impressive coming off such a big win in Australia. But we had some close matches in the past."

In the November 1997 Advanta Championships final, Hingis beat Davenport 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

"But it's tough," Davenport said. "She's the best player in the world right now. She moves very well, puts the ball very deep.

"I think the chance that I have to win is to attack her on the second serve and not let her toy with me."

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Silver Charm, Gentlemen set up showdown

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Silver Charm and Gentlemen both dominated their races Saturday, setting up a showdown in the Santa Anita Handicap and creating a dilemma for jockey Gary Stevens.

Stevens rode Gentlemen to a six-length victory in the $300,000 San Antonio Handicap, then came back two races later to pilot Silver Charm, the 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness champion, to a four-length win in the $500,000 Strub Stakes.

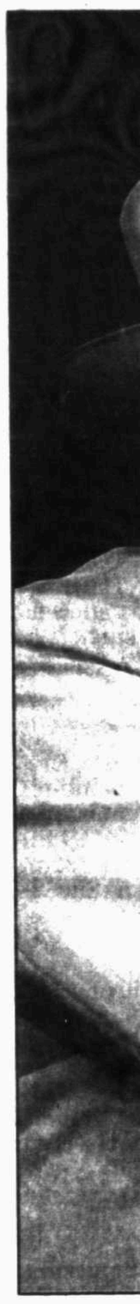
Sometime before the $1 million Santa Anita Handicap on March 7, Stevens will have to choose which of the outstanding runners he will ride in the 1 1/4-mile race.

Asked after his victory aboard Silver Charm if the two impressive wins made his decision more difficult, Stevens said, "Oh, yeah.

"But I want to enjoy this day. It's a very special moment right now."

As he had with Gentlemen in the San Antonio race, Stevens kept Silver Charm running easily, within close striking distance of the lead, in the early going of the Strub Stakes. Silver Charm began moving on pacesetter Mud Route heading into the final turn, then burst away at the top of the stretch and was gliding at the finish of the race for 4-year-olds.

Mud Route held on for second, with Bagshot another two lengths back in third in the field of six.



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'Guys and Dolls'



AT TOP: From left, Skeet Doss, Bill Schammel and Gary Simmons. AT LEFT: The Hot Box Dancers, from left: Anne Steinhauer, Desiree Carvajal, Michelle Hill, Samantha Talley-Anderson, Erin Aitchison, Rebecca Simmons and Dana Boes. IN TEXT: Angelo Gomez and Samantha Talley-Anderson. BELOW: From left, Kathy Armstrong, Stan Hicks, Wendy Linde and Bill Shaner.

The "Guys and Dolls" of Midland Community Theatre call on Lady Luck this month during the theater's run of the popular musical.



"It's my favorite musical of all time," said director Tim Jebsen. "I think it has the best combination of great music, good characters and funny dialogue."

The period between 1940 and 1968 has been called a golden age of musical comedy. Shows featured large casts, multiple sets, sizable choruses, lavish dance sequences, tuneful songs and easily understood plots.

First produced in 1950, "Guys and Dolls" is set against the backdrop of New York City in post-World War II America. The Damon Runyon story interweaves tales of love through the lives of gangsters, dancers from the Hot Box Club and members of the Save-a-Soul Mission.

"Basically, it's about two couples who can't figure out how to get together," Jebsen said. "So at the end of the musical, we see those two couples have finally resolved their differences and gotten back together. It doesn't necessarily give us any great insight into the world of romance, but it's fun to watch."

As the couples struggle to come to a resolution, the audience is entertained by such musical numbers by Frank Loesser as "Luck be a Lady," "More I Cannot Wish You," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," "A Bushel and A Peck" and "Take Back Your Mink."

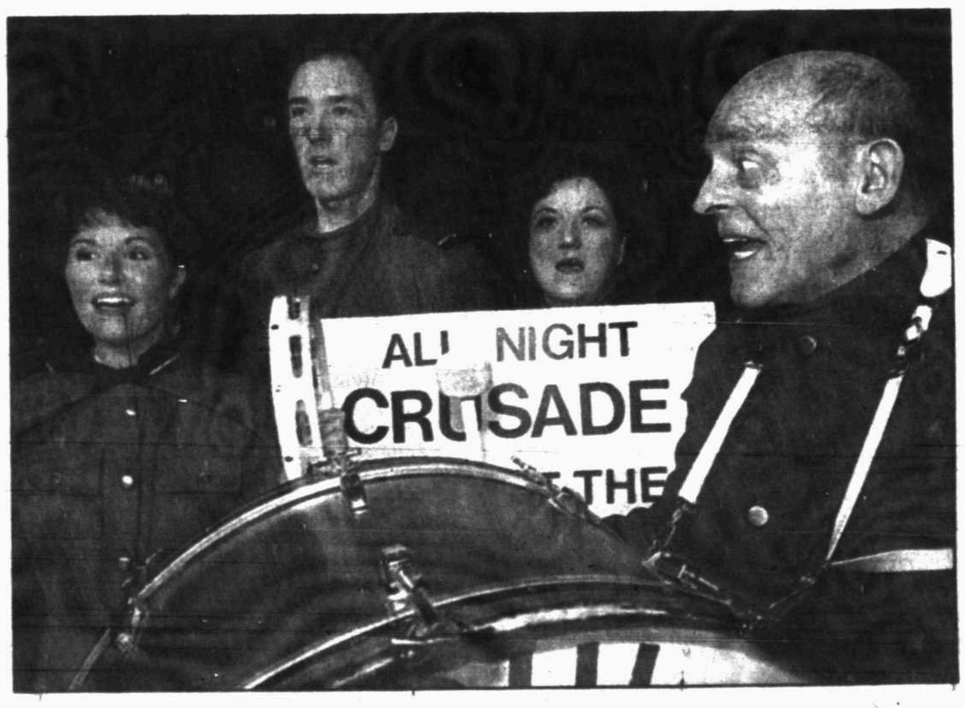
"The whole story weaves together perfectly," Jebsen said.

"It's just the right length, the audience gets a good chance to get to know the characters, and it has a really nice, happy ending that I think audiences really appreciate without being too Disney, too convenient."

Audiences can expect to see some new faces in MCT's opening musical of the 1998 season.

"I think what's really exciting about our production is that we have a lot of new people on our

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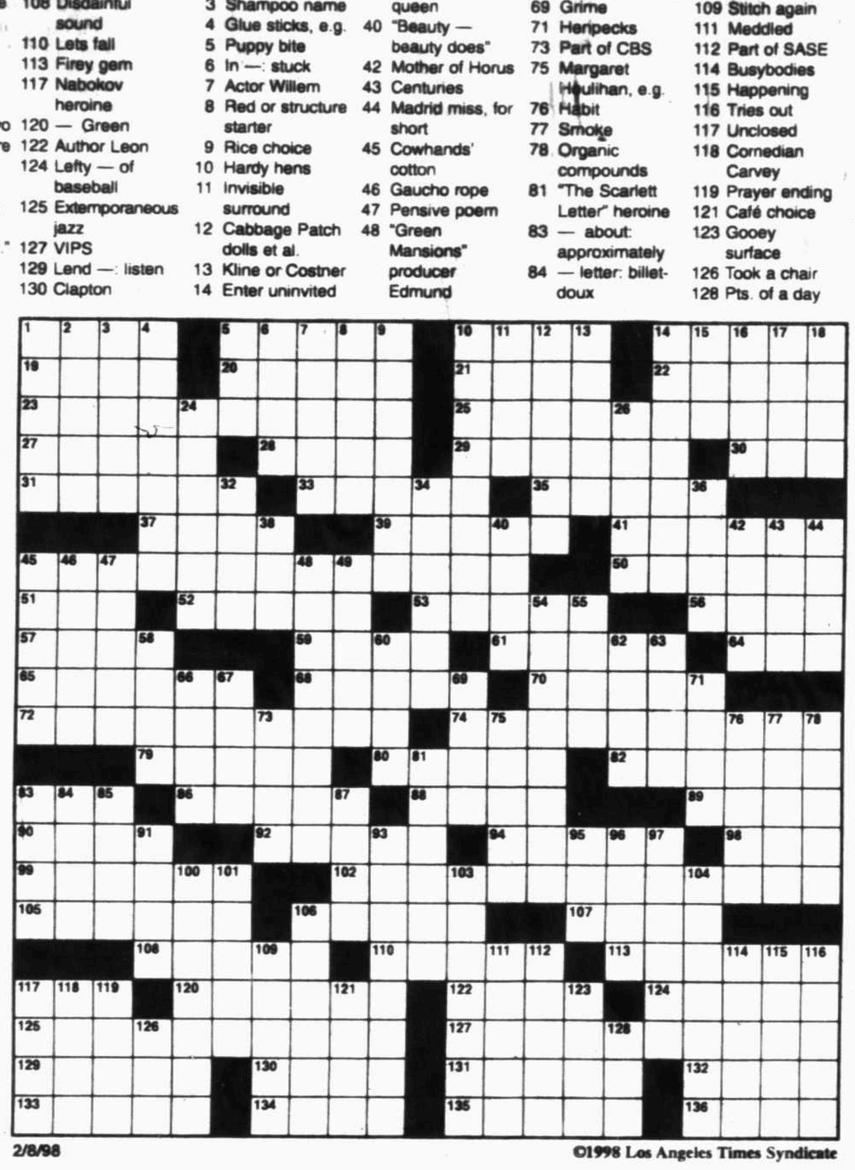
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"ON TOP OF THINGS"
By SHIRLEY SOLOWAY

ACROSS
1 Baby seats
5 Lowest point
10 Be short of
14 Swedish actress Stevens
19 Folklore villain
20 Middle East native
21 River of France
22 Nary a soul
23 Ineffectual people
25 Easy money source
27 Pronto, in Provo
28 Corrida creature
29 More misty
30 34th president
31 Moon goddess
33 "... his wife could — lean ..."
35 Follow
37 Annoy
39 Garr's namesakes
41 Murphy et al.
45 Robes
50 Responsive device
51 Moray
52 Stiller's spouse
53 Rulers before 1917
56 "— Misbehavin'"
57 Scottish refusals
59 A Guthrie
61 Daytime fare
64 Retirees' org.
65 "That's the way —."
68 "... — out the Eagle ... pop goes the weasel."
70 K.T. of country music
72 Minnesota health facility
74 Having one too many
79 Taking to court
80 Garden greenery
82 Eats with relish
83 "Hellzapoppin'" Olsen
86 Watched secretly
88 Raison d'—
89 Palm tree product
90 PBS program
92 Support
94 — the day: carpe diem
98 Female, informally
99 Carry too far
102 Clumsy type
105 Go over again
106 Many-time Emmy winner Ed
107 Swensen of "Benson"
108 Disdainful sound
110 Lets fall
113 Firey gem
117 Nabokov heroine
120 — Green
122 Author Leon
124 Lefty — of baseball
125 Extemporaneous jazz
127 VIPS
129 Lend —: listen
130 Clapton
131 Monkey's cousin
132 Camping cover
133 Carries on
134 "The Way We —"
135 Holland exports
136 Concordes

DOWN
1 Bays by the braes
2 Go along with
3 Shampoo name
4 Glue sticks, e.g.
5 Puppy bite
6 In —: stuck
7 Actor Willem
8 Red or structure starter
9 Rice choice
10 Hardy hens
11 Invisible surround
12 Cabbage Patch dolls et al.
13 Kline or Costner
14 Enter uninvited
15 Neither's partner
16 Incite
17 Author Bagnold
18 Director Clair
24 Single-minded viewpoint?
26 Affirmatives
32 Adams of stage and screen
34 Sir Isaac
36 Best or Ferber
38 A Spanish queen
40 "Beauty — beauty does"
42 Mother of Horus
43 Centuries
44 Madrid miss, for short
45 Cowhands' cotton
46 Gaucho rope
47 Pensive poem
48 "Green Mansions" producer Edmund
49 French menu adjective
54 Soft drink
55 Obi
58 N. American canals
60 Varnishes
62 Argued in court
63 "Most definitely, señor"
66 French coins of old
67 Freudian mishap
69 Grime
71 Heripecks
73 Part of CBS
75 Margaret Houlihan, e.g.
76 Habit
77 Smoke
78 Organic compounds
81 "The Scarlett Letter" heroine
83 — about: approximately
84 — letter: billet-doux
85 Always
87 Voiceovers
91 AKA Mars
93 A Redford role
95 "— Ruled the World"
96 Satirize
97 Hire
100 Perils
101 Bouquets
103 Woe
104 Attics
106 Clothing
109 Stitch again
111 Meddled
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114 Busybodies
115 Happening
116 Tries out
117 Unclosed
118 Comedian Carvey
119 Prayer ending
121 Café choice
123 Gooey surface
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128 Pts. of a day



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure is intense to perform and change directions. How you decide to deal with a family matter could be different today from in the near future. Don't give in to impulse. Your ability to understand and work with others is heightened. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are personality-plus. Questioning your choices and directions could be depressing. Simply choose to enjoy those around you. Make plans for a nibble and visit with a dear friend this afternoon. You can see events in another light. Tonight: Yap up a storm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ A friend disappoints you in a big way. Listen to feedback, and think through decisions more carefully. Your opinion is valued, though another has an odd way of showing appreciation. Get together with a special friend. Tonight: Do what you do best — socialize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ An authority figure comes down on you. Experiment, and stay open to feedback. Your generosity of spirit and loving ways allow more openness in your life. Charm and creativity draw others. Make the most of your magic. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ There are times you would be well-advised to take a back seat; this is one of them. The frustration could be enormous when trying to deal with someone who is at a distance. Back off; you can't get him to change. You might want to indulge yourself. Tonight: Get some extra ZZZs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are playful, but your partner says, "Bah humbug." This, you decide, isn't any fun! But you're bent on having a good time; find friends. Your mirth is contagious. Energetic discussions with your pals are fun. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday night?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ That difficult partner is on the war path again! Who is surprised? Certainly not you. You feel pressured, but your sense of indulgence emerges. It's OK to take care of yourself. Good feelings can surround you, if you allow it. Tonight: Visit with a friend you respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Generally, you have your energy going for you, but now you feel exhausted. Let your mind do the work: Be an armchair traveler, watch TV and relax. Good times happen without you doing much. Express your caring through your attitude. Tonight: Don't push!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel cramped in the situation you are in. Think about what you want for the future. Visualize more of what you need. A discussion within a committed relationship makes you feel good. There is a true sense of indulgence. Tonight: Snuggle up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pressure is intense from a family member. You need to think, rather than react. You might have a tendency to indulge this person, to make him happy. Getting together with friends is a good idea. Be more upbeat, and flow with what is going on. Tonight: Smile away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Slow down, and think about a difficult discussion. Not everyone agrees with you, and they don't hesitate to let you know. Be more intuitive when dealing with others. Take time for yourself; you will find you enjoy your downtime. Relax. Tonight: Continue the day's theme.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You often get uptight about money and finances; this day is no exception. Examine what you want and expect from another. Your ingenuity, personality and affectionate style bring others toward you. Let fun happen, and push worry away. Tonight: Aren't we frisky?

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EACH TRICK IN ITS TIME

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 5
♡ J 6 4 3
◇ 5 4
♣ A 10 7 5 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 6
♡ A 10 9 8
◇ 2
♣ Q 9 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 3 2
♡ K Q 7
◇ K J 10 8 7
♣ K J 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 7 4
♡ 5 2
◇ A Q 9 6 3
♣ Void

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ◇	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
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Opening lead: Two of ◇.

The good book tells us there is a time for everything under sun. To take a trick before its time can be disastrous.

No textbook will tell you what to bid with the South hand after East opens the bidding with one diamond. South's decision to jump to four spades is certainly a practical solution to an annoying problem.

West led the deuce of diamonds. Declarer captured East's king with the ace and tried to cash the queen. Unfortunately, East ruffed and returned a trump, and declarer could not come to more than nine tricks. Try it for yourself.

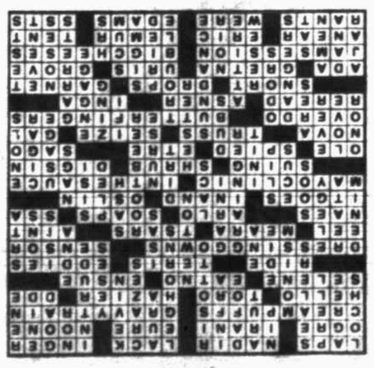
South's continuation of the queen of diamonds at trick two was naive at best. In light of East's opening bid, West's lead was more likely to be a singleton than from three to an honor, so playing the queen of diamonds was tantamount to giving up the ghost.

The winning play is not easy to spot. After taking the ace of diamonds, declarer must continue with a low diamond! The best the defense can do is for East to win and shift to a trump. Declarer wins in hand, ruffs a diamond with the ten of trumps and discards a diamond on the ace of clubs. A club ruff permits declarer to come to hand to draw trumps, and the queen of diamonds can then be cashed. Declarer collects six trump tricks, two diamonds and a diamond ruff and the ace of clubs — the 10 tricks contracted for.

Observe that the contract can be defeated. If West leads a trump, the defenders can thwart South from ruffing a diamond on the table, and nine tricks are all declarer can manage.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXPEDITION INDIA: through Mar 22

1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: As Blue As I Wanna Be, Mail Art Exhibit, includes pieces from around the world, through Feb 22, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION: A Visual Language, works by Sculptor James Tisdale, through Feb 15, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4500, Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Audubonís Texas Animals, through July 26, **EXHIBITION:** Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection and Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series featuring Jim Wagner, through Feb 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

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: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, **SUNDAY RIG TOURS:** tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: JOIE DE VIVRE, paintings by Santa Fe artist, Evelyne Boren, through Feb. 26, **EXHIBITION:** The Inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci, through February 8, 2-4pm Weekends Only, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, **ADVENTURE IN ART:** Classes for children in art appreciation, art history and creative studio art. 2:30-4:30 p.m., 4909 E. University, Odessa. Call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery, exhibit of paintings from WAVE, a Womenís art organization in Dallas/Ft. Worth, through Feb 22, UTPB Gallery, call 552-2806,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.

West Texas Jazz Society ANNUAL MEETING: featuring Rob Hunt, Robert LaCroix, Mark Lowe, Neal Goates, Ted Hale and special guests. 3 p.m., Jazz Restaurant, corner of Midland Drive and Neely, 563-1701 or 682-4283.

Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America: "AN AFTERNOON OF FASHION, STITCHING AND TEA WITH THE AMERICAN GIRLS," 2 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 699-6932 or 687-0320.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Junior Womenís Association LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: Midland Center, 688-0242.

9-19: **Midland Chamber of Commerce MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Midland Chamber, 109 N. Main, 683-3381.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Jo Beth Gilliam, WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION: Midland Palette Club, 9:30 a.m. 684-9162, 2 day workshop to follow, Free.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Artists Entries Due: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS: Postmark deadline for submission of slides and entry blank for the Arts Assemblyís annual festival May 15-17. Fine arts in all media accepted. PO Box 3494, Midland, TX. 79702; 915 687-1149, fax 687-1600, email artsmid@iglobal.net.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

American Heart Association: HEART BEAT'98: Annual fund-raiser, 8pm till midnight, Midland Hilton & Towers, call 520-7041, Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Parade of Hearts FASHION SHOW: Midland Hispanic Chamber Educational Development Foundation, 6:30 p.m., Midland Center, 682-2960.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494.

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PLAY: Musical comes to MCT stage

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stage," Jebsen said. "The actor playing Sky (Angelo Gomez) has never appeared in Midland before. About eight of the actors in this particular show are new to our stage, and I think that's exciting to us as a theater."

Production dates and times are Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 19, 20, 27, 28, March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 15 and March 22 at 2 p.m. Rated PG, the musical is co-produced by Wagner and Brown. For reservations call the box office, 682-4111, or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Guys and dolls include Kathy Armstrong as Sergeant Sarah Brown and Angelo Gomez, as Sky Masterson; Skeet Doss as Nathan Detroit; Samantha Talley-Anderson as Miss Adelaide, the featured performer at the Hot Box Club; Troy Pederson as Benny Southstreet; James Miller as Nicely-Nicely Johnson; Bill Shaner as Arvide; Gail Theobald as General Cartwright; Stan Hicks as Calvin; Wende Linde as Agatha; Erin Aitchison, Dana Boes, Desiree Carvajal, Michelle Hill, Rebecca Simmons and Anne Steinhauer as dancers at the Hot Box Club; Michael Chetty as Lt. Brannigan; Gary Simmons as Harry the Horse; Bill Schammel as Big Jule; John Briggs as Rusty Charlie; David Theobald as Angie the Ox; Fritz Anders, Patrick Chetty, Michael Fields, Wesley Gill, Joseph Millsap, Daniel Salcedo, Dan Sweet and Juan Villarreal as gamblers; and Diane Faulkner, Melissa Slawson, Carolyn Sutton, Alyse Weidmann and Karen Weidmann as townspeople and dancers.

Musically, "Guys and Dolls" is challenging, said Jebsen, noting that Michael Dunn is the musical director.

"We're lucky the people who are singing the most challenging songs have a background in music. Angelo was a voice major in college and Kathy Armstrong is vocally trained. They have the hardest songs in the show, and rise to the occasion."

Doss agreed. "We have a great cast," said the realtor for Langston who also works as an independent landman. "One of the best singing casts overall I have ever heard at MCT. It's unbelievable. And we've got a new costumer. She is wonderful. And a lot of new people. And that's pretty exciting, I think.

"There are so many people working backstage in the prop room, and, at night, the sewing room is full of volunteers. It' just fun.-Fun to watch."

Cost to present "Guys and Dolls" is "average for a musical," said Jebsen, who is excited about the costumes (Sharon Goetz), set (Paul Fiorella) and special effects (Eddie Taylor) planned by the MCT staff, which includes Greg Alexander, technical director.

The musical is well-written and thus "easier for us to do," Jebsen said. "It flows well. The songs come logically out of the action and dialogue and characters. You don' see songs plopped down in the middle of a scene. They are a logical extension of what the characters are feeling or thinking.

The musical offers a lighthearted evening of theater.

"It's not one of those deep, dark musicals," Jebsen said. "You come in. You tap your toes. You have a good time, and you leave the theater having had a good time. In my mind, that's why it's a great musical."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Confronting Texas, myths and all, with a camera

By Allen Myerson
N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Maybe the old, rural Texas was more picturesque. But the state's big-city maturity has distinctions of its own.

The 75 images in an exhibition titled "The Pictures of Texas Monthly: 25 Years," celebrating the magazine's 25th anniversary, demonstrate that for dozens of leading photographers in the state and the nation, the challenge of portraying this urbanity became an opportunity. They captured the state's present grittiness and glories while rethinking its mythic past. And the project provoked debates among these photographers over just what their artistic and journalistic obligations are.

The magazine's photographs, which went on display Jan. 29 at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, include several that reflect the images Texans love to project about themselves. Big hair? Got it. The rodeo? We're there.

More often, the photographers toy with the old Texas cliches. The founding of Texas Monthly, after all, furthered the state's growing self-consciousness.

The viewer goes to this show expecting to confront a county sheriff and indeed finds a fine specimen, in boots and hat. But in Kent Barker's portrait, Sheriff Rufe Jordan also has a lovingly groomed white poodle on his lap.

Ready to see Friday night high school football? Of course, but maybe not to see Geoff Winningham's muddy locker-room portrait of a losing player, a drained spirit, pulling off his jersey for the last time.

About that rodeo. Mary Ellen Mark saw more than bronco busters and calf ropers: she saw proud small-town youngsters, with ropes and chaps, trying out their John Wayne poses as they practiced their other skills. Her 16-page 1992 photo essay and cover on small-town rodeos, with so many angular, unbalanced pictures of spectators and sideshows, brought protests from readers who wanted more action shots.

These magazine photographs look at home by themselves, on a museum's wall, and that is not by accident. Texas Monthly and its art directors have made common cause with museum curators.

The show's curators are D.J. Stout, Texas Monthly's art director; Nancy McMillen, the associate director, and Anne Tucker, the curator who built the photography collection at Houston's Museum of Fine Arts. "Anne would see somebody's work and say, 'You've got to see this,' " Stout said before the Austin opening. "And I'd see a body of work and say, 'You've got to see Anne Tucker.' " Of the 54 photographers in the exhibition, 20 are also in her museum.

After closing in Austin on March 1, the show will travel around Texas — Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso — then to the National Arts Club in New York, from April 1 through April 30, 1999, and finally to Los Angeles.

The many photographers at the Austin opening agreed that the curators had chosen their most individual work. In a panel discussion, several of those photographers went too far for Stout's comfort in celebrating the freedom they enjoyed to follow their own instincts rather than merely illustrate the texts.

Usually, the stories are written first, then handed to the chosen photographers. And then? "About half the time, you don't have to read the story," said Keith Carter, one of the magazine's favored photographers. "It has nothing to do with what I'm going to do. Nothing."

Stout interjected, "Wait a minute, wait a minute," as the hundreds in the audience, mostly photographers or photography students, began chuckling. He glanced over at Ms. Mark for rescue, asking, "Mary Ellen, do you read the story?

"Well, I, ummm," she stammered. The laughter swelled before she recovered enough to agree, at Stout's prompting, that she wanted at least a general notion of what the story was about.

Ms. Mark, who lives in New York, is one of many out-of-towners in the show. Richard Avedon, Helmut Newton, Annie Leibovitz and William Wegman all get their say on Texas; from the look of things, some of Texas rubbed off on them. The subtext is that Texas, more than any other state, could and would support a statewide magazine with the ambition and cash to bring such celebrity photographers and their entourages in.

More often, the magazine has used photographers based in Texas, including several, like Carter and Geof Kern, whom Texas Monthly helped propel toward national standing, as it did many an editor and writer.

In the tradition of magazine covers everywhere that promise readers the 10, 20 or 100 best restaurants, plastic surgeons or mutual funds, the February issue of Texas Monthly boasts "Our 100 Best Photos." There, the pictures come with the yarns behind them, told in a few paragraphs often written by the original authors, including William Broyles, Nicholas Lemann and Lawrence Wright, who explains why he dislikes the picture he describes.

In the show, 75 selected photographs — about half black-and-white, half color — stand alone, the better for viewers to spot themes on their own. Gun possession is widespread and color blind, extending to a white retired Texas Ranger, a black radical militia member and a Hispanic Houstonian displaying his home-defense arsenal and his newborn son.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Play presented

Midland Community Theatre presents the musical "Guys and Dolls" Thursdays through Saturdays through March 22 at the Davis Theatre I.

Tickets are $14 Friday and Saturday and $12 Thursday and Sunday.

It is co-produced by Wagner and Brown.

For information and reservations call 682-4111.

Concert planned

The music of the Kelview Heights Baptist Church will be presenting a concert 6:30 p.m. today.

The concert will feature the church's musical groups, including a men's ensemble, a mixed ensemble, a ladies trio, a quartet, and the full choir as well as instrumental presentations.

Concert scheduled

Permian Basin Blues Society is to present recording artist Robert Ealey, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Freddy's Jazz and Blues Bar.

Tickets are $6 in advance and $7 at the door. Society members are free.

Artwork exhibited

Thirty-seven pieces of original artwork by Ginger Witte will be on exhibit at Cole Theatre during Midland Community Theatre's production of "Guys and Dolls."

Artwork can be viewed at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., during each performance and Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information call 687-0908.

Play planned

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., is to present "Bridge to Terabithia" 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Feb. 21-March 1.

Tickets are $5. For more information call (915) 362-2329.

Paintings displayed

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin is to present "Joie De Vivre," paintings by Santa Fe artist Evelyne Boren.

Ms. Boren's work will be on exhibit through Feb, 26.

Color photographs of Ms. Boren's work available upon request.

For more information call Beth Davidson at the museum: (915) 368-7222.

Band to perform

ODESSA — Lovers Lane Jazz Band from Dallas is to perform 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee St.

Meeting set

ODESSA —The Odessa Art Association is to meet 2:15 p.m. Feb. 15 at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Art Lab.

The featured artist will be Chris Stanley, from UTPB's 3D department. He will do a demonstration on ceramic pottery sculpture .

Those who attend should wear casual clothes.

For more information call 550-5856.

Meeting planned

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Poetry Society will meet from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St.

In observance of Black History Month a program about black American poets and their writings will be presented. Visitors are welcome to attend.

For additional information about the program or the poetry society call 520-4679.

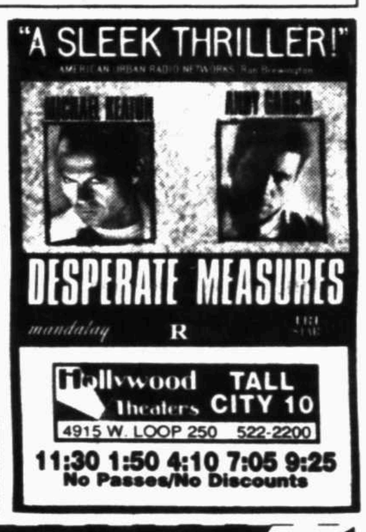
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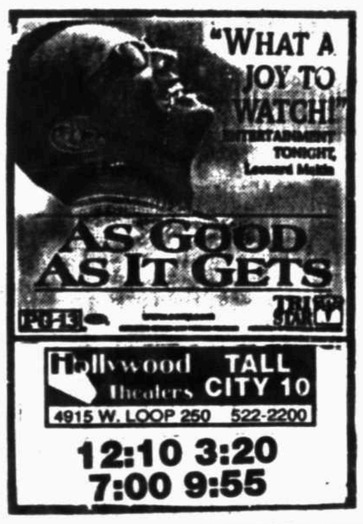
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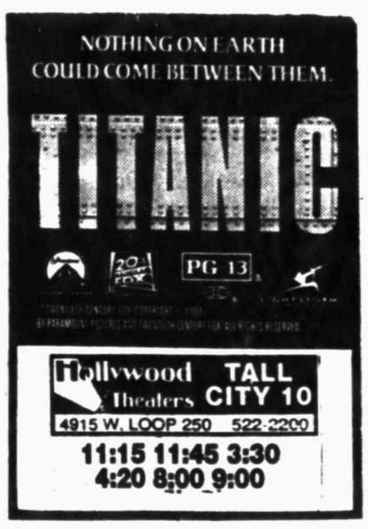
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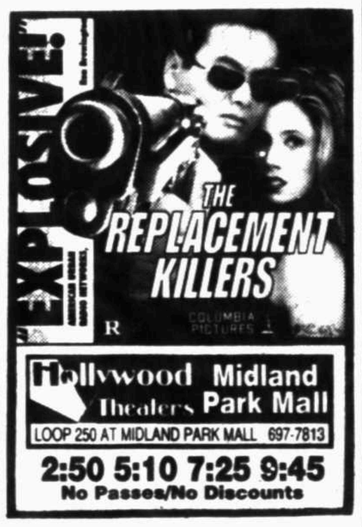


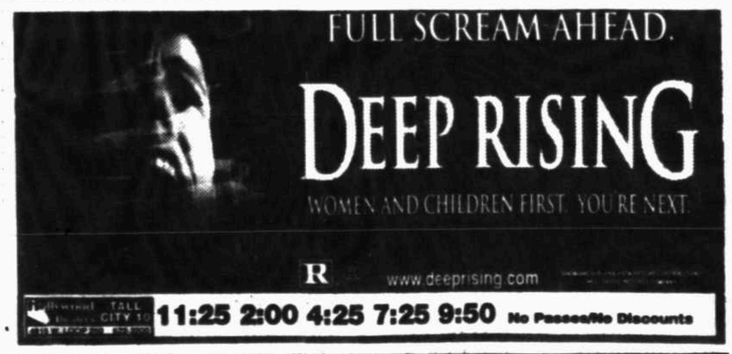








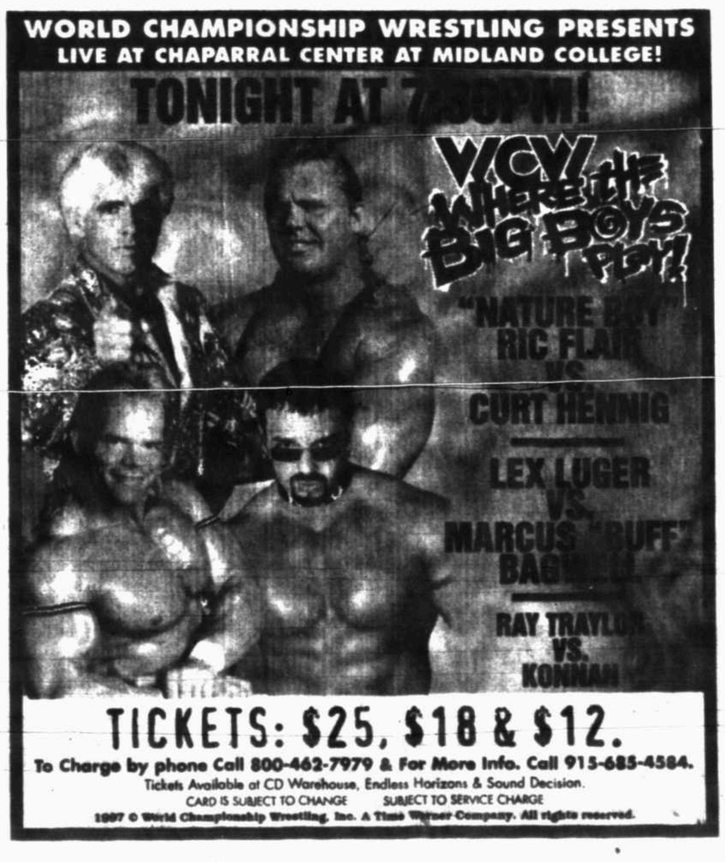












ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

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Poetry contest

The Poetry Society of Texas announces its annual poetry contest for students.

Entries must be received by April 1. There is no entry fee. Winners will receive engraved plaques, and their winning poems will be published in a book of Texas student award winners of 1998.

List of contest and complete rules and instructions for entering are available at the Midland County Library, the Midland College Learning Resource Center and in the lobby of Barnes and Noble.

Additional information about the student contest or the Poetry Society may be obtained by calling 520-4679.

Meeting planned

The Midland Arts Association is to meet 2 p.m. Feb. 15 a the Stables Gallery on the grounds of the Museum of the Southwest.

Immediately following the general meeting, Mary Wilbanks of Spring will demonstrate the texture-building process for her paintings.

Ms. Wilbanks is the recipient of the Governor's Award as the 1997 Texas Watercolor Exhibition. She is a teacher and a member of several art associations.

The demonstration and slide presentation is open to the public.

Concert planned

ODESSA — Greater Vision is to perform 7 p.m. Friday at Odessa College Auditorium.

Tickets, priced at $10 in advance, may be purchased at Family Bookstore in Midland and Odessa and Heavenly Treasures in Odessa.

For more information call 1-915-334-0400.

Painting exhibited

Merle Burleson Taylor is exhibiting a painting in Bank One for the month of February.

"The Clearing," a study in light and dark, was inspired by a trip to the state of Washington.

The artist is a member of The Palette Club and Midland Arts Association.

Symposium set

MARFA — Art and Architecture Symposium, a two-day symposium featuring leading artists and architects, is scheduled for April 25 and 26 in Marfa.

Lectures begin the morning of April 25 and will conclude by mid-afternoon April 26.

The registration fee is $80; students and Chinati Foundation members, $40. The fee includes admission to all lectures and panel discussions, open viewing of the Chinati Foundation collection, as well as a festive dinner April 25.

To register please send name and address, with check payable to the Chinati Foundation to: P.O. Box 1135 Marfa, Texas 79843.

Competition set

Professional artist Pat Moxley, a Janesville, Wisc., acrylic painter and sculptor, and her family, are announcing the eighth annual Gregory M. Moxley Commemorative Young Persons' National Art Competition in memory of her artist son who, at age 21, died as the result of an auto accident.

Young artists ages 14 to 21 who reside in the United States are eligible to enter up to four original works of art in all media. To enter, send slides or photographs, the entry form, and a $20 entry fee by April 15.

Entrants must have an official entry form. For a prospectus send a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Eighth Annual Gregory M. Moxley Art Competition, Pat Moxley Studio/Gallery, 203 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wisc. 53545.

For further information call Pat at 608-757-2999 or 608-752-0228.

City Focus

ALBANY —The Old Jail Art Center is to exhibit "City Focus: Abilene Artists" through March 22.

The City Focus exhibit is the first in a series to spotlight living artists of a particular community who have contributed to the culture and identity of that city through art. Twenty-two Abilene artists are participating.

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. There is no admission fee.

For more information call 915-762-2269.

Show presented

"A Texas Treasure" is to be at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. through Feb. 23.

Items as diverse as storyboards from the movie "Gone with the Wind," an original manuscript by Charlotte Bronte, plot wheels used by Erle Stanley Gardner in writing his Perry Mason mysteries, paintings by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera are included in the show.

The exhibit is from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center's broad holdings in 20th century literature. The center was established in 1957 at the University of Texas at Austin and is known for its collections of late 19th and early 20th century British, American and French literary materials, as well as for its collections of photography, music, film and theater arts.

Others items in the exhibit include a rehearsal script of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," John Steinbeck's original manuscript of "East of Eden" and the journal he wrote concurrently; and the original musical score for composer Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" of 1942.

The center has close to 30 million manuscripts, one million books, more than five million photographs, and more than 100,000 works of art.

Viewing hours at the Midland museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Midlander chosen

Midland photographer Sam Hurt has been chosen to exhibit in the 1998 Winter Works multimedia Fine Art Show in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The work will remain on exhibit through the end of February.

Wrestling set

World Championship Wrestling is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.today at Chaparral Center.

In the main event, 13-time World Heavyweight Champion "Nature Boy" Ric Flair takes on NWO member Curt Hennig.

Others include Lex Luger facing NWO member Marcus "Buff" Bagwell; Ray Traylor and Konnan; and in "Lucha Libra" tag-team action, Rey Mysterio Jr. and Juventud Guerrera challenge Psychosis and La Parka.

Also in action, Chris Jericho faces Eddie Gurrero; Ernest Miller tackles Mortis; and Harlem Heat meet up with Steve Regal and Dave Taylor.

Tickets, priced at $25, $18 and $12 (service charge may apply), are on sale at CD Warehouse, Endless Horizons and Sound Decision.

For more information call 1-915-685-4584 or to charge tickets by telephone call 1-800-462-7979.

Workshop planned

Midland Arts Association is hosting a workshop March 6-8 featuring Jack Hines and Jessica Zemsky.

Working together, the artists will have three day sessions and two evening sessions of presentations and paint-a-long. The workshops will cover life drawing, laws of light and figure painting.

The deadline to register is Friday. Cost is $175.

For more information call Marie Marinovich, 699-7136.

Work exhibited

Jim Wagner's paintings, hand painted and carved furniture, and wooden sculptures are on exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Feb. 22 as the first of a six part Contemporary Artists Series 1998, Eclectic Visions being shown in the Here and Now Gallery.

His major subject is the landscape of Taos, its adobes, culture mix, animals and people.

For more information call the museum, 683-2882.

Contest scheduled

Entry deadline for the 1998 Writing Contest: Short Stories for Children is May 1. The Kassi Crites Award for writing children's stories is divided into two divisions: adult and children.

This third annual contest is sponsored by the West Texas Storytelling Guild, a non-profit organization. The award program will be presented in October in a Reader's Theater by members of the Storytelling Guild and celebrity guests.

For more information call 699-7820.

Exhibit remains

ODESSA — "Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery" remains in the Art Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin through Feb. 22.

Participating artists include Terri Cummings, Melba Northum and Elise Ridenour. The exhibit of works by WAVE, a professional artists forum in Texas, examines the use and practice of marking, erasing, and (re) covering of symbols and text as related to topics of identity, time, history, memory and myth.

Palimpsest is a material that has been inscribed several times often with remnants of earlier, imperfectly erased marks still visible. The works utilize a variety of media including painting, fibers, printmaking, clay, photography, installation and book arts.

The exhibition is sponsored by the UTPB Program Board and he Odessa Cultural Council. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 552-2806 or 552-2286.

Heartbeat planned

The 12th annual Heartbeat is set for Feb. 21 in the Midland Hilton ballroom, downtown, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The evening's theme will be "Heart Rock Cafe" and the dress will be casual. "Heart Beat '98" festivities include a buffet dinner, cocktails, dancing to the sounds of The Project band, a silent auction and a benefit art show by Midland Gallery.

Tickets can be purchased through the Permian Basin American Heart Association, 520-7041.

The benefit art trunk showing, sponsored by Midland Gallery and the American Heart Association, will be open to the public 2 to 6 p.m.

The art show will be open to Heart Beat party goers from 8 p.m. to midnight. All art is available for sale and a percentage of those sales benefit the AHA.

Works displayed

"Works by Warhol: From the Cochran Collection," an exhibition of silk screen prints by the late Prince of Pop, Andy Warhol, remain on display through Feb. 22 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The Cochran Collection includes a wide sampling of Warhol prints dating from 1974 through the last series of 1986.

Brown Bag discussions are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition. Given by Danny Holeva, the museum's curator of collections and exhibitions, they are scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 11 at the Thomas Gallery. They are open to the public.

Viewing 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.

Paintings displayed

Works by Eleanor Robertson are on display at the Woman's Club through February.

Some of her paintings also hang at Antiques Etc, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and in an art gallery in Ruidoso.

Arts, crafts taught

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will be teaching needle arts and crafts for children today.

Registration must be made by Jan. 31 and cost $25 per mother/daughter pair. Class sizes are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

"An Afternoon of Fashion and Stitching with the American Girls" is a mother/daughter tea and series of doll classes designed to teach children simple, age appropriate needle arts/crafts projects relating to the American Girl Dolls and their books.

There will also be a luncheon, fashion show and mini market place.

For more information call 687-0320.

Entries accepted

The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting artist booth entries for the 15th annual Celebration of the Arts May 15-17.

Seventy artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center or outside booths by request.

For information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.

Presentation set

KERRVILLE — The Cowboy Artists of America Museum, 1550 Bandera Highway, will present "Edward Borein — the Artist's Life and Works" Feb. 16 though April 20.

Borein has been called the "California cowboy artist," the "vaquero artist" and "the last of the longhorn artists." Born in San Leandro, Calif., in 1872, Borein had early artistic inclinations and frequently chose as his subject cowboys, Hispanic vaqueros and horses.

Beginning in 1893, he began working ranches up and down the California coast and became an able hand at riding, roping, saddle making and lasso-braiding. Those early experiences provided the foundation for his art, which accurately recounts the realities of cowboy life at the turn-of-the century.

The exhibit features over 30 of Borein's pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors and etchings and is on loan from the Rockwell Museum, New York. For more information call 1-830-896-2553.

Exhibit displayed

An exhibit depicting life in Dongying, China, and the surrounding area is on display at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

The exhibit, which will remain through the winter, is in the west wing. It consists of 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy.

"It shows everyday life in Dongying, the Shengli oil fields, the Yellow River, farming, schools and physical activities," said Jane Phares, executive director. "It also includes some Chinese opera masks."

For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Art classes held

ODESSA — "Adventures in Art" classes dealing with art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Deadline for registration is Friday before each Sunday class. The program is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts, Shell Oil Company Foundation, Marathon Oil Company, Phillips Petroleum Company and Mobil Oil Foundation.

For more information call Annie Stanley, education coordinator, 1-915-368-7222.

Mail art exhibited

A Mail Art Exhibition entitled "As Blue as I Wanna Be" is on display through Feb. 22 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Art work includes pieces from around the world depicting the artist's vision of "whatever blue" meant to them. Art work that can be mailed can be considered as "mail art."

The show features sizes ranging from postcards to large wall hangings and includes mixed media, rubber stamping, drawing, painting and more.

Mail Art was originated by artists exchanges through the mail and now extends to the Internet. Many times a "mail art piece" will travel from artist to artist with each adding their own art and then returning the work to the originator.

Gallery 114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Exhibit hosted

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting the exhibition, "Partners Across America: Girl Scouts & First Ladies."

Also on display at the facility is a portrait of President Clinton and a miniature of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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Galveston Island's Mardi Gras parade, left, is one of several colorful parades that will be featured during the island's 12-day celebration Feb. 13-24. Bleacher tickets are $15. The Momus Grand Night Parade Feb. 21 will salute the Roaring Twenties. Mariachis, above, are becoming a more familiar sight at various events along the River Walk in San Antonio. Sundance Square, below, in Fort Worth, lights up the night sky in April during the city's four-day, outdoor arts and music extravaganza. Various entertainers will be featured in the spring and summer in the downtown entertainment complex.



Photo courtesy of Sundance Square Downtown Entertainment District

New Texas Sights



By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

Spring is just around the corner and Texans can hit the highways to take in new some new sights in the Lone Star State. Motorists can also add a touch of color to the highways with a new license plate, depicting a scene from Big Bend.

Even though severe winter weather has not left other parts of the country, West Texans have escaped thus far with a relatively mild winter.

On Monday, in Punxsutawney, Pa., a lowly groundhog predicted there would be six more weeks of winter. For those itching for spring, take heart, the groundhog has predicted more winter 100 times in 112 years with only a 59 percent accuracy rate (since 1980).

For much of Texas, the weather is decent enough to begin hitting the roads on the weekends. And the annual week of spring break is little more than four weeks away.

For Texans who want to head out on the highways in style, Big Bend license plates are now available. The Big Bend plate features an agave plant blooming in front of the park's Casa Grande Peak. The park plate was sponsored by "Friends of Big Bend," a non-profit group that began in 1996 and now has more than 100 members around the state. The license plate was approved by the Texas Legislature and is available from Texas Department of Transportation. The plates cost $50 with $45 being given to the park through the Big Bend organization. (To have the plate personalized with a name or word, the total cost is $90.) To renew the plate, after the initial issuance, it will be $40 each year.

In a news release, Friends of Big Bend representative Hall Hammond in San Antonio said, "What we do is promote and support the park and do things the National Parks Service does not have the money to do."

A representative from the Midland County Tax Assessor's office said Friday that applications are available at the local office, 707 W. Washington. She said the plates come from Austin and take about two to three weeks to get.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, more than 178,000 (out of 14 million) vehicle plates in Texas are of the "vanity" or speciality plate variety. Of the 37 collegiate plates available, Texas A&M leads with 6,800

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Photo courtesy of Friends of Big Bend National Park

An agave plant blooms in front of Casa Grande Peak on the special license plate celebrating Big Bend National Park. The license is now available to Texas motorists. Of the $50 fee for the specialty plate, $45 will be given to support the maintenance of Big Bend National Park.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Midland's 1998 social season in full swing

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

The lull that typically follows the busy holiday season was broken Saturday evening. Midland's 1998 social season, which is filled with charitable events, began with St. Ann's School's annual Mardi Gras Celebration at Midland Country Club.



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Festivities included a Cajun buffet and cocktails, music by the Big Time Band of Dallas, and both silent and live auctions. The proceeds are earmarked for the St. Ann's Parish Educational Endowment Fund. **Patty (Mrs. Tim) Hodgens** chaired the event.

On Monday, the Junior Woman's Association of Midland will hold its annual luncheon and style show, with the theme "Spring in New York."

In conjunction with Robbie Casey's, the club will present fashions by **Pam McMahon** of Beverly Hills and New York. Murray & the Frenchman will cater the luncheon at Midland Center.

Shawn Higgins and Pat Long (Mrs. David) Weaver are serving as co-chairmen of the event, which benefits Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Pediatric Equipment Fund and the Clinic of the Community Children's Ministry.

The 12th annual "Heartbeat," benefiting the American Heart Association, will take place on Feb. 21 in the Midland Hilton ballroom. Theme for the event will be "Heart Rock Cafe." Festivities will include a buffet dinner, cocktails, dancing to the music of The Project, a silent auction and a benefit art show by Midland Gallery. **Janet Courtroul** is chairman.

The Museum of the Southwest is proud to present its 1998 Big Band Bash featuring the music of The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, with conductor **Buddy Morrow.** Scheduled for Feb. 24 at the Petroleum Club of Midland, the event will include cocktails, dinner and dancing. Co-chairs are **Julie (Mrs. Duke) Edwards** and **Melinda (Mrs. Mott) Williamson.**

In conjunction with its 35th anniversary, the Midland Symphony Guild will hold the 10th annual Gala Weekend, "February Fantastique," at the ClayDesta Atrium. The Gala Ball on the 27th will be highlighted by the presentation of the Senior Belles. The black tie event also will include entertainment by the New York performing troupe, Le Masquerade; a dinner buffet catered by the Midland Hilton, and a social hour featuring the music of the Lone Star Brass.

On the 28th, the Gala Brunch will include couture fashions by Dillard's, introduction of the Freshman Belles and a catered meal by Murray & the Frenchman. Highlighting the event will be a performance by Midland's own **Reagan Hughes,** the reigning Miss Texas.

That evening, the Belle Ball will bring the festivities to a close. It is traditionally held for the Belles, their dates and other friends. Le Masquerade again is scheduled to provide the entertainment.

Project chairman for the Gala Weekend is **Leslyn Swierc.**

Mark your calendars now for the Junior League of Midland's 47th annual Charity Ball on March 28 at Midland Country Club. Although not all the plans have been divulged, chairman **Candy Ebeier** says this year's event will be elegant and memorable. However, we do know that it will feature the music of The Voltage Brothers from Atlanta, Ga.

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will host a benefit tennis tournament on April 4 at the Midland College Tennis Center. An awards reception will be held off-campus that evening. **Juanell (Mrs. Buddy) Fort** is chairman.

One of the community's most popular spring events, the Midland Junior Woman's Club's Parade of Homes, will be held on April 5 this year.

On display will be the homes of **Kathy and Mitch Clark, Marta and D.R. Lindsey, Donna and Craig Winborn** and **Pamela and Gary Feist.**

Proceeds will go to D.A.R.E., Community Children's Clinic and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Chairman is **Kathy (Mrs. Jeff) Kapp,** and co-chair is **Paula (Mrs. Gary) Albertson.**

Although the American Cancer Society's 15th annual Roundup is not until May 9, plans are in high gear for the event, according to chairman **Michelle (Mrs. Bob) Robinson.** It will be held at the Confederate Air Force.

The theme, "Under the Big Top," will provide an opportunity for some new attractions, including midway games. There also will be live entertainment (TBA), dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, and something added in recent years, the pig races.

A party in honor of children with cancer will be help prior to Roundup.

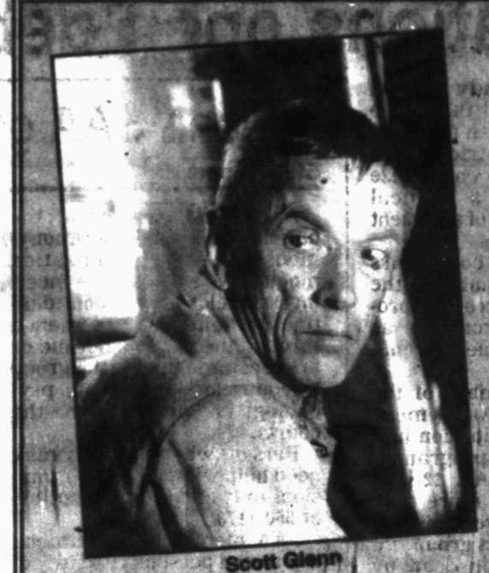
MEMBERS OF THE STAFF of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center honored **Dr. W.M. "Mack" Hibbitts** with a retirement reception at the hospital recently. He has been in private practice in Midland for 28 years.

Seen in the crowd were **Shirley Cole,** 16-year employee **Juanita Stokes,** former nurse **Laura Draper, Sarah and Dr. Louis Barkley, Dr. Don McLarey, Ann Carter, Dr. Roger Traxel, Glenda Wright, Lisa Crow, Dr. T.A. Reddy, Dr. Larry Buxton, Gladys (Mrs. June) Melton, Diana Neptune, Mattie Johnson, Louise and Dr. Garland Lang, Christine Taylor, Diane Diaz** and **Joann (Mrs. John) Foster.**

Although Mack is retiring, his wife, **Edna,** says the tradition continues since their youngest son, **Dr. John Hibbitts,** will be finishing his orthopedic residency next summer. He represents the third generation of physicians on the Hibbitts side of the family.

Mack's medical school class at Vanderbilt University will celebrate its 50-year reunion later in 1998.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.



Scott Glenn



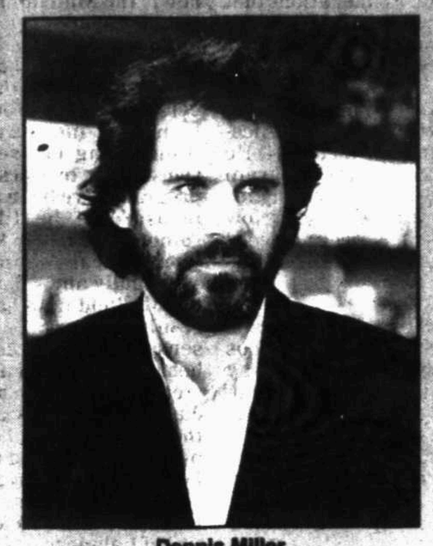
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TEXAS: Colorful sights abound across state

(From 1E)

plates purchased this year. Persons purchasing the Big Bend plate will receive a year's free membership to Friends of Big Bend.

To obtain more information from the park group, write Friends of Big Bend, P.O. Box 465, Terlingua, Texas, 79852.

Whether hitting the highway with fancy plates or not, some attractions worth seeing this year may include Mardi Gras Galveston, San Antonio's River Walk, and Fort Worth's Sundance Square entertainment district (of special interest to Midlanders who want to view a revitalized downtown area of massive proportions). Information follows:

MARDI GRAS GALVESTON

One event that promises to be worth taking in is Galveston's Mardi Gras Feb. 13 through 24. Billed "The Big Speakeasy," Chuck Berry is one of the featured entertainers at the event which will include several balls, pageants and parades.

Mardi Gras, the traditional festival of feasting and merrymaking that precedes the season of Lent, was first publicly observed in Galveston in 1867. The event was later revived in 1985 by Galveston-born preservationist and developer George P. Mitchell. Now the event has grown to attract hundreds of thousands of revelers over 12 days.

On Feb. 14, Chuck Berry is scheduled to perform his trademark "duckwalk." He will perform, backed up by the band Banana Blender Surprise. Also on Feb. 14 is the Z Krewe Procession at 1 p.m. followed by the satirical procession of "corporate clowns and business buffoons" in the 2 p.m. "Pinstripe Pasquinade."

Featured entertainers the second week of the event will include The Fabulous Thunderbirds, and the Marshall Tucker Band.

Advance tickets to the Strand Entertainment District, where all the parades and processions take place along Seawall Blvd., are $8 per day. After Feb. 13, tickets will cost $10 per day. Gates will open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information or tickets call (888) 425-4753.

RIVER WALK

Mariachis abound practically all year at San Antonio's colorful River Walk. Restaurants, sidewalk cafes, clubs and shops line an area of the tree-shaded Paseo del Rio (River Walk). Lush green subtropical foliage lines the banks of the jade-green river, located in the heart of downtown. Cobblestone walkways front many of the businesses and 40-minute river cruise tours are offered. For river cruise tour times and fees call toll-free 1 (800) 417-4139.

SUNDANCE SQUARE

Located in downtown Fort Worth, Sundance Square is bounded by Second and Fifth, Calhoun and Throckmorton Streets. The vibrant downtown marketplace features a four-level, 9-screen cinema; dozens of superstores, restaurants, bars, hotels and stage theatres. Beginning in April, outdoor entertainment is scheduled in Fort Worth's Sundance Square, the city's downtown entertainment district. An annual four-day massive arts festival is also planned April 16-19. The event usually draws about 200,000 and features three entertainment stages, nine blocks of concessionaires and hundreds of art booths. Summer concerts begin in May. Currently, on most Friday and Saturday nights, street performers entertain from 6-10 p.m. in the shopping center plazas.

Son lost to addiction

By Michael Skube
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — The life of Ronnie Allen Davis lasted 39 years, and at the end there was little to be remembered and much to be regretted. No one could have foreseen this on Oct. 10, 1958. That was the day he was born at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Brooks and Jean Davis were parents again. A few days later they would bring Ronald Allen Davis home, swaddled in baby blankets and in the hope and love of his mother and father. He was their second child, and would be their last. An older brother, Richard, had been born six years earlier. They would be a close and happy family, involved in their church, committed to leading productive lives.

It doesn't always work out, even for good families.

Only days after Christmas, Brooks and Jean Davis drove to Atlanta from Matthews, N.C., to be told that a dismembered, decapitated body found in a Forsyth County graveyard, burning like refuse, could be that of the child they brought home on an autumn day 39 years ago.

The bright hopes they once had for their baby had long since dissolved into heartache and resignation. Beyond a few people, the life of Ronnie Davis, a cocaine addict, meant nothing. But to those few it meant much, and they clung to the last thread of hope. As they entered the final stage of their own lives, Brooks and Jean Davis wanted only to know that Ronnie could overcome his addiction and take care of himself. That was all.

Instead they will live out their days knowing that the child they conceived, brought into the world, nursed and rocked, potty trained, signed up for school and Little League, saw through scrapes and rejection — they would know this child was murdered and mutilated.

He had blond hair and would grow to 6 foot 2 inches, his mother says, and was solidly built. But something was missing — or amiss — within, and no one recognized it until it was too late. Ronnie himself may have sensed it before anyone else.

"At one time he begged to be held back in school," Jean Davis says. This was in the seventh grade. He was having trouble keeping up, but his teachers and principal saw no reason he should be held back. They thought it was a childhood insecurity he could work through.

"That's when we first saw he had problems," Jean Davis says. "He was more afraid than we knew. He thought he could never measure up." Where they succeeded, Ronnie struggled.

Despite this, he and his father were close, she says, and he always called his father his best friend. Even after he became addicted to cocaine, he sought his father's help.

The last time he spoke with his parents, on Dec. 27, he had called home needing money. He had been living in an apartment complex in Dunwoody, and his car had been towed. They wired him $250. "He said, 'Mother, this has been the worst Christmas of my life,'" Jean Davis says. But the talk was a warm one, and he told his mother and father he loved them.

"He said the only thing he wanted to do was beat his addiction and lead a stable life," Davis said.

"WILL I EVER FEEL BETTER

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people. -Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

Grieving people often ask this question in a state of fatigue or despair, because the grieving process seems so long and fruitless. Time is perceived as moving very slowly, and surviving the sadness can be a minute by minute process. In trying to release all your tears you may feel like someone on their knees scooping water out of a large lake with a teacup; when you've done this until you are exhausted you still can see no progress. This is one of grief's many illusions. You are making progress but it may be hard to see for a while.

I have heard people, still early in their grief, tell others that the pain will never get any better. This is rarely true. There is every likelihood that your pain will lessen as you allow yourself to mourn.

At Hospice of Midland we have support groups to help you with nearly any kind of loss you have suffered. Please call me (682-2855) if you would be interested in a group that, by sharing your pain, can help it diminish more quickly.

The answer to your question is yes, grief nearly always gets better. During your darkest days, hold on to this hope.

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AROUND TOWN

KidsAct free acting workshop, sponsored by Arts Assembly of Midland, is scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 at Midland Park Mall. Class size will be limited so children will receive individual attention.

Pickwick Players of Midland Community Theatre will conduct the classes for students in grades one through five from 10 a.m.-5 p.m Feb. 28. At 7 p.m. all participants will put on a show for parents and friends.

Students from grades six through 12 will attend workshops with "Sound and Fury" improvisational group from Los Angeles from 1-4:30 p.m. March 1, with an improv performance with Sound and Fury scheduled for 5 p.m.

Admission to all activities is free, and all interested students are invited to participate. Pre-registration will be 7-9 p.m. Feb. 27 at Midland Park Mall or by mail.

Contact Arts Assembly of Midland at P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702 or call 687-1149. Fax number is 687-1600; e-mail address is artsmid@iglobal.net...

...PARADE OF HEARTS/Men in Black, the Midland Hispanic Chamber's annual fundraiser, is set for Feb. 14 at Midland Center. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m followed by an all-male fashion show 7:30 p.m. and a dance at 9 p.m. Entertainers will include Mariachi Amistad, Rhythm Aces, Deseo, and Eylissia Marie.

Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships for students at Coleman, Midland, Lee and Greenwood high schools, and Midland College.

Admission is $25. For tickets or reservations call 682-2960...

...1998 WRITING CONTEST, Short Stories for Children, sponsored by West Texas Storytellers Guild, is accepting entries from all interested writers in West Texas.

A second contest, also open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Women Veterans Association.

This Short Essay Style contest honors the Declaration of Independence, veterans and the history of the United States. Essay winners will receive their awards in a program on July 2.

Deadline for both contests is May 1. For more information call 699-7820...

...STAMP CLUB will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Post Office at Midland Air Terminal. Those attending are asked to enter the building on the Wright Drive side (east side, facing the airport). The meeting is open to the public; door prizes, refreshments and a program will be included. Admission is free and children are welcome. For more information call 699-0202...

...MIDLAND RETIRED Teachers Association will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 12 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3309 Neely.

Joyce Sherrod will present a program on "A Trip to the Himalayas." Slate of new officers will be presented; delegates for the state convention will be elected. Anyone receiving annuity benefits from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas is eligible for membership. For more information call 694-4728...

...PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at Green Tree Country Club for guest day luncheon and musical program presented by Mrs. Harold Heckathorne. For reservations call 699-6413 by noon Feb. 10...

...VAN (Visual Aids Needs and Services) will host a Valentine party for clients and volunteers 10:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Lunch will follow.

Craft session for VAN clients will be 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11 at the VAN House. Doris Kinser will be instructor. Brown bag lunch will be served.

For more information about either event call 694-2648...

...BETA ETA chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will host its 32nd annual Valentine party 9-10:15 a.m. Feb. 13 at Fannin Elementary School..

...WOMEN OF COLOR Civic and Social Club will host its fourth annual Valentine Gala 9 p.m. Feb. 14 at Freddie's Jazz and Blues, 3709 W. Wall St.

For more information call 520-9764...

Presidential allegations open debate on sex addiction

By Jim DeBrosse
N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — He became so obsessed with sexual fantasies that he would view pornography while driving his car and slip out of the office during working hours to visit adult bookstores.

His wife complained that when they were intimate together his mind seemed always to be somewhere else and not with her.

"What happened is that my marriage was failing because of my sexual addiction, and I knew I needed help," said the Dayton area man, now in his late 40s.

Sexual addiction, a controversial diagnosis first developed in the early 1980s and still not recognized by the American Psychiatric Association, is a hot topic again as President Clinton faces allegations that he has engaged in a pattern of improper sexual activity.

The man, who asked not to be identified, has been a member of Sex Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step recovery program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous, since 1984. He said when he joined the program there was one weekly meeting for the entire Miami Valley. "Now there's at least one meeting every day somewhere in the area," he said.

BECAUSE JUDGING others is against Sex Addicts Anonymous guidelines, the man won't say whether he thinks President Clinton is sexually addicted. But the man said that sexual addiction is a problem that, if ignored, progresses into compulsive behaviors that can cost sufferers their marriages, their jobs and their health.

"It's like alcohol or drugs or any other addiction. Over time the old behaviors become satiated, and a new high is needed," he said.

Despite the steady growth among those who feel they have sexual impulses they can't control, the American Psychiatric Association has declined to categorize sexual addiction as a medical diagnosis, citing a lack of sufficient evidence.

However, various counselors and probation officers around the country have lauded treated programs and 12-step programs as being successful vehicles of rehabilitation.

In Midland, a member of the local Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA) said his participation in a psychiatric treatment program — and attending the SAA 12-step group in Midland for more than eight years — has "saved" his life.

"Without my support group, I'd probably be in jail or dead by now," the Midland man said. Due to the anonymity guidelines of any 12-step group, he asked that his name not be used. The Midland professional said the other members of the SAA group "have really helped me stay sober (free from acting out sexual compulsions). Also, by working the 12-step program, I've been able achieve a measure of healthy sexuality, something I never had in my previous 15 years of marriage.

Sexually abused as a teen-ager, the Midland man said, due to the resulting trauma, he "lost all sense of what was appropriate behavior. It wasn't until I went into treatment for sex addiction, and came home and started working the program, that I took responsibility for my acting out behaviors. I cannot change my past behavior; I can only work one day at a time to stay sexually healthy."

Ed Lahniers, a Cincinnati clinical psychologist who has been working with sex addicts since 1982, said the term often is an excuse for indulging in unacceptable behavior.

"It's very easy for someone to say, 'I have a sexual addiction, and it's not my responsibility. It's this (little man) inside me that is somehow driving the machine,' " Lahniers said.

"When I see people anymore who go on and on and say, 'I've got these fantasies and I want to act on them,' I tell them, 'Do you think you're the only one? You're not any different, except that you have come in your mind to frame it as something you are powerless over.' "

Alvin Baraff, a clinical psychologist in Washington, D.C., and author of Men Talk: How Men Really Feel About Women, Sex, Relationships and Themselves , said some men do have trouble controlling their sexual impulses but won't admit they have a problem until their lives begin to unravel.

"Most of the men who see me have reached a crisis point, either in a relationship or their marriage," he said. "When someone is addicted to something, they lose control. The alcoholic, if you offer him a drink, can't just stop at one. With the sex addict, you offer him some bait and he's going to take it. He doesn't have the discriminatory ability to say no."

The member of the Midland SAA group agrees that people with sexual compulsions cannot put themselves in the wrong places. "I have established boundaries, and also defined behaviors that would be OK for most people, but for me would probably lead to acting out. For example, an alcoholic shouldn't hang around bars whether he takes a drink or not. A sex addict shouldn't go to an adult bookstore, even if he or she doesn't buy anything. I used to not even know how to drive past an adult bookstore without stopping in."

Clinical psychologists Baraff said, sex addicts, like all those with compulsions, "trade a moment of pleasure for a lot of self-loathing afterward. Usually, it's a way of covering up some other area of dissatisfaction in their lives," Baraff said. "Overeaters, for instance, are often people who hold in their anger and don't say what's on their minds. They just stuff it — literally, stuff it — with food."

How to treat people with sexual compulsions is as controversial as the diagnosis itself. The 12-step programs such as Sex Addicts Anonymous require that members admit they are powerless against their condition and place their lives in the hands of a higher spiritual power.

But Lahniers said experience has shown him that the opposite approach is most effective. "Once you can help people see that they are not powerless, that they are in the driver's seat and they are capable of making choices, their progress just blossoms."

Sex addicts who are members of 12-step programs disagree.

A DAYTON MAN who belongs to Sex Addicts Anonymous said the only way he can control his problem is through group meetings and by avoiding temptations.

"I get my videos now at the grocery story, not some other stores that have more provocative covers and titles," he said. "And when I go out of town on training sessions, I make sure I have a roommate — a same-sex roommate — to keep me out of trouble."

He urges anyone who thinks they have a problem to contact the Self-Help Clearinghouse. "People no longer have to lead a secret life that offers no hope."

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Myra Lee Salcedo contributed to this report.

Midland SAA group offers help

Staff Reports

A Midland chapter of the national Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA) organization meets once a week. The meetings are closed and confidential. Participants are screened through the group's hotline or are recommended to the group by counselors, therapists, psychologists, or through the courts.

Persons who think they may need help with sexual compulsions may call the local hotline at 550-1173.

SAA members recommend interested persons read any of the books on the subject by Patrick Carnes, Ph.D., including "Out of the Shadows." Carnes is clinical director of sexual disorder services at The Meadows, a recovery and treatment center in Wickenburg, Ariz. He was the focus of the 12-part PBS series "Contrary to Love."

WHEN TO GET HELP

According to Carnes' book "Out of the Shadows," a sign that sex is out of control is when it becomes "the most important need," and engaging in compulsions put jobs and family at risk. Being willing to engage in illegal activities and feeling self-loathing afterwards is another serious sign of a need for intervention.

Is the president a sex addict or merely a victim?

By Carolyn Poirot
N.Y. Times News Service

Is he a sex addict or isn't he?

If President Clinton is not a sex addict, he is being painted to look like one — with painstaking detail.

Last week, family counselor Douglas Weiss asked the 2,000 recovering sex addicts who subscribe to his e-mail newsletter if they believe the president is an addict.

And 99 percent of those responding said, "Yes, he is one of us," says Weiss, executive director of Heart to Heart Counseling Center in Fort Worth and the author of eight books on sexual addiction and recovery.

"If the allegations against the president are all true, you certainly have the classic picture of sexual addiction. It looks like a duck and quacks like a duck," Weiss says.

Last week, some political and social analysts were offering the informal diagnosis as a possible explanation for why a caring and intelligent man living in a fishbowl, under the glare of media spotlights, would do something so stupid — if, in fact, the latest sexual allegations against the president turn out to have some basis in fact.

SEXUAL ADDICTION is defined as any sexually related, compulsive behavior that interferes with normal living and causes severe stress on family, friends, loved ones and work environment, says Patrick Carnes, the counselor who pioneered the study of sexual addiction.

"They are able to sacrifice what they cherish most in order to preserve and continue their unhealthy behavior," says Carnes, who wrote "Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction," the first and most basic text on the subject, in 1983. His best-known work, "Don't Call It Love," was published in 1991. He is clinical director of sexual disorder services at The Meadows, a recovery and treatment center in Wickenburg, Ariz.

The difference between having a high libido and being a sexual addict is that the man or woman with a high libido can be satisfied with sex and be emotionally present.

They are not chasing a "fix." Their partner is not an object, Weiss says.

"With an addict, there isn't enough. They're not satisfied. They are misusing sex. If you say no to anything, they flip out. They're trying to relieve something. Sex is not designed to fix abuse or insecurity or self-hatred," he explains.

'The medical community is still battling it out on sexual addiction. They've been trying to decide what to do with it for the last five years. We in the psychological community have recognized it as an addiction for 10 years.'
— Douglas Weiss, book author and family counselor at Heart to Heart Counseling Center in Fort Worth

Sexual addiction is not a recognized medical diagnosis, Weiss acknowledges. Much like alcoholism in earlier days, sexual addiction is viewed as a moral problem.

"Too often, sexual addiction has been cast as a character or spiritual problem," Weiss says. "The thought has been, 'If the addict would just control himself, he wouldn't act this way.' "

He contends that drug addiction was not seriously addressed as a medical problem until the early 1970s, and addictions to food and gambling only began to emerge in the 1980s.

"The medical community is still battling it out," he says. "They've been trying to decide what to do with it for the last five years. We in the psychological community have recognized it as an addiction for 10 years."

Carnes says sex addicts are found in all walks of life: ministers, physicians, clerks, secretaries and politicians.

"Like an alcoholic unable to stop drinking, sexual addicts are unable to stop their self-destructive sexual behavior," Carnes says.

"Family breakups, financial disaster, loss of jobs and risk to life are the painful themes of their stories," he added.

The majority grew up in families in which addiction already flourished, including alcoholism, compulsive eating and compulsive gambling.

Most grapple with other addictions as well, but they find sex addiction the most difficult to stop, according to Carnes.

The tendency toward sexual addiction is also often related to depression and physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual abuse and neglect.

The key is getting to a good clinician who can correctly identify the problem and get you the help you need, Weiss says.

He himself is a recovering sex addict who set up his own 12-step program because Carnes' work was not yet widely known and there was no help readily available 12 years ago, when he recognized his problem.

Now there are several dozen books on the subject, including Weiss' latest, "Final Freedom," published last week.

There also are local, state and national support groups for sex addicts and their partners and family members, including a Sex Addicts Anonymous chapter that meets next to Weiss' Fort Worth office.

In addition, Weiss says he receives about 10,000 visitors from all over the world to his home page on the Internet. The Web site, www.sexaddict.com, offers information about sex addiction and ways to obtain books and additional information.

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LEVELS OF SEXUAL ADDICTION

Counselor Patrick Carnes identifies three levels of compulsive sexual activity:

- Level 1 includes activities that are generally tolerated by society if they are isolated incidents, such as extramarital sex, pornography, strip shows and prostitutes.
- Level 2 includes acts that are intrusive and may incur legal action, such as voyeurism, obscene phone calls and exhibitionism.
- Level 3 includes criminal behavior that significantly violates another's boundaries, such as rape and incest.

Exhibit honors Mother Teresa

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was widely revered for her ministry to the destitute and abandoned. She also inspired a series of paintings and prints now on show at the Peabody Essex Museum. The works were created by M.F. Husain, whom the museum describes as India's foremost living artist.

They are not portraits in the conventional sense, Peabody curator Susan Bean explained, but they capture the spirit of the woman Husain called "the great humanist of our time."

For Husain, Mother Teresa "represents the devotion and selflessness of motherhood and Husain's longing for his own mother, who died when he was young."

The exhibition will be on view through May 31.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Couple celebrates 50 years

James P. (Jimmy) and Avis Wynell Billingsley were guests of honor at a 50th anniversary reception Feb. 7 in Midland. Hosts were Barbara and Ed McKinney of Clairmore, Okla., and Sandy and Doug Chapman of Odessa.

Billingsley and the former Avis Wynell Kimbell were married Feb. 8, 1948, in Lubbock. They have two children — Barbara McKinney of Clairmore and Sandy Chapman of Odessa — as well as four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

The couple lived in Lubbock, Pampa and Snyder before moving to Midland in 1961. Billingsley is a 1947 graduate of Texas Tech University. He was a bookkeeper for an oilfield construction company in Pampa and for the Scurry County Motor Company in Snyder. From 1969 to his retirement in 1989, he was a development and production analyst for University Lands in Midland.

Mrs. Billingsley studied watch repair at Hardin Junior College in Wichita Falls. She has worked in watch repair in Lubbock, Matador, Pampa and Midland. She was owner and operator of a rubber stamp business in Midland. She is a homemaker.



James P. and Avis Wynell Billingsley

They are members of Bellview Baptist Church.

Hancocks honored at reception

Joe Don and Jolene Hancock of Midland were guests of honor at a reception in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary at the Midland home of their son and daughter-in-law. Hosts were Carrie and Ron Kalt, Staci and Steve Brow, and Jason and Amy Hancock.

Hancock and the former Jolene Anderson were married Feb. 7, 1958, in Plainview. They have three children — Staci Brow, Carrie Kalt and Jason Hancock, all of Midland — as well as eight grandchildren.

The couple lived in Plainview until moving to Midland in 1981, where they have lived ever since except for one year in San Antonio. Hancock was employed with Snelson Advertising and owns The Hancock Group. His wife is retired after 10 years as a secretary at Marathon Oil Company.

They are members of Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Hancock is past president of Rotary Club.

ENGAGEMENTS

FORD-GIBSON

Ladda Frances Ford and Scott Werner Gibson, both of Midland, are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 29 at St. Lukes United Methodist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McBride of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ford of Hereford, Ariz. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gibson of Midland.

Miss Ford graduated from Lee High School in 1993 and from Midland College in 1996, earning an associate of science degree. She is a student at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and is employed with Dr. McKenna's office in Midland. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a 1995 graduate of UTPB, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He is a police officer with the City of Odessa.



Ladda Frances Ford and Scott Werner Gibson

MELETON-THOMA

Libby Annette Meleton and Brian Scott Thoma, both of San Antonio, are planning to be married 5 p.m. March 14 at Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio. The bride-elect is the daughter of Cathy Wilkerson of San Antonio and the late Gus H. Menn. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Thoma of Midland.

Ms. Meleton is a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M University and a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She is a microbiologist with Pace Foods in San Antonio. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School in 1990 and from Florida Institute of Technology in 1994. He is a graduate student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he is working for a doctorate degree in neurobiology research.



Libby Annette Meleton and Brian Scott Thoma

Moderate best height for heels

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Designers and fashion editors may love stiletto heels, but most women don't — at least not for everyday wear. Nor do they like flats, except for casual occasions. Fortunately, there are plenty of more comfortable heels for spring that are equally chic.

Saks Fifth Avenue has several sturdy high heels, including Donna Karan's black linen slingback ($335), Gucci's leather pump ($325) and ankle-strap sandal ($345) and Stuart Weitzman's red patent pump ($168). The store also has Anne Klein's black patent wedgies ($195) and Gucci's silver leather sandal on a lucite wedge ($425).

Lord & Taylor has a velvet mule with interlinked straps and a low cone-shaped heel ($110) and an open-side pump with an ankle strap and a sculptured high heel ($120), both by Studio Delman; a mule with a thick midhigh heel by Via Spiga ($134), and an ankle-strap pump with a sturdy high heel ($155) by CK Calvin Klein.



Dinner and dance planned

Green Tree Country Club Ladies Association will host a Valentine dinner and dance Feb. 14 at the club. Cocktails will be 6 p.m., with dinner planned for 8 p.m. and dancing 9 p.m. Terry Mikeska, who has performed in Atlantic City, Reno and Hollywood, will play dining and dancing music. Hunter Sullivan (above photo) will sing standard songs in the style of the '90s. For reservations call 694-8413 by Feb. 12.

En Amie Review Club to meet

Staff Reports

En Amie Review Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11 at Midland Woman's Club.

Janet Pollard will perform "Dream."

Mrs. Pollard, a native West Texan, graduated from Oklahoma University. She lived in Pittsburgh and Wisconsin before moving back to Texas with her husband and sons 33 years ago.

She has performed the lead in a musical, written award-winning commercials and had her own band, J.P. and the Boys.



Janet Pollard

CLUB NEWS

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Virginia Earhart.

Neva Garvin distributed information from International. Valentine Dance and luncheon honoring the chapter's Sweetheart, Beverly Acker, were discussed.

Dovie St. Peters reported on prospective members. Genell Emerson and Cel Wiginton reported on Storybook Christmas. Ms. Snyder gave a program on "The Person Who Most Influenced My Life."

VAN

VAN (Visual Aids Needs and Services) had a craft instruction class at the VAN House. Plans for February were discussed. Lunch was served.

BLACK GOLD HARMONY CHORUS

Black Gold Harmony Chorus of the Permian Basin had an all-day coaching session with 10 members attending.

Marilyn Dickey, director of Prairie Winds Chorus in Lubbock, and Sandra Speck, president of Prairie Winds, were coaches. Stage presentation, vocalization techniques, the art of barbershop singing and the administration of Sweet Adelines International Chorus were discussed.

TEJAS GARDEN CLUB

Tejas Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Richard Hickman. Mrs. David Miller and Mrs. Bob Sledge assisted.

Mrs. Larry Simmers presided. Mrs. Simmers and Mrs. Seldge gave a program on "Ivy and Blooms." Mrs. Ross Acher is a new member.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Aaron Estes chapter, met in the home of Mrs. Edward Brannon with 19 members attending.

Doris Williams presided; the meeting honored Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the Republic of Texas in 1838. Caroline Sowell gave a program on Lamar's biography.

Eileen Welch reviewed the book, "True Women," by Janice W. Wendalle.

COLONIAL DAMES XVII CENTURY

Dr. John Woodson chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, met at Haley Library. Plans for the 60th annual state conference were discussed. Dalys D. Atkinson presided.

Officers gave reports. Carolyn Sowell gave a membership report. Mrs. John E. Cross gave a program on "History of Dr. John Woodson Chapter." Mrs. Solon P. Crain and Mrs. Francis H. McGuigan will attend state conference. Hostesses were Mrs. W. Earl Chapman and Mrs. Frank Bell.

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Joann Cambron. Diane Grenvik presided.

Sandra Hayes, Karen Hopkins, Karyn Wood and Jane Weldon gave reports. Three other members also attended.

DEAR ABBY

Working guide dogs not to be petted

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired psychiatrist who became blind as a result of a gunshot wound during a burglary in my home. Since that time I have relied on my guide dog, Alder, to maintain my independence.



Van Buren

I was very pleased to see the letter in your column from Carl Augusto of the American Foundation for the Blind, which gave people tips on what sighted people should do when they meet a blind person.

I'd like to add a few points that weren't covered, specifically about what people should and should not do when meeting a blind person with a guide dog.

Alder is a friendly 3-year-old black lab, and people's first inclination is to pet him.

However, when guide dogs are working, they are responsible for the safety of their masters.

Petting, distracting, or worse, feeding guide dogs while they are working can be very dangerous. A distracted dog may lead its master into a harmful situation.

Also, if you see a blind person with a guide dog whom you suspect may need assistance, please ask that person first. He or she can tell you how to safely provide help without interfering with the dog.

Abby, thank you for giving me this opportunity to let people know about a subject that is so important to those of us who rely on our guide dogs. — JOHN PHELAN, M.D., WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALIF.

DEAR DR. PHELAN: I'm passing along the message. A person walking with a guide dog should not be mistaken for someone taking a stroll with a pet. The animal is working and should not be petted.

It's fine to comment that the dog is beautiful, dutiful or well-trained. But anything beyond that could be seriously distracting.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to the greatest man for the last eight years. We have only one problem. Because he's an avid golfer and I'm not, he promised me, before we were married, one vacation each year anywhere in the world. The choice is entirely mine to make.

Our travels so far have included India, Nepal, Vietnam, etc. In October, we have a cruise scheduled to the Middle East (Oman, Yemen, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait.)

Abby, he absolutely refuses to go! The cruise line assures me that they won't sail if the Persian Gulf is not safe.

My husband reads only the sports section and your column in our local paper, so I know he'll see your answer. Shouldn't he keep his premarital travel agreement? Please advise. — RESTLESS IN RANCHO MIRAGE

DEAR RESTLESS: The U.S. government issues travel advisories to alert American tourists when certain countries are experiencing a political climate that might be dangerous to them. Your travel agent should be able to reassure your husband that he won't be cruising into hostile waters.

However, that may not be the core issue. Regardless of the premarital agreement, joint vacations are meant to be enjoyed by both parties. Since you have the money, surely there is some other area of the world you could visit that you would both enjoy without one party being fearful. Why not negotiate?

DEAR ABBY: Approximately 12 years ago, a close male friend had a little too much to drink. I offered him a place to spend the night — the other side of my bed. Nothing happened between us. We just slept in the same bed. A few weeks later, my friend introduced me to my future husband. We have been happily married for 10 years.

Recently my husband and some buddies at work were discussing the things women tell their husbands. He mentioned the above situation. None of the men believed this could happen, so now my husband does not believe me.

How many of your readers have had a similar experience? I would love to prove his buddies wrong. — CLEARING MY NAME, NOT MY CONSCIENCE

DEAR CLEARING: Many men and women have shared a bed all night and nothing has happened. This includes married couples. Trust me. Readers, I welcome your input.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in quite a dilemma. My 40-year-old daughter is not speaking to me because I'm trying to prevent her from becoming the laughingstock of the century.

She's planning to be married for the fourth time. Her first marriage was to escape her abusive father. The second was to provide a father for her child from the first marriage. The third was a stupid mistake.

Now she says she wants the wedding she has never had — ivory dress, 6-foot train, and God knows what else. I told her she was creating a circus, a humiliation, the embarrassment of all time.

I know the bride should have her wishes carried out to the letter on "her" day — but she has already had three previous "days" that did not work. My daughter falls in and out of love as the wind changes.

I know I shouldn't throw stones because I have been married three times, but my present marriage to a man I thank the Lord for every day has lasted 17 years.

I have talked to her fiance. He seems to be level-headed, and he, too, would like to avoid a spectacle.

I'm sure he didn't win any Brownie points when he sided with me. It's his first marriage.

Abby, what can I do about my daughter? I don't like being at odds with her. — OLD-FASHIONED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: There's nothing you can do. Since your daughter refuses to listen to you and her fiance, I doubt she would be open to any input from me.

Of course, you are correct that simplicity should be the keynote for the ceremony and reception, but you can't live your daughter's life for her.

Wish her well and pray that your community has a short memory.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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WEDDINGS

GOSSETT-ROWLEY

St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland was the setting for the 7 p.m. Jan. 24 wedding of Joanna Carrillo Gossett and Donald Eric Rowley, both of Midland. The Rev. James Bridges officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Andres L. and Juanita Carrillo of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are the late Ronald and Aurora Rowley.

Anna Carrasco of Midland was honor attendant for the bride. Ring bearer was Courtnee Gossett, daughter of the bride. Flower girls were Aubree Carrillo, daughter of the bride, and Katrina Carrasco of Midland.

Troy Joiner of Odessa and Art Carrasco of Midland were honor attendants for the bridegroom. Jonathon Carrasco of Midland was usher.

The bride is a fifth-grade teacher at Fannin Elementary School with Midland Independent School District. Her husband is a electronics technician with MISD.

The couple lives in Midland. They plan to honeymoon on Florida in the summer.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eric Rowley

FINKBEINER-TUCKER

Karla Jeanine Finkbeiner and Ryan Huey Tucker, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland. The Rev. Jon Stasney officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kurt and Kay Finkbeiner of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Ray Tucker of Andrews and Dorothy Baird of Midland.

Shari Anderson of Midland and Leslie Finkbeiner of Dallas were honor attendants for the bride. Her other attendant was Kathryn McPherson of Midland. Flower girls were Erin Kendrick of Midland and Martha Marie Jones of Brady.

Rex Tucker of College Station was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Clay Jones of Brady and Kyle Tucker of Andrews. Ring bearer was Zackary Jones of Brady.

After a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couples will live in St. Louis, Mo.



Mrs. Ryan Huey Tucker

BURNS-WELCH

STANTON — Holli Burns of Stanton became the bride of Scottie Welch of Snyder 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Parents of the bride are Dale and Linda Burns of Stanton. The bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Charlotte Welch of Tarzan. The couple's grandparents are Bob and Clara Hallmark of Cisco, Floyd and Frances Martin of Tarzan and L.V. Welch of Midland.

Jody Brooks of Stephenville and Melissa Garvin of Snyder were honor attendants for the bride. Her other attendants were Hailey Burns, Jaclyn Denson and Terry Welch, all of Stanton.

L.V. Welch II of Tarzan was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by John Woodward II of Tarzan, Will Miller of Midland and Lance Payne of Austin.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Snyder.



Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Welch

JACKSON-ANDERSON

COLORADO CITY — Kelly Elaine Jackson of Lubbock became the bride of Shayne Alan Anderson of Colorado City 3 p.m. Jan. 3 at First Baptist Church in Colorado City. Rev. Jerry Woods of Stantonville, Tenn., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Linda Jackson of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Phillip and Martha Anderson of Colorado City.

Tina Sams of Lewisville was honor attendant for her sister. She also was attended by Michelle Henry of Longview, Laura Parsons of Richardson, and Ashley Gilbreath and Jennifer Gilbreath of Keller.

Chris Anderson of Lubbock was honor attendant for his brother. Also attending the bridegroom were Kelly Ramsey of Canyon, Scott Gaily of Plano and Vance Jackson of Wylie. Ushers were Eric Martel of Stanton and Bill Sams of Lewisville.

The bride is a graduate of Hanks High School in El Paso and Texas Tech University, where she earned a degree in English. Her husband is a student at Texas Tech.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Lubbock.



Mrs. Shayne Alan Anderson

BURKEHOLDER-McGOUGH

LUBBOCK — Caprock Winery in Lubbock was the setting for the 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 wedding of Allison Burkeholder and Jon Patrick McGough, both of Lubbock. Ted Dotts officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Anne H. Burkeholder of Lubbock and the late Dr. James Norton Burkeholder. Parents of the bridegroom are Connie and Larry McGough of Midland.

Honor attendants were Susanne Burkeholder of Houston, sister of the bride, and Chris McGough of Austin, brother of the bridegroom.

The couple honeymooned in Taos, N.M.



Mrs. Jon Patrick McGough

SHUMAKE-EVANS

Valli Shumake of Midland became the bride of David Evans of Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., 7 p.m. Dec. 22, 1997, at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Jerry Berry officiated.

Parents of the couple are Linda and John Shumake, and Mike and Ginny Evans, all of Midland.

The bridegroom is serving in the U.S. Air Force. The couple lives at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.



Mr. and Mrs. David Evans

OWENS-JONES

Stacy Suzanne Owens and Robert Alan Jones, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Dec. 23, 1997, at Ranchland Hills Country Club in Midland. The Rev. Bob Porterfield officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Owens of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Gobles, Mich.

The bride's honor attendant was her sister, Reece Owens-Cory of Midland. She also was attended by Cheryl Owens of Slidell, La. Flower girl was Haley Owens of Slidell, niece of the bride.

Dale Day of Oklahoma City was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Kenneth Hughes of Norman, Okla. Ushers were Wallace Allen Neaville of Shamrock, uncle of the bride, and Russell Cary Owens of Slidell, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Jarrett Owens of Midland, nephew of the bride.

The bride graduated summa cum laude from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1991 with a bachelor of arts degree. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, and is marketing manager for Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing. Her husband is a 1985 graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Petroleum Engineering. He is a senior drilling engineer for Spirit Energy 76.

The couple lives in Midland. They plan to honeymoon in Orlando, Fla., in the spring.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alan Jones

Girls just wanna use computers

By Cecelia Goodnow
Hearst News Service

SEATTLE — Roberta Furger, who writes about computers, was almost out the door when a 14-year-old girl named Margaret pulled her aside, a note of urgency in her voice. Furger had just spent several hours chatting with six teenage girls who — along with 48 boys — were learning programming at a computer camp near Cambridge, Mass.

At the last minute, Margaret let her in on a secret:

"OK, it's like this," Margaret said. "I know guys at my school who are pretty smart and who are really into computers. For them, that's OK. But when a girl knows a lot about computers, that's not good. Sure, girls like games. They just don't talk about it. That wouldn't be cool."

Being cool should be the least of their worries.

After nine months of talking to kids, parents and teachers around the country, Furger says girls show a troubling confidence gap at a time when an estimated 60 percent of all new jobs require computer skills.

"Having facility with computers is a life skill now," said Furger, 37, who analyzes the challenges and possible solutions in "Does Jane Compute?" (Warner, 210 pages, $10.99 paper).

"It's not a question of, 'Do I want to know computers?' " she said. "Children now aren't going to have a choice."

The middle-school years, when girls typically falter in confidence anyway, are a critical time to intervene. Without support, she said, girls tend to be held back by cultural expectations, a shortage of girl-friendly computer games and their own hesitation to jump in and get messy.

GIRL-ONLY COMPUTER clubs are one way to boost confidence. Furger describes how a timid 9-year-old named Nadia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, blossomed after learning to surf the Net at her after-school Computer Academy. Nadia initially was too afraid to make a move without asking if it was OK. Later, she grew so excited about using her school's new high-speed Internet connection that she volunteered to teach her third-grade class how to go online.

"It was phenomenal!" said her teacher.

Other powerful approaches include mentoring by women in high-tech fields and a willingness by adults to let girls trouble-shoot on their own — using a mouse, not being one.

"It's not really about learning one technology," said Furger, who was in Seattle on a book tour. "The technology changes every day practically. It's more an issue of, 'I can figure this out.' That's really what I'm talking about more than anything else."

Furger, who lives in the San Francisco area with her husband and two young children, has written extensively about computers for Newsweek, Child, Parenting, PC World and other publications. She spearheaded PC World's first extended coverage of children's software, including a special report, "Smart Computing for Kids," published jointly by PC World and Child magazine.

Although 40 percent of all American households now have a computer, Furger said girls are often on the fringe, waiting for a turn as the males in the family stake their claims. One computer-camp graduate told Furger she rarely had a chance to use the computer at home. "My two brothers use it all day, every day," she said, adding that one brother removed her favorite game from the home computer because he "needed more space for his stuff."

Access to school computers is equally important. Furger said only 4 percent of all American schools have one computer for every five students — the ratio considered adequate to allow regular use by all students. The national average, she said, is one computer for every nine students and many schools have only one computer per 25 students. When equipment is limited, less-assertive students — often girls — get left behind.

Furger thinks girls are hobbled just as much by a shortage of games, the proving ground of future hackers. According to a 1996 Consumer Survey by the Software Publishers Association, 63 percent of all CD-ROM game buyers — and 66 percent of the main users — are male.

Parents may cringe at the hours their sons spend playing "twitch" games on the computer but, Furger says, those free-wheeling hours at the terminal give boys a sense of mastery their sisters often lack.

Instead, girls typically spend most of their computer time sending e-mail and typing school reports — activities Furger says offer less room for exploration and limit-testing.

"For boys, all that time at the computer, even if it's just playing games, translates into confidence," Furger said. "They may not know any more than girls, but they feel like they do. They develop this unrealistic sense of their own abilities. Girls, even if they spend hours e-mailing their friends, somehow lack that confidence that boys get."

Opinion is divided on this issue, however. One Microsoft manager says e-mail and report writing are at least as valuable as games because they build communication skills. "There's a lot of different ways you can build confidence," said Ellen Mosner, education marketing manager for Microsoft's Interactive Media Group. "Writing school reports is no small thing. You may start doing simple reports on the word processor but you build from that." Mosner said students often go on to develop sophisticated multimedia projects that rival anything put out by private industry.

Although software developers have been slow to respond, the software market for girls is opening up. The American Girls Premiere ($34.99), a play-writing program for girls 7 to 12, complete with sound effects, was the top-selling educational software in October and November, according to PC Data.

Furger said Mattel's Barbie Fashion Designer opened up the market in 1996, becoming one of the year's best-selling interactive games.

"A lot of women, a lot of parents, have mixed feelings about Barbie as a role model and what she represents," Furger said. "Yet it was a real cool application. It was very cool technology and it hit home in a lot of ways."

She said the challenge for software designers is to go beyond traditional female subjects like shopping and dolls while keeping the creative features girls like. "What girls really like in a game," she said, "is something that lets you explore, something that's open-ended."

Purple Moon, a company launched just over a year ago, is a case in point. Last September Purple Moon unveiled a new line of CD-ROM "adventures for girls," based on more than two years of research into how to engage girls in games.

THE FIRST TWO TITLES, designed for girls 8 to 12, are "Rockett's New School" and "Secret Path in the Forest," retailing for $29.95 each and backed by a $6 million marketing campaign.

As Purple Moon's Web site explains, "Rockett's New School" has 20 characters and 45 plot twists. The point is not to turn girls into gamers but to help them click on the relevance and fun of computers. "I think the biggest thing is just awareness of how we treat boys and girls," Furger said. Ideally, "you give them the opportunities to explore, you give them a baseline confidence level."

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teenage and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

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Neagle's Celebrate 40th Anniversary



Bobby & Katrena Neagle of Midland are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today, February 8, 1998 with a trip to the Ft. Worth/ Dallas area with friends.

Bobby and the former Katrena Williams were married February 8, 1958 in Seminole, Tx. They have two children Twila (Mrs. Tim Taylor) and Ricky and (Karen) Neagle and four grandchildren: Matthew & Katie Taylor and Heather & Cole Neagle all of Midland.

Bobby is retired from Exxon Co. U.S.A. and Katrena worked in Public Relations at Midland Memorial Hospital.

They are active members of Crestview Baptist Church.

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TRAVEL

Cruise ships: Something for everybody

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

This could be the year that puts cruising back in lots of people's minds as the choice for a vacation.

Not only are there some grand ships coming on line, but the "Love Boat" is reportedly coming back to television. And if these don't do it, perhaps a little magic will — the Disney Magic, that is. The Disney folks will be setting sail to create the same magic at sea as they have done on land with the Magic Kingdom of Walt Disney World.

Every year thousands more North Americans choose to cruise, but even with this growth, the number who have taken a cruise remains around 7 percent of the population. Not a great number, but then, at least until a few more ships are built, perhaps a blessing for the cruise lines. As Art Sbarsky, marketing guru of Celebrity Cruises noted, "If just 1 percent more North Americans took up cruising, there's not enough ships in the world to handle them."

"The Love Boat" TV show did wonders for the cruise world back in the '70s and '80s, tearing people away from their television and out to sea to experience for themselves a seagoing adventure. And just maybe the newest Love Boat at sea may do the same thing all by itself. This spring, Princess Cruises will introduce the world to the largest and most expensive cruise ship ever, the Grand Princess, a ship that sounds as if it will be easy to fall in love with. Princess ships were used for the original TV series, and while the ships shown on the comedy series, Pacific Princess and Island Princess, were nice, their staterooms hardly matched up with the ones shown. If there were large, spacious rooms with double beds on board, I didn't see them.

Of all the Princess ships, I'd give my Love Boat vote today to the Sun Princess, but this new Grand Princess looks like it will be, well, even grander.

EVEN WITH ALL the glamour and magnificence of the new ships, choosing to cruise obviously still isn't everyone's cup of tea. Yet for every objection, there is a response. Cruising today is far distant from 26 years ago when Carnival began the modern age of cruising. Even Carnival has evolved from a struggling line with just a couple of old renovated ships to one that today dominates the cruise world with the greatest fleet of cruise ships afloat, including the current world's largest ship, the Carnival Destiny. For Carnival, there is no off-season as their ships sail at greater than 100 percent capacity (cruise lines only count the lower beds in a cabin, and many ships offer third and fourth bunks for families and others traveling together).

So, if cruises are this popular, what's the negative? For most people, cruises appear to be only for the sedate, provide too much food, are too regimented and confining, and too formal. Since men tend to be the most negative about cruising, Royal Caribbean brought the message about the positives of cruising home to that male bastion during Super Bowl XXXII by sponsoring the halftime entertainment and providing commercials for their ships, along with the not so subtle message, "You've been watching 22 weeks of games, isn't it time you did something for her?"

While not everyone may think they'd enjoy the new megaships with room for up to 3,000 or so passengers, those ships in particular cancel just about every negative ever heard about cruising, especially for those who have not sailed. Too sedate? Check out the huge health spas on board the ships or the other athletic facilities, which can range from golf driving courses — even minigolf — to basketball, scuba diving courses, and jogging. Too much food? No one says you have to eat it all. Every line offers a healthy choice at all meals. Too regimented? Yes, most ships do have set times for lunch or dinner, usually with a choice of an early or late sitting, but more and more ships are now offering more dining choices. These include 24-hour-dining rooms where you choose when to eat, open seating breakfasts and lunches, again where you set your time, and alternative dining rooms specializing in Italian, Asian, or other cuisines. Too confining? You'd be hard pressed to discover every nook and cranny on a cruise ship, and the modern megaliners have spacious open decks, lots of intimate lounges, and rooms for computing, reading, card playing, etc. Too formal? While most lines have a couple of formal nights during a cruise, tuxedos are not mandatory: a business suit or dressy sports coat will do. There are also many ships that have a casual atmosphere throughout the cruise.

Then there are the questions of seasickness and safety. Neither should be of concern. With modern navigational devices and stabilizers, modern ships can easily steer clear of most bad weather and control their movements to ease the effects of rough waters. To date, the cruise lines, despite some rare on-board fires and groundings, have had an excellent safety record.

When the Disney Magic begins its maiden voyage April 30 from Port Canaveral, Fla., it could well spark a new era in cruising. Disney is not only creating a new ship with innovative design and on-board entertainment and dining but is also creating a new "seamless" land/sea vacation experience. While many lines now offer a "private island" experience, Disney promises theirs will be different.

The Disney Cruise Line vacation will consist of a three- or four-day cruise combined with a three- or four-day stay at Disney World. Unlike a previous experiment with family cruises, Disney is taking no chances, creating a vacation that should appeal not only to families — and children in particular — but to adults without kids in tow and honeymooners. A big order, but one that Disney is capable of accomplishing with ease.

The Disney Magic — a sister ship, the Disney Wonder, enters service in December — was "purpose built." That is, unlike other cruise lines that leave it up to the shipyard to develop the design from the hull up, Disney's design work began before awarding a contract to Fincantieri Shipyards in Italy, where many of today's largest cruise ships have been and are being built. Disney says it based its design on considerations for its three major audiences — children, families, and adults.

What Disney came up with is an 85,000-ton vessel with 875 staterooms capable of carrying 1,750 passengers (2,400 at maximum capacity using extra berths) with the charm and classic lines of the magnificent ocean liners of the past. Most of the staterooms are on the outside of the ship, 44 percent with private balconies. Disney says the staterooms will all be at least 25 percent larger than on other lines.

The Disney Magic will have many innovations. For children, there will be almost an entire deck with activities just for them, including age-specific areas. For adults, there will be lounges and areas where children will not be welcome. Adults will also have special programs designed just for them, such as learning experiences and on-board seminars. There's even an adult-oriented evening entertainment district for dancing, comedy, or just relaxing. One thing that will not be found on the Disney Magic is a casino. Disney will also bring its entertainment skills to sea with lively stage shows for the family.

Another innovation will be themed restaurants, with passengers visiting a different dining room each evening.

In addition to a call at Nassau, the ship will call on Gorda Cay, a 1,000-acre Bahamian island owned by Disney. Disney is creating a small paradise for the daylong stop. The island will also have a dock, so passengers will not have to take launches to reach it.

VACATIONERS WILL begin their weeklong experience at Orlando Airport, where they will be whisked on custom-designed buses to Disney World. At Disney World, guests will receive a single room and cabin key good for use on land and sea. No check-in will be required at the port, and guests can use the card for admission to all the Disney parks as well as charge resort and shipboard items.

Will it all work? "Consumers have trust and confidence in the Disney name, and they trust that the Disney Cruise Line will deliver a good value," said Art Rodney, who heads the line. Rodney and many key executives in the Disney Cruise Line helped build Crystal Cruises, one of the best lines afloat.

About the only question is the response from families who will find the Disney Cruise Line somewhat more expensive than other lines. A seven-day vacation, including the cruise and a stay at Disney World for a family of four, is expected to range between $4,200 and $8,000, depending on hotel selected at Disney World.

The Disney Cruise Line, in all, should be good news for the entire industry. Its potential for success should build new interest in cruising for all lines.

THE POTENTIAL for growth in cruising has long been seen by the industry as it continues to build more — and larger — ships to meet this interest. Bob Dickinson, president of Carnival Cruises, once, when the line was in the midst of an earlier ship-building boom, played upon the movie "A Field of Dreams" by saying, "If you build them, people will come." Carnival has been following this dream for years and continues to build more and more ships, including the Carnival Destiny. Other lines have also been following. Celebrity has more than doubled its fleet in the last couple of years. Princess — already one of the largest cruise lines — will more than double its capacity within the next couple of years, as will Royal Caribbean, which is now working on a couple of 130,000-ton vessels due on the horizon in 1999 and 2000.

In May, the Grand Princess, a 109,000-ton ship (topping the Carnival Destiny by 9,000 tons), will begin its maiden season cruising in Europe. Passengers may choose from eight dining rooms, including a 24-hour cafe; gamble in the largest casino afloat; dance in a disco suspended 150 feet above the water and accessible by a glass-enclosed skywalk; star in their own video; select from three stage shows each evening; and even marry or renew vows in an on-board wedding chapel. The ship will also have the largest number of staterooms with private balconies on the seas. The Grand Princess reportedly is sold out for its inaugural European season.

Princess is so confident of the market that the company just placed orders for two additional Grand Class ships at about $425 million each.

Among other new and innovative ships this year are the Paul Gauguinand the Elation from Carnival. The Gauguin, named for the French painter whose work embodied the romance of French Polynesia, especially Tahiti, is now sailing on seven-day cruises around the Tahiti islands. The 320-passenger, 18,800-ton ship is said to have the largest space-to-guest ratio and includes such features as a retractable marina with a complete water sports program, including diving. Meals will be inspired by two-star Michelin chef Jean-Pierre Vigato, and guests will be able to dine when they wish.

Carita of Paris will also have their first seafaring spa aboard the ship. The Gauguin will also feature no dress code, "casual elegance" is accepted, and there is no tipping because it is included in the cruise price.

CARNIVAL'S NEWEST vessel, the MS Elation, a 70,000-ton, 2,040-passenger cruise liner, will enter service in April. An innovation on this vessel will be a new Azipod propulsion system, which advances operations, maneuverability, and fuel efficiency far above present propulsion systems. The Azipod system developed by Kvaerner Masa-Yards in Finland pulls a ship through the water rather than pushing it like conventional propulsion systems, eliminating the need for rudders, conventional drive units, and stern thrusters. The system is also said to reduce noise and vibration on ships.

The Elation will operate year round on seven-day cruises from Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera beginning April 12. The ship represents a 37 percent increase in passenger capacity on this itinerary, replacing the 1,486-passenger Jubilee, which will move to Alaska for the summer.

If you go:

A cruise can be the most satisfying of vacations, but before taking one you should:

- **Talk to friends with similar interests who have taken a cruise to see if the ship you are interested in would fit your interests.**
- **Talk to a travel agent who has cruise knowledge about the options you have on cruising.**
- **Choose a ship not by price but by interest. Choosing a cruise ship that does not meet your needs, no matter what the price, can be a costly mistake. When it comes to pricing, remember a cruise can cost anywhere between $500 for a three-day cruise to well over $100,000 for an around the world cruise in a top suite. Most seven-day cruises average $1,500 to $2,000 a person including air fare. Prices are based on stateroom and deck selected. Generally the higher the deck, the higher the cost. If you do not need a room with a view or to be in a spacious top deck, you can get some very good prices. No matter which deck or stateroom you choose, the dining, service, entertainment and other activities is the same for all passengers.**

Most cruise prices include transportation, accommodations, all meals, entertainment and activities. Extras include tipping, beverages, cleaning, shopping, personal needs. Some premium cruises including extras such as tips, beverages and some shore excursions. An extra cost on cruises, not always included in the price, are port charges. These charges can add up to a hefty price, especially if you are visiting many ports. Learn what the total cost of a cruise is before booking. Most cruise lines offer discounts throughout the year depending on season and other factors.

Most cruise lines offer an insurance policy that can protect you if you should have to cancel the trip as well as health and other benefits. If the line does not have one, most travel agents can steer you to a travel insurance firm offering these protections.

For solo travelers, most lines have a singles' policy that is generally quite expensive if you wish to have a cabin to yourself. However, many lines also have special deals for singles on selected cruises bringing the cost of having a cabin to yourself within reason. Few lines offer single cabins, just about every cabin in designed for double occupancy.

- **If you have a disability most ships now offer staterooms for the disabled. However, check with the line or a travel agent as to the ease of getting around the ship as well as on and off it at ports of call. At many ports the only way ashore is aboard a tender, requiring assistance to get on and off the boat.**
- **For families, many lines, not all, offer programs for children aboard ship as well as special rates to bring the children. Cruising can be an ideal family vacation offering activities for all ages, time for parents to relax as well as time to share. Ask about facilities on board various lines and hours for children's activities. Ask also about baby-sitters, and, if you are planning shore excursions without the children, what arrangements can be made for the children on ship. Many shore excursions leave before on board children's activities begin. Ask also about the children's programs on the cruise you are taking, some lines only have activities during vacation periods.**
- **If you have special dietary needs, let the cruise line know in advance.**
- **All cruise ships have medical facilities on board as well as the services of a doctor and nurse. Be aware that medical services are an extra cost item and that, while most medical staff are quite skilled, there are no cruise industry standards as to expertise or qualifications.**
- **Seasickness is less and less of a problem on modern ships. Just about every ship now has stabilizers, however, even with these there are times when ocean swells will cause motion even aboard the largest of ships. Medications are available on ships, however, if you have seasickness concerns see your physician before leaving home as there are some prescription only medications that can easily control or prevent any symptoms.**
- **Read the fine print on your cruise brochure. Most lines reserve the right to change itineraries for reasons primarily for safety and weather.**

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Staff Reports

Beta Sigma Phi's Sweetheart Valentine Ball and Silent Auction was 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Green Tree Country Club. Funds raised will benefit Midland Beta Sigma Phi city council scholarship funds.

This year's Sweethearts are:

■ **Valerie Painter,** Psi Phi chapter, has been a member for two years. This year she serves on the ways and means committee and scrapbook committee, and is the chapter's treasurer. She and her husband, Jim, have two children.

■ **Karen Hopkins,** Preceptor Nu Phi chapter, is treasurer of the chapter this year. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1974. She is employed with Bobby Cox Company, is vice president for the Permian Basin Restaurant Association and is director for the Texas Restaurant Association. She and her husband, Steve, have two sons and a granddaughter.

■ **Christine Erb,** Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter, has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for one and a half years. She is sunshine and secret sister chairman, and has been a member of the scrapbook, yearbook and service committees. She and her husband, Alan, have two children.

■ **Beverly Acker,** Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter, is a 25-year member of Beta Sigma Phi. She has served in most offices in her chapters and in city council; has served on all committees and has been named chapter Sweetheart and Girl of the Year several times. This year she is corresponding secretary and a chairman of two committees. She earned a master's degree in social work and is regional permanency program director for Children's Protective Services, TDPRS, where she has worked for more than 27 years. She has two daughters and three grandchildren.

■ **Barbara Adams,** Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter, a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 21 years, has received the Order of the Rose. She is the chapter's immediate past president. A dyslexia therapist at Rusk and Long elementary schools, she also serves as a board member for the Midland Teachers' Credit Union. She and her husband, David, have two children.

■ **Melva Sizemore,** Laureate Nu chapter, joined Beta Sigma Phi in 1959, and has served in all offices and on all committees. She is currently president of her chapter. She and her husband, Charles, have two children and six grandchildren.



Valerie Painter



Karen Hopkins



Christine Erb



Beverly Acker



Barbara Adams



Melva Sizemore

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners from Jan. 19-25.

MONDAY

FLIGHT A:
1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Marian Sims, Linda Warden
3. Becky Kinsey, Jimmie Penn
4. Marianne and Buf Slay

FLIGHT B:
1. Marian Sims, Linda Warden
2. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
3. Betty Moudy, Charlene DeLaune
4. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes

TUESDAY
1. Linda Warden, Buf Slay
2. Wyoma Whitlow, Janet Stoltz
3. Joan La Fond, Helen Wise
4. Sue Gardiner, Jimmie Branch

WEDNESDAY

FLIGHT A:
1. Joe Salman, Jerry crooker
2. Sally Whiteley, Belle Harris
3. Jimmie Penn, Mark Stark
4. Glenda Simmons, Verna Chambers

FLIGHT B:
1. Sally Whiteley, Belle Harris
2. Verna Chambers, Glenda Simmons
3. Betty Reeves, Flo Curry
4. Bobbie Wooten, Charlie Grimes

FLIGHT C:
1. Sally Whiteley, Belle Harris
2. Bobbie Wooten, Charlie Grimes
3. Sue Conner, Billie Ruppe
4. Norma James, James Simpson

THURSDAY
1. Betty Marlow, E.J. Henderson
2. Joyce Mitchell, Helen Owen
3. Dixie Gifford, Fena Berry
4. Glenda Simmons, Mildred Stuart

NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS:
1. Belle Harris, Jeanne Gilles
2. Pat Yocham, Bill Brooks
3. and 4. Tie: Mary Renton, Ken Hill, Nancy Harris, Terri Tedford

FRIDAY
1. Aggie Anguish, Marsha Swanson
2. and 3. Tie: Mary Hammond, Beulah Prichard, Flo Curry, Gloria Crites
4. Betty Sheeler, Jane Myers

SATURDAY
1. Sue Gardiner, Betty Reeves
2. Dixie Gifford, Joe Brittain
3. Marian Sims, James Simpson
4. Helen Wise, Tom Vick

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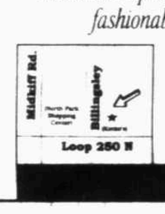
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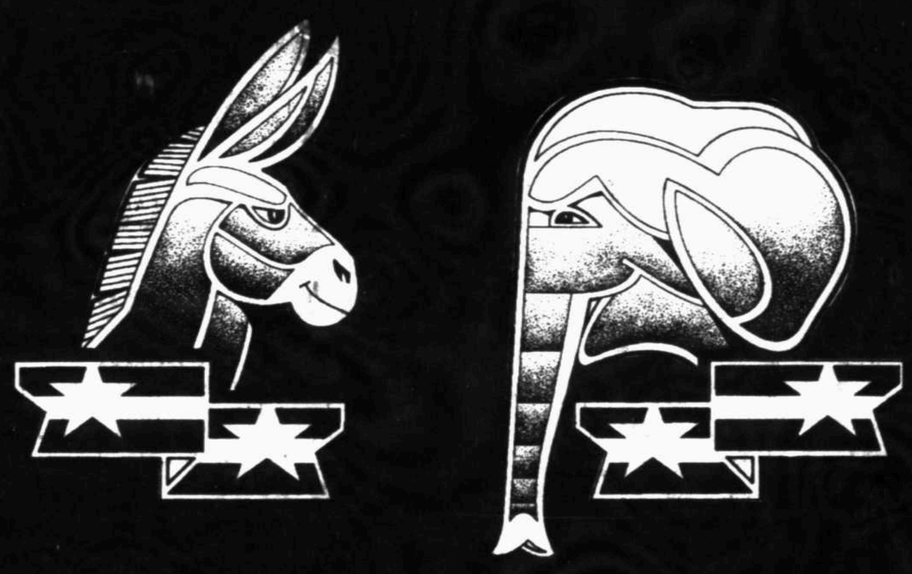
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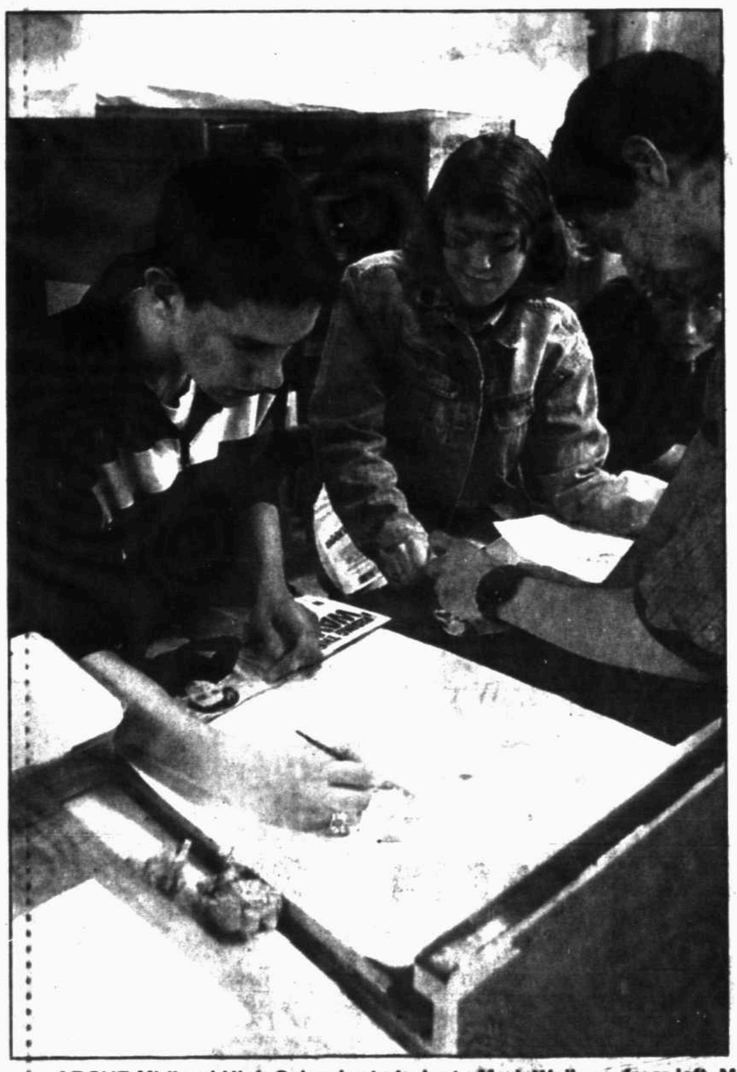
AT LEFT Carver Center, now home for the Gifted Education Midland program and a resource for cultural learning, once served as the black high school for the Midland Independent School District.

BELOW Kourtney Brunson, right, and Stephanie Sims are sixth-graders at South Elementary School.



Midland leaders discuss MISD progress since desegregation, and what remains to be done

HOW FAR WE'VE COME, HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO ...



By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Black History Month is a time for community leaders of all colors to reflect on how far Midland public schools have come and what else needs to be done.

The same community leaders have differing views on what should be done for pave the way for the future leaders of Midland.

Midland Independent School District has changed drastically since the final days of official segregation in the 1960s. It's changed for the better, according to some community leaders, but there's always room for progress to create more educational opportunities for children of all races.

Against a backdrop of Black History Month, local black leaders Margie Titus and James Fuller credit MISD with improvements in minority participation and education, but, they say, more can be still done.

MISD officials believe they've made significant progress and are complying with federal court regulations to desegregate their schools as per the Agreed Judgment and the cluster system of elementary school desegregation.

Fuller, a school board member and Midland College instructor, says things have changed for the better in Midland and Texas since he grew up in a segregated San Angelo Independent School District.

"The majority of our kids should be super-achievers given the (current) facilities and environments," he said. "They should be given the opportunities that are available to them, across the board."

Ms. Titus, a plaintiff intervenor — or key participant — in the ongoing federal desegregation case against MISD, said things have improved markedly at the district, but it still hasn't achieved true desegregation.

Ms. Titus, also president of the Midland NAACP, remembers that her daughter, Erica, was one of the first children to take part in the MISD cluster system of elementary desegregation when it was implemented in 1970s. The controversial system was a compromise that divides elementary schools into three-school zones for grades four, five and six to foster integration.

"I have never had any problems with it, as far as from my experiences. The children have adjusted well," Ms. Titus said. "It could have worked better. As far as the concept itself, it was the best that we could desegregate the schools with in the early years. My only regret is that we didn't do (grades) K through six rather than four through six."

Fuller has his own educational concerns. He was elected to the MISD school board in 1987 and was among the first single-member district board members. Until that time, board members were elected at large.

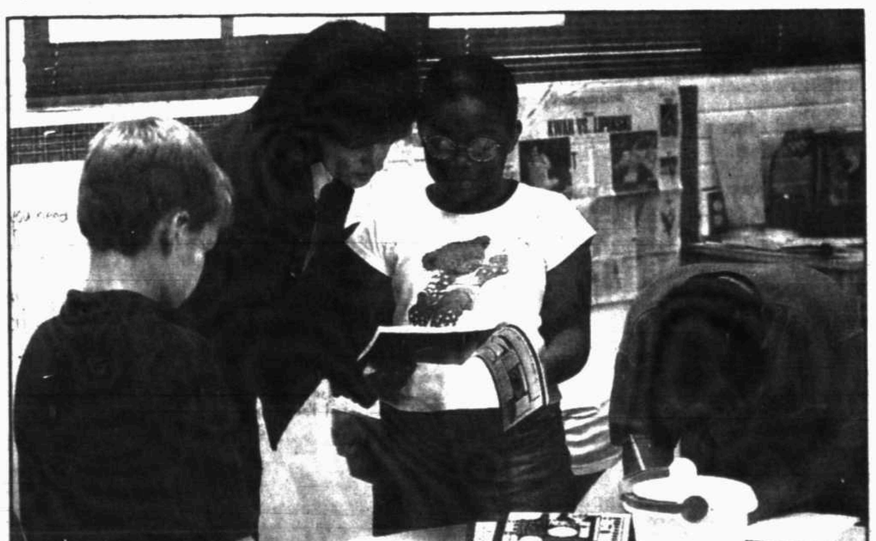
Fuller said when single-member districts were created it was a major change for MISD. The new board in the 1980s backed the first wave of elementary school bond renovations, he said.

He remembers the days in San Angelo when not only schools, but all of society, was divided into black, Hispanic and white communities.

"I lived at a time when my parents had to pay a poll tax (to vote),"

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ABOVE Midland High School art students Mark Wallace, from left, Melody Driver, Horacio Garcia, and Rocky Rendon, back.
ABOVE RIGHT South Elementary serves a diverse student population.
RIGHT Lucille Vaughan teaches at Carver Center.

Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

MAKING THE GRADE

Holly Gilkerson, daughter of Ernie and Victoria Gilkerson and a senior has been chosen by the University Graduate Women as Midland High's Outstanding Girl for February.

Miss Gilkerson has academic honors including USAA Award for Leadership and Service, Biology Award, National Honor Society and Academic Letters. She has also been on the CEIC, Student Council, Peer Mediation, and attended the Model Organization of American States. Others activities include Senior Girls, basketball and serving as senior class vice-president, junior class secretary, and Freshman Class Posse Treasurer:

Community activities include volunteering at Teen Court, Celebration of the Arts, Summer Mummers, Septemberfest, tutoring elementary students and counseling E.D. junior high students. She is also an active member of First Christian Church, Young Life, and Community Bible Study.

Miss Gilkerson has won first place in the Museum of the Southwest High School Art Contest and plans to study advertising, commercial design, or marketing at Texas Christian University.

Regina Williamson, daughter of Terry and June Williamson, has been chosen UGW's Outstanding Senior Girl for February from Lee High School.

Miss Williamson's honors and organizations include academic awards. National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, All-American Scholar, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is a member of the Lee band serving as chaplain and drill instructor. She was selected for the All-Region Band and the Lee Orchestra.

She is very active in P.A.L.S. having attended a state convention where she was chosen to be a facilitator to train others. She is also active in the First Baptist Church serving on the youth council, choir, summer day camp, mission trip, and qualified for state competition in the Bible Drill and Speaker's Tournament for three years and was awarded the Best Sportsmanship Award for two years. She has also won several piano medals and attained the Critic Circle Award for Guild.

Her future plans include attending Texas Tech University and majoring in Education with Math as her specialty.

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GEORGETOWN — Two hundred sixty-six Southwestern University students have been named to the 1997 fall distinction list for academic excellence.

Area students named are **Emily E. Conine**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wayne Conine and **Benjamin C. Miller**, son of Mrs. Mary Decamp Miller.

To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale with at least 12 graded hours.

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DENTON — **Timothy O'Hara** of Midland was named to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Director's Honor Roll for fall semester 1997.

He is the son of Thomas and Joy O'Hara and a 1996 graduate of Lee High School.

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DENTON — **Priti Mody** of Midland was named to the dean's list at the University of North Texas for fall semester 1997.

She is the daughter of Prafulata and Bharat Mody and attended Lee High School.

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LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University has released the following Midland students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of 1997: **Sean Low, Ashlie Mabee, Charlton Taylor, Aimee Williams, Amy Aduddell** and **Crystal Bowen**.

They all had a 4.0 grade point average.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

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The Midland Rotary Club has named **William F. Krueger** and **Chris Lent** as their students of the week.



Gilkerson



Williamson



Krueger

Krueger, son of Jerry and Molly Krueger of Midland attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include National Honor Society, National History and Government Award Recipient, National English Merit Award, All-American Scholar and numerous others.

Lent, son of Tommy and Toni Lent of Midland attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Academic Letters, All-American Scholar, D-FY-IT and numerous others.

Lent plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Petroleum Engineering.

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CHICAGO — **Tausha N. Brown** of Lee High School and **Jarrod T. Bedingfield** of Stanton High School are local winners in the Tools for Tomorrow All-American Vocational Student Awards program.

They will receive a $100 U.S. Savings Bond from TruServ Corp. and advance to the state-level competition.

One winner will be chosen from every state. Each will receive a $500 U.S. Savings Bond and advance to national judging.

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ABILENE — **Brady Thomas Kolb** of Midland was among 186 persons who received degrees at Hardin-Simmons University's December graduation exercises.

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DALLAS — Two Midland residents were among more than 400 students at Southern Methodist University who received their diplomas at the University's December graduation ceremony: **Christopher Lane Boyd** and **Kimberly Irelan Wall**.

Boyd received a bachelor of science degree with a major in economics; Ms. Wall received a additional major for a previously earned degree with a major in communication arts.

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OKLAHOMA — Two students from Midland were included on the Dean's Honor Roll during the 1997 fall semester at Oklahoma University.

Heather Brown, business major, and Stephen Evans, computer science major were among the OBU students who comprised the list.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete at least 12 semester hours with a term GPA of 3.4 or above and no grade below a C.

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WACO — For the 1997 fall session at Baylor University, 1,748 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

Midlanders named to the list are **Katherine Marsha Geib, Steven McNeal Potter, Reagan Lee Butts, Leigh Erin Cunningham, Erin Ticie Hill** and **Emily Marie Miller**.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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LEVELLAND — Three students from Midland were named to honor lists for the fall 1997 semester at South Plains College: **Tanner G. Boyd**, President's Honor List is, and **Brandi L. Dollar** and **Jill A. Pickett**, Dean's Honor List.

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The Midland West Rotary Club named **Nick Carter** as their student of the week.

Carter attends Lee High School and is the son of Terry and Stece Carter.



Stasney



Walker

His honors and activities include LHS Marching Band, Varsity Cheerleader, Texas Scholars, nominated for All-American and All-Star Cheerleader and has received a Class 1 on solos and ensembles.

He plans to attend Texas Tech and major in business.

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The Midland Rotary Club has named **Sarah Elizabeth Stasney** and **Andrea Walker** as their students of the week.

Ms. Stasney, daughter of The Rev. Jon and Dale Stasney of Midland, attends Trinity School. Her honors and activities include varsity basketball, D-FY-IT, PAVE, All-American Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National French Contest and Midland Optimist Club.

She plans to attend the Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. and plans to study architecture.

Ms. Walker, daughter of Larry and Louise Walker of Greenwood, attends Greenwood High School.

Her honors and activities include FHA, National Honor Society, Student Council, National English Merit Award, All-American Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Junior Class representative.

She plans to study nursing.

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BRENHAM — Two students from Midland were among the December graduates from Blinn College who received two-year associate degrees or one-year certificates.

Darby Basham received an associate in arts degree and **Anthony Kukla** received an associate in science degree.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — **Lori Connally**, daughter of Don Connally, has been named to the Oklahoma Christian University President's List for the fall 1997 trimester. Ms. Connally is a freshman majoring in elementary education.

Britt Reams, son of Roger Reams, has been named to the Oklahoma Christian University Honor Roll for the fall 1997 trimester.

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Carter



Russell

Dickie Russell, a member of the Texas A&M at Kingsville Javelina football team is among athletes who made the academic honor roll with a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Russell, a criminal justice major, is a 1996 Midland High School graduate.

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The Midland Morning Lions Club has named **Melissa Hernandez their student of the week**.

Ms. Hernandez is the daughter of Joe Hernandez and Mary Montoya and attends Lee High School.

She is the Lee High School Mascot, a Midland All-Stars Cheerleader, senior class secretary,Senior Girl and a Symphony Belle.

She plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin.

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Alex George Zemkoski of Midland High School was designated as a semifinalist in the 1997-98 Coca Cola Scholars Program.

The program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Finalists will be announced March 1, 1,902 semi-finalists were selected from 129,000 applicants.

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The Lt. William Brewer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored winners in its American History Essay Contest.

The topic for fifth- through eighth-graders was "Forts in American History;" topic for 10th-graders was "The Christopher Columbus Legacy."

The winners were Abby Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bret Smith, fifth- grader at Hillander School; Steven Hofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hofer, sixth-grader at Hillander School; Christa Leibrock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Leibrock, eighth-grader at Trinity School; Emily Leeton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Leeton, a 10th-grader at Midland High School

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

SHERMAN — Three Midland High School graduates who are students at Austin College spent January in a special course of study.

Nicole Kuiper, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kuiper, studied "The Middle East After the OSLO Accords: Lands of Formative Faiths, Former Empires and Future Promise."

This course consists of experiential learning in Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine. Students will meet with political and religious leaders in each area, visit historical sites and engage in dialogue with citizens in each country.

Reid Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Merritt, studies "Social Science Internships."

Students work full time at the state, local or national level in one of several areas, such as political and government offices, government agencies, social agencies, law offices and the judiciary.

Zachary Ham studied "Modern Ireland: Land, People and Culture."

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The International Thespian Society has invited the Midland High School Drama Department to perform Six Canterbury Tales at its annual convention the last week of June in Lincoln, Neb.

The group received the invitation after performing the play at the Texas Thespian convention this past fall.

The members of Midland High School Drama Department will now begin various fund-raising activities to earn the $15,000 needed to attend the festival. Anyone interested in helping the group may call Rene Brister Chambers at 689-1120.

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This year, TAFE will host its 14th annual State Conference, Feb. 13-14, at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio.

The featured keynote speaker at the opening general session will be a 1997-98 Elementary Teacher of the Year, W.W. "Bear" Mills from Midland.

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The Permian Basin Landmen's Association recently renamed its annual scholarship in honor of the late Bill Selter, a longtime Midland landman and attorney.

The scholarship for the 1997-98 school year was awarded to Carrie Pearson, a senior majoring in petroleum land management at Texas Tech University.

SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday--Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Beef or cheese pizza, chicken nuggets, tator tots, carrots and peas, cornbread, peaches, fruit drink, milk.

Tuesday--Breakfast: Cinnamon swirl cake or assorted cereals, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch**: Fritoe pie or lasagna, California veggies, tossed salad, garlic toast, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday--Breakfast: Waffles and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch**: Hamburger, cheeseburger or chili cheese fries, lettuce and tomatoes, oven fried potatoes, spinach, lettuce and tomatoes, coleslaw, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday--Breakfast: Gingerbread or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch**: Turkey fajitas or nachos grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple, fruit drink, milk.

Friday--Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Bean and cheese chalupas or beefy sloppy joe, golden corn, lettuce and tomatoes, pear salad, fruit drink, milk.

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday--Breakfast: French toast sticks, oranges juice, milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, pasta salad, English peas, chilled peaches, milk

Tuesday--Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans, fresh oranges, milk.

Wednesday--Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Beef tamales, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, corn bread, Jello with fruit, milk.

Thursday--Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Chicken fried steak, potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls, valentine cake, milk.

Friday-IN SERVICE

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Symphony performance

Michael Santorelli performs a solo with the symphony during a recent performance at Burnet Elementary School. Members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony gave concerts in several local elementary schools to introduce students to symphonic music and a variety of instruments.

PROGRESS: Leaders discuss desegregation

(From 1F)

he said. "At the time I was growing up, I didn't realize it was a discriminatory practice. Going to school there, I can remember the used books we had, the old corroded microscopes that we had to make work."

Today, equipment and facilities remain important to Fuller. He and the other board members support the ongoing $39.5 million elementary renovations that were approved by voters in March 1997.

Fuller said more needs to be done, including possibly some secondary school renovations. Modern facilities are important to education, he said.

"When I got on the board, Washington Elementary was literally falling down," he said. "Once we started addressing the issue ... you could tell the difference. People couldn't believe what they saw. The teacher morale changed drastically. Those kids were just as proud as they can be."

Ms. Titus also supports more funds from the community for sweeping renovations. She was among those who supported MISD's $110 million school renovations bond, which was defeated by voters about two years ago.

Opponents of the bond, including the group Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, claimed its items were extravagant and wasteful. CFR took a similar stance against recent talk of another school bond issue. Ms. Titus said, however, that she'd be willing to pay more in taxes for newer facilities.

"I would be willing because I voted for the $110 million (bond issue)," she said. "It's not going to get cheaper. It'll be a safer environment, and (children) will have a sense of pride that is conducive to their learning. We should be willing to be sure that our children are educated in the best facilities."

Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent, agreed that facilities play an important role in education. He also believes MISD is desegregated today and officials continue to take the issue seriously.

"I do think we have some legitimate needs that we presented to the voters and were defeated," Baressi said. "Lee High is perceived as a new school. It's 37 years old.

"I don't think there's any question that they make quality education more possible. The human element and teaching are necessary, too. (But) when you have old buildings without modern mechanics — heating and air conditioning — you spend more money keeping those things going."

Ms. Titus has her own educational issues for Midland schools. Back in 1965 Ms. Titus remembers segregated schools in Midland. Black students attended Washington Elementary and later went to Carver, which served as a black high school until the late 1960s. Today the building is Carver Cultural Center, the site for MISD's elementary cultural awareness and gifted and talented programs.

Ms. Titus said one of her biggest issues today concerns what she calls a "three-tiered system" of secondary courses — regular courses, advanced courses, and gifted and talented (or honors) courses.

The Midland NAACP president said only a few minority students are in advanced and honors courses and the ones in regular courses or "general tier" are not being adequately prepared for college. Regular courses include Algebra I and II, Biology I and English I.

"I've been against that because I think the general tier does not prepare them to pass the exit level (10th grade TAAS test) and to go to college," she said. "I would like to see us get rid of the general tier. I think we have done a disservice to our students by having three tiers. It's not preparing them for college."

Baressi is of a different opinion. He said the regular secondary courses are more than adequate for children of all races. A Secondary Course Enrollment Advisory Committee will present its findings on the situation in secondary schools this month.

"If the students apply themselves and get A's in their curriculum, they will succeed," he said. "You can do enough to get by, or apply yourself."

Because of past school board direction and the Agreed Judgment, he said, students who do well on the state-standardized TAAS test are automatically enrolled in advanced courses unless their parents object.

Fuller has other issues that are important to him. One is the district's Gifted Education Midland (GEM) program at Carver for grades four through six.

The board member said the program has made substantial progress in enrolling more minorities in GEM, but still has many more Anglo students than black students.

"That number doesn't reflect what I think it should," he said. "We believe we have a significant number more students who are capable of functioning in that environment."

The program, however, has improved since Fuller came onto the board in 1987. At that time, there were as few as four black students in the gifted and talented program, he said.

Patricia Maurer, Carver's principal, disagrees with Fuller and said the school's program is enrolling an impressive number of minority students.

Ms. Maurer said MISD officials are trying to reach as many gifted minority students as possible, but are faced with educating children from impoverished backgrounds with limited educational resources for those children.

"It is going to be difficult by the third grade to erase the effect of poverty on children's performance," she said. "It's not a matter of raw material, it's a matter of how much opportunity kids have had. We do everything that we know how to do at this point."

In the fourth-grade GEM program, for example, roughly 9 percent of MISD black students and 9 percent of Hispanic students are enrolled in the program, she said.

"Some districts only have 5 percent of the population in gifted and talented," she said. "To have 9 percent of any population would be good."

The gifted-and-talented program continues to be an issue for the plaintiff intervenors and Fuller, Ms. Maurer said. She welcomes the debate.

"I expect every person to be advocate for his constituency and I respect James for that," she said.

Whatever his differences with MISD and local schools on the implementation of their programs, Fuller remains a strong advocate for a quality education. He believes high school graduates should attend Midland College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"One, I think and feel very strongly that African American children should take advantage of every educational opportunity that exists at Midland College and UTPB," he said. "Those educational opportunities are good opportunities that can prepare people for the more sophisticated jobs.

"Two, they would save some money by staying at home and getting an education. Three ... maybe it will contribute to the decline of this exodus of human resources (to large cities). I say, take advantage of the opportunities here, it's your tax money being used to underwrite these institutions, so take advantage of it."

Baressi agrees with Fuller about the importance of education for minority children and for all American children.

"In democratic societies like we have, those who get a quality education are going to have opportunities that poorly educated people are not going to have," he said. "Schooling — public or otherwise — is one of the key elements. The future of our democracy is dependent on an educated electorate."

Fuller said support of the local colleges is important to him as an educator.

"My point is, it's not how big a school is, it's what you put into an educational institution that prepares you for when you leave," he said. "That would be an advantage to any African-American."

Education Department sues universities over disclosure

By William Honan
N.Y. Times News Service

In the latest round in the battle over the release of campus crime statistics, the United States Department of Education has sued two Ohio universities to prevent them from opening their records to The Chronicle of Higher Education, a weekly newspaper for academicians.

Information about campus crimes — rape, assault, theft and other crimes reported by law-enforcement officials since 1992 has been generally available, by federal law requiring campuses to report the information.

At issue is the release of disciplinary reports on students committing infractions like trespassing or possession of alcohol or guilty of more serious crimes, like rape, that remain within the college's judicial system and are not reported to local law enforcement agencies. In many of these cases, the victims or witnesses wish to remain unidentified.

"Campus crime is a hot issue right now," said Scott Jaschik, a senior editor at The Chronicle, which publishes nationwide statistics annually. "Parents and students want to know all the campus crime statistics in order to make an intelligent decision of which university to attend. They don't need just the numbers but want to know how colleges deal with crime."

Education Department officials, however, say they are concerned about balancing the disclosure of crime reports with the privacy of students disciplined by campus judicial systems, which generally have secret proceedings, but never formally charged with a crime.

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Columbus, Ohio, seeks to find Ohio State University and Miami University in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment, for disclosing records that include student names.

LeRoy S. Rooker, director of the education department's family policy compliance office, said: "We really saw this as irreparable harm that could be done to students that have a legitimate expectation that the confidentiality and privacy of these judicial records will be protected. We're not talking only about the alleged perpetrators, but the victims if any and the witnesses if any."

Jaschik, deputy managing editor of The Chronicle, said, however, that The Chronicle does not publish the names of students. The department's rationale "makes no sense because we notified them we would not release the students' names."

The issue arose in the spring of 1995 when Jennifer Markiewicz, then editor-in-chief of Miami University's student newspaper, The Miami Student, sought records of student disciplinary proceedings. She said she intended to use this information to create a database and track campus crime. Her request was denied.

Then Ms. Markiewicz and her successor, Emily Hebert, made a written request to the university under the Ohio Public Records Act. In the hope of avoiding an obstacle, they stated in their request that they did not seek identification of "any accused or convicted party," but that if such identifications could not be deleted then "the records should be provided in their original form."

In April 1996, Miami University released student disciplinary records going back to 1993, but, citing confidentiality provisions of the educational privacy act, deleted not only the identity of accused persons but also their sex and age as well as the time and location of the incident giving rise to disciplinary charges.

Believing this information to be inadequate, the student newspaper editors filed another lawsuit seeking full disclosure of disciplinary records. A ruling by the state court is expected as early as next month.

The education department's lawsuit is a parallel federal case that cites the same universities and attempts to block them from releasing information to The Chronicle.

According to the government brief, the defendants have "an unambiguous obligation" under the educational privacy act not to release "education records."

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ZEMKOSKI SEMIFINALIST IN NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Alex Zemkoski, son of Steve and Diane Zemkoski, a senior at Midland High School has been selected from nearly 129,000 applicants nationwide as a semifinalist in the 1997-98 Coca-Cola Scholars program.

He ranks among some 1,800 students, recognized for excellence, leadership and achievement in school and community activities, who are in the running for $1.4 million in college scholarships to be awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. This is the tenth year of awarding scholarship for a total of $13.7 million.



As scholarship candidates, students must submit additional information to be screened in February by a committee of 21 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States. If selected as one of 152 Coca-Cola Scholar finalists, Alex Zemkoski will travel to the Coca-Cola Selection Weekend, held in Atlanta from April 23-26, 1998 to be named either National or Regional Scholar. The 52 National Scholars will receive an award of $20,000 for college; the 100 Regional Scholars will receive $4,000.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation maintains an ongoing relationship with the recipients during college and beyond through programs, internships and regional reunions. The annual awards represent one of the largest business supported scholarship programs in the U.S., which is funded by Coca-Cola Bottlers and the Coca-Cola Company.

Alex Zemkoski has been accepted to Texas A&M, College Station where he will attend this fall as an Engineering/Computer Science major.

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Candidates' Forum

The Midland College Student Government is sponsoring a Candidate Forum with the candidates for Midland County Judge, Dianne Anderson, Steve Hershberger, Keith R. Jobe and William C. (Bill) Morrow . The forum will be noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Call 685-4543 for information.

AIMS testing

The Aptitude Inventory Measurement Service (AIMS) test will be offered at Midland College Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1. The test will be offered again April 2, 4 and 5 and May 1, 2 and 3.

For more information about the test call 972-234-8378.

Free GED, ESL classes

In response to requests from the community, the Midland College Adult Basic Education program is expanding its G.E.D. Lab to include Saturday classes.

The lab, in room 132 of the MC Technology Center, will be open 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Also, the lab is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Other class sites and varied times are available throughout the community.

Students may enter the program at any time, and instruction is free.

For information about free G.E.D. classes and free English as a Second Language classes, call 685-4566.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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MC sets homecoming activities

Midland College's homecoming is set for halftime of the men's basketball game against Clarendon Monday, Feb. 16, but several other events sponsored by MC clubs will help celebrate the event:

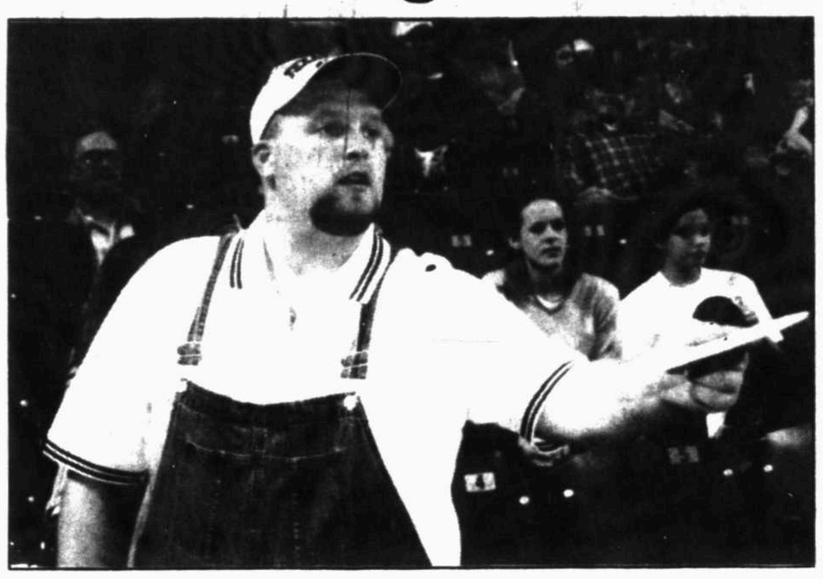
—12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 in the Scharbauer Student Center, Students In Free Enterprise will host a **Build A Sundae in Your Mouth Contest** featuring the homecoming candidates.

—11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 in the Student Center, the MC Students in Philanthropy will be hosts of a **Chili lunch** with chili, cheese, crackers and desserts for $2.

—12-1 p.m. in the Student Center, Baptist Student Ministries hosts a **Sponge Throw;** the cheerleaders will host a **Pep Rally** and the basketball team members will be available so that fans can **Meet the Chaps.**

—10 p.m.-midnight, after the game, the Student Government will sponsor **Karaoke Night** in the Student Center.

An ongoing event at MC home basketball games—also will be part of homecoming activities—is the **Tortilla Toss**, a fundraiser sponsored by the Student Government Association.



MC student Bill Costanzo prepares to toss a "tortilla" at halftime of the Chaps-NMMI basketball game.

Persons who toss a cardboard "tortilla" into trash cans placed in the middle of the basketball court can win $50.

"Tortillas" can be purchased from Student Government senators for $1 each at the basketball games. Proceeds will benefit the MCSGA. The public is invited to all events.

MC offers concealed handgun license class

Midland College is continuing to offer instruction to those interested in getting a Texas Concealed Handgun License.

The next course is set for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, Thursday, Feb. 26, and Friday, Feb. 27 with the proficiency shooting set for Saturday morning, Feb. 28. The course consists of approximately 12 hours of classroom instruction.

Subjects covered include: firearm safety and storage, with the emphasis on keeping firearms away from children, non-violent dispute and conflict resolution; the importance of mental alertness as protection against dangerous situation; and considerable time is spent on the concealed handgun law—where one can and cannot carry a firearm and when a person may use force and deadly force.

The course is taught by Tom Vannaman and Jim Fitz-gerald. Both instructors have been certified by the Department of Public Safety, and have been teaching the course for MC for more than two years.

The cost of the course is $100 plus a $10 range for students who are not members of the Midland Shooters Association. A Concealed Handgun License is valid for four years.

Vannaman and Fitz-gerald also are offering a recertification course for those Concealed Handgun License holders who licenses are expiring. For more information about this five-hour, one-day class, call Midland College Continuing Education office, 685-4518.

Equipment donation aids AHRT students

The donation of more than $2,500 of electrical equipment to the Midland College Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (AHRT) program means that students will be able to get more hands-on experience in solving electrical problems.

The donation is from the Fluke Corporation, one of the leading manufactures of electrical test instruments.

According to Wayne Young, Midland College's AHRT instructor, the meters will be used to teach students how to troubleshoot electrical circuits.

The donation is important to his program since electrical problems generally make up 50 to 75 percent of all service calls, Young said.

The donation was made through Fluke's grant program—established to allow more students to have hands-on access to Fluke instruments during their education.

"The donation of these meters makes it possible for all the students to have access to a good quality digital meter at any time," Young said.

"Now, students don't have to share the meters and they don't have to wait until a meter is turned in before they can work on their class project."

Young said students get some electrical training in all the AHRT classes, but they will be used extensively in the controls and advanced controls classes.

Getting students trained on the right equipment is important since the field of air conditioning and heating is one of the country's most stable industries, which means that job availability is constant for technicians with the right skills.

Making sure students learn the right skills is one of Young's greatest challenges. So, the program has continued to grow in both technology and space.

A new loft in the air conditioning lab has added classroom space, and upgrades in computers allow students to expand their diagnostic skills.

"Working on actual equipment is important for our students," Young said.

The new meters fit right in with other diagnostic equipment available in the lab.

Computers hooked up to electronic boards allow Young to program malfunctions into electrical systems. Students can then troubleshoot on a computer screen.



Instructor Wayne Young stands with electrical equipment donated to MC.

Continuing ed begins classes in parenting, oil & gas software, handwriting

The following continuting education classes begin the week of Feb. 16. For registration information, call 685-4518.

ADDventures in Parenting will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 16 through April 6. Paul Jurek is the instructor.

Interpretive Imaging's Smart Section will be 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 16-25. Buddy Wylie is the instructor.

Basic Rope Rescue will be 6-10 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 16-25. Billy Walker is the instructor.

Tumbleweeds through Time: Midland County's Roots will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 16 through March 30. Bill Modisett is the instructor.

Adv. Geographix-Reports: Exporting will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 17-26. Christi Reed is the instructor.

Adv. Investments will be 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 17 through March 24. Van Pearcy is the instructor.

Handwriting Analysis will be 7-9:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 17-March 5. Marilyn Irving is the instructor.

Medical Manager Software will be 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, Feb.19 through April 12. Lenelda Pennington is the instructor.

Adv. Cardiac Life Support will be 5-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 20-22. Charles Hare is the instructor.

Nonprofit Centers: Grantsmanship 101 will be 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Feb. 20-21. Hyta Folsom is the instructor.

Office 97 will be 6-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor.

CPR Healthcare Provider will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

EMS Transition will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 through March 28. Steve Hodges is the instructor.

Medic First Aide & CPR will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Alfred Berosa is the instructor.

Real Estate MCE Update will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday Feb. 21-22. Donna Gore is the instructor.

Concealed Handgun will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday Feb. 24-28. Classtime on Saturday will be announced. Tom Vannaman is the instructor, and the fee is $110.

Applications are being taken for the three-week truck driving course taught by MTA Schools through Midland College. Financial aid and placement assistance is available. Cost of the course is $3,500. For information, call 1-800-391-0777.

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NEW INFORMATION!

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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
520-9206
Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Marvin Witcher, Pres.
Earl Selman, Secty. 687-4344

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Meeting, 2nd & 4th Tue. at 7:30 P.M.
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CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg.stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm.
Tom Arnold, WM
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115 Announcements

HONDA CARS for $100. Seized and sold locally this month. 800-522-2730 ext 3063.

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115 Announcements

SKI WITH the Flatlanders in Teluride Colorado. 4 night lodging, 3 day skiing, 2-18 thru 2-22, $355 or 5 nights lodging, 4 days skiing, 2-17 thru 2-22, $433.50. For more information call 333-1847 or 366-5929.

130 Personals

MEDITATION CLASS- teacher from Boulder, Colorado. Saturday February 28th, 9 am- 1 pm. Call 683-9240.

CALL US FIRST. President of Co. Dad/ Stay -at- home Mom wish to offer your newborn a life of hopes,, dreams, love & care. They will experience the safe feeling of Mommy & Daddy always in love & always there!!! Call Debbie E-Z to talk to 1-800-866-2029. It is illegal to be paid for anything other than medical or legal fees.

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MARY KAY COSMETICS. Sybil Wallace, 684-5464. Kay Gilley, 520-3167. Crete Arnold, 689-7002.

I WILL PAY YOU to lose weight. Call 580-1374.

130 Personals

LOOKING FOR eyewitnesses of accident on December 27th at 5 pm, the intersection of Andrews Hwy. & Cuthbert. (915)940-0704.

FAMILY WHO adopted 2 female cats, for daughters birthday, 1 black & white, 1 calico. 520-8028.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND: FEMALE 2 year old Brittany Spaniel, white & liver. Vicinity of Todd Road. 682-0468 or 682-5241.

FOUND: SMALL male white dog, tattoo in ear. Call to identify. 697-4924.

FOUND: white male cat with gray spots. Call 699-4921.

LOST: 6 YEAR old female Siamese cat, blue eyes. Vicinity of North Loop & "A". REWARD! 683-9500 or 686-7626.

LOST COMPANION- Sweet & friendly, male Yorkshire Terrier, named "Radar." Vicinity of Midland Dr. and Andrews Highway, Reward. A. Baldinelli, please call 699-0935.

FOUND: SPITZ- white female, 2 years old with red nylon collar & leash. Call Midland Animal control 685-7420.

LOST: MALE Bassett Hound, brown & black wearing blue collar. Vicinity of Golf Course & Lanham. 684-9888.

170 Schools/ Instruction

EDUCATIONAL/ EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING

WHEN: Thursday, February 12, 3:00- 5:00 pm
WHERE: Odessa Workforce Center, 809 Tower Drive (8th and Tower)

The Odessa Workforce Center will host a conference regarding the educational requirements and career opportunities in semiconductor (computer chip) manufacturing. Semiconductor manufacturing is the fastest growing industry in Texas. Projected job openings reach 10,000 by the year 2001 with starting salaries exceeding $30,000. Applicable TI locations include Lubbock, Dallas, Houston and Sherman.

Representatives from Texas State Technical College- Sweetwater and Texas Instruments will be available to discuss career opportunities. Seating is limited. Please make your reservation by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 11, 1998.

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150 Lost & Found

FOUND: Black Lab male, green nylon collar. Contact Midland Animal Control, 685-7420.

LOST DOGS- White neutered male, terrier mix, shaggy, black collar and tags, about 22 pounds. Also small, fuzzy black & tan, neutered male, poodle mix, red collar and tags, docked tail. Call 697-2025.

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Attention Readers

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CADILLAC 1987 DeElegance. Blue, blue leather interior, excellent condition. $5,500. 694-1290 after 5 pm.

CADILLAC 1991 Sedan Deville. 90,000 Miles. Great shape! Champagne with tan leather. New tires. $7,800 or best offer. 570-5104.

CHEVROLET 1989 Caprice Classic. 74K, V-8, cruise, tilt, air, cassette, new brakes and battery. $3,900 or best offer. Call 697-3657.

CHEVROLET 1986 Caprice Classic, V-8. $1,000. 697-4502 or 682-1809 leave message.

CHEVROLET 1990 Corisca. 4 Door, runs great, good tires. $2,500. 520-0733.

FORD 1989 MUSTANG, 4 cylinder, hatch back, many extras, $2,800. Call 697-1893.

FORD 1992 blue, Taurus Wagon. New battery, new starter, 80,000 miles, one owner, well equipped. $4,600. 697-5044.

PONTIAC 1990 BONNEVILLE SSE. 60K miles, Metallic Blue, tan interior, alloy wheels, great condition! $6,995. 699-4907.

PONTIAC 1995 Trans-Am, V8, loaded, 32,000 miles, mint condition, $14,500. Call 563-1503.

PONTIAC 1996 FIREBIRD, low miles, take over payments under $300/ month, payoff $13,100. Call 689-7301.

200 Autos Domestic

PONTIAC 1996 Trans AM. 6 Speed, V-8, low mileage. $18,500 o.b.o. 520-2038 after 5.

CADILLAC 1984 DeVille. One Owner, garaged, excellent condition. $2,750. 694-6834.

CADILLAC 1989 Eldorado. 90K, leather interior, real clean! $6,500 699-6529 or 697-1888.

OLDSMOBILE 1989 Cutlass Supreme. Excellent condition, $5,500. 699-3218, 683-1011.

CADILLAC 1983 Eldorado. White/ red leather. $2,500. 684-6278.

CHEVROLET 1980 Malibu, $2,500, excellent mechanical condition, gray/ maroon top, great tires, 64,000 miles. Call 694-3197 or 699-5552, work.

CHRYSLER 1983 Fifth Avenue. In good condition. Silver. $1,600 or best offer. 570-6870.

FORD 1992 Taurus, white, very clean and loaded. $5,750. call 697-3827 or 520-6076.

PONTIAC 1981 Grand Prix. Good running car, V-6. $1,100 o.b.o. 687-3718.

BUICK 1996 Regal Custom 4 door, auto., power windows/ locks, cruise, tilt, cassette. Under 39K miles. Call David 694-8432.

PONTIAC 1997 Bonneville SE. AM/ FM cassette, auto., power windows/ locks, cruise, tilt, spoiler. Under 28K miles! David 684-8432.

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BUICK 1993 LeSabre. Loaded, low miles. $8,900. National Auto Sales, 2605 W. Elizabeth, 570-0166.

CADILLAC 1991 SEVILLE. Gold package. $5,900. National Auto Sales, 2605 W. Elizabeth, 570-0166.

CHEVROLET 1996 Beretta. Like new, take up payments. Power windows, automatic. Drivers air bag. 689-0161, or 520-4953.

CHEVROLET 1997 Camaro, automatic, V6 with power windows, locks, cruise control and keyless entry. Call Mike or Eusesbio 697-3293.

CHRYSLER 1997 LHS. Beautiful car with leather. Why buy new if you could save thousands with this pristine vehicle. Call Frank or Carl, 697-3293.

DODGE 1993 Shadow. Automatic, air, CD. 40,000 miles. Excellent school car! $4,995. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

FORD 1969 Mustang Mach 1, $1,800. Rough body, good engine. Chrysler 1978, LeBaron, $600. 570-4602.

Jack Sherman Chevrolet Geo, Buick, Mazda Sales & Serv. 4100 W. Wall, 694-9601

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1993	OLDS	CUTLASS SUPREME	$6,995.00	$5900
1994	BUICK	LESABRE	$11,925.00	$9995
1994	FORD	ESCORT	$6,995.00	$5900
1995	MERCURY	SABLE GS	$10,795.00	$8500
1996	PLYMOUTH	BREEZE	$11,995.00	$10,900
1996	CHEVY	LUMINA	$12,995.00	$11,500
1997	CHEVY	MONTE CARLO LS	$15,495.00	$12,600
1997	PONTIAC	GRAND AM GT	$16,500.00	$14,900
1996	BUICK	PARK AVENUE	$19,900.00	$17,500
1997	FORD	TAURUS GL	$15,995.00	$14,300
1997	CHEVY	BLAZER LS 4X4	$24,500.00	$20,999
1997	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS GS	$18,900.00	$16,900
1997	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE SE	$17,500.00	$15,500
1997	DODGE	INTREPID	$16,500.00	$14,900

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FORD 1994 ESCORT GT. Cruise, Am- Fm cassette, alloy wheels, air, gray cloth, 5 speed. 31K. Black. $5,995. Financing and warranty available. Texas Auto Sales, (806)872-3208, 806-893-0707, Lamesa.

FORD 1995 MUSTANG LX. Automatic, all electric, black, gray cloth. 39,000 miles. $9,995. Texas Auto Sales, (806)872-3208, 806-893-0707, Lamesa.

FORD 1996 Mustang GT, adult owned & driven, white/ tan leather. Fully loaded. 16K miles. $15,995. 570-8130, leave message.

FORD 1996 TAURUS GL. 4 Door, all electric. 59,000 miles. $9,995. Financing and warranty available. Texas Auto Sales, 806-872-3208, 806-893-0707, Lamesa.

FORD 1996 Thunderbird LX, adult driven, opalescent white, V8, loaded, 18,900 miles, $14,900. Days 699-7785, nights 687-1830.

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LINCOLN 1994 Town Car. Signature series, fully equipped. 52K miles. Must see. call Frank or Carl, 697-3293.

MERCURY 1986 Lynx 2 door automatic, $850 Cash. 683-6180.

MERCURY 1988 Cougar, one owner, good condition. $2,700. Call 686-0862.

MERCURY 1989 Sable GS, station wagon. 116K, great condition, power windows/ locks,or best offer air, am/ fm cassette, $3,500. 685-6018.

MERCURY 1995 Cougar XR7. Vinyl top, moon roof, all power, 33,500 miles. Excellent condition, $13,500. Call 682-0036.

MERCURY 1996 SABLE, LS. Must sell immediately! Call Mike or Eusesbio 697-3293.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL & SALES. Midland International Airport, 563-4412.

OLDSMOBILE 1994 Cutlass Supreme. 4 door. 59,000 miles. All electric. V6. $7,995. Financing and Warranty available. Texas Auto Sales, (806)872-3208, 806-893-0707, Lamesa.

OLDSMOBILE 1995 Achieva. 4 Door, 50,000 miles. Extra clean. $6,995. Financing and warranty available. Texas Auto Sales, (806)872-3208, 806-893-0707, Lamesa.

PONTIAC 1989 Trans-Am GTA. Miles right, low time engine. Full power. Close out $7,995. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND. 3110 W. WALL.

PONTIAC 1994 Grand Am 2 door SE. $6,950. Call 683-6180.

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SATURN 1995 SL2. Hunter green, 26K miles, leather, CD, sunroof and power. Excellent condition. $13,000. Call Angela 682-4295.

CHEVROLET 1989 Corvette convertible, excellent, 47K, black, leather, Bose, all power, eagle GSC, garaged. $17,500 firm. 688-4631 day, 694-3206 evening.

CHEVROLET 1995 Already rare Impala SS. Loaded, leather seats, CD, keyless entry with alarm, dark cherry red. $20,500. 570-4513.

FORD 1996 Mustang LX, white, bankers personal car. Cream Puff, great gas, 5 speed, power, CD player, wheels, $13,250. 550-3611.

LINCOLN 1991 Towncar. White with red leather. Cellular phone. 81K miles. Great shape. $7,500. 520-2952.

LINCOLN 1983 Towncar, blue, high mileage, excellently maintained. Really must see to appreciate! $3,000 or best offer. Call 694-8919.

LINCOLN 1984 Towncar, low miles, all options including in-dash computer. $3,200. Call 694-6231.

BUICK 1984 Regal Limited. 2 door, 1 owner, non- smoker, low mileage tires, automatic, 75K, $3,000. Scott after 5, 685-4041.

LINCOLN 1988 Signature Town Car. Attractive. Sandstone color, vinyl top, excellent condition. $4,900. Call Travis Bushman, Freedom Lube/ Gas, 682-8855.

OLDSMOBILE 1988 CUTLASS Supreme, 2 door, new tires, excellent condition, fully equipped, $3,495. Call 689-0722.

CADILLAC 1991 Sedan Deville, Fleetwood. Champagne, 4 Door, 72K miles, new tires. Reduced, $8,800. 699-1441 or 686-9676.

200 Autos Domestic

CADILLAC 1992 Sedan Deville. 31K miles, sapphire blue/ white leather interior, immaculate condition. Paid $35,000, asking $13,950. Don- Odessa 368-0650.

CHRYSLER 1997 Concorde. (Compares to Dodge Intrepid). All power, 16,000 miles. Immaculate, showroom condition. Divorce forces sale! $17,900. Call 694-3796.

CADILLAC 1989 Sedan Deville. Burgundy, leather, loaded, 58K miles, super condition. $7,995. 520-8718 or leave message.

CADILLAC 1991 Fleetwood, white/ navy cabriolet roof, leather, new tires, alarm package, 64K miles, perfect, $12,500. Call 570-1602 or 686-0686.

CHRYSLER 1997 Town & Country LXI, candy apple red, 11,000 miles. 682-3729 days or 520-5122.

BUICK 1993 Regal Limited, white, 2 door, full power, air, cruise, leather, security system, 39,000 miles, extended warranty. $9,400. 520-0965.

MERCURY 1995 Grand Marquis LS. Loaded, like new, willow green/ graphite leather, 16K miles. Original owner, $16,750. Under Book. 697-2113.

PONTIAC 1994 Grand Am SE. Red, 2 door, AM/ FM cassette, spoiler, pinstriping, excellent condition, 61K. $7,900 negotiable. 694-8195/ 687-2877.

MERCURY 1995 Grand Marquis LS. Loaded, original owner, 22,500 miles, like new; color light willow green. Under Book, $16,750. 694-3624.

OLDSMOBILE 1990 Cutlass Calais. 2 Door, rebuilt motor, auto, air, looks and drives great. $4,000 o.b.o. 580-3703 days, 570-6335 evenings.

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PONTIAC 1972 Grand Prix, 400 CID, new top and tires, good body and interior. $2,975, call 699-5943.

CADILLAC 1975 El Dorado, convertible. White over red. Mileage, 94,500. $5,000 firm. Call 683-1401.

CADILLAC 1976 DeVille. Good top, good paint, runs goods. Asking $1,800 or best offer. See at 1204 W. Michigan. 687-3124.

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang. Excellent shape, rebuilt engine, new clutch/ transmission. Chrome wheels, red. Was my daughters car. $4,450. 697-7496.

JAGUAR 1964 XKE Convertible, needs restoration, no rust all original parts.Call Shawn at 570-7446.

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HUDSON 1954 Hornet, 308 engine. More than 95% complete. Needs restored. $2,500. Call 683-5574.

FORD 1968 MUSTANG, good condition, needs final touches on restoration. $5,000. Call 563-0500 after 6pm.

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang. Maroon/ black interior. 289 V-8, air, new tires, excellent condition! $8,500. Call 682-1966, days, 683-7268 evenings.

PONTIAC 1966 GTO Teal blue, 389 V-8, power, air, 76K actual miles, matching numbers, excellent condition. $9,000. 682-1966 days, 683-7268 evenings.

CHEVROLET 1971 Chevelle Malibu. 2 Door hard top. Reduced $3,500. 694-9339 after 4 pm.

FORD 1957 Fairlane. 2 Door, complete car. Great restoration project. Good sound body. $1,750. 520-8222.

210 Autos Imports

BMW 1989 750li. Silver/ blue, well maintained, all records. $16,000/ best offer. 620-0222.

HONDA 1994 Accord LX. All power, CD, A/ C, new tires. $11,500 firm. 697-9610.

NISSAN 1992 Sentra SER. 5 speed, 49,000 miles, $4,800. 694-1921 or 683-1090 ask for Mary.

NISSAN 1995 Altima GXE. 53,000 miles, white. $11,500. 683-5490 after 5.

HONDA 1996 Accord LX. 4 Door. 13,000 Miles. $15,500. Call 694-4719.

210 Autos Imports

MITSUBISHI 1991 Eclipse. Red, 88,000 miles, runs great. $4,800. Call 685-3519.

MITSUBISHI 1991 Exclipse. 57K miles, 5 speed, loaded, very clean. $5,500. 684-7367.

NISSAN 1989 Maxima SE. White, sunroof, 5 speed. Great condition. $5,500. 682-2232.

NISSAN 1990 240SX. Automatic, Air, Maintenance records. Runs good. $4,500. 686-2013.

NISSAN 1991 240 SX. Loaded, black with sunroof. Dent in door. $4,800 o.b.o. 697-1019.

TOYOTA 1987 Cressida. Good condition. $3,200. Please call Ron. Days 697-3111, Evenings 694-2649.

TOYOTA 1996 Camry LE. 4 Door, all power, AM/FM cassette, spoiler, tinted windows. $12,960. 550-4294.

MAZDA 1993 323. Local one-owner, 33K miles, automatic with overdrive. Call Kevin 561-6222, pager.

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TOYOTA 1997 Camry LE. White/ gray interior, all power, 4 speed, auto/ overdrive, only 13K miles. Call Kevin 561-6222 pager.

BMW 1984 325E. Gray, air, auto, all power, AM/FM cassette, cruise, leather, sunroof. $4,500. 699-7275.



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HONDA 1995 ACCORD EX. Black/ grey leather. Great condition. $16,000 or take over payments, $2,000 down, $200 monthly. Low miles. Call 687-4715.

HONDA 1995 Civic. Bright red, 4 door, 5 speed, low miles. Special close out! $8,995. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

HONDA 1996 Civic, EX one owner. Adult driven, 4 door with all power options, spoiler, sunroof, alloy wheels, call Kevin 561-6222 Pager.

LEXUS 1997 LS 400. Sapphire blue/ beige leather interior, all options, extended warranty, premium sound and more, low mileage. 683-1989.

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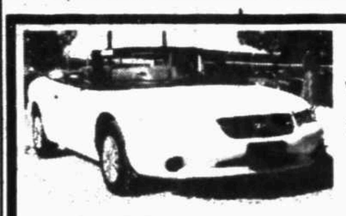
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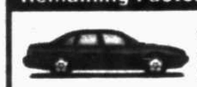
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FORD 1995 F-150. Eddie Bauer 4x4 extended cab. Loaded, all power, cell phone, 34K miles. $19,900 firm. 699-1814 or 563-3057.

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Position	Minimum Education
Shift Supervisors (4)	High School/GED
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HOUSEKEEPING positions open at Hampton Inn. Apply in person 8 am- 3 pm, 3904 W. Wall.

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24 Hour * Job Hotline
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310 General Help Wanted

LEASING CONSULTANT- Part time, Monday - Friday, 26 hours per week. Computer experience required. Inquire at The Courtyard Apartments. 2300 N "A" St.

LOCAL SURVEYING Co. needs a rodman, and experienced instrument man. Send resume to: Box PJ-3011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LOOKING FOR Full or Part time licensed stylist to work day and evening shifts. Must work weekends. Salary plus commission, benefits. Please come by and visit with Paula at Great Expectations in Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff. No phone calls, please.

LOUNGE- Cactus Moon Midland, is now accepting applications for cashiers, waitstaff, barbacks, and floorwalkers. Applications should be submitted to Cactus Moon, 1006 S. Midkiff, Midland TX 79701; between the hours of 12- 2pm and after 6:00 pm, Wednesday- Friday. TABC certification required.

RESTAURANT. Fuddruckers, Home of the World's Greatest Hamburger is looking for the World's Greatest Associates. We have full and part time day and evening opportunities available. We offer flexible scheduling, meal discounts, performance raises and promotions. We are looking for energetic, outgoing individuals with a great personality and a good work ethic. Cashiers (Must be 18 or older) & Dishwashers can make up to $5.75/ Hour to start depending on experience and position. Apply at Fuddruckers, Midland Park Mall.

RESPONSIBLE LOVING Christians are needed to care for young children in the nursery program at FPC. Part time hours include, Sunday mornings, weekdays and/ or some evenings. Previous nursery experience a plus. Contact FPC. 684-7821.

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310 General Help Wanted

MERCHANDISER POSITION

SW Coca-Cola has Merchandiser positions available. Merchandiser is responsible for filling shelves and racks, cold equipment, displays, and in any other locations where the retailer chooses to make the product available for purchase; as well as maintaining and cleaning shelves, back rooms and inventory stock. Must maintain good customer relations. Must have reliable transportation. Weekend work required. Must meet MVR requirements. Opportunity for advancement. Salary ranges from $19,000- $23,000 Annually.

MATERIAL HANDLER POSITION

Southwest Coca-Cola is also accepting applications for a Material Handler. Material Handler is responsible for stacking cases of soft drink product on pallets based on loading instructions prepared for each truck. The Material Handler is also responsible for keeping the work area neat and clean, cleaning up the warehouse after trucks are loaded.

-Please apply through TEC or come by 2700 W Van, Odessa, Texas.

SW Coca-Cola is an AA/EOE

METAL STUD Framers, sheet rockers & helpers. Please apply at Midland International Airport, new Terminal building.

MOTORCOACH COMPANY- looking for director of tour department. Would need to package, market and escort group tours. Wage and benefit package negotiable based upon experience. Call 561-6626.

TELEMARKETERS needed at Glen Mills. Call Lillian Smith at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 9 pm, Monday- Friday.

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310 General Help Wanted

PAINTER. Apartment community seeking full- time painter to join their maintenance team. Excellent benefits. Apply in person at 5101 North "A" Street. No phone calls please.

PART TIME Office help, afternoons in Real Estate Broker/ Property Management office. Experience in Quicken & Works, some bookkeeping helpful. Pay D.O.E. $5- $8 per hour. Non smoking environment. Send resume to P. O. Box 11, Midland, Texas 79702.

PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA- Our business continues to grow! Now hiring cooks, cashiers and drivers. Part and full time. Drivers potential earnings $8-$10 per hour, must have valid license & insurance. Cash Paid daily. Please apply in person at 3303 N. Midkiff in San Miguel Square.

REPRESENTATIVES

Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Cafe China now hiring, host/ hostess. Must be willing to work nights and weekends, have reliable transportation. Apply in person between 2- 5 pm Monday through Friday, 2800 N. Big Spring.

RESTAURANT- Experienced wait staff needed at The Bar. Inquire Monday through Friday between 8:30 & 10:30 or 1:30 to 4pm. 606 W. Missouri. 685-1757.

RESTAURANT- Waitstaff, lunches only, great tips. Kitchen Prep- Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W Cuthbert.

SERVICEMASTER is now taking applications for Janitorial work. Call 685-3121.

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310 General Help Wanted

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ADULT ARCADE Attendant- Night shift, 6pm to close. Apply at Gold Rush, 4411 W. Illinois.

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$1,000 Sign- on Bonus
(Company Drivers)
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35¢ per mile
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DURING PROBATION

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✔ RESTAURANT- Kuo's Chinese Restaurant now hiring experienced waitstaff. Apply in person, 3303 N. Midkiff.

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310 General Help Wanted

✔ MECHANIC NEEDED machinery and shop maintenance. Apply in person at 7141 Club Drive. 362-9291. Must have contactable references.

ALAMO YMCA- needs certified lifeguards. Applications are being accepted at 901 North Midland Drive.

APARTMENT MAINTENANCE, experience required. Interviews 2:30- 3:30 pm, Monday through Saturday at 2301 S. Cottonflat Road, Leisure Estates Office, or call Chris, 697-8784 to make appointment for another time.

ASSISTANT MANAGER- Great Expectations, a hair Salon in Midland Park Mall is looking for expderienced Assistant Manager. Come by and talk to Paula., at 4511 N. Midkiff.

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: **(this is an example)**

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CASHIERS NEEDED part time and full time for all shifts. Apply in person E-Z Mart, 2210 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

CLEANING, full time for apartments, home and offices. Experience required, using ladder and doing windows. Call or see Holly, between 3- 5:30 pm, Monday through Saturday, at 2301 Cottonflat Road, Leisure Estates Office, 685-3132.

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310 General Help Wanted

COOK NEEDED. full time/ part time, must work well with elderly. Must be team player. In beautiful new facility. Apply at 1808 W. Loop 250 North, Midland.

COOK- position open for part-time cook, 30 hours per week. Beautiful facility, attractive pay and benefits. Must have home phone and references. Apply at 3400 Caldera Drive, Cimarron House.

DELI- Murray's Delicatessen now hiring cooks. Full time positions available. Apply in person, 3211 W. Wadley.

DELIVERY, Sales, Service. Need self motivated individual with CDL/ HazMat. Flexible hours. Send resume to: Natwel, 4505 Cardinal Lane, Midland, Texas 79707-2203.

DINING SERVICES- Applications are now being accepted for all dining service positions. Must have experience in restaurant/ healthcare environment. Must be able to read, write and understand all written and oral instructions. Applications can be completed at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. EOE M/F

DINING SERVICES- Manor Park, Inc. is now accepting applications for the following positions in the dietary department: full- time Janitor and part- time Dietary Assistant. Must have experience in restaurant/ healthcare environment. Must be able to read, write and understand all written and oral instructions. Applications can be completed at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. EOE M/F

DISHWASHER. Must pay attention to detail, cleanliness & have a good work history. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

DRIVER- Allied Van Lines agent has opening for Class A CDL driver for 5 to 48 states territory. Successful applicant must have verifiable background, excellent driving record, pass physical and drug test. Top pay and commission paid. Owner/ Operator program available. Telephone Jim Martin, 563-0067 for appointment.

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Supervise Medical Records Departments; Maintain policies and procedures for medical records. Completion of an Accredited Records Technician (ART) and maintenance of ART Licensure/ Certification required. 2 Years medical record experience required. Salary DOE. 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. EOE.

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310 General Help Wanted

SALVATION ARMY Daycare seeking part- time Teachers and Cook. We will train. Diploma or GED needed. Apply in person, 3500 Park Lane, Midland.

SEASONAL WORKERS needed for vegetable & bedding plant greenhouse operation located in Midland. Primary duties include transplanting, watering and potting. Full or part- time positions available. Experience a plus, but not required. For an interview call the Bonnie Plant Farm, (915)682-4300.

SERVICE TECH REP

Growth company needs full/ part time rep to service vending machines in surrounding area. Reliable transportation, home based, some technical knowledge. Starting salary, benefits, travel allowance, training. Respond to: P.O. Box 42661, Cincinnati, OH 45242 Fax 606-282-9531.

SHELTER SUPERVISOR. Permian Basin Center for Battered Women has an opening for Shelter Supervisor. Responsible for maintenance, housekeeping, meals, transportation, security and supervision of Support Staff. Bachelor's degree in management and/ or experience with supervision of employees and residential services. Fax resume to 915-686-7186 or mail to: Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

SHIPPING & RECEIVING- Experience desired but not necessary, computer experience helpful. Interview by appoint. Call between 8:30 & 4:30 520-5374- Cathy.

SITTERS NEEDED to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Work may include nights and weekends. Please call Tamara at 915/570-4475.

310 General Help Wanted

SKILLED WORKER- experienced in electrical, plumbing, carpentry and mechanics. Full time. 561-9551.

STATION ATTENDANT- no experience necessary, must have verifiable work references. Apply in person 808 S. Big Spring, Midland.

THE PETROLEUM Club of Midland is now accepting applications for the positions of Waiters, Waitresses & Bussers. Experience preferred, but will train the right individuals. Top wage and benefits package available. Full & part time positions. Apply in person, Monday- Friday, 9:30- 1:30, 501 W Wall Street.

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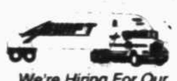
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311 Medical Help Wanted

* CNA'S *

New healthcare Administrator Glyndon Ruth Kimbrough at Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for CNA's for the following shifts: 6 am- 2 pm and 2- 10 pm in the nursing home unit. The right candidate(s) must be Texas certified, dedicated to and enjoy caring for the elderly. Excellent working environment and benefits. Applications can be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and returned to the attention of Donna Parker. EOE M/F

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***RN MANAGER**

Interim Healthcare . We are presently accepting applications for an individual who has previous home health and/ or management experience, is able to communicate and educate staff members related to current changes, willing and able to see patients, and dresses to meet professional clientele. Please, submit resume: Fax 915-522-2256 or mail to: Interim Healthcare, 3205 West Cuthbert B-5, Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Kay Blake, RN.

BUSY, OUTPATIENT Facility has full and part time openings for EXPERIENCED Medical Assistants or LVN's. Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume to: 4800 E 42nd Street, Odessa, Texas 79762. Attn: Cathy or call 550-9695.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES. Terrace West Nursing Center has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the Day/ Evening shift. If interested, please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

CNA. 2 CNA's needed for 2-10. We're looking for the best! If this is you, come join our team. Great staff. $5.55/ Hour. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

CURRIER/ PATIENT TECH

needed for busy Midland Radiology practice. Applicants must have reliable transportation, liability insurance and must be a team player! Please send letter of application to P.O. Box 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768 or fax to: 915-362-1950.

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*QUALIFIED MENTAL RETARDATION PROFESSIONAL position available in the Big Spring Area. Will provide coordination of services to individuals with mental retardation. Coordinate and monitor individual Service Plans for assigned case load. Must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college with a major in a human services field, plus one (1) year of experience working with persons with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. Must meet requirements for driving an agency vehicle. Salary $1,032 bi-weekly. Will office in Big Spring, TX.

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SOFTWARE/ TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Software/ Technical support person experienced in Windows 95 and Office 97 applications needed. Responsibilities will include training and supporting users on PC applications and network support for in-house and external clients. Please send your resume and salary requirements in confidence to:

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RNS NEEDED with IV experience preferred. Contact Archana at Midland Skilled Nursing, 3201 Sage, Midland.

NURSING. RN Working with elderly, flexible hours, on call pay, competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to (806)293-1345.

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POSITION AVAILABLE for Anesthesiologist. Eligible for New Mexico State Certification at Ambulatory Surgical Center to open Fall 1998. Excellent salary, benefits and opportunity to help plan and implement center. Send resume: Surgical Center of Carlsbad, 2410 W. Pierce, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

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SPECIMEN PROCESSOR, full time MA/ Phlebotomy in Midland/ Odessa area, for laboratory. Computer and Phlebotomy required. Fax resume attention. Dianne 1-888-223-8752.

Environmental Tech

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. (formerly Meridian Oil Inc.), one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States, currently has an opening in our Environmental/Safety department in Midland.

In this position, responsibilities include providing data management functions for division's NPDES, air emissions facilities, and waste management inventories; providing calibration and maintenance of environmental monitoring equipment; soil sampling and managing of laboratory data acquisition; developing operational compliance and providing feedback to operations departments; managing audit data findings and maintaining compliance calendar for required action items; coordinating agency reporting of environmental and safety issues; providing environmental research on selected environmental and safety issues; maintaining groundwater monitoring data for selected programs; developing and maintaining graphic data displays; and providing data analysis and interpretation. Qualifications include:

- **Associates or bachelor's degree in environmental technology/science/management preferred**
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Qualified candidates for the above position should have a Bachelors degree in Accounting and 5+ years experience in oil and gas accounting, with emphasis on accounts payable experience. We are looking for individuals who have strong initiative and analytical skills, who work independently, yet are team players.

ARCO Permian offers competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Please send salary history and resume to:

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Administrative Analyst

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, a leading independent oil and gas exploration and production company located in the Independence Plaza Building, is seeking an experienced Administrative Analyst.

The successful candidate will be familiar with the preparation of AFE's and Material Transfers, cost analysis, and pipe yard inventories, as well as invoice coding, journal entries and an accounts payable system. Requirements include a BBA degree with 5+ years related experience and proficiency in Excel, Lotus and PowerPoint.

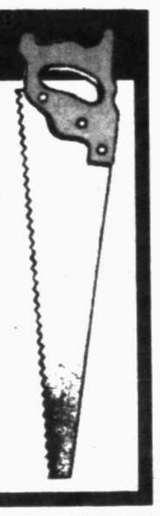
Anadarko offers an excellent salary structure and comprehensive benefits package. If you meet the requirements for this position, we invite you to send your resume in confidence to:

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
P.O. Box 2497
Midland, TX 79702
Attn: Human Resources #229

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Midland Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, a Texas Non-Profit Organization, is seeking a dynamic outgoing individual for the position of Executive Director, to supervise and coordinate activities. This is a full time paid position. Applicants should possess a strong dedication to Habitat's Mission: "Building houses in partnership with God's people in need". And be self motivated with strong administrative and communication skills. The position of Executive Director requires daily interaction with partner families, donors, volunteers, church groups, and members of the board of directors. Specific responsibilities include office administration, grant writing, fund raising, coordinating volunteers, public relations and monthly board meetings.

Interested applicants should submit a current resume by mail to:

Midland Habitat for Humanity
2301 W. Wall, Suite 500
Midland, Texas 79701

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311 Medical Help Wanted

POSITION OPENING- Partners in learning (mentor & literacy programs for Odessa adults), seeks Executive Director. Responsibilities: Supervising staff and volunteers, recruiting and training volunteers to mentor and tutor, fund raising, grant applications and representing PIL in the community. Requirements: Bachelors degree in Education or related field or commensurate experience. Three years of administrative experience, high regard for people. $18K plus. Resume to Partners In Learning, 3900 Dumont, Odessa TX, 79762. EEOE. Applications will close 02/12/98.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN & LVN- Midland Dialysis is accepting applications. Good benefits and salary. If interested contact Barbara Vaughn at 687-1201 or apply 731 W. Wadley, Building K.

SALES- **Cardio Systems,** a national medical company seeks area manager for Midland/ Odessa area. Acute care, long term care, clinical and wound care experience desired. Excellent salary, commission and benefits.

Fax resume to: (972)323-8539.

WEEKEND RN and other departments needed. Please call Terrace Gardens 694-8831.

311 Medical Help Wanted

SUBSTANCE ABUSE Case Manager. Functions as intake coordinator, case manager, follow- up worker, and counselor in TCADA funded outpatient substance abuse program. Monday- Friday noon including three evenings to 8:30. Bachelors preferred and LCDC mandatory. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and be an insurable driver. Salary to $1836 per month. D.O.E. Apply at Abilene Regional MHMR Center, 2616 S. Clack, Suite 140. Fax (915)690-5136.

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CONOCO

*Conoco's Mid- Continent Exploration and Production Region is seeking experienced professionals to work in its Midland, Texas office. Conoco is a fully diversified, international energy company and is a subsidiary of DuPont.

An exciting opportunity exists for a **PRODUCTION ENGINEER**, supporting our S.W. New Mexico Producing Operations. The Mid- Continent Region explores, develops and produces properties from South Texas to the Canadian border through the daily use of advanced technological applications. Professionals are encouraged to share in the decision making process through teams and receive rewards based on the profitability of the company. Conoco also encourages its employees to be integral members of the community by giving their time and effort to local events through personal commitments and corporate sponsorships.

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Qualified candidates for the above position should have the following background:

- ◆ At least a BS degree from an accredited institution in their respective engineering discipline
- ◆ At least 10 years recent experience in production engineering
- ◆ Excellent technical skills and business judgment.
- ◆ Excellent work team skills. Work/ decisions are entirely within multi- discipline teams
- ◆ Ability to handle multiple tasks, and be innovative in seeking creative solutions to enhance the value of potential opportunities.
- ◆ Skills/ experience in the application of general decision and risk analysis methodologies.

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- ❖ Experience designing and optimizing artificial lift operations, especially beam pump.
- ❖ Plunger- lift and ESP experience is a plus.
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- ❖ Ability to lead implementation of a work program.
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Texas Workforce Commission
501 N. Loraine
Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Archia Jones, (915) 682-9421, ext. 220
Please reference the following job number - Production Engineer - 0388541

Only applications received by February 20, 1998 will be considered.

Land Assistant

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. (formerly Meridian Oil Inc.), one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States, currently has an opening in our Operations department in Midland.

The successful candidate will support Landmen in acquisition of producing and non-producing properties through review of acquisition documents and preparation of various acquisition summaries (LPR, CSS, MPR, etc.); perform file set-up of the acquisition packages, set-up DP numbers and enter pertinent data into Land Well Reports and Land Information System (LIS); perform file research and report lease status to Landmen, as needed; monitor shut-in wells for lease protection, verify acreage status due to P&A's rental payments, and other required actions; answer general Land-related questions from Operations, Accounting, Division Orders, other BR departments, and outside inquiries. Candidates must possess:

- High school diploma, two years of college preferred
- 5+ years of experience in similar position
- Strong computer skills

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. Qualified candidates should forward a resume and salary requirements to:

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- **Substance Abuse Counselor, Midland and Odessa**
- **Staff Accountant, Midland**
- **Accounting Supervisor, Midland**
- **Secretary, Midland**
- **Counselor Intern, Midland**

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The Texas Department of Human Services is accepting applications for an Eligibility Specialist I- Trainee (Texas Works Advisor I-Trainee) position in Midland. Salary is $1,712.00 per month. Minimum qualifications require 60 semester hours from an accredited college or university. Some additional professional experience is acceptable. We do not accept resumes, please pick up application and a copy of the job announcement at the Texas Department of Human Services office located at 901 W. Wall or a DHS in your area. To ensure consideration, applications must be in the Abilene Human Resources Services office no later than Tuesday, February 17, 1998. Applicants meeting the minimum qualifications will be scheduled for a written exam. Applicants that have applied and taken the written exam within the last 12 months need not re-apply. Mail your application to: P.O. Box 6635, Abilene, Texas 79608. Questions regarding this position can be directed to our HRS office, 915-690-2216. We are an EOE.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Growing Real estate firm seeks assistant to controller. Primary duties include preparation of management reporting packages, assist in preparation of financial statements on GAAP basis, and other responsibilities as assigned. Commercial real estate experience required, public accounting background desirable. Competitive salary and benefits. Please submit resume and salary requirements to:

Real Estate Accountant
PO Box 11390
Midland, TX 79702-8390

SALES ORDER CLERK

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Forward updated resume with salary history to:

PFS Thermoplastic Powder Coatings, Inc.
Attn: Personnel
P.O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
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ADMINISTRATIVE/ CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Immediate position available for an Administrative/ Clerical Assistant for Accounting and Tax departments. Duties will include filing, phone coverage, preparation of various tax spreadsheets, and secretarial duties for both departments. Must have excellent computer skills including WordPerfect or Word, and Lotus or Excel. Salary DOE. Company offers excellent benefit package.

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Wagner & Brown, Ltd.
Attn: Personnel
P.O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
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Fax # 915-686-1503

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312 Professional Help Wanted

Midland Based

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Geologist/Geophysicist	to $113K+

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AUTOCAD DRAFTSPERSON needed. AutoCad Release 13 proficient. 5 Years minimum experience. Field documentation of plot plans and P & ID's needed. Send resume to: Drafting, PO Box 10863, Midland, Texas 79702-0863.

CHEMICAL ENGINEER wanted. Duties would include design and project engineering of gas processing equipment. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include paid holidays, vacation, health insurance and company funded pension plan. Send resume to Dickson & Tryer Engineering Co., Inc. P.O. Box 60478, Midland, Texas 79711.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD Teacher- Patience and willingness to work with developmentally disabled children required. Knowledge of OT/ PT a plus. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5788, Midland, TX 79704.

312 Professional Help Wanted

OFFICER- The R. Temple Dickson Juvenile Detention Center is accepting applications for full time, part time and or Casual Juvenile Detention Officer. Applicants must be 21 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Those interested in applying may pick up an application at 2101 W. Alabama in Sweetwater. No phone calls please. EOE.

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ENGINEER TECH - San Diego, experience in production, geology, geographix, PI data, accounting helpful. Fax resume to 760-634-8248.

FLORAL DESIGNER to run and operate new floral store. Salesperson also needed. Experience required. Apply in person, 3205 W Cuthbert.

GROWING interior design firm seeks licensed designer. Resourcefulness, enthusiasm, creativity necessary. Responsibilities: multiple projects, specifying, estimating/ budgeting codes, AutoCAD. Requires relocating to Lubbock. Fax resume 806-749-6164.

NEW TRANSITIONS looking for Qualified CI & LCDC. Send resume to: Attention Tim Baker, 509 N Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701 or Call 620-0255.

TEACHING ASSISTANT for 2 & 3 year olds. Private School. Call 687-4101.

THERAPISTS: P. T., O. T., S. L. P., and R. T. needed in area nursing homes. $35 per hour. (806)792-9316.

312 Professional Help Wanted

TROTT & COMPANY LLT, Certified Public Accountant, needs Staff Accountant with 1-4 years tax experience, CPA preferred but not necessary. Part time possible. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to Teresa Nunley, 110 N. Marienfield, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701.

UNDERWRITER- Mortgage company looking for individual with Mortgage loan underwriting experience. Good communication and inter-personal skills necessary. Send resume and salary requirements to Personnel, Southplains Mortgage Co. 200 N. Loraine, Ste. 610, Midland 79701.

WEST TEXAS Children's Centre is accepting application for the position of Executive Director. Qualifications include a masters degree in social work, psychology, education or related field. Must possess Child Care Administrator License and LMSW or LPC. Duties include program and staff development of emergency shelter, treatment center, and therapeutic group home for abused, neglected children. At least 5 years experience in progressively more responsible residential child care management. Must be willing to relocate to Brownfield. Send resume to WTCC, Executive Search Committee, 613 E. Bynum Ln., Brownfield, Texas 79316.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Looking for a multi-tasked receptionist for a part time position with a busy medical office. Position holds multiple responsibilities. Must have 1-2 years experience with Medical Manager. Weekly Pay/ No Fee. Call

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Irving, Texas 75015
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For immediate consideration, please fax your resume to **Attn: Valerie at (281)297-6862. Please specify the position you are applying for.** EOE, M/F/D/V

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

·CLERK

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Positions open for data entry clerks with good 10-key by touch skills and type at least 40 wpm. Some phones required. Pay $6- $7 DOE. Weekly pay/ No fee. Call

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

·O&G SECRETARY

Needing a professional, experienced secretary with minimum 2 years oil and gas experience for a permanent position with an established company. Position requires proficiency in Access, Excel and WordPerfect. Must be multi-tasked and have excellent typing and organizational skills. Salary DOE. (Excellent pay for the right person). Interviewing immediately!

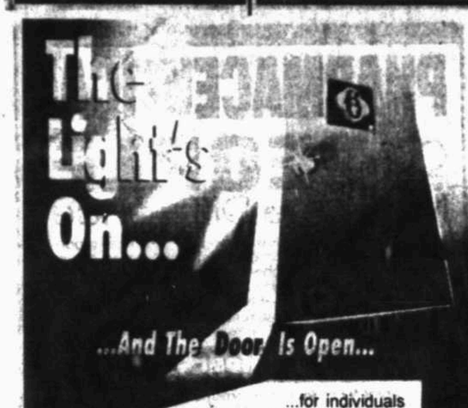
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Cloth World

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Please fax your resume to (806)798-8943.
Resumes must be received by
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MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***SALES ASSISTANT**

KMID-TV is seeking a Sales Assistant. Qualified candidates should possess at least a high school diploma or equivalent, and excellent computer skills. Proficiency in Lotus, Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint preferred. Must be detail- oriented and have good telephone and interpersonal skills. Apply in person at 3200 LaForce Blvd., Midland, or send resume to Amy Hancock, GSM, KMID-TV, P.O. Box 60230, Midland, TX 79711 or FAX to (915)560-2272. EOE.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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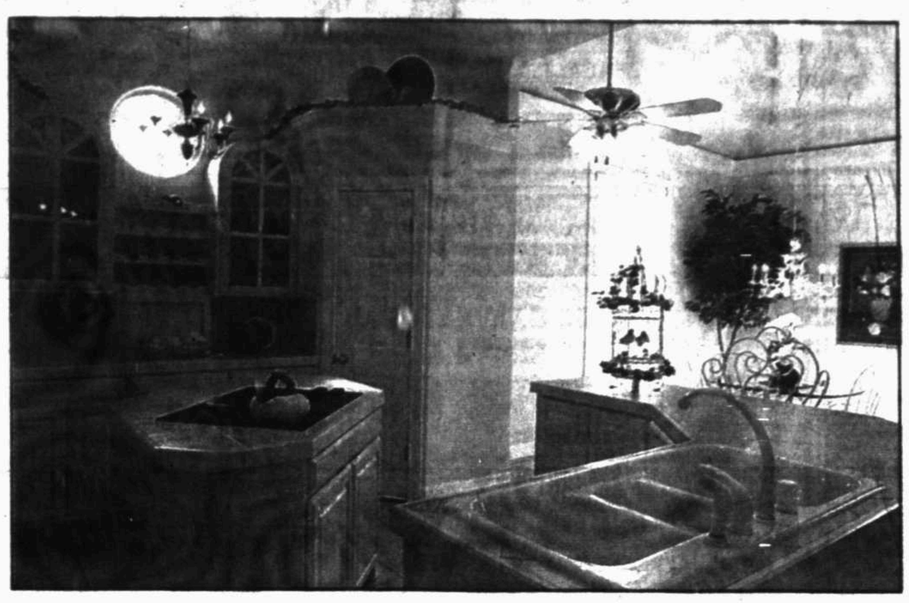
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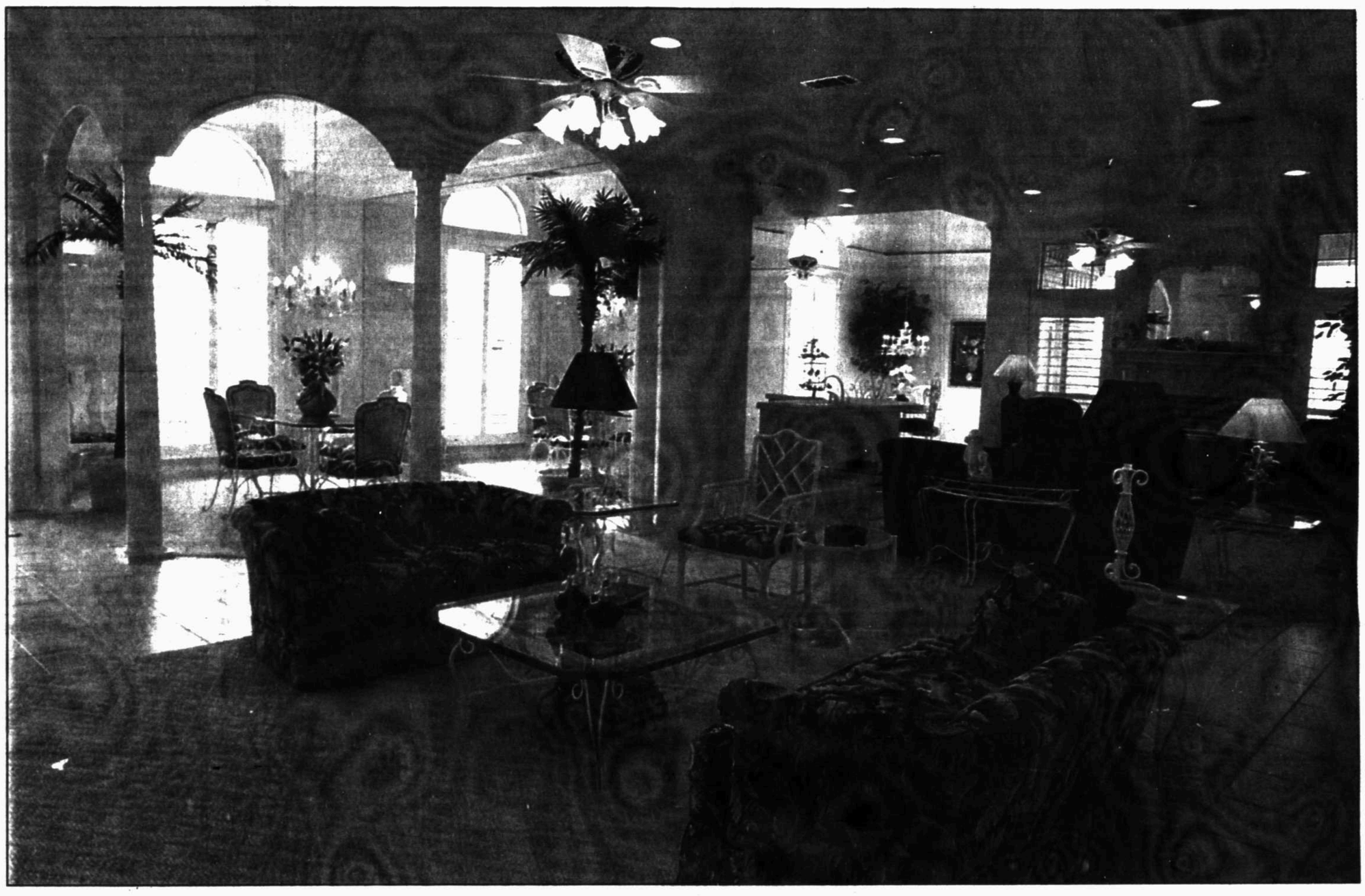
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Living the light fantastic

With its light decor, masses of windows and open-plan design the principal theme in this luxury, four bedroom custom home is light. And masses of it.

At the center of the house is the stunning combination of kitchen, formal areas and family room. The natural light that floods in from windows on both sides of the room is augmented by the judicious use of recessed lights, under counter light strips and accent lights. When coupled with the pale tones of the decor the result is a suite of rooms that is spacious and extremely comfortable.

The real interest in the house is the attention to detail and styling that the builder and designer have lavished on the property. Aspects such as wall niches scattered throughout the house and the columns and arches surrounding the dining area add unique touches to the house.

The attention to detail in the house is probably most evident in the kitchen and master bathroom.

Containing a massive closet (large enough to hang clothes on three tiers) the master bathroom is almost decadent in its luxury. The two person, Jacuzzi tub faces the ornate fireplace that is capped by a custom mantelpiece. Set in the corner, the separate shower offers two shower heads and built-in shaving mirror and shelves. Lined with granite tiles it is a beautiful and practical addition to the bathroom.

The sequestered master bedroom is equally attractive as it shares the opposite side of the bathroom's fireplace. Opening via French doors to the private pool and patio area it is a large and private room that is extremely well appointed.

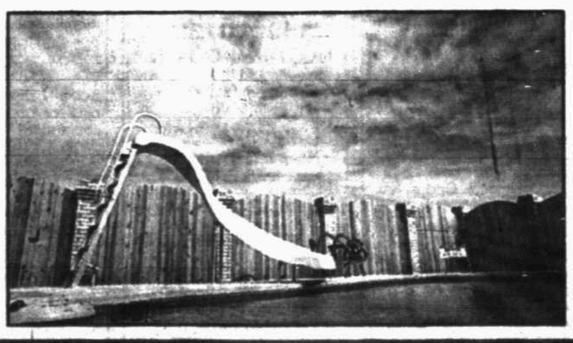
The kitchen is, of course, as stunning as the master bathroom in terms of its amenities and details. Opening onto the breakfast room - which has its own private patio - it offers a full range of built-in amenities as well as features such as the glass fronted cabinets, built-in wine rack and a custom center island. Planters, custom moldings and details such as the appliance garage all impart their own feel to the room.

As practical as it is elegant the whole kitchen/breakfast room area is tiled for convenience and offers a mass of storage space.

For more information about this property at 5732 Grassland Boulevard, which is listed at $232,900, either stop by the open house this afternoon or call the listing agent. The open house will be held between three and seven o'clock this afternoon, hosted by Yvonne Armock of Scarborough Custom Homes, 699-6213.







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Top Condition Equals Top Dollar!

Most property owners want to receive top dollar for their home when selling. That's a natural desire, and there's a surefire way to make it happen - by offering the home in "top dollar" condition!


Jackson

A surefire way to attract low purchase offers is to offer a home in less than top dollar condition. It is common knowledge that sellers are likely to receive offers of $2.00 less than the asking price for every $1.00 in needed repairs. If the cost of replacing badly worn, soiled carpet is $2,800, buyers tend to offers as must as $5,600 less, provided all else is in good condition.

A home in need of repairs is an open invitation to make low purchase offers. Buyers assume that if the doorbell doesn't work, or the dishwasher is on the "fritz," other items need attention too. Once the caution flag has been raised, it is difficult to convince a buyer to pay full price.

Property owners should ask for advice from their real estate agent before their home is placed on the market. The agent can conduct a "walk-through" inspection, playing the part of a buyer. Take notes on all suggestions made by the agent. Include not only all major and minor repairs, but also cosmetic improvements and organization of closets, etc.

All repairs and improvements should be completed before anyone is shown through the home. This includes other agents, who may be invited to an agent open house. They should see the home in only mint condition.

Homes in top condition bring top prices, while the rest invite compromise. Wise property owners will heed the compelling advice, and will prosper from it.

(Submitted by Bill Jackson, The Prudential ADOBE REALTORS.)

Finding A Real Bargain

When it's time for you to buy a home, you want to find a bargain. Getting one may be easier than you think.


Norwood

A careful buyer can almost always find something better than a few dollars saved -- even better than thousands knocked off the price.

That's because, although houses can last a hundred years without changing much, housing markets can change a lot in just a couple of days. The changes are usually attributed to fluctuating interest rates, local and national economic conditions, and just plain old consumer confidence. But real-estate professionals know the main reason housing markets change is because the pool of available homes is constantly shifting as some are snapped up and others are offered for sale.

The ever-changing variety of homes for sale works in the buyers' favor. It broadens the buyers' chances of finding a home that exactly meets their requirements. Patient buyers don't have to settle for second best. If they can't find a home they love on the market now, one may come on the market soon that will exactly fit their requirements.

But the genuine bargains in real estate do more than just save you money. The real bargains are the homes that are a joy for their owners to live in -- homes that fit their owner's needs so well that they'll want to live in them for years to come. The wrong house, no matter what its price, is not really a bargain at all.

If you have a special requirement in a home, a good real estate agent who keeps an eye on our constantly changing market will be able to help you find your wonderful bargain in good living.

(Submitted by Danny Norwood, GRI a Sales Associate with Langston Realtors)

RENOVATING A RANCH STYLE

Are you looking for a home that is customized for your family's special needs, but can't afford to build one yourself? One way to obtain the home of your dreams at a relatively low cost could be to consider renovating an older, suburban-style ranch home.


Sutton

Built in droves in the 1950s and early '60s, ranch homes were intended for sale to younger couples with growing families. To keep costs down, room sizes generally were small, but three, four, or even more bedrooms often were the norm.

Nowadays, with fewer children, people are rediscovering these one-story ranch homes and looking at them as opportunities for custom renovation.

For example, a master bedroom suite might be created by removing a wall between two existing bedrooms. A skylight could be fitted into the ceiling for a luxurious touch. A large, informal family room could be created by combining the living room -- often featuring a fireplace -- with another bedroom. A small kitchen could be enlarged by shifting a wall to provide a separate dining area.

Since the alterations will be ones you plan yourself, a little hard work on your part may be all that is needed to create the home you've always dreamed of, while still saving thousands of dollars over the cost of building a home from scratch.

The most important thing, however, is to enlist the services of a real estate agent to help you find your dream home. Your local Realtor can take care of all the details of the purchase while you begin planning your new home.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Kay Sutton, Realtors)

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Pine

(This story submitted by Norma Pine, Chaparral Realtors.)

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Proposal for Tires, Proposal #98-02-0001, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education service Center, PO Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Boulevard/ Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580, will be received at the above address until 3:00 pm, February 19, 1998. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning February 9, 1998, by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant at (915)567-3258.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for an IMMUNOCHEMISTRY ANALYZER.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical center on or after Wednesday, February 4, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #318-020298 ENCLOSED"

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 26, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

State of Texas:

To Angelita Salazar and to all whom it may concern, Respondent: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Augustine Bennett and Margarita Bennett, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Midland County, Texas on February 4, 1998 against Rodolfo Ramos and Angelita Salazar, Respondents, numbered Cause No. AD32171 and entitled "In the Interest of Priscilla Ramos and Leonard Ramos, Children." The suit requests to terminate the parent-child relationship and to adopt the children. The date and place of births of the children who are the subjects of this suit:

First Child: Priscilla Ramos
Sex: Female
Birthplace: San Antonio, Texas
Birthdate: July 17, 1986
Present Residence:
With Petitioners

Second Child: Leonard Ramos
Sex: Male
Birthplace: Stanton, Texas
Birthdate: April 16, 1988
Present Residence:
With Petitioners

The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the children's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, on the 5th day of February, 1998.

Vivian Wood
Clerk of the Court of Midland County, Texas

By: Angie Welch,
Deputy

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Painting the large Gym at Lee Senior High School, Bid #8M-0018 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Buildrig #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 pm, CST, February 13, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

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590 Legal Notices

Pursuant to Transportation Code, §201.602, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing to receive data, comments and/ or views concerning the proposed Texas Trunk System Priority Corridors and proposed project selection process. TxDOT will present information on these proposed corridors located in five (5) regional area of Texas, as follows:

SH 31/ IH 35 from Tyler to Austin
US 69/ US 380 from Tyler to Decatur
US 277/ US 83 from Wichita Dallas to Abilene
US 59/ SH 44 from Laredo to Corpus Christi
US 83 from Laredo to McAllen
US 175/ US 69 from Beaumont to Dallas/ Ft. Worth
SH 105 from Beaumont to US 290
SH21/ US 290 from Bryan/ College Station to Austin
US 287/ IH 27/ US 87/ US 83/ IH 10 from Oklahoma to San Antonio
SH 158/ US 87 from Midland to San Angelo

The Texas Trunk System is an extensive system of future four-lane highways which has been designed to effectively and efficiently move people and goods. Proposed Priority Corridors are based on several criteria including traffic, remaining gaps to be completed, Mexico border access, and bypasses of metropolitan areas.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at 2:00 pm, in the first floor hearing room of the Dewitt C. Greer Building, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in §43 TAC 1.5. Those desiring to make comments or presentations may register starting at 1:00 pm. Any interested person may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing, however, questioning of those making presentations will be reserved exclusively to the presiding authority as may be necessary to ensure a complete record. While any person with pertinent comments will be granted an opportunity to present them during the course of the hearing, the presiding authority reserves the right to restrict comments in terms of time and repetitive comment. Organizations, associations, or groups are encouraged to present their commonly held views and similar comments through a representative member where possible. Presentations must remain pertinent to the issue being discussed. A person may not assign a portion of his or her time to another speaker. A person who disrupts a public hearing must leave the hearing room if ordered to do so by the presiding officer. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the hearing and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille, are requested to contact Eloise Lundgren, TxDOT, Public Information Office, at 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, (512)305-9196 at least two workdays prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Any questions or written comments on the proposed trunk system corridors or project selection process should be directed to your local TxDOT district office.

POLICY NOTIFICATION

It is the policy of Midland College to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or veteran in its educational programs and activities. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, educational services, financial aid, and employment. Midland College is a public community college which provides university parallel, occupational/ technical, general education, community services and student developmental service programs. Services are available for those with limited English proficiency to assist them in securing access to all programs and activities of the College. Inquiries concerning application of this policy may be referred to: Mary Lou Blakeney, Coordinator of Title IX, and Section 504 responsibilities.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids for a Vehicle for the Midland Independent School District Headstart Program, Bid #8-0012 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 pm CST, February 17, 1998. Bid forms and specifications mat be obtained by calling 915-689-1752.

NOTICE

Proposals for Contracting Pupil Transportation Services for the Midland Independent School District, Proposal #8P-0001 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 5:00 p.m. CST, February 10, 1998. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Howard B. Davis, Deceased, were issued on January 12, 1998, in cause No. P12,013, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Hazel F. Davis.

the residence of the Independent Executrix is 3609 W. Wadley, Midland, Midland County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: L. Shane Stokes
Attorney at Law
Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C.
300 N. Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701-0000

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 12th day of January, 1998.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for the Estate

South Plains Tech Prep/ School-to-Work Partnership: Request for Information (RFI) for 1- 2 day Professional Development Workshops for teachers, counselors or administrators. RFI Packets may be picked up at 1302 Main Street, Suite 701 beginning Tuesday, February 3rd. 744-6477. Proposal Deadline: February 20th. Partnership reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is requesting sealed proposals for the ADA Renovations. Bidders may obtain bid documents by contacting the Project Architect Johnson Seefeldt Architect Inc., 4840 East University, Suite 210, Odessa, Texas 79762, 915/362-6565. The proposal will be opened and publicly read at 3:00 PM local time, Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 4901 East University Blvd., Odessa, Texas, Room 453. The University reserves the right to reject an or all proposals. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is an AA/EOE.

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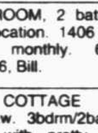
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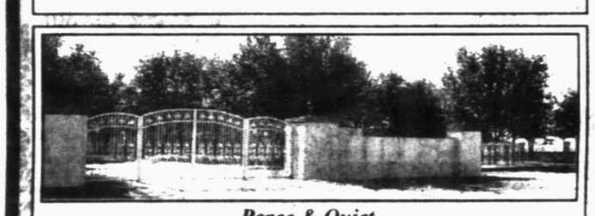
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HELOISE HINT: Does your home have asbestos in it? Most likely if your home was built after 1980, it won't. But if it's an older home, it probably will have some. You should have an asbestos expert come to check your home. They can tell you if it can be wrapped or removed, the two ways to deal with it. You want to get rid of it! Write to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, double garage, circle drive, custom built. 3214 W. Michigan, only $54,500. 570-4274.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, fenced front and back yard. $7,000 and take over payments of $115. 402 E. Spruce. Pay off $9,000. Call 687-1427.

HUD & VA HOMES

4310 Leddy Dr.	3/2/2	$39,850
302 Thornridge	3/2/1	$52,500
2103 SCR 1083	4/3/	$104,100
3616 Andrews H	4/2/2	$47,800
3003 Phillip Pl.	3/2/2	$80,250
321 Willowwood	3/2/1	$33,350
4707 Bedford	4/2/0	$53,000

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2824 Northtown	4/3	$145.9K
1002 Tarleton	3/2	$58.8K
4707 Kiowa	2/1	$32.0K
116 S Dewberry	3/2	$47.8K
302 S Eisenhower	3/2	$46.9K
700 Gray (Stanton)	4/2	$59.0K

Call Marva Dean Willis
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GREENTREE
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702 DELMAR. New custom home- quality features. Only $45/ sq. ft. including lot. $78,500. John Williams Realtor- Builder, 694-9663.

4704 BOWIE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath. $39,500. Please call, 694-4648 or 570-1730.

PRICE REDUCED to $69,900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sunroom, corner lot, 2 car garage, sprinkler system, great yard and other extras. 3520 W. Michigan, call 683-1700.

3 BEDROOM HOUSES. Central heat & air. $495 to $700/ month plus deposit. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

FOR LEASE:
4000 Crestridge $1,300
#11 Quail $800
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AVAILABLE mid February, 4300 Amistad. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage. $800 per month, $800 deposit. Call 1-800-573-5459 ask for Carter.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

2 BEDROOM duplex close to Midland College. Hollywood bath, carport, fireplace, all appliances $545 monthly. 570-9005.

3 BEDROOM Executive home, 2 car garage, large living area and kitchen. Fully landscaped, extensive back yard. Must see. $1,000 monthly, deposit required. Call 682-3724.

4823 W. ILLINOIS, March 1st. $650. Appointment only. Beautiful 1700' interior, central heat/ air. Call 699-4461.

BUILD A HAPPY Home in 206 Howard. Has 3 bdrm/2ba/1gar, fenced back yard and central heat and air. Only $475 monthly and $300 deposit. Call Marva Dean Willis with Century 21 Midtex Real Estate 689-0021 or 683-0074.

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640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

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1, 2 BEDROOMS 616- 1,186 ft. $295 up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

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COUNTRY VILLAGE Mobile Home Estates. Clean /paved streets. Large trees in each lot. Paid water /trash. 1st 3 months free. 694–1120. 3401 SCR 1223 1/2.

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4400 SQ. FT., Texas & Weatherford Streets; $3.50. Agent, telephone (915)683-0990; Fax (915)683-0992; Box 1781; Midland, TX 79702.

BUSINESS BUILDING for lease, LR3 zoning, approximately 11,700 sq. ft. Large showroom, offices and more! Lease part or all. Near Wall and Midkiff. 697-6447 days, 687-2915 nights.

ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse, Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683–8681.

4311 "A" WEST ILLINOIS, beauty shop building, 1400 sq. ft. Available February 15th. Lease negotiable. 689-7107.

EDGE OF Downtown; offices and reception area, covered parking at door. Excellent location! Call 683-6952.

SINGLE OFFICES, entire suites, free parking, secretarial services, copiers, faxes, phones provided at very reasonable rates. 4500 W. Illinois, 201 E. Michigan, 602 N. Baird. Call Midland, 620-1500.

CAR LOT for lease. 3415 W. Wall, $1,200/ month. Offices, showroom, large outside lot. 699-7125 extension 104.

TWO ROOM Suite, 3001 North Big Spring. Attractive terms, parking at the door. For information, call Carol Hastings, 686-8181.

409 ANDREWS HIGHWAY; Retail/ office space, approximately 2,500 sq. ft. All or part. Call 683-5574.

OFFICE SPACE within walking distance of courthouse and most banks. Suites or individual offices. Call 686-8114.

1- 2- 3 ROOM OFFICES. Bills paid. Downtown. Park at door. Call Don Roderick, Langston Realtors, 685-0400.

ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse, Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683–8681.

667 Commercial Property

RESTAURANT FOR LEASE
#12 Meta Drive, Village Shopping Center.
Call 683-5574

905 S. MAIN STREET- 3,200 Sq. ft. Office/ Warehouse- $750 per month. 559-0013.

670 Warehouse/ Storage for Rent

2,500 SQ. FT. Warehouse space. $375 per month. 4920 Basin Street. 683-3085.

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TWO(2) 3.8 ac. tract in restricted subdivision. Call LINDA....each $30,000
5 BY 5-5 acres, 5-bed, 4-ba, 3-gar. Greenwood. Call DENE....$250,000
5-ACRES, GREENWOOD 1 or more,$3,000 ea. Call ANNA....$15,000
1-NEW, GREENWOOD 3/2/2. Call DENE. Prices start at just....$91,000
2-LOTS, GREENWOOD Call DENE....$15,000 & $18,000

GREENWOOD - call LISA - 687-6595, 687-4419

6.5 ACRES Custom home, study, formals, family room, built '96....$199,000
REDUCED Custom 2-story, formals, study, tile flors, 1.8 ac....$188,500
LEASE/PURCHASE possible 2/2 w/shop on 1/2 acre. CUTE!....$57,000

ON LOOP 250 income producing, hot location!....Call DENE
7.78 FENCED ACRES,4 water wells, trees, off 1788....Call LINDA
ZONED COMM'L, Andrews Hwy, between hospitals....Call ANNA
2.6 ACRES- near Hospital, commercial zoning....Call LYNN
COMMERCIAL BLDG. - approx 30,000 sqft....Call LYNN
COMMERCIAL SITE....Call LINDA
TRINITY SQUARE: New Town homes. Custom qual....Call DENE
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OFFICE BLDG. 1-story, near 10,000 sqft, ample parking....Call ANNA
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605 W. Cuthbert....$42,500
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NON- QUALIFIYING Assumable loan, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Workshop. $14,500 equity. $73,500. 550-0373.

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4620 & 4619 CHERRYWOOD: $165,000, $155,000. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, one with 2 living areas, formal dining. Call for viewing. Lee Evans Company, 687-5100.

BY OWNER. 4614 Comanche. 2 bedroom 1 bath, 1 car garage. New carpet, tile, paint, appliances, plumbing, fence and lots more. 520-5099 leave message.

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604 E. BROADWAY. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central air, hardwood floors, fenced lot. $58,000. 682-5784.

OWNER FINANCE- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, available February 10th. Very nice! 4602 Pasadena, $54,000. Call 699-4499.

Grassland Estates
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FAIRWOOD...Beautiful Custom: 5+bd-5+ba-3 liv-Pool w/Cabana $ 515,000
SOLOMAN...Beautiful: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Gst Hse-Apprx 1.5 Ac $ 335,000
DORAL...Southwest 2 Story: 4 bd-3.5 ba-4 liv-Corner Lot $ 289,500
FOX HOLLOW....UNDER CONTRACT
BENT TREE...New Whitley: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors! $ 258,000
COURTNEY....UNDER CONTRACT
EDGEBROOK...New by Brown: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Beautiful $ 219,900
SHADY BEND...Great 1-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pool Size Yard $ 208,500
DRIFTWOOD....UNDER CONTRACT
DEVLIN...New by Hunt: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Quiet Cul-De-Sac $ 198,900
ASHWOOD...New Graham! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Open Plan $ 176,500
HIGHLAND...New by Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Shutters $ 176,500
CYPRESS....UNDER CONTRACT
SPRING MEADOW...Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pretty/Light $ 173,800
CHERRYWOOD...One-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pretty Landscape $ 173,500
WOODHOLLOW...REDUCED: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Many Amenities $ 172,900
RIDGEMONT...REDUCED: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Wood Shutters $ 169,900
CHERRYWOOD...Beautiful 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Lots of Extras $ 169,900
DOGWOOD CT....UNDER CONTRACT
GRASSLAND...Woodruff Custom: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-One-Owner $ 168,500
GRASSLAND...Must See! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Jacuzzi Tub $ 164,900
SPRING MEADOW...Fabulous New Twnhme: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv $ 162,900
LENNOX...Beautiful: 4 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Fabulous Kit.-Great Bit-Ins $ 159,500
GRASSLAND...REDUCED! New Hunt: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv $ 152,500
WINDDRIFT...Light & Clean: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Great Closets $ 149,950
DRIFTWOOD...On The Course: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Light $ 144,900
POLO PKWY....UNDER CONTRACT
STERLING...New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Nice & Open $ 144,500
STERLING....NEW LISTING $ 144,500
Wonderful New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Miniblinds-Tons of Storage
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SPRING MEADOW...Spacious Patio Home: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv $ 139,500
CHAPEL HILL...Large: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-2 Fpl-Seq Master $ 135,000
ROSEWOOD...One-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Lots Extras/Storage $ 134,500
VALLEY...Large/Well-Cared For: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Updated $ 132,500
HEREFORD...Grassland Est: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Sprinkler $ 124,900
GOLF COURSE...Beautiful 2 Story: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv $ 122,000
CASTLEFORD...One-Owner: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Many Extras $ 122,000
HILLSBORO CT...Excellent Condition: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv $ 119,900
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BOULDER...Great Open Plan: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Seq Mstr $ 98,700
PRINCETON...New Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq Mstr $ 98,000
PRINCETON...New Rydell: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Beautiful Twnhm $ 98,000
MAXWELL...Great Plan! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Beautiful/Updated $ 97,000
KESWICK...Large Living Area: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Big Closets $ 96,950
WESTMINSTER...Very Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Rec Updates $ 95,000
COMMUNITY...Unusual: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Beautiful Yard $ 94,900
SUNSHINE PKWY...Spacious! 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-BonusRm $ 93,900
ANGELINA....Fresh & Updated: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv $ 91,750
PECAN....UNDER CONTRACT
LANHAM...Totally Redone! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Built-Ins Galore! $ 89,900
PLEASANT...One-Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cunningham Built $ 89,500
STUTZ...1-Owner Custom: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Encl. Patio-RV Prkg $ 88,500
RIO GRANDE...New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Landscaped $ 88,446
ALPINE....UNDER CONTRACT
WYDEWOOD....NEW LISTING $ 85,000
Great Drive-Up! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Master/Bath-Gas Grill
HYDE PARK...Beautiful Condition: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Remodeled $ 84,975
RIO GRANDE...Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 4 Bd $ 83,500

COMMERCIAL

WOLFCAMP CIR....2 Lots....$ 15,000
E. HWY 80....Zoned LR2....$ 35,000
BIG SPRING....UNDER CONTRACT
N. MIDKIFF...Established Business - Call for Details....$ 350,000

LOTS AND LAND

HAMBY....12 Lots....$ 1,500 ea
WALNUT LN....2 Blocks....$ 3,500 ea
E. CO RD 60...Apprx 2 Acres-Possible Owner Finance....$ 3,500
ALAMO DR....2 Lots....$ 4,500 ea
GARDEN LN....2 Blocks....$ 4,500 ea
BOWIE DR....1 Lot....$ 4,500
MARK LN....2 Lots....$ 6,000 ea
E. CR 110....Greenwood; Apprx 2.13 Ac....$ 7,000
S. CR 1182....UNDER CONTRACT
S. CR 1065....Mob.Hm.OK....$ 14,000
N. CR 1140...Apprx 13.42 Ac.-CR 1140 Frontage....$ 20,130
CHERRYWOOD....Corner Lot....$ 24,000
W. ILLINOIS....Two Lots - Zoned PD....$ 25,000
N. CR 1130....Apprx 25 Ac....$ 30,000
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WHITTLE WAY....NEW LISTING $ 59,590
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W. CO RD 150...Apprx 21 Ac Fenced: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv $ 73,000
W. CO RD 140....UNDER CONTRACT
S. CO RD 1130...REDUCED! 3 bd-2ba-2 liv-Greenwood $ 59,000
W. CO RD 50....UNDER CONTRACT
E. CO RD 58...Grnwd Schools! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx .42 Ac $ 45,900
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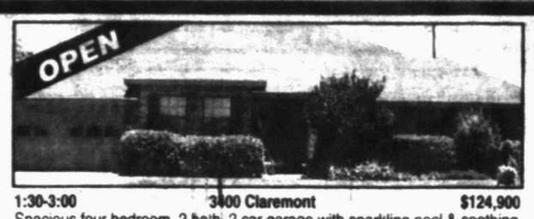
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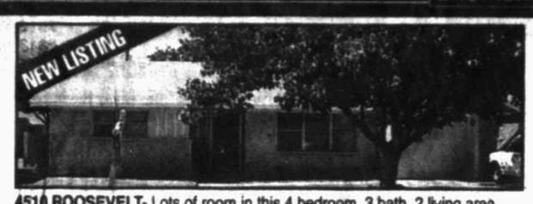
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S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 2.63 ac $169,900
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy. $150,000
CO RD 1265 - Immaculate country home - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, fp $150,000
HIGHLAND - T. Hunt new const. 4 br/3 ba, seq. guest quart. Open kitchen & den $145,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac. ..... REDUCED! $139,500
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S CO RD 1315 - Awesome split level home! Amenities galore. 5+br/3.5 ba/2 fp $112,000
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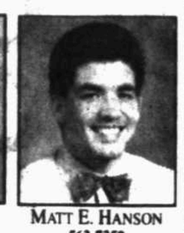
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EDGEMONT - 4 br/2 ba, seq. master. Lots of new, corner lot ..... UC
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PASADENA - Lots of updating on this 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar/fp in nice neighborhood $56,900
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BAIRD - Duplex- great investment property. Will sell as package for $41,750
BAIRD- 3 br/2 ba/2 car garage $41,000
CANYON - Super updated 3 br/2 ba all new in & out $38,500
SENTINEL - 3 br/2 ba, open kitchen & living area. Good investment ..... UC
JEFFERSON - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, workshop. Owner financing avail. $33,500
HOLMSLEY - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, large room, close to town ..... UC
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex $32,000
KEITH - Charming older home, 3 br/2 ba/2 car-carport. Large front porch $31,900
SYCAMORE - 2 br/1 ba/2 la. Great starter home! $29,500
BAIRD - DUPLEX -Investment property, 2 br/2 ba/1 liv area $29,500
BECKLEY-2 br/1 ba-Recent updating $29,500
CO RD 57 - 2 br/1 ba sits on 7 ac with storage $29,150
PARK LANE - Darling 2 br dollhouse, neat & clean, good location ..... UC
BRUNSON - 2 br/1 ba, steel siding/new paint $27,500
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment! $27,560
HILL AVE - 2 br/1 ba/2 la, workshop/garage $26,595
BRUNSON - 3 duplexes w/2 br/1 ba REDUCED to $11,600. 1 duplex ..... REDUCED! $11,800
BAIRD - DUPLEX - 1 br/1 ba - investment property $12,250
NEW YORK - Great investment for only ..... SOLD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visability $180,000
COMMERCIAL - Andrews Hwy - super office bldg, 4 units or 1 large $160,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring $150,000
E CO RD 120 - Office bldg w/ parking $150,000
10 ACRES - Middle of Greentree North $150,000
THOMASON - Own your own Barber Shop & Hair Salon all in one. Equip. remains $52,500
N CR 1135 - Fully developed. water, septic, 50 fruit trees, etc $14,900
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres) $13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) - $12,000
TEJAS - 1 Lot on 2.5 acres, Ranch Estates- $9,500
LOTS OF LOTS - within your budget! ..... $600-$8,000
FRANCES - .24 ac. lot sq. ft. 10500, zoned for commercial $5,350
W. SHANDON - One lot $3,250
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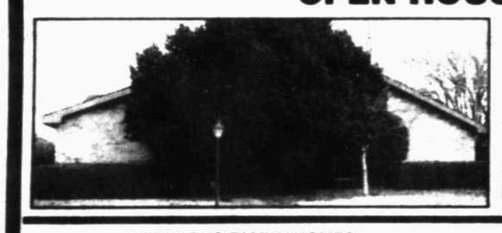
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4100 STRATTON ..... METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED SALE PENDING
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2829 DURANT ..... FAMILY STYLE $82,500
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1100 McDONALD ..... JUST LISTED $74,900
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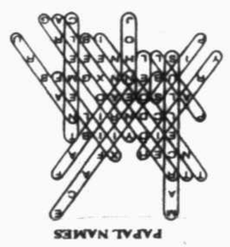
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HOME WITH A HEART a country heart that is. Great 2 story home in Greenwood. 5 BD or 4 BD and study, master suite downstairs, 3 BD, upstairs, formal living & dining & gourmet kitchen. Call to view $129,900

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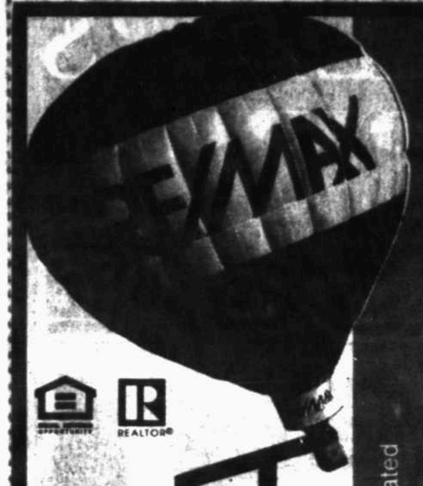


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1-3PM
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- 4521 Lanham ... $74,500
- 3616 Boyd-New Listing ... $66,500

2-4PM
- 6309 Driftwood ... $149,900
- 4969 Rustic Trail ... $139,900
- 4104 Baybrook ... $260,000
- 4102 Lehigh ... $89,500

3-4:30PM
- 1806 Michigan ... $94,900

UNDER CONTRACT:
- 5708 Heartland ... $215,800
- 4712 Melville ... $129,000
- 1808 Hereford ... $124,900
- 3308 Pinemont ... $108,500
- 3700 Crestmont ... $87,900
- 3321 Baumann ... $82,500
- 1715 Checotah ... $36,500
- 1106 E. Maple ... $29,900

NEW LISTINGS:
- 7912 W. Co. Rd. 56 ... $329,900
- 5613 Fenway ... $219,900
- 5304 Chesley ... $208,500
- 5510 Ashwood ... $188,900
- 5411 Hillcrest ... $181,500
- 2100 Bradford ... $174,900
- 2509 Learmont ... $145,000
- 4901 Frost Place ... $142,500
- 4710 Melville ... $138,500
- 2827 Emerson ... $102,500
- 1606 W. Michigan ... $94,900
- 1612 Neely ... $79,900
- 3409 Bedford ... $76,500
- 3616 Boyd ... $66,500
- 3319 Baumann ... $59,500
- 2725 Halifax ... $59,500
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Island Dr ... $449,900
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Mockingbird Heights ... $260,000
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Heartland-EXQUISITE ... $215,800
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Edgebrook ... $196,000
Bates Resale-better than new, sequestered master, in-law plan, built-ins, xtra large lot, 2 living areas. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Ashwood ... $188,900
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Hillcrest-New on Market ... $181,500
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Sequoia ... $179,900
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Bradford ... $174,900
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Heartland-Owner Wants Offers ... $171,500
4 bed, 3 ba, 3 car garage. Sp[U/C]clean. Cul-de-sac, huge front porch, den has lovely built-ins. Please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Green Tree-Reduced Again ... $169,900
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Grassland Estates ... Just Reduced $169,500
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Cherrywood ... $165,000
New 4 bdrm home by Lee Evans. Call Clemmie.

Trinity Meadows ... $159,900
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Grassland-New Construction ... $159,900
4/3 with 2 living areas, 2 sided fireplace, wood shades, jacuzzi tub & much much more. Call Anita.

Greentree Country Club ... $159,000
Builder's home feature rich. Bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Includes Country Club Membership. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

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Cherrywood-Reduced ... $155,000
New contruction in Briarwood. Light & bright. Call Clemmie.

Grassland-New Construction ... $154,500
Has 4 bedrooms, beautiful kitchen w/built-in desk, large rooms, wood blinds, full landscaped. Call Anita.

Polo Park ... $149,900
Grand kitchen & breakfast area, 4th bedroom great for a study, 3 full baths, 3 car garage, lovely inside & out. Ask for Larry & Debbie Hatfield.

Terra Ct. ... $147,900
Rasnick Resale in mint condition - 3 baths, open & bright, excellent storage, plantation shutters, security system. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Learmont-New Listing ... $145,000
5 BDRM, 3 BA, 2 living areas, formal dining, Berber carpet, recently remodeled kitchen, corner lot, circle drive, sprinkler system. Beautiful home! Call Sam House 699-2163.

Polo Park ... $142,900
Gorgeous. 4/3 w/hardwood floors and all the extras. Fresh paint & carpet, sequestered master, wet bar. Call Anita.

Frost Place ... $142,500
Now Under Construction! Wonderful spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath plan with nice nice amenities. Corner lot over 2400 sq. ft. in great location. Ready April 15th. Call Sandy Scott 684-0370 or 686-8323.

Melville ... $138,500
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Lehigh ... $129,900
Better than new 4 bedroom, 3 bath, sequestered master plus mother-in-law suite. Plantation shutters w/over 2600 sq. ft. Call Sandy Scott 684-3070.

Hereford ... $129,500
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Melville ... $129,000
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Monticello ... Reduced $128,500
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Grassland Estates-New on Market ... $124,900
Hurry to see! Immaculate & r[U/C]ondition! Sequestered master, separate tub & shower, walk-in closets, [U/C]kitchen, high ceilings, loads of windows. Fantastic Price!! Ask for Larry or Debbie 689-7758.

Reo Drive ... $124,000
Large 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 liv. areas, call Clemmie.

Whittle Way ... $123,000
4 bedroom beauty with works [U/C]me Sorge

Claremont ... $112,000
Light and bright - 4 bedrooms, two baths, cul-de-sac. Call Mary Jo Drury - 684-4268 - 682-8820.

Pinemont ... $112,000
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Hoya ... $108,000
Watch this one being built! 4/2 with jacuzzi tub, formal dining, window coverings. Pick your wallpaper now!

Springmont-New Construction ... $105,900
4 bedroom, 2 bath, wonder[U/C]hood - Hurry! Fairmont Park. Is going fast - Call Deborah for lot's left - 520-2112. It's not to late to build your own! A few lots left!

Dalton-PATIO HOME ... $105,000
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Dentcrest ... $105,000
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Goddard Place ... $104,900
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Dentcrest ... $97,900
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St. Andrews - Reduced ... $92,000
Fabulous 4 BR with 3 baths, country kitchen with loads of cabinets, formal dining, Berber carpet. Darling. Ask for Larry or Debbie 689-7758.

Hyde Park ... $89,500
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Stanton ... $85,000
A RARE FIND! 4 bedrooms, 2[U/C]2 living areas, formal dining, loads of storage, recent updates, circular drive, trees. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Kansas-COME SEE THE CHANGE ... $83,500
4 bedroom - charm, hardwood floors - water well - workshop & garage with loft & work area. Recent carpet & paint. Call Jo today.

Bedford - Sell or Lease ... Reduced $76,500
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You will be surprized "How large[U/C]R is. Gorgeous yard, decked area w/hot tub - formals & huge lovely den. Ask for joyce 682-3191.

College-Reduced ... $25,000
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3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

#14 Dunblane-Reduced ... $379,000
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Hwy. 176 ... $250,000
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Saddle Club North! ... $199,900
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Hackberry-Reduced ... $179,900
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Greentree - On The Course ... $149,900
Loads of windows, loads of storage, fabulous kitchen, sequestered master, 3 huge bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wonderful family room, separate formal dining. Let us show you inside -- Ask for Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Stanolind-Reduced ... $147,000
Beautifully updated with wood floors, tumbled marble in kitchen, Faux painting, fully landscaped, lots of built-ins. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Greentree North...On The Course ... $139,900
Enormous family room, grand kitchen & breakfast area, sequestered master with separate tub & shower. Walk-in closets. Separate formal dining. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Wallace Townhome ... $134,500
Stunning updated 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, spacious townhome with so much redo in excellent condition. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Lehigh ... $128,900
Check it out! New applian[U/C]papers, 3 car garage, enormous utility, covered bar-b-que area, storage everywhere! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Old Midland Charm ... $120,000
Lots of room for living! 3BD, 2 BA, 2 fireplaces, central vacuum, garden room, lrg. hobby/shop. Call Sam 699-2163.

Princeton ... $120,000
3 bedroom, two bath, workshop. Huge master, two fireplaces. OWNER FINANCE. Call Sam House.

Wedgewood ... $119,900
Nice custom patio home with 3 BD, 3 BA, 1 LA, study/office, separate formal dining, a sunroom and a hot tub outside. Call Marilyn Jo.

Reduced! Bermuda Ct. ... $117,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car rear entry garage. Home is under 2 years old. Lots of tile in kitchen. Formal dining, pretty yard.

Bellechasse ... $103,000
Large 3 bdrm, formal dining, in-ground pool. Clemmie Sorge.

King Richards Row ... $97,500
Green Hill Terrace at it's be[U/C]3BR, sequestered master, spacious den, dream kitchen plus formal dining. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Shandon-Tile Floors ... $97,500
Pool, workshop. Fannin School area.

Winfield ... $97,500
So much space - Great loction & quality - workshop. Call Jo.

Michigan-Non-Qualifying ... $94,900
Charming & roomy 3/2 with over 2675 sq. ft. plus guest house with kitchen, bath, fireplace! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Old Midland ... Reduced $94,900
Superb! Master bedroom with wonderful bath, 3 baths, 3BR, 2 living areas, WORKSHOP! Beautiful landscaping. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Dyer Circle - Reduced ... $94,500
Gorgeous landscaping on la[U/C]ated papers, double yard with dog run, oustanding pantry. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Stanolind-New Listing ... $89,900
Fabulous home in choice neighborhood, 2 bath, 2 living, this is the one you've been waiting for. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Lehigh-Reduced ... $89,500
High ceilings, skylights, 2 marvelous baths, oversized rooms are just a few of the features found here. Hurry to see! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Crestmont ... $87,900
Sequestered master, formal[U/C]corner. Call Clemmie Sorge.

Idlewilde - By Bush Elementary ... Reduced $87,900
4 yrs. old - just like new, 2 baths, formal dining, vaulted den ceiling, fireplace, home warranty. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Phillip Place ... $87,500
Excellent condition: recent carpet & exterior paint, high efficiency AC, Water softener, sprinkler system, gazebo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on cul-de-sac. Call Sam House 699-2163.

Imperial ... $87,500
Wonderful three bedroom,[U/C]om home. Close to Lee High school. Some features include two living areas, enclosed patio, bonus room and auto sprinkler system. Call Kirk to see.

Culver ... $84,900
New listing with a bright kitchen. 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA, den with fireplace, study and has large back yard. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

North "I" ... $84,900
Comfortable, well cared[SOLD]arge rooms & recreation - sized backyard. So much new! Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Wydewood-Reduced- Reduced ... $84,500
Formal dining, 3 bedroom - open plan - seq. master, sunroom. Call Jo Braden.

"B" St. - Fall Into This ... $83,000
Wonderful 3 BD, 2 BA home with a great home/office. Located in "Peaceful Old Midland" location. Call Marilyn Jo.

St. Andrews ... Reduced $82,900
BAN THE BLAHS! 3 b[SOLD]open plan w/formal dining plus breakfast area, fabulous master suite. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Walk Across The Street ... $81,900
to LHS from this very well kept 3 bedroom home, with family room, fireplace formal dining, two car garage. Wonderful workshop.

Stewart ... $79,900
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car workshop.

Neely ... $79,900
Fabulous 3 bd, 2 ba home in Fannin area. 2 living, 2 dining, lots of extras! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Neely ... $79,900
3 bed, 2 ba, 2 living areas close to Lee & Rusk.

Harvard - Reduced! ... $79,900
Super home, totally redone in great location. 3BR, 2BA, 2 living areas - 2 car carport. Hurry Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Preston ... $77,500
Wonderful three bedroom with formal dining room, large living room, sprinkler system, water softener, RO system and located in Bush, Abel School district. Call Kirk.

McDonald ... $76,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus ov[U/C]ft. in immaculate condition: formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

W. Louisiana ... $75,000
Cute 3/2 dollhouse in "Old Midland" has hardwood floors, large indor utility. Huge trees in yard, within walking distance to park. Call Anita.

Neely-Reduced ... $74,900
Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath, formal dining, hot tub, garden room. Wonderful house. Call Sam 699-2163.

Downing - Reduced! ... $74,900
Outstanding home with[U/C]pet, tile flooring, high ceilings, low maintenance yard - super buy! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

1 OWNER HOME ... $74,900
Well maint., roof replaced[U/C]3 BD, 2 BA, wonderful kitchen, professionally landscaped. Great location. Call Marilyn Jo.

Lanham-Reduced ... $74,500
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow! Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location adds peace and quiet.

Douglas Ave ... $74,000
In the heart of old Midland! Cute, well conditioned 3 BR, 2 BA home with hardwood floors, kitchen island, skylights, ceiling fans, etc. Call Clayton 682-9494 (H).

Neely ... $73,900
Nicethree bedroom, two bat[U/C]with two living areas and an oversized two car garage. Call Kirk for your private showing - 682-8820.

Mark Lane ... $73,500
Something Special describes this home with 3 BD, wet bar, built-in bookshelves and brick patio. Call Marilyn Jo.

Spartan ... $69,950
Price Slashed! Home with over 2000sf, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, "Great" room, tile & fireplace. Call Clayton 682-9494.

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2 baths, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vinyl plank hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Wedgewood-Reduced ... $69,900
WOW 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 697-0490.

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Loads of house for the price, fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Clemmie.

Boyd ... $66,500
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home plus 2 car garage. Newly painted and seller is offering a $2,500 carpet allowance. Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Pueblo ... $65,000
Updated 3 bdrm, fireplace, seq. master, large lot. Call Clemmie.

Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS PL[U/C] ... $65,000
A Real Doll House! A really la[U/C]rms separate liv. rm. 3 BR-2BA-2 gar! joyce brickey 682-3191.

Wadley ... $64,800
New Listing. 3 bedroom, great[U/C]floors. Call Jo Braden.

Baumann ... $62,500
Bright living room with fireplace[U/C]pot - covered patio - 3 bedrooms - 2 baths - walk-in closets - a real super home - Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

Laura ... $62,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4268.

Graceland ... $59,900
Large home w/2 living areas, tile workshop, fireplace. Call Clemmie.

Stanton ... $59,900
Loads of cabinets in this fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute, cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Baumann ... $59,500
A super neat home - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths - large living area, ref. air, sprinkler system, great trees. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 - 682-8820.

Ohio-NEW LISTING! ... $58,900
Absolutely darling w/gorgeous carpeting 3BR/2BA/2 living area, updated from top to bottom + great workshop! Call Quick onthis one 682-3191 - joyce brickey.

Crenshaw ... $57,500
Spacious 3/2 in quiet, established neighborhood has large living area w/corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no bkyd neighbors. Call Anita!

Stoneybrook ... $56,900
Darling 3 bd, 2 ba home in perfect condition. Workshop that any dad would love! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Eisenhower ... $56,500
Spectacular 3 bedroom, 2 b[U/C]igh ceilings, sautillo tile, 2 car garage, workshop. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Ric-NEW LISTING ... $55,000
Fabulous 3BR/2BA/2 gar, pretty FP, high ceilings, fans, lg. master suite, call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Melton Alley ... $52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, h[U/C]Call Clemmie.

Mercedes ... $49,900
Pretty home, lots of updating. Call Clemmie.

W. Illinois ... $45,000
Large 3 bedroom with fireplace, walking distance to schools. Call Clemmie.

Bedford ... $45,000
A trip or two to the hardware store and thin 3-2-2 will shine! Open living area, good BR space, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.

Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing ... $42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Humble- Reduced ... $39,900
3 bed, 2 bath, darling home in great neighborhood. Lots new in last 5 years! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Boyd-Reduced ... $39,900
Cute! Large living area, nice bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Checotah ... $36,500
What a find! Walk in closets i[U/C]rooms, large living area with fireplace. Built-in china cabinet, darling kitchen. Immaculate! Ask for Larry or Debbie 689-7758.

Pleasant ... $35,000
Unbelievable at this price. Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Maple - New on the Market ... $29,900
Fantastic 3 bedroom brick h[U/C]kitchen, large living area, hardwood floors & carpet. 1 car garage and storage shed. Hurry! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

1109 S. Camp ... $32,000
Lovely starter home or investm[U/C]ty. Call Clemmie.

Howard Dr. ... $29,900
Show this home to your picky buyer and your investors. Neat and clean. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

E. New Jersey ... $28,000
Live in a Fire Station - easy[U/C]n to 3 bedroom, 2 bath with huge garage - very large for the price. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

Mariana ... $49,000
Duplex - Unit 412-2 BDRM, 1 BA, Unit 414-2BDRM, 2 BA, covered carport. Income producer! Call Sam House 699-2163.

Nobles - Owner/Agent w/pay 6% Buyers Costs ... $45,000
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath[U/C]arden w/fireplace, 1 car garage. Non-qualifying or new loan - pool not warranted. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Bentwood-Reduced ... $45,000
Darling Duplex: side "A" is[U/C]bath & side "B" is 2 bed/1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both! Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Dengar ... $44,900
Nice with 2 baths, great yard, RV pad, dog run, plus Home Warranty! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Parker ... $31,900
Just like new! Cute 2BD, 2BA,[U/C]w/central heat & air. Great house w/large fenced yard. Victoria Printz 689-4800.

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Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

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Roomy 3 BD, 3 bath on 20 acre Pecan orchard, pool, barns, farm equip. & more! Not just a house - a lifestyle!! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

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Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft.!! Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W CR 56 (Edinburg) ... $329,900
Enjoy living in this spacious 5BR, 5BA, 4 LA, 2 fireplaces on 2.5 acres. Fabulous sequestered suite. Call Marilyn Jo.

W CR 54 ... $265,000
Gleaming hardwood floors, gameroom, study, 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, beautiful view of Midland skyline. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

W CR 58 ... $235,000
Dream kitchen, exercise/hu[U/C]Golf masters, Texas-size home on 4-1/2 acres. Built in '93. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

N. Hwy. 349 ... $189,000
A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

307 in Greenwood ... $175,000
Home high on hill + over 82 acres. For information ask for joyce brickey 682-3191.

9806 S. C.R. 1218 ... $150,000
18 plus acres, 3BDRM, 2 1/2 BA, 2 living areas, study, fireplace, 2 car garage. Huge huge barn & stable. Airstrip nearby. Fenced, really nice home! Call Sam House 699-2163.

800 E. Co. Rd. 125 ... $148,500
Like new, but cleaner! 4 BD,[U/C]BA, 4+ parking/RV Garage on 3 Ac. Ridge Heights. Shutters, bay windows, beamed cathedral ceiling. Circle Drive. Call Denise 697-1799.

S. Co. Rd. 1082 ... $129,900
Can be 3 or 4 bdrm home in Greenwood. New Construction. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 1086 ... $129,900
New Construction in Greenwood, lots of tile, great floorplan. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 120 ... $129,900
Great 2-story 5 bedroom or 4 plus study. Updated/pretty!! 3 acres with fenced area for animals. Call Marilyn Jo.

E. Co. Rd. 109 ... $112,900
Large sequestered master, 3 or 4 bedroom. Call Clemmie.

1300 E. Co. Rd. 130-Great New Price ... $109,900
Located on 2 1/2 acres, gorgeous new decor w/3+ bedrooms, 2400 sq. ft. barn/workshop/RV garage. Pecan producing orchard. Roses galore. Terrific piece of property. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Kniffen ... $105,000
Spacious 3 BR on 1.25 acres, 3 stall 15'x45' horse barn, 14'x28' workshop. Must see! Sandy Scott 684-0370.

S. Cp. Rd. 1200 ... $105,000
Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Clemmie.

E. Co. Rd. 130 ... $95,000
Located on 2 acres, close to town, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, country kitchen. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

E. Co. Rd. 109 ... $92,500
1.5 year new 3/2 has custom touches everywhere, beautiful kitchen w/whitewashed cabinets, tile, breakfast bar. Huge utility. Large bedrooms!

S. Hwy. 349 ... $90,000
Four bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, walk-in closets. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Greenwood Acreage ... $89,000
Big Tract of Land. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Andrews Hwy. ... $79,500
Formerly kitchen store & gift shop. Call Lavonne Johnson.

Co. Rd. 64 East ... $76,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Lavonne.

Morning Glory ... $50,000
Half with mobile home hook-up[U/C]Half with partially completed home - $35,000. Or - $50,000 for all. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

N. Co. Rd. 1130 - Reduced ... $47,900
Wonderful two bedroom, two bathroom home on 1.15 acres in the Greenwood School distrct. Also has a workshop, central heat & air and a two car carport. Call Kirk at 682-8820 today!

4025 S. E. Co. Rd. 2000 ... $45,000
3 bdrm, 2 bath on 2.5 acres in Andrews. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 53 W. ... $43,500
3 bedroom, barn, .91 acres. Call Jo Braden.

Co. Rd. 1140 N. ... $29,900
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Pecan Orchard - approx. 3 acres. Sprinkler system. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

S. Co. Rd. 1218 ... $21,500
10 acres, sandy soil. Call Clemmie.

Townhouse Lots on Boyd Ave. ... $15,000 Ea.
3 lots in Lone Oak Subdivision. Kirk French.

Land ... $15,000
1.71 acres on Bedford. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Co. Rd. 2801 ... $5,500
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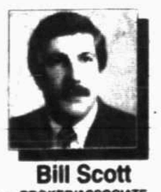

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AUBURN-Absolutely smashing TH w/pool, 4/4, 2 living, seq. guest suite, Saltillo tile, hi ceilings 189,000

CYPRESS CT-New on golf course! Lovely 4/3.5/2 w/pool. Has all the bells & whistles. Lots of updating 179,900

CUTHBERT-Open, custom designed home, updated, 4BR/3BA, pool- EXTRAS! 175,000

WELLINGTON-Hold onto you hats - this 4BR in Polo Park is terrific 174,900

STANOLIND-Simply beautiful MaMar 4BR w/pool 169,900

SUNDANCE CT-Grasslands - TH. 4BR/3BA + study + 2LA. Versatile floor plan 164,900

WINCHESTER CT-Lush & lovely TH w/pool newly refurbished 4BR or 3+ study. Don't Miss 164,900

TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage inTrinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price 159,900

THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, ope kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition 159,900

RIDGMAR-Updated, beautiful home, care-free yard, large rooms and bath 153,500

BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac 150,000

VALLEY FORGE-Professionally decorated TH - extra special master suite - park-like landscaping 150,000

CONCORD-Newly listed TH in quiet cul-de-sac and centrally located 3/2/1LA. Won't last 139,500

TEAKWOOD TRACE-Simple elegance, carpet, ceramic tile, AC, 3BR/2.5BA/2-car garage, recent paint 137,000

MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new 134,500

HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars 129,900

PRINCETON-Country living - City convenience. Guest house w/FP, 2.5 acres, hardwood floors 125,000

PRINCETON-Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas 125,000

PINE-Elegant 3BR Wallace TH - first time on market 125,000

HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace 124,500

FAIRVIEW LANE-Extra large 4BR/3BA in Plantation Hills in excellent condition 123,500

GODFREY-A must see....wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more 120,000

PECAN-New Listing! Nice TH in Highland Park. Open, spacious plan. Must see 119,500

PRINCETON-Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sf workshop 114,999

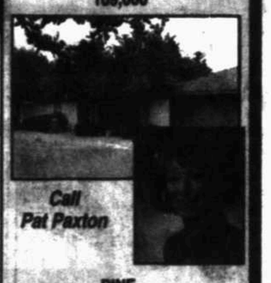
MAXWELL-Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything 114,900

AMHURST-23 x 30 game room w/pool table, wet bar, 1/2 bath, dark room, computer room! Incredible! Also large formals, great den, new paint 112,000

SPRING MEADOW-Super 4BR/2 1/2 BA, 2 FP, study, townhouse, excellent condition, tasteful decor 112,000

CRESTGATE-Cozy & inviting, 4BR/2.5BA, great open kitchen, spacious family room 108,900

NORTHTOWN-4BR/2BA, 3 super living areas plus formals 105,750



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Elegant 3BR Wallace TH - first time on market.
125,000

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Saltillo tile, formal living and dining and a pool 99,900

GOLF COURSE-Special Hickey TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP 99,900

NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School, very contemporary, 3BR/2BA 99,500

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OAKMONT-Darling home in great location! Sooo pretty, good plan, great appeal 99,000

NOEL-Snappy 2BR TH! Great privacy & security, RV Parking 98,300

GREEN TREE-A heart throb! Attractive 3BR TH w/pool & hot tub. Much refurbishing. Home warranty 98,000

BRIGHTON PL-Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more 96,900

LOCKHEED-Super - good price - great location. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 open LAs, new exterior paint 94,500

McCLINTIC-Adorable 3BR in popular Old Midland. Wonderful condition, pretty decor, great yard 94,500

BOYD-New TH in central location! Grand room style w/crown molding touches, large baths 94,000

HARVARD-Old Midland - over 2000 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA, flagstone floors, wet bar, landscaped yard 89,900

LOCKHEED-Great home in desirable "Old Midland" area. 2LA, super arrangement price to sell. 89,900

ST ANDREWS-Charming 3BR/2BA/2-garage. Sprinkler system, large master BR & BA, large open kitchen 89,900

HAYNES-Extremely appealing! 2 super LAs, large seq. MBR, wonderful condition 89,750

CRESTWOOD-Qual. Assump. High ceilings, picture pretty, decked patio, 3+ study or 4BR/2.5BA 89,000

BOYD-TH close to hospital, shopping & other conveniences! Large 2BR/2BA/2 Gar, nice features 89,000

MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland", large, sunny rooms w/recent updating.Lots of parking area! 88,500

CANADIAN-Wonderful Kahler construction w/neutral colors. Just like new w/4BR or 3BR and study 87,500

VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile 86,900

FANNIN-Wonderful 4BR/2LA in great area. Large backyard 84,500

HUGHES-One of a kind. Remodeled w/new kitchen, carpet, AC/Heat etc. Extra large workshop 84,500

TERRACE-Lots of space, new flooring & bonus room make this a super buy that won't last long! 83,900

BEDFORD-3BR, updated, sparkling pool. Light and bright formal living & dining and 3LAs 82,500

ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio w/tile floor-offering $1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost 81,900

THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See 81,500

MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard 80,000

CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master 79,900

CHON COVE-Secluded yet convenient Wydewood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac 78,500

THORNBERRY-Summer's coming - in-ground pool ready for fun! 3/2, spotless 78,500

STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt 78,000

BUCHANAN-Spotless! Move-in to jewel tone colors! Seq. master w/hot tub room 77,700

SAN ANTONIO-4BR or 2LAs. Very clean! Great square footage for area and price 76,900

ROCKYLANE-Room for your pool table in a great family room 75,000

TEALWOOD-Great TH located near mall area. 2-story stucco w/2BR/2.5BA. Low maintenance 74,500

CONROE CT-Cute 3BR in Northgate comes with home warranty 74,500

GULF-Seller to pay for 2 pts plus up to $1,500 of buyer's closing costs! 74,000

STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard 73,900

NEELY-Charming 3BR across from St Stephens! King size family room 72,500

WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location 72,000

FANNIN-Non-qualifying assumption on this 3BR/2BA. Lots of extras - call today 72,000

BRAZOS-Light & bright 3BR/2BA, large master walk-in closets, spacious kitchen & pantry 70,000

BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play 69,900

SHELL-No yard care, top notch TH, many amenities close to everything, 2BR/2BA, lease purchase terms neg. 69,000

WADLEY #M66-Spacious, low maintenance condo, 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance 68,500

GODFREY-Nice size 4BR home w/pool across from park. Large open living & dining w/FP 68,000

DENGAR-Really nice 3BR in Fannin - Nice condition, good plan 65,500

MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities 63,500

NEELY-Great home centrally located to schools, shopping and more! 62,000

GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000

BELAIRE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood! 59,500

CROCKETT-Super 3/2 with tons of updating! Seller ready to go 57,500

WILSHIRE-Super 3/2 with garage. Tons of updating. Beautiful home and yard! 53,000

SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year 49,900

KANSAS-3BR/2LA/ bonus room/workshop. New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows 49,500

ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one 47,500

ERIE-3BR/2BA, new paint, central air, garage door. Redecorated & new A/C 43,900

ROOSEVELT-Nice brick home w/2 or 3BR. Central heat & air, formal dining 39,900

MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more 39,500

CENTURY-Great home on the corner 38,000

WAVERLY-REDUCED. Great little property 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, corner lot, workshop 36,700

CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 34,500

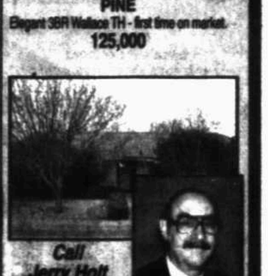
KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system 32,500

BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental 32,500

WASHINGTON-3BR/2BA, detached garage. Needs TLC 27,500

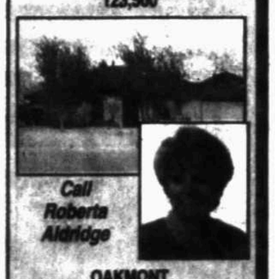
WADLEY #50-1BR/1BA, new carpet, paint and wallpaper 25,000

DELANO-priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring 24,500



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ASHWOOD CT	196,700	LANCASHIRE	122,000	SANDS	73,500
CO. RD. 56	149,900	MAXWELL	112,000	CIMMARON	72,000
DUKES	146,750	HARVARD	99,000	BOYD	69,900
CRESTRIDGE	139,900	GREEN TREE	97,000	STOREY	39,900
N. CO. RD. 1244	134,900	BOYD	89,900	MARIANA	37,500
DUNKIRK	130,500	ELMA	88,900	COWDEN	35,000
TIMBER LANE	126,900	MILLER ROAD	85,000	KENTUCKY	25,000

NEW LISTINGS

Rockylane	Bentley O'Quinn	75,000
Fannin	Roy Proctor	72,000
Sagewood Condo	Don Byerly	19,000
Brazos	Don Byerly	70,000
St Andrews	Jana Tucker	89,900
Crestgate	Jane Wolf	108,900
Northtown	Corp	105,750
San Antonio	Sandy Hanson	76,900



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89,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

CO. RD. 420-Garden City Ranch - 389 ac + more available. 3/3/2LA house. Owner will owner carry. Call for details 220,000

S. CO. RD. 1218-Quiet country home on 20 ac w/lots of pecan trees. Screened-in porch, RV pad + 2G/Stor bldg. 169,500

TATTENHAM-Super country home. Shop plus RV garage plus gazebo hot tub 167,000

3. CO. RD. 1184-Suburban home at its finest. Pastoral setting in Ridge Heights 147,800

SOLOMON-Loads of country charm in this completely remodeled 4BR filled with extras 144,900

FM HWY. 307-1 1/2 year old 4BR/2BA home on 3.33 acres in Greenwood School District. Will not last long! 132,000

W. CO. RD. 68-4/3/2. So much new & so much space inside & out! 2.5 acres, shops, stalls, addit (2.5) avail - POOL 128,000

S. CO. RD. 1184-Priced to sell "as is". Pool, workshop, guest quarters or office. Great possibilities 110,000

KNIFFEN-3BR/2BA new construction brick home on 1.25 acres 99,900

N. CO. RD. 1247-W of Midland, restricted area, 1 acre, 4BR/3BA, 4th BR could be 2nd LA. Updated & pretty 99,500

OJIBWA-Seller says sell! Suburban property 5BR/3BA, large living. $5,000 decorating allowance 85,500

S. CO. RD. 1317-Affordable 3BR suburban on 1/2 acres, fully fenced, much new! 82,500

S. CO. RD. 1210-South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental house also 75,000

GOLD-Garden City, TX. An entire city block only, 40 min. from Midland, 2 houses & more only 75,000

E. CO. RD. 104-Great Greenwood location, 3BR/2BA/1LA; vaulted ceiling, corner FP, seq. master 69,900

E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood, 3/2/2-car gar. 16x20 patio, sprinkler, one-owner 67,900

COLGATE-Doublewide on 1.2 acres, barn/workshop, corrals, immaculate great yard, RO softener 39,900

E. CO. RD. 86-3BR Mobile home w/workshop, barn & stalls - plus adj. acreage w/water wells & septic tanks 38,500

CO. RD. 114-Country living for a great price 26,500

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520

BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided 86,220

CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000

MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city 64,000

BLACKBERRY-Prettiest lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location 55,000

CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! ..... 49,900 ea.

MIDKIFF-2 acres, great location on North Midkiff 40,000

"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district 37,500

SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining 33,000-45,000

OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available 30,000

ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location 22,500

CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package ..... 6,000 each

GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates 3,000

VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,850-35,000

SUBURBAN ACREAGE

FM 307-Prime acreage in Greenwood 178,800

FM 150-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities 144,000

S. CO. RD. 1218-Nice area, great privacy! 20 acres fenced. Ready for your new home 60,000

FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing 38,500

DERBY LANE-7.5 acres, 2 water wells, 2 trailer pads near Gardendale 25,000

W. CO. RD. 69-4.45 acres w/pens, fence & H20 well 24,500

W. CO. RD. 143 1/2-2 ac South of TI. Ready for your mobile home or new house. 24x40 workshop, trees 21,000

FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together 20,000

CO RD 1195S-3.10 acres 17,100

HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well 15,000

CO. RD. 52W-3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance 15,000

CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland 12,000

S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing 9,900

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

ANDREWS HWY & WALL-Lease - 3100sf ..... CALL

MIDLAND DRIVE-Retail/Office remodel to suit, owner agent ..... CALL

NEW 2 ACRES RANKIN HWY & IH 20 ..... CALL

E. NEW JERSEY-2 metal bldgs. 2800 sf each 16' OH doors ..... CALL

MIKE'S CABINET SHOP--Includes all equipment. .85 ac, good well ..... CALL

INDUSTRIAL PARK-46,000 sf shop/warehouse & office space ..... CALL

FIVE POINTS- HWY. 349-1.8 acres commercial tract ..... CALL

DAVIS RD MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 7 owned homes & 3BR house ..... CALL

INDUSTRIAL PARK-Fronts on I-20, new utilities, 23.6 ac ..... CALL

2,500 SF WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL PARK ..... CALL

RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000

ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED 70,000

BIG SPRING-8 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance 68,000

WALL-Excellent location. Property for many uses. High traffic 60,000

MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office 49,500

MAIN-Small office building, near downtown, 1392 sf 42,500

BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot 35,000

FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. 30,000

CALL FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OFFERINGS

DUPLEXES/RENTAL INVESTMENTS

COLORADO-5 rental units, great return 80,000

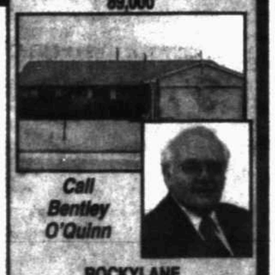
CARRIZO-Contemporary duplex in Old Midland location 39,900

COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency 39,500

SAGEWOOD CONDO-Large 1BR condo. One of the nicest in Midland, pool, mtg. room, covered parking 19,000

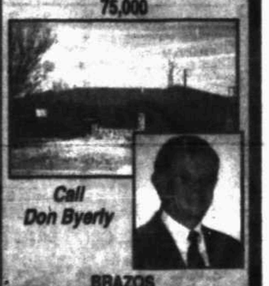
EASTRIDGE RD-Great living or investment ..... 9,400 to 9,400

MIDLAND-Great buy on condominium 9,900



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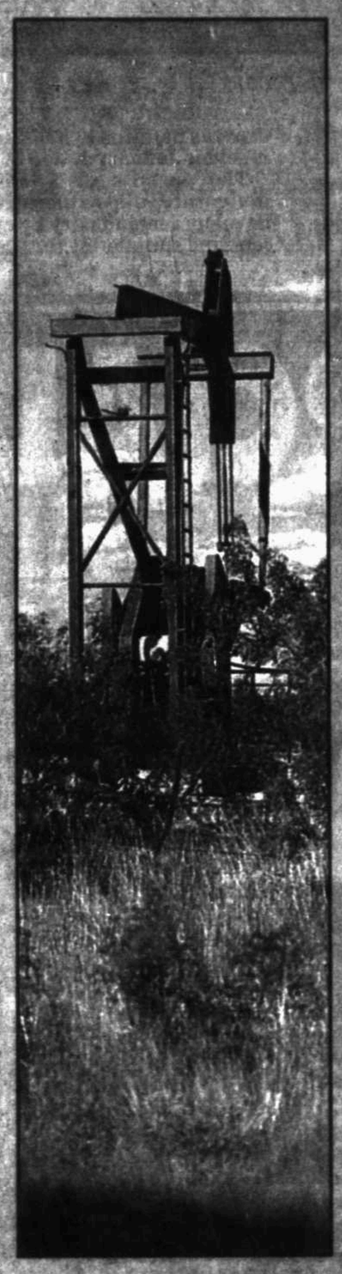
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PERMIAN BASIN
OIL & GAS REPORT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1998 — SERVING WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO

INSIDE



A pumpjack sits screened in by mesquite bushes. Latest production figures from the American Petroleum Institute show 6,353,000 barrels of oil per day in total U.S. crude oil production, compared to 6,506,000 the previous year.

See RIG COUNT/ 3

Henry acquisition

Henry Petroleum Corporation announces that it has acquired the working interest of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. in the Ackerly Dean Unit and 12 adjacent leases located in Dawson County. Henry took over operations of the properties February 1, 1998. The unit is comprised of 75 wells, and the 12 adjacent leases contain another 18 wells.

"This acquisition complements the earlier acquisition in July 1996 by Henry of partial working interest and operations from Conoco, Inc. in the East Ackerly Dean Unit," said Dennis Johnson, president of Henry Petroleum Corporation. After completion of Henry's 30-well drilling program in 1997, the East Ackerly Dean Unit operations cover 86 unit wells and 7 wells in surrounding leases.

El Paso plans

A major Texas-based natural gas company has closed its Georgia office and aborted plans to sell its product directly to homes and businesses once the state deregulates the natural gas industry this fall.

El Paso Energy Marketing Co., which had an office in Lawrenceville, will instead concentrate on wholesale sales to natural gas providers. It is also closing other retail marketing offices across the country as part of its decision. The Georgia office employed five people

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Tax incentive benefits stripper wells

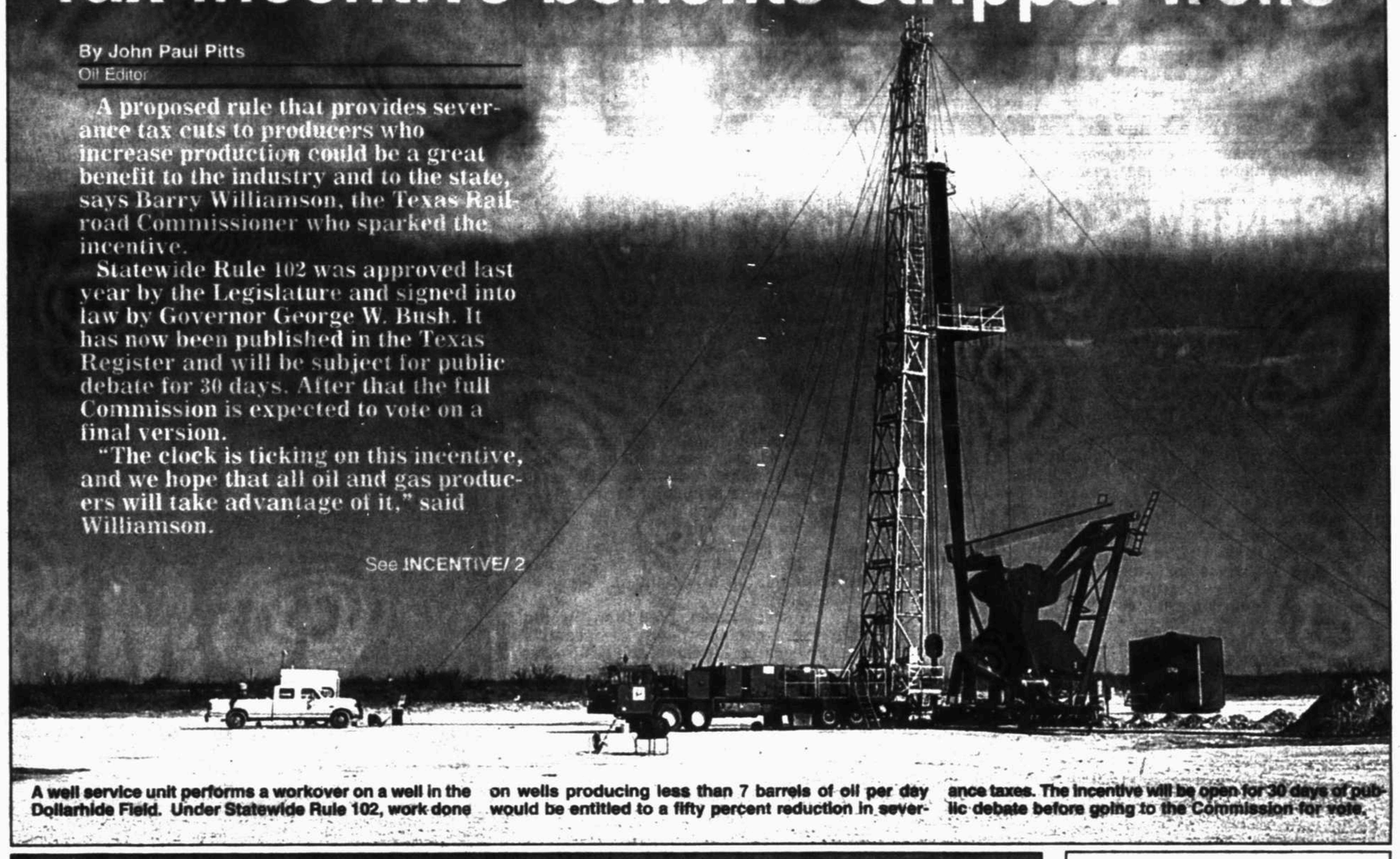
By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

A proposed rule that provides severance tax cuts to producers who increase production could be a great benefit to the industry and to the state, says Barry Williamson, the Texas Railroad Commissioner who sparked the incentive.

Statewide Rule 102 was approved last year by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor George W. Bush. It has now been published in the Texas Register and will be subject for public debate for 30 days. After that the full Commission is expected to vote on a final version.

"The clock is ticking on this incentive, and we hope that all oil and gas producers will take advantage of it," said Williamson.

See INCENTIVE/ 2



A well service unit performs a workover on a well in the Dollarhide Field. Under Statewide Rule 102, work done on wells producing less than 7 barrels of oil per day would be entitled to a fifty percent reduction in severance taxes. The incentive will be open for 30 days of public debate before going to the Commission for vote.

UNDERGROUND PRICE OF OIL

Domestic reserve values set records

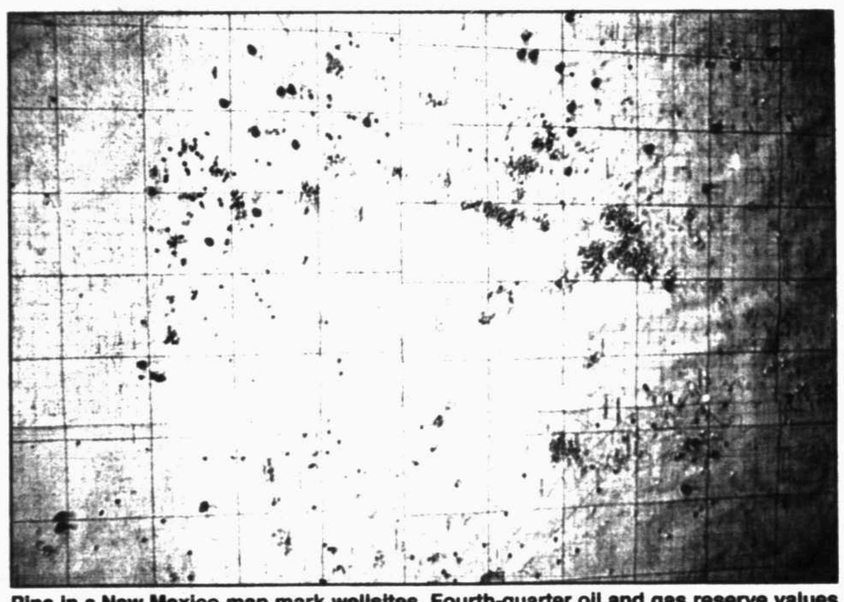
By Staff Reports

Domestic oil and gas reserve values for the fourth quarter of 1997 saw an 11 percent increase over third quarter values, while median values were the highest since fourth quarter of 1991 and the second highest value this decade. Median values were obtained from thirty-one deals that disclosed transaction values and reserve quantities.

Reserve values in the last three months of 1997 jumped $.52 to $5.45 per barrel of oil equivalent (BOE), compared to $4.93 per BOE during the third quarter.

Fourth quarter transactions were slow with only 45 deals closed, compared to an average of 68 for fourth quarters in 1995 and 1996. The majority of fourth-quarter 1997 deals were concentrated at the lower end. Thirty-seven of the year-end deals reported dollar values, and of those, 18 fell below $25 million. Eight were valued at $25 to $50 million, three were in the $50 to $100-million range, and eight, attributed primarily to Amoco's divestiture activity, were valued at a total of $1.72 billion. Despite the lethargic action, the average deal was valued at $64.1 million, up considerably from the third quarter of 1997 with an average of $29.2 million. The majority of the deals in the $25 to $50-million range were for gas.

The recent drop in oil prices is not expected to have a long-term effect on acquisitions and divestitures. Hal Miller with investment banker Cornerstone Ventures, L.P., views the drop as short-term, and sees the industry treating it as a short-term problem -- much the way that $21-per-barrel-oil was treated as a short-term blessing.



Pins in a New Mexico map mark wellsites. Fourth-quarter oil and gas reserve values saw an 11 percent increase over third quarter values.

Miller believes the industry is still a seller's market, as highlighted by the strong fourth-quarter median price.

Levelland firm acquired

Canadian Fracmaster Ltd. announces that it has completed the acquisitions of the assets and businesses of Western Acidizing Services Co., Inc. of Levelland and Coleman Cementing, Inc. of El Dorado, Arkansas.

Western Acidizing Services Co., Inc. provides oilfield stimulation services to the petroleum industry from an operating base in Levelland. Coleman Cementing, Inc. provides oilfield stimulation and cementing services to customers in southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana. These two acquisitions will enhance Fracmaster's existing operating capabilities in West Texas and introduce Fracmaster's services to new markets in Louisiana and Arkansas.

All employees of Western Acidizing Services Co., Inc.a nd Coleman Cementing Inc. will remain with Fracmaster.

In connection with the previously-announced acquisition of the 50 percent of American Fracmaster the company did not already own and the acquisition of the business and assets of Western Acidizing Services Co., Inc. Canadian Fracmaster Ltd. has agreed to issue in part payment of the purchase price up to 874,949 shares in 1998 and 1999.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Unmanned phone systems communications barrier

It should be obvious by now that those telephone systems froth with talking menus, answering machines (voice mail), and absentee people are not working.

It may be billed as efficient, but it is not progress. And if friendly technology is an aim of today's corporations, it anything but friendly. Moreover, it is a giant step backward from the day when real people answered the telephone.

Like many in the oilpatch, we have suspected this for sometime, and the only thing that kept us from affirming it foul from the git-go was the uncertainty on our part that there could be something unknown to us that makes these menu-driven phone systems redeemable. There isn't.

All uncertainty was removed this month when we set out to call 200 oil and gas companies throughout the Permian Basin in order to compile the 1998 Oil Report Outlook. After wading through menu after menu, it became clear that menu-driven phone systems, though promoted as efficient and cost-saving, are really unfriendly to effective communications. They are penny-wise and pound foolish.



Pitts

I won't mention any names to protect the guilty, but consider this exasperating scenario. I dial the number of a major oil company and get only an endless litany of listings on the main menu. It goes on, department after department...joint billing...royalty interest...tax questions....engineering...right of way. I listen to the entire menu; there is no listing that even remotely resembles who I want to talk with - namely "the boss." I begin to punch in random numbers in hopes of stumbling on to a people person who can help me.

The head of the joint interest billing is not in, but I am told to punch this number for his secretary. I punch that number, only to get her voice mail. I repeat the process for several more departments, each time having to go back to the main menu. I keep getting the same results. I keep reminding myself that this is a major oil company that should be able to hire someone to answer the telephone.

Now, totally irritated, I get out my phone book and find a listing for a pipeline office in New Mexico. I call it in hopes of, perhaps, finding a real person who can provide me an inside number that will allow me to bypass the main menu.

I am in luck. Progress has not made it to the pipeline field office. There is no menu, just a lone operator. He hesitates, but finally provides me with the number for "getting inside." I call it and make contact with a real person in the pipeline department, who transfers me to the secretary of the boss, who, incidentally, is not on the main menu. I talk to the boss, get my information and hang up, 35 minutes later. This is progress?

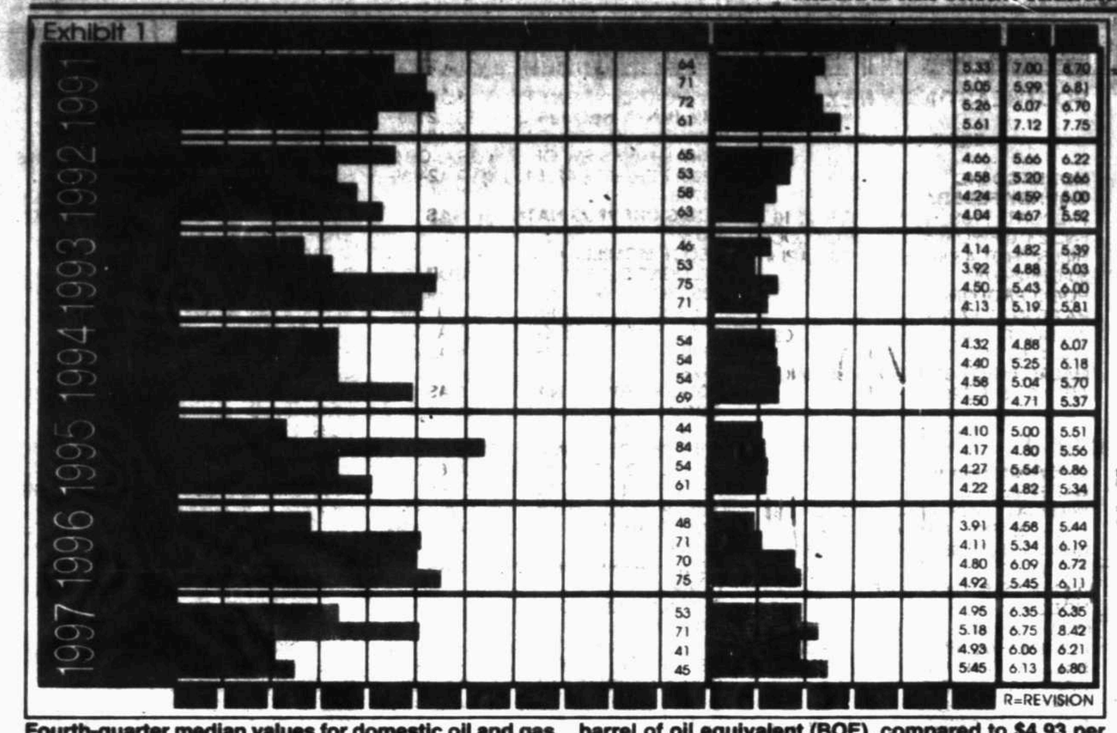
Lest you think this is just one isolated horror story, or another case of an "old codger" unable to cope with the computer age, let me assure you neither is the case. Over the years, I have collected dozens of personal and second hand versions of this scenario. And despite the gray hair, I have made my peace with the computer age. I can adapt to change, but not all change is good — even if it is based on superior technology. When technology imposes barriers to good communications and frustrates friends and customers, it is not good.

I am not alone in that assessment. If memory serves me correctly, I don't ever recall anyone voluntarily stepping forward to sing the praises of these new-age, high-tech, buck-passing systems. But I do recall many who have voluntarily expressed their contempt for the unfriendly systems — and not all were old codgers.

Forgive the corporate plug, but one of the best assets of the Midland Reporter-Telegram has is Vickie Long, our operator. There are no recorded menus — just Vickie. She knows everyone in the building, their extension, if they are in, if they are out, when they will be back. She will take messages and won't pass you off to a voice mail. Best of all, she will actually try to help customers find someone who can help them. Of all the things the Reporter-Telegram receives compliments for, perhaps the most frequent is the fact that we have a friendly, helpful person answering the telephone. Sure, we have voice mail but are encouraged not to use it during business

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Fourth-quarter median values for domestic oil and gas reserves hit the highest since 1991, reaching $5.45 per barrel of oil equivalent (BOE), compared to $4.93 per BOE during the third quarter.

NAPE attendance hits record high

By Staff

Attendance at the recent North American Prospect Expo (NAPE) in Houston hit a record high, according to event officials.

A spokesman for the American Association of Professional Landmen, one of the show's sponsors, said over 6,000 oil and gas exploration and development professionals from across the U.S. attended the show in Houston.

Officials said the show had grown "by leaps and bounds" over the past six years and would probably be held at George R. Brown Convention Center next year.

NAPE provides a central marketplace for oil and gas companies to introduce their oil and gas prospects and producing properties, and this year over 360 vendors, including major and independent oil companies, were present. Among the areas represented by prospects were: Northeast, Gulf Coast, West Coast, Mid-Continent, Rocky Mountains, New Mexico, Permian Basin and International.

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In addition to prospects, exhibitors included cooperating associations and financial companies. New to this year's event, also, was the inclusion of producing and international properties, which helped increase boost attendance to a record high, according to NAPE Chairman, Mike Grimm of Dallas-based Rising Star Energy.

NAPE officials feel that next year's event, which is sponsored by AAPL, IPAA and Oil & Gas Investor could draw as many as 10,000. The Expo is set for January 27 and 28 of 1999.

The purpose of NAPE is to invigorate the exploration and development industry by creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

INCENTIVE: Clock ticking for industry

(From 1)

The Incremental Incentive rule in simple terms provides a 50 percent reduction in severance tax for those oil leases that average less than seven barrels per day for their four highest-production days. The incentive applies to oil and casinghead gas — not gas well gas.

Finding leases that qualify should be no problem. The Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission in its latest report notes that the average production for marginal wells in the U.S. is 2.22 barrels per day. Texas leads the nation in the number of stripper wells, and plugs more than 10,000 wells each year.

Virtually any work done to a lease could trigger a tax cut, said Williamson, noting that incentives could add life to mature wells. "Every Texan has an economic stake in keeping these wells active so they can continue to contribute to our Texas economy."

He said that every additional barrel of oil produced in the state, translated into $60 for the state economy. It is estimated that every dollar produced by the high-cost marginal wells generates more than 56 cents in additional economic activity and accounts for 38,000 industry jobs.

"One of the greatest threats to the Texas economy is that oil and gas will be left in the ground when productive wells are plugged and abandoned prematurely. When it happens Texas loses money," said Williamson, who initiated the incentive and moved it through the legislature in spite of some resistance on the part of some industry officials, who wanted to make sure other proposed incentives passed first.

"I think those that didn't think we could get this incentive passed have now changed their mind, because this is a good incentive. It will be good for Texas and the Permian Basin. Those companies that were planning on doing workovers can now collect a 50 percent incentive on severance tax."

"This is a good program," said Morris Burns, "new PBPA executive vp, "because it is not restricted just to enhanced recovery projects. Operators can drill an infill well, or do whatever they want to increase production and receive a 50 percent decrease on their severance tax bill."

He said the program would not impact severance tax income, because the large production wells and leases would still be paying a severance tax. "This will apply only to marginal or stripper type leases, which need all the incentive they can get to stay alive," said Burns. "I think it will be utilized extensively in the Permian Basin on marginal and stripper leases."

Williamson noted that it would be September before the incentive became effective and after that operators would have four months to prove up production and submit proof of work done to increase production.

"In addition to promoting natural gas and deregulating trucking this incentive and others for oil and gas production are what I am most proud of."

PITTS: Real people send real message

(From 1)

hours — only for night messages.

The message a friendly voice on the telephone sends is:

"Yes, we are open. There really is someone here. We want to talk to you. We value you as a person, and we want to help you. We are talking to you now, we will not cull and grade the calls at the end of the day and decide who is important enough to talk to."

That may sound old fashioned and inconsistent with modern telephone systems, but maybe it is time we re-evaluated old fashioned telephone courtesy. It is not expensive. One courteous, helpful telephone operator can do more to improve the image of an oil company than a pair of $80,000 a year public relations executives.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram

Texas natural gas firm abandons Georgia plans

A major Texas-based natural gas company has closed its Georgia office and aborted plans to sell its product directly to homes and businesses once the state deregulates the natural gas industry this fall.

El Paso Energy Marketing Co., which had an office in Lawrenceville, will instead concentrate on wholesale sales to natural gas providers. It is also closing other retail marketing offices across the country as part of its decision. The Georgia office employed five people

'Atlanta is a window to the future.'

Allan Bounds, Vice President

"Some people want to be Wal-Mart, and others want to sell to Wal-Mart," said Allan Bounds, vice president/East Region marketing for the subsidiary of El Paso Energy Corp., a $5.6 billion-a-year company.

There are also other signs of waning interest among natural gas companies that have considered competing in Georgia.

David Crutherids, counsel to National Gas Clearinghouse, said that the Texas-based company also will stick to wholesale sales The company decided the mass marketing needed to reach the 1.2 million homes and businesses now served by Atlanta Gas Light Co. is "not our skill-set," he said.

Under a law enacted last year by the General Assembly, Atlanta Gas Light, which has had a long-time monopoly on natural gas service in the state, becomes a distribution company that only delivers gas to households and businesses. Retail sales will be opened to competition.

Because Georgia is the first state to open such a large portion of its gas industry to competition, the market has drawn intensive interest from energy companies across the country that at least want to keep abreast of the process.

Bounds said El Paso's decision to opt out of retail markets nationwide was made in part because of its assessment of the Georgia market. He cited mass marketing costs and said Energy Spring, an AGL affiliate that will market gas, will have a competitive advantage in the state.

"Atlanta is a window to the future," Bounds said. "It gave us a fast-forward look."

Other prospective competitors, however, are moving ahead.

More than a dozen companies are taking part in Public Service Commission proceedings on AGL's petition that proposes distribution rates and rules of the road for the deregulated market.

Houston-based Enron Corp. last week ran ads in The Wall Street Journal seeking salespeople to be assigned to Atlanta or elsewhere.

"I would expect that if things continue the way they are, there would be an Enron Atlanta office at some point," said Melissa Lauderdale, the Enron executive who has been following Georgia's deliberations.

Southern Co., parent of Georgia Power Co., is still assessing whether to enter the market in its own back yard.

CORRECTION

Certain terms of the upcoming University Lands sale were incorrectly reported by the Oil Report. The 10 year primary term leases, with three-sixteenth royalty and $2 minimum per acre were for Hudspeth County only. Terms for acreage in other counties listed in the sale are: 10 year primary term, 20-25 percent royalty, and minimum per acre bids of $15, $25 and $50. The Oil Report regrets the error.

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U.S. Rig Count

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Yr
USA Land	828	839	N/A
USA Offshore	134	132	N/A
Canada	509	512	N/A
U.S. Directional	244	241	N/A
U.S. Horizontal	68	64	N/A
U.S. Gas	593	595	N/A
U.S. Oil	389	396	N/A

This information updated January 23, 1998

Permian Basin

TEXAS

DIST. #7C

Coke	00
Concho	00
Crockett	12
Irion	02
Kimble	00
McCullough	00
Menard	00
Reagan	04
Runnels	00
Schliecher	02
Sutton	02
Terrell	06
Tom Green	01
Upton	04

DIST. #8

Andrews	05
Brewster	00
Crane	00
Culberson	00
Ector	01
El Paso	00
Glasscock	05
Howard	01
Hudspeth	00
Jeff Davis	00
Loving	01
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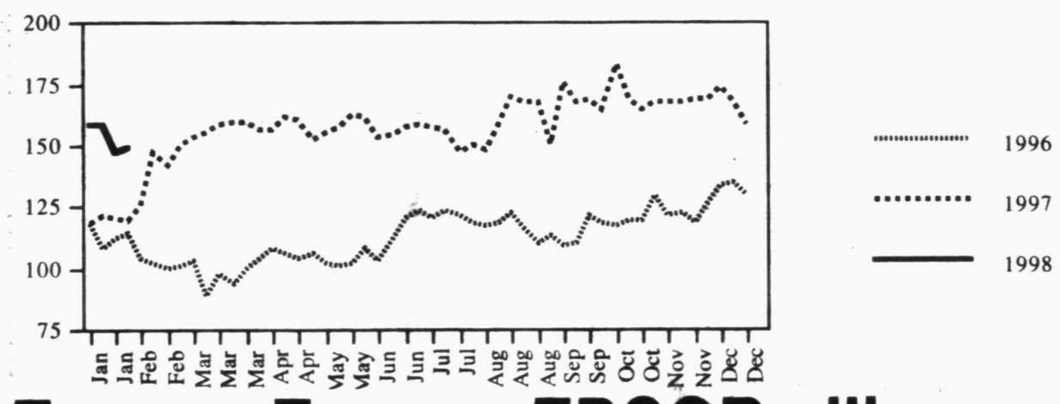
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Cottle	00
Crosby	00
Dawson	02
Dickens	00
Floyd	00
Gaines	07
Garza	03
Hale	00
Hockley	02
Kent	01
King	01
Lamb	00
Lubbock	00
Lynn	00
Motley	00
Scurry	01
Terry	00
Yoakum	02
TEXAS TOTAL	*102*

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	00
Eddy	18
Lea	24
Roosevelt	01
N.M. TOTAL	*43*

Permian Basin Rig Count Profile



Engage Energy, EPCOR alliance

HOUSTON - Engage Energy Canada, L.P. and EPCOR announced Encore Energy Solutions, a natural gas/electricity energy alliance. Encore will offer innovative products and services designed to improve the management of energy costs and price risks for municipal utilities and large commercial and industrial customers. Encore was formed in direct response to the growing $250 billion electricity industry and continuing electricity deregulation efforts in Canada.

- "Given Alberta's timetable for open competition in the electricity marketplace, this is the prime location to launch our alliance and its energy service portfolio," said Paul McMillan, Encore's general manager. "In addition, Encore will aggressively pursue customers in other deregulated regions, particularly in Western and Central Canada."
- EPCOR views Encore's services as a strategic complement to those of its subsidiary, Edmonton Power. Within the city of Edmonton, Edmonton Power will market Encore's products through its existing Account Manager Service; outside the city, Encore will include Edmonton Power's product line in its offerings. "We see this reciprocal arrangement as key to positioning our company for competition in Alberta's electricity market," said Robert Phillips, chairman of the EPCOR board of directors. "The products and services offered through Edmonton Power and Encore are an attractive and unique combination for companies looking to take advantage of a deregulated industry. We are very excited about the opportunities this venture opens to us."

"A marquis joint venture with EPCOR firmly strengthens both companies' electric position in Canada," said Clark C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of Engage Energy. "EPCOR and Engage's progressive attitude toward the new competitive electricity market will provide Encore with a foundation to provide energy services. Encore, in conjunction with Engage Energy US, L.P., already has a contract in place to provide services to a California-based electric municipal utility."

Deregulation of the energy sector brings a variety of choices for businesses as they work to successfully manage their energy costs. Encore has developed new products and services to help customers understand the choices, determine an acceptable level of risk, optimize energy usage and position themselves to best take advantage of a deregulated market. These include: Portfolio Management, a structured and disciplined approach for utilities to purchase, sell and manage their power supply; Power Services, assistance to fully capture savings potential by examining operational flexibility, physical equipment changes and commercial opportunities; and Trading, which provides customers the ability to protect themselves from price volatility in the electricity market through financial transactions and risk management practices.

EPCOR Utilities Inc., with consolidated assets of Canadian $2.1 billion, owns Edmonton Power, a power utility that provides generation and transmission services to Alberta and distribution services to 250,000 customers in Edmonton; Aqualta, a water treatment, management, development and distribution company; and Eltec, a leading commercial electrical services company.

Engage Energy is a joint venture company of The Coastal Corporation , a Houston-based diversified energy holding company with consolidated assets of more than US $11 billion, and Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver, British Columbia, a major Canadian natural gas company with assets of approximately Canadian $9 billion. Engage Energy offers a full spectrum of energy services including natural gas and electricity sales and trading activities, energy management services, structured storage and transportation services, power management, and energy risk management and financial services.

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POGO PROD INC
PATTON 17 FED #4
WILDCAT; T24S, R31E, SEC 17; 2050 FSL 1750 FEL; 15.5 MILES E OF MALAGA; ROT 9700 BONE SPRING; API # 30-015-29971

LEA COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
GAZELLE #1
WILDCAT; T23S, R36E, SEC 10; 1980 FSL 1718 FWL; 9 MILES SE OF EUNICE; ROT 9500 PENN; API # 30-025-34273

CHARLES B. GILLESPIE JR
HODGE #1
WILDCAT; T12S, R38E, SE C27; 495 FSL 495 FWL; EL: 3807 GL; SPUD 9/18/97; COMP 12/15/97; TD 12138; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OH PERFS 12133 TO 12138; IPF 140 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34100

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CROCKETT COUNTY

SONAT EXPLORATION
BAGGETT "C" #8
WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-2393, BLK F, SEC 27; 1700 FNL 2100 FEL OF LSE; 1700 FNL 2100 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SSE OF OZONA; OBJ: 10000; PERMIT # 472523; API # 42-105-38011

WESTCO OIL COMPANY
J. M. SHANNON ESTATE -A- #20
WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-2582, BLK UV, SEC 5; 670 FSL 672 FEL OF LSE; 1968 FNL 672 FEL OF SUR; 13 MILES NW OF OZONA; OBJ: 1900; PERMIT # 472342; API # 42-105-38004

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J. M. SHANNON ESATE -A- #21
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WESTCO OIL COMPANY
J. M. SHANNON ESTATE -A- #22
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WESTCO OIL COMPANY
J. M. SHANNON ESTATE -A- #23
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SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
KELLY 125 #17
WILDCAT-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-442, BLK C, SEC 125; 2264 FSL 2100 FWL OF LSE; 2264 FSL 2100 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF SONORA; OBJ: 6800; PERMIT # 472513; API # 42-435-34788

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
LEO H. MCMILLAN -11- #16
WILDCAT-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-385, BLK C, SEC 11; 1800 FNL 1900 FEL OF LSE; 1800 FNL 1900 FEL OF SUR; 15 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5650; PERMIT # 472514; API # 42-435-34787

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
KELLY 125 #18
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LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
SHURLEY 123 #13
WILDCAT-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-441, BLK C, SEC 123; 500 FSL 1950 FEL OF LSE; 500 FSL 1950 FEL OF SUR; 8 MILES SW OF SONORA; OBJ: 6650; PERMIT # 472512; API # 42-435-34786

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ANDREWS COUNTY

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HOLT #201
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FASKEN OIL AND RANCH LTD
FEE "AG" #1
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-38, BLK 40, T2N, SEC 23; 4548 FSL 5218 FWL OF LSE; 730 FNL 96 FEL OF SUR; 16 MILES SE OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 6000; PERMIT # 472550; API # 42-003-38360

HOWARD COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
ALEX 27 P #1
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MIDLAND COUNTY

GP II ENERGY INC
"SV" REBEL FEE #3
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-285, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 25; 467 FNL 1250 FEL OF LSE; 467 FNL 1250 FEL OF SUR; 15 MILES S OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 12500; PERMIT # 454447; API # 42-329-33612

TREND EXPLORATION COMPANY
POWELL "2D" #43D
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PECOS COUNTY

ROBERT L. GLOSSOP
NUTT5 #2
WILDCAT-D; T&C RR CO SUR, A-4846, BLK 180 1/2, SEC 5; 1113 FNL 471 FWL OF LSE; 1113 FNLYNL 471 FNLYWL OF SUR; 12 MILES WLY OF BAKERSFIELD; OBJ: 3650; PERMIT # 472669; API # 42-371-36813

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC
WOODWARD #1
WILDCAT-D; A&NW RR CO SUR, A-4519, BLK 228, SEC 3; 833 FWL 907 FNL OF LSE; 83 FWL 907 FNL OF SUR; 8 MILES SW OF GIRVIN; OBJ: 5200; PERMIT # 472648; API # 42-371-36809

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
WILSON RANCH 49 #1
WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-4366, BLK 194, SEC 49; 467 FNL 1129 FWL OF LSE; 467 FNL 1129 FWL OF SUR; 12 MILES S OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 7300; PERMIT # 472591; API # 42-371-36808

REEVES COUNTY

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CALDWELL ESTATE #1
WILDCAT-D; PSL/C. W. FROST SUR, A-2618, BLK C8, SEC 4; 800 FSL 3156 FWL OF LSE; 800 FSL 3156 FWL OF SUR; 7.7 MILES SW OF TOYAH; OBJ: 13000; PERMIT # 469016; API # 42-389-32142

STERLING COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
STERLING "E" FEE #11
WILDCAT-RECOMP; T&P RR CO SUR, A-558, BLK 31, T5S, SEC 13; 3000 FSL 1200 FEL OF LSE; 3000 FSL 1200 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8106; PERMIT # 472296; API # 42-431-31166

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WARREN #1
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MARSHALL R YOUNG OIL COMPANY
BIRGE-FORBES UNIT #1
WILDCAT-D; LYNN CSL, LGE 294, LAB 15, A-969, BLK 471 FSL 595 FWL OF LSE; 1307 FSL 100 FEL OF SUR; 16.5 MILES SE OF SEMINOLE; OBJ: 7500; PERMIT # 472649; API # 42-165-35324

TEXACO E&P INC
PRESLEY #1H
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BROWNING OIL COMPANY INC
JONES RANCH #5
WILDCAT-D; PSL/G. F. KLEBOLD SUR, A-537, BLK A-7, SEC 22; 467 FSL 687 FEL OF LSE; 855 FNL 1975 FWL OF SUR; 12 MILES SW OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 7000; PERMIT # 471673; API # 42-165-35319

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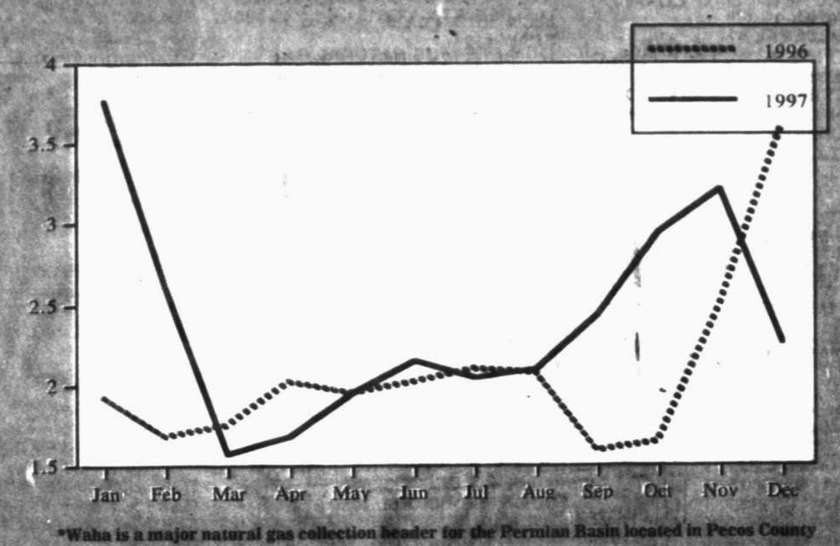
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

Courtesy of Robert K. Anderson Companies

Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.10	2.26

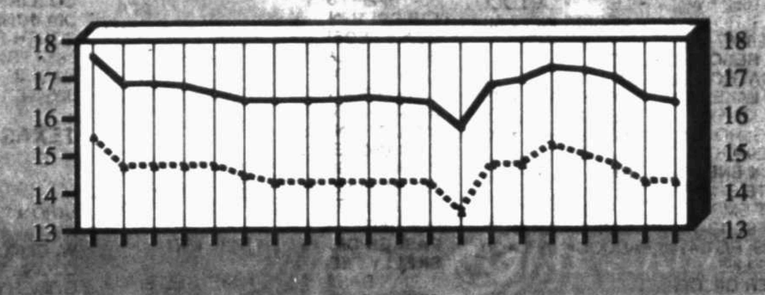
Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$2.16**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$2.27**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$2.05**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:





Current WTI Posted

Amoco*	$ 16.50	Exxon	$16.00	Phillips*	$14.25
Arco	14.25	Fina*	14.25	Scurlock Permian*	14.25
Genesis*	14.25	Koch*	14.25	Shell*	N/A
Chevron	15.75	Marathon*	14.25	Sun*	14.25
Citgo*	14.25	Mobil*	15.25	Texaco	14.25
Conoco	N/A	Navajo WTI	14.25	Unocal	N/A
E.O.T.T.	14.25	Navajo NMI	15.25		

* Net price without transportation charge

INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Mobil promotes Renna to chief operating officer

FAIRFAX, Virginia - Mobil Corp. named Eugene Renna president and chief operating officer, making him a top candidate to eventually succeed Chairman and Chief Executive Lucio Noto.

Renna, 53, is now executive vice president of the second-largest U.S. oil company behind Exxon Corp. He will take on his new role on March 1, continuing to report to Noto, 59.

Noto, who has held the president and chief operating officer positions since 1993, has no imminent plans to retire, Mobil spokesman Dave Dickson said. Renna's appointment is "part of succession-type planning," he said.

Renna's strength has been in cost cutting, and he could take over from Noto in about three years and "hit the ground running," said Fadel Gheit, an analyst at Fahnestock & Co. who maintained his "buy" rating on Mobil. Renna has been a "successor in the making for many, many years," he said.

Renna joined Mobil's U.S. marketing unit in 1968. He currently is responsible for the company's North American marketing and refining, as well for Europe, South America and Mobil's supply, trading and transportation business groups.

PacifiCorp sweetens offer for Energy Group

LONDON - PacifiCorp sweetened its offer for Energy Group Plc, offering $10.68 billion (6.43 billion pounds) in cash and assumed debt in a move to block possible bids from two other suitors.

The Portland, Oregon-based power company offered 765 pence ($12.62) a share, 11 percent more than the 690 pence it bid last June. Its first offer expired in August after regulatory delays. PacifiCorp said it would assume $4.1 billion in debt, including Energy Group leasing obligations.

PacifiCorp has an edge on its two rivals, Texas Utilities Co. and Nomura International Plc, because it has Energy Group's backing and regulators approved its earlier bid, analysts said.

"The others are going to have to come up with a materially higher offer," said Peter Atherton, an analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. For Texas Utilities that means around "790, 800." It will have to be "considerably more than that" in Nomura's case because of concerns about how it will finance the transaction, Atherton said. Both Dallas-base Texas Utilities and Nomura, a unit of the Japanese securities company, said they are still in talks with Energy Group and are considering whether to top PacifiCorp's offer. Texas Utilities could take as long as two months to decide whether to make bid, said David Anderson, company spokesman.

Saba hires CIBC Oppenheimer to explore sale

SANTA MARIA, California - Saba Petroleum Co. said it hired CIBC Oppenheimer to explore selling all or part of the company in a move to increase its share price.

The company said earlier this month that its share price doesn't reflect the full value of its assets. Saba shares have fallen 68 percent the past year.

Saba's shares fell 1/16 to 6 13/16 in midday trading.

The oil and natural gas exploration and production company, based in Santa Maria, California, has drilling rights in California, Michigan, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as in Canada and Columbia.

Cabot reports gas finds at Hostetter

HOUSTON - Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation announced its largest find, to date, from its Hostetter 3-D Program in McMullen County, TX. The Stella Penn 7 is initially producing from the Corona sand in the Wilcox Formation at 14 Mmcf of gas and 300 Bbls of condensate per day with 1200 psi flowing tubing pressure. The well has 50 feet of pay at a depth of 11,200 feet. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation has a 100% working interest in the well.

Also in the Hostetter field, the Stella Penn 8, which was highlighted in a press release in October, is naturally producing 4 Mmcf of gas and 75 Bbls of condensate per day at 2100 psi flowing tubing pressure from the Wilcox Slick sand.

MEETINGS

The Midland Chapter of the **SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL EARTH SCIENTISTS** will have spouse's night Thursday, February 12, at Midland Country Club. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Elmer Kelton, San Angelo author, will be the featured speaker.

Spouse and non-member guest fee for the meeting is $20.00 per person. Fees will be collected at the meeting. Reservations should be made by faxing the reservation to 682-1084 or by calling Tom Williams at 684-7318. Seating is limited. If the seating limit is reached, reservations will be made in the order received.

J.S. Schuelke of Mobil Exploration & Producing Technical Center will speak at the Wednesday, February 11, meeting of the **PERMIAN BASIN GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY**. Topic for the 11:30 a.m. meeting at the Midland Center is a paper entitled "Reservoir Architecture and Porosity Distribution, Pegasus Field, West Texas - An Integrated Sequence Stratigraphic-Seismic Attribute Study Using Neural Networks." The paper was authored by Schuelke, J.A. Quierein and J.F. Sarg, all with Mobil Exploration & Producing Technical Center in Dallas, and D.A. Altany and P.E. Hunt, with Mobil Exploration & Producing in Midland.

Reservations should be called in to Shawna Slough, 687-2412.

The **NATURAL GAS SOCIETY OF THE PERMIAN BASIN** will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, at 11:45 a.m. at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Bill Dasel with the safety division, RRC Pipeline, will speak on "Sour Gas Pipeline Facilities - Current Updates regarding House Bill 3194.

Cost of the meeting is $12.50.

Fred Wetendorf, director of Environmental/Geology/Petroleum departments at Midland College will speak to the **DESK AND DERRICK CLUB** of Midland Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Midland Country Club. Cost is $14. Reservations may be made by contacting Mary Deaver at 683-6679.

"The PC and the Petroleum Engineer" will be the topic for **SPE'S** Tuesday, **February 10**, meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Petroleum Club. **Speaker** will be SPE **Treasurer Stephen A.** Holditch. **Cost is $15.00 Reservations** should be made by calling **686-7329** by noon, **February 9.**

Western oil firms eye South Korean refiners

SEOUL - Western oil companies are considering investing in South Korea's refining industry as that nation's economic woes push the value of both plants and companies down to bargain levels.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Texaco Inc., Chevron Corp., British Petroleum Co. and Mobil Corp. have all expressed interest in South Korean refining, according to analysts and news reports in the region.

Share prices in dollars of South Korea's biggest refiners have fallen by half since July 1 as the industry has been crippled by falling fuel demand, refinery overcapacity and rising crude oil costs because of currency devaluation. This makes them tempting targets for cash-rich foreign companies who expect Asian economies to rebound soon.

"These guys are in trouble," said John Parry, a John S. Herold analyst. "You certainly have more of a buyer's market than you would have had two years ago."

Increased foreign investment would break up a oligopoly of five refiners that now controls the South Korean market. It also could forever change the experience of buying gasoline for motorists in a nation where attendants still swarm a car to check the oil and wash the windows, analysts say. International companies would be expected to introduce U.S.-style convenience stores with fast food restaurants inside and multiple pumps -- and cut costs by firing attendants, offering self-service and closing stations.

"This financial crisis has reshuffled the deck," said Elizabeth McCrary-Asselin with Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Hong Kong.

Hanwha Energy Co., Ssangyong Oil Refining Co., SK Corp., LG-Caltex Oil Refining Co. and Hyundai Oil Refinery Co. control gasoline sales in South Korea, operating under the same "chaebol" structure that has insulated other industries from outside competition.

They rapidly expanded and modernized their plants as South Korean gasoline demand rose 20 percent a year and car ownership rose from 2.1 million cars in 1990 to more than 6 million today. Refining capacity has doubled since Jan. 1, 1996.

The expansion binge left South Korea, which has 1.5 percent of Asia's population, with 15 percent of the continent's refining capacity. Its five major refineries include the world's two largest and some of the newest and most efficient.

Now a reeling national economy is squeezing refiners in two ways. Growth in fuel demand slowed last year and a decline in demand is expected this year, cutting sales. At the same time, currency declines are devastating profit margins because world market convention requires that South Korean refiners buy oil in dollars. Customers pay for gasoline with won that are worth 41 percent less compared with a dollar than they were in October.

Korean refiners cut output in January at least 10 percent at each refinery, McCrary-Asselin said. In one major case, the cut was more than half, a Korean newspaper reported. Similar reductions are expected this month. They also cut imports, using up half the national crude inventory since Dec. 1, and began boosting fuel exports in effort to bring in more dollars, an industry observer said.

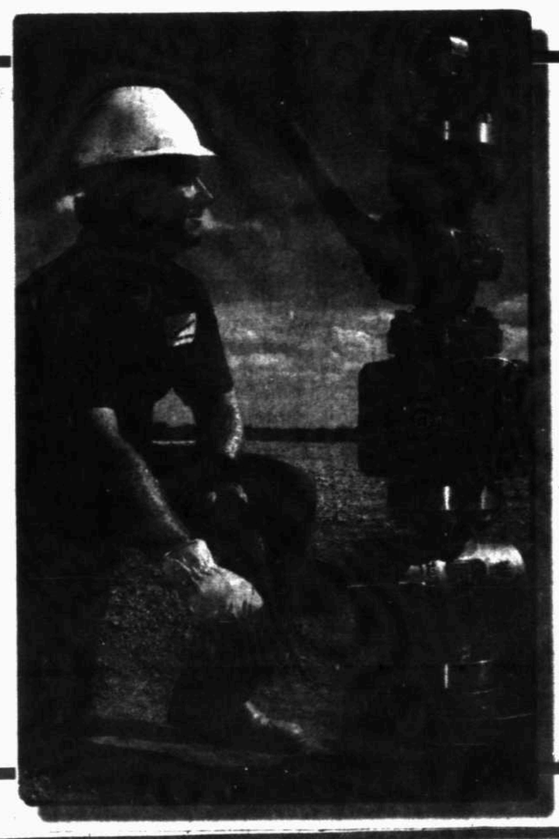
Hanwha Energy Co. was the first to send up a distress signal. In December, it got a $143 million emergency loan from creditors after banks cut credits for crude oil imports. Hanwha said it would sell its 270,000-barrel-a-day refinery at Inchon or create a joint venture with a foreign firm.

Hanwha has since declined to confirm reports bidders include the Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Caltex Petroleum, a joint venture of Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp. Shell and Caltex also have declined to comment. Hanwha's situation worsened in January and it had to cut refinery output to about 40 percent of capacity, said Maeil Business Newspaper, citing an unnamed source.

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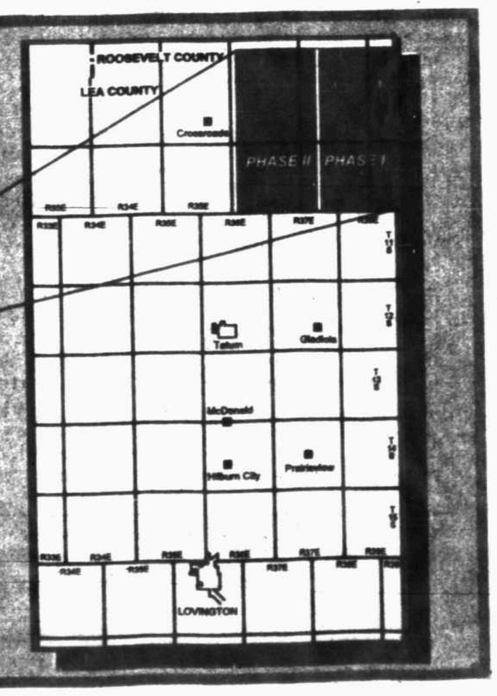
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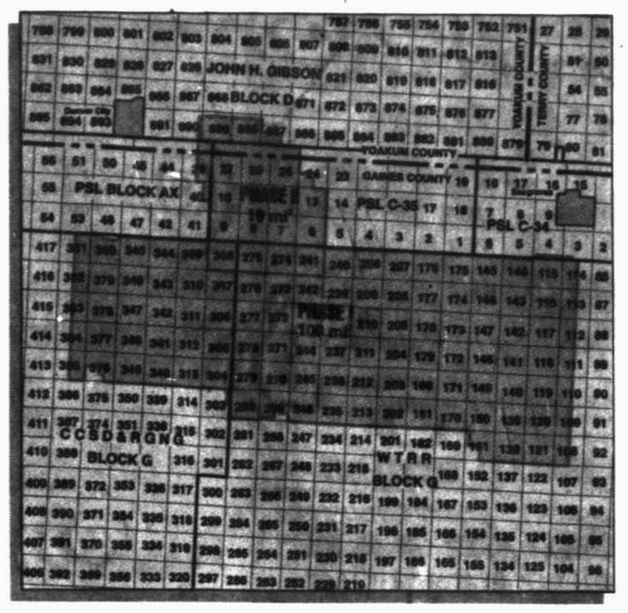
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Financial Focus by Raul Benavides

Coping with market turmoil

Have you ever ridden in a car that encountered a sudden dip in the road? The quick drop probably left you with butterflies in your stomach.

Dramatic swings in the U. S. stock market often leave West Texas investors with the same feeling. Yet it's a fact: the stock market will fluctuate. If you want to enjoy the benefits of stock investing, you've got to be able to stomach those "butterflies."



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To help you do just that, here are a few tips from the chief investment officer at one of the nation's largest mutual fund companies.

Shun emotional, knee-jerk reactions to big market moves. Chasing high flyers exposes you to equally rapid declines. Avoid following the herd, especially when movement is based more on sentiment than on substantive news or analysis.

Take the long view. Even the experts have difficulty timing the market. Ibbotsen Research shows that over the past 70 years the average annual total return on the Standard & Poor's 500 is 10.7 percent. While that rate may sound low by today's standards, it's enough to double your portfolio in seven years.

Understand what you own. Remember, it's a market of stocks, not a stock market. The index is a general indicator. The S & P 500 may have a price-to-earnings ratio of 21, but individual companies within the S & P 500 may sell anywhere from 10 times to 50 times earnings. In short, the market as a whole does not necessarily reflect every individual stock within the market. What's in the headlines may not apply to what you own, and it may not even reflect what stocks you should own.

Keep your asset allocation in sight. Wise West Texas investors allocate their assets among stocks, bonds and cash according to their own particular profiles. Whatever your mix, be sure to review it at regular intervals and make adjustments as needed.

Consider the tax implications of portfolio changes. Remember, if you do make adjustments, there may be tax consequences. Don't let the tax "tail" wag the dog, but do weigh tax implications as part of your overall decisions. If you do decide to sell, try to match gains with corresponding losses to keep your tax liability to a minimum.

Consult a financial professional. Seek the advice of a qualified professional when financial matters concern you. Ask a respected friend or colleague for a recommendation. And remember, not all financial professionals are created equal.

Undoubtedly, you've heard this advice before. Yet market volatility makes it tempting to forget these tenets and instead respond hastily. A bailout strategy, either on a dip or surge, is hard to justify if your goal is long term results.

Over time, the market as a whole has tended to move upward, even from the sharpest correction. During the 60 rolling 10-year periods since 1928, the S & P has achieved positive returns an average of seven out of the 10 years in each period. When you look at total returns for each 10-year period, 59 of the 60 periods had positive returns—that's 98 percent of the time.

Many investors have made a lot of money by following the above advice. That sounds like the right kind of advice to follow.

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DK; T20S, R38E, SEC 25; 940 FSL 330 FEL; EL: 3566 GL; SPUD 9/7/97; COMP 11/14/97; TD 7830, PBTD 6880; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 6564 TO 6827; IPP 20 BOPD, 159 MCFD, 84 BWPD; API # 30-025-34124
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#2 UNIVERSITY 31-20W
UNIVERSITY 31 (QUEEN); 20-31 UL SUR; 467 FSL 467 FWL; 13 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2270 GR; CONTR; WHEELER DRLG; TD 766; PRODUCTION IS FROM 741 TO 766; IP CAOF 30 MCFD

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#10 HELEN HENDERSON WEST
HENDERSON (CANYON); 1H GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-2392; 1600 FNL 1800 FEL; 12 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2392 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 8075, PBTD 8021; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7707 TO 7796; IP CAOF 440 MCFD
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HENDERSON (CANYON); 38-IJ TC RR CO SUR, A-4633; 1713 FSL 2009 FEL; 12 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2204 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 7880, PBTD 7821; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7658 TO 7681; IP CAOF 500 MCFD
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LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
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FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK A43, SEC 8; 5148 FNL 4183 FEL OF UNIT; 5 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3183 GL; CONTR: SITTON DRLG; SPUD 2/11/97; COMP 2/18/97; TD 4604, PBTD 4574; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4368 TO 4486; IPP 70 BOPD, 17 MCFD, 81 BWPD; API # 42-003-38149
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TEXRON "10" #2
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); UL SUR, BLK 13, SEC 10; 1320 FNL 467 FEL OF UNIT; 2 MILES NE OF FRANKEL CITY; EL: 3268 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 12/1/97; COMP 12/9/97; TD 4750, PBTD 4710; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4377 TO 4460; IPP 62 BOPD, 52 MCFD, 15 BWPD; PERMIT # 467221; API # 42-003-38279
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AMOCO UNIVERISTY "3" # 7
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); UL SUR, BLK 13, SEC 3; 966 FNL 2249 FWL OF UNIT; 18 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3287 GL; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 8/8/97; COMP 8/29/97; TD 4680, PBTD 4668; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4364 TO 4425; IPP 48 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 12 BWPD; PERMIT # 464835; API # 42-003-38250
AUSLAND PRODUCTION COMPANY
AMOCO UNIVERISTY "3" #6
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); UL SUR, BLK 13, SEC 3; 467 FSL 927 FWL OF UNIT; 18 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3298 GL; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 4/6/97; COMP 4/22/97; TD 4690, PBTD 4660; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4369 TO 4431; IPP 60 BOPD, 150 MCFD, 80 BWPD; PERMIT # 458832; API # 42-003-38159
AUSLAND PRODUCTION COMAPNY
AMOCO UNIVERSITY "3" #8
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); UL SUR, BLK 13, SEC 3; 977 FWL 1073 FNL OF UNIT; 18 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3283 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 11/20/97; COMP 12/8/97; TD 4660, PBTD 4641; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4351 TO 4405; IPP 60 BOPD, 321 MCFD, 125 BWPD; PERMIT # 470101; API # 42-003-38325

ECTOR COUNTY

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP
H E CUMMINS #15
GOLDSMITH (CLEARFORK); T&P RR CO SUR, A-950, BLK 45, T1N, SEC 34; 101 FSL 230 FWL OF UNIT; 5 MILES NE OF GOLDSMITH; EL: 3184 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 11/4/97; COMP 12/10/97; TD 6856, PBTD 6638; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5497 TO 6312; IPP 64 BOPD, 350 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 42-135-37541
CITATION OIL & GAS CORP
COWDEN -12- #1
HARPER (GLORIETA); T&P RR CO SUR, A-660, BLK 44, SEC 12; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL OF UNIT; 3 MILES W OF ODESSA; EL: 3033 GR; SPUD 6/20/97; COMP 6/30/97; TD 5344, PBTD 8836; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5344 TO 5766; IPP 28 BOPD, 1 MCFD, 796 BWPD; PERMIT # 345917; API # 42-135-35884
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL SOUTH UNIT# 2807
TXL (TUBB); T&P RR CO SUR, A-707, BLK 45, SEC 46; 6598 FNL 4010 FEL OF UNIT; 6.5 MILES SE OF NOTREES; EL: 3192; CONTR: V&B; SPUD 4/12/97; COMP 4/23/97; TD 6710, PBTD 6649; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5726 TO 6592; IPP 98 BOPD, 71 MCFD, 142 BWPD; PERMIT # 454735; API # 30-135-37341

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

MEWBOURNE OIL
CALVERLEY `A' #7
GARDEN CITY, W. (WOLFCAMP 7880); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 34, T3S, SEC 43; 854 FSL 1050 FEL OF UNIT; 6 MILES NW OF GARDEN CITY; EL: 2710 DF; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 12/4/97; COMP 12/19/97; TD 8300, PBTD 8248; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7920 TO 7941; IPF 182 BOPD, 109 MCPD, 0 BWPD; API # 42-173-32839

HOWARD COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
MOBIL SCOTT,R #18
HOWARD GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 29, SEC 87; 1101 FNL 297 FWL OF UNIT; 8 MILES E OF FORSAN; EL: 2335 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR DRLG; SPUD 2/8/97; COMP 2/17/97; TD 3300, PBTD 3248; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1212 TO 3176; IPP 46 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 396 BWPD; PERMIT # 455941; API # 42-227-35092
COLLINS & WARE INC
DORA ROBERTS #42
HOWARD-GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 29, SEC 128; 659 FWL 660 FSL OF UNIT; 2 MILES E OF FORSAN; EL: 2733 GR; CONTR: BANDERA; SPUD 11/15/97; COMP 11/19/97; TD 3200, PBTD 3142; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2384 TO 2485; IPP 6 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 0 BWPD; PERMIT # 467169; API # 42-227-35247

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
JUNE T. LYNCH "40" #4
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 40; 660 FWL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2897; CONTR: JSM;

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DEVELOP

(From 5)

2021 FEL OF SUR
ON; OBJ: 3750; PB
42-383-34918
MARATHON OIL C
UNIVERSITY #230
BIG LAKE-D; UL S
5747 FNL 2430 FE
2430 FEL OF SUR
ON; OBJ: 3750; PB
42-383-34919

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LOUIS DREYFUS
CORP
PFLUGER 84 #11
SAWYER-D; TW&
WALL SUR, A-891
FNL 2500 FEL OF
FEL OF SUR; 19 M
RA; OBJ: 5500 (CA
472462; API # 42-
LOUIS DREYFUS
CORP
PFLUGER 104 #1
SAWYER-D; TW&
WALL SUR, A-910
1989 FSL 630 FEL
630 FEL OF SUR;
SONORA; OBJ: 56
MIT # 472463; API
KCS MEDALLION
GENINI #3704
SAWYER-D; TTRP
1957 FNL 779 FW
779 FWL OF SUR;
SONORA; 13.5 MI
RA; OBJ: 6700 (CA
472605; API # 42-

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BURLINGTON RE
GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT
MCCAMEY-D; J. N
#2 SUR, A-749; 20
OF LSE; 990 FNL
SUR; 4.2 MILES N
OBJ: 2950; PERM
461-33733
BURLINGTON RE
GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT
MCCAMEY-D; T.C
JOHNSON SUR, A
FWL OF LSE; 350
SUR; 3.8 MILES N
OBJ: 2950; PERM
461-33896
BURLINGTON RE
GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT
MCCAMEY-D; T.C
JOHNSON SUR, A
FWL OF LSE; 370
SUR; 3.7 MILES N
OBJ: 2950; PERM
461-33898
BURLINGTON RE
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COMPLETIONS

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SPUD 9/27/97; COMP 10/12/97; TD 9950, PBTD 9905; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8100 TO 9800; IPP 46 BOPD, 39 MCFD, 176 BWPD; PERMIT # 467904; API # 42-329-33913

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MIDKIFF UNIT #2215A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 6; 1980 FNL 4619 FEL OF UNIT, 17 MILES SE OF SPRABERRY; EL: 2711 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 3/21/97; COMP 6/5/97; TD 8990, PBTD 8950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7124 TO 8713; IPP 32 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 149 BWPD; PERMIT # 458970; API # 42-326-33668

ARCO PERMIAN
JUNE T. LYNCH "29" #2
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 29; 660 FEL 1650 FSL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2887 GR; CONTR: JSM; SPUD 10/3J/97; COMP 10/17/97; TD 9950, PBTD 9867; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8110 TO 9800; IPP 35 BOPD, 30 MCFD, 205 BWPD; PERMIT # 468157; API # 42-329-33922

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #2514A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA0; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 38, T3S, SEC 30; 3305 FNL 5938 FWL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF SPRABERRY; EL: 2660 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 12/4/96; COMP 12/24/96; TD 9100, PBTD 8996; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7305 TO 8908; IPP 41 BOPD, 45 MCFD, 128 BWPD; PERMIT # 452399; API # 42-329-33554

TEXACO E&P INC
SCHARBAUER, C. A. NCT-2 #2H
BRYANT-G (DEVONIAN); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 33; 810 FSL 810 FEL OF UNIT; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2814 GR; CONTR: NABORS; SPUD 6/12/97; COMP 8/2/97; TD 12175, PBTD 11950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11872 TO 14560; IPF 210 BOPD, 943 MCFD, 585 BWPD; PERMIT # 461891; API # 42-329-33728

ARCO PERMIAN
WEST PARKS "31" #1
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 31; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2845 GL; CONTR: JSM; SPUD 8/21/97; COMP 9/16/97; TD 10090, PBTD 9893; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8130 TO 9700; IPP 25 BOPD, 15 MCFD, 201 BWPD; PERMIT # 466087; API # 42-329-33852

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #607A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T3S, SEC 31; 8583 FNL 19747 PEL OF UNIT; 7.4 MILES S OF SPRABERRY; EL: 2610 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 8/4/97; COMP 8/15/97; TD 8900, PBTD 8842; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7157 TO 8709; IPP 52 BOPD, 75 MCFD, 142 BWPD; PERMIT # 462244; API # 42-329-33745

ARCO PERMIAN
TXL "N" 43-3 #3
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 39, T3S,E C 43; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF UNIT; 16 MILES S OF MIDLAND; EL: 2718 GR; CONTR: V&B; SPUD 9/28/97; COMP 10/25/97; TD 10155, PBTD 10087; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7696 TO 9924; IPP 38 BOPD, 35 MCFD, 165 BWPD; PERMIT # 466278; API # 42-326-33858

ARCO PERMIAN
TXL "S" 29-2 #2
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 39, T4S, SEC 29; 660 FWL 1980 FNL OF UNIT; 21 MILES SSE OF MIDLAND; EL: 2762 GR; CONTR: JSM; SPUD 10/9/97; COMP 10/23/97;

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 5)

2021 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF TEX-ON; OBJ: 3750; PERMIT # 472597; API # 42-383-34918

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
UNIVERSITY #230
BIG LAKE-D; UL SUR, BLK 2, SEC 1; 5747 FNL 2430 FEL OF LSE; 467 FNL 2430 FEL OF SUR; 1 MILE E OF TEX-ON; OBJ: 3750; PERMIT # 472599; API # 42-383-34919

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PFLUGER 84 #11
SAWYER-D; TW&NG RR CO/E. W. WALL SUR, A-891, BLK 14, SEC 84; 550 FNL 2500 FEL OF LSE; 550 FWL 2500 FEL OF SUR; 19 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5500 (CANYON); PERMIT # 472462; API # 42-435-34785

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PFLUGER 104 #14
SAWYER-D; TW&NG RR CO/E. W. WALL SUR, A-910, BLK 14, SEC 104; 1989 FSL 630 FEL OF LSE; 1989 FSL 630 FEL OF SUR; 12 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 5600 (CANYON); PERMIT # 472463; API # 42-435-34784

KCS MEDALLION RESOURCES INC
GENINI #3704
SAWYER-D; TTRR CO #37 SUR, A-758; 1957 FNL 779 FWL OF LSE; 1957 FNL 779 FWL OF SUR; 13.5 MILES SW OF SONORA; 13.5 MILES SW OF SONORA; OBJ: 6700 (CANYON); PERMIT # 472605; API # 42-435-34790

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S220
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER/R. HARRIS #2 SUR, A-749; 2050 FSWL 6250 FEL OF LSE; 990 FNLYNL 6250 FNLYEL OF SUR; 4.2 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 458651; API # 42-461-33733

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1087
MCCAMEY-D; T.C. JONES #100/T. JOHNSON SUR, A-932; 5260 FSL 5438 FWL OF LSE; 350 FSWL 2310 FEL OF SUR; 3.8 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472473; API # 42-461-33896

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1099
MCCAMEY-D; T.C. JONES #100/T. JOHNSON SUR, A-932; 2852 FSL 6308 FWL OF LSE; 370 FSWL 990 FEL OF SUR; 3.7 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472474; API # 42-461-33898

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N245
MCCAMEY-D; MK&TE RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 10319 FNL 7608 FEL OF LSE; 1650 FSL 2310 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472475; API # 42-461-33907

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S249
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 2971 FSL 4349 FWL OF LSE; 2310 FNLYNL 3630 FNLYEL OF SUR; 3.6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472476; API # 42-461-33905

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S251
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 2975 FSL 5647 FWL OF LSE; 2310 FNLYNL 2310 FNLYEL OF SUR; 3.5 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472477; API # 42-461-33901

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S253
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 2979 FSL 6316 FEL OF LSE; 2310 FNLYNL 990 FNLYEL OF SUR; 4 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472478; API # 42-461-33897

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #W411
MCCAMEY-D; W. C. SCALES/P. S. GREENWADE SUR, A-1217, BLK R, SEC 4; 3383 FSL 3512 FWL OF LSE; 800 FNWL 950 FNEL OF SUR; 3.4 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2952, PERMIT # 472479; API # 42-461-33895

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #W423R
MCCAMEY-D; W. C. SCALES/P. S. GREENWADE SUR, A-1217, BLK R, SEC 4; 3322 FSL 3785 FWL OF LSE; 1720 FSEL 990 FNEL OF SUR; 3.2 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472480; API # 42-461-33894

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S216
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 609 FSL 716 FWL OF LSE; 990 FNLYNL 456 FSWL OF SUR; 6.4 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472481; API # 42-461-33893

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N417RW
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1048, BLK 3, SEC 4; 8358 FNL 6325 FWL OF LSE; 1650 FNL 330 FEL OF SUR; 5.7 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472482; API # 42-461-33899

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N157RW
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO SUR, A-333, BLK 3, SEC 1; 7681 FNL 5579 FWL OF LSE; 340 FSL 248 FWL OF SUR; 9.4 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472483; API # 42-461-33900

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N225RW
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 10281 FNL 7006 FWL OF LSE; 2260 FNL 347 FWL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472485; API # 42-461-33902

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1001W
MCCAMEY-D; T.C. JONES #100/T. JOHNSON SUR, A-932; 330 FNL 468 FEL OF LSE; 330 FNL 1650 FEL OF SUR; 4.5 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472486; API # 42-461-33903

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N229W
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/G. P. COLLINS SUR, A-1562, BLK 3, SEC 2; 8986 FNL 7673 FEL OF LSE; 2299 FNL 2373 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472487; API # 42-461-33904

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S242W
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 707 FSL 798 FWL OF LSE; 1513 FNLYNL 529 FSWL OF SUR; 6.6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472488; API # 42-461-33906

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N247W
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 9359 FSL 6287 FEL OF LSE; 1650 FSL 990 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472489; API # 42-461-33909

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N253W
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 8894 FSL 11021 FEL OF LSE; 990 FSL 2310 FWL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472490; API # 42-461-33912

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S240W
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER #2/R. HARRIS SUR, A-749; 1592 FSL 1798 FWL OF LSE; 1643 FNLYNL 1192 FSWL OF SUR; 6.6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472492; API # 42-461-33910

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1014
MCCAMEY-D; T. C. JONES #100/T. JOHNSON SUR, A-932; 1650 FNL 1128 FEL OF LSE; 1650 FNL 2310 FEL OF SUR; 4.5 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472493; API # 42-461-33911

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N353RW
MCCAMEY-D; M.K.&T.E. RR CO SUR, A-334, BLK 3, SEC 3; 4409 FNL 2360 FWL OF LSE; 990 FSL 2360 FWL OF SUR; 10.3 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472496; API # 42-461-33908

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N404W
MCCAMEY-D; DIRECTIONAL WELL; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1048, BLK 3, SEC 4; 6876 FNL 4431 FWL OF LSE; 166 FNL 2215 FEL OF SUR; 5.7 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472516; API # 42-461-33916

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N251
MCCAMEY-D; DIRECTIONAL WELL; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 10504 FSL 6948 FEL OF LSE; 1300 FSL 1650 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472517; API # 42-461-33915

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #N249W
MCCAMEY-D; DIRECTIONAL WELL; M.K.&T.E. RR CO/R. L. STEEN SUR, A-1047, BLK 3, SEC 2; 9352 FSL 5771 FEL OF LSE; 1502 FSL 474 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472518; API # 42-461-33914

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #S218
MCCAMEY-D; J. NIDEVER/R. HARRIS #2 SUR, A-749; 1647 FSL 7495 FEL OF LSE; 1060 FNLYNL 7495 FNLYEL OF SUR; 6.6 MILES NE OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 472519; API # 42-461-33913

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ANDREWS COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY

STATE UNIVERSITY AW #14
UNIVERSITY BLOCK 9-D; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 10; 2450 FSL 662 FEL OF LSE; 2450 FSL 662 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 10700 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 472594; API # 42-003-38362

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DOLLARHIDE UNIT #1301D
DOLLARHIDE-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; PSL/R. W. COWDEN SUR, A-1883, BLK A-52, SEC 16; 2670 FNL 2650 FWL OF SUR; 2610 FSL 2630 FEL OF SUR; OBJ: 8764 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 472652; API # 42-003-36399

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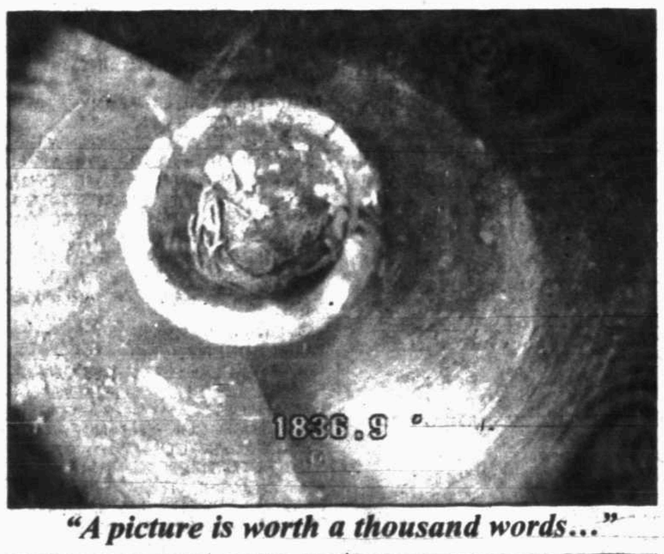
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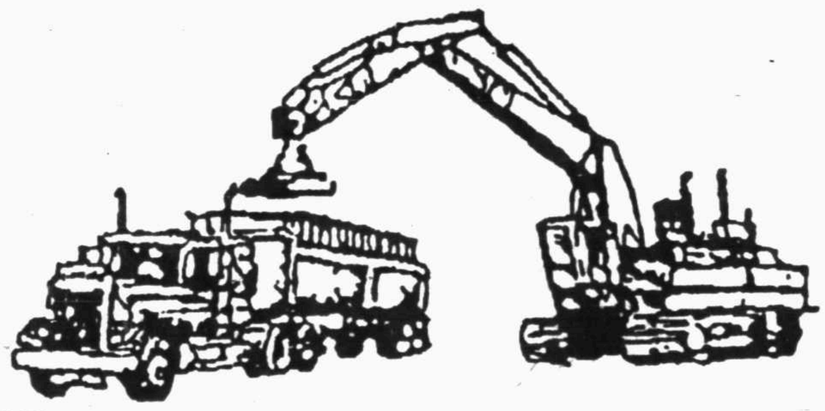
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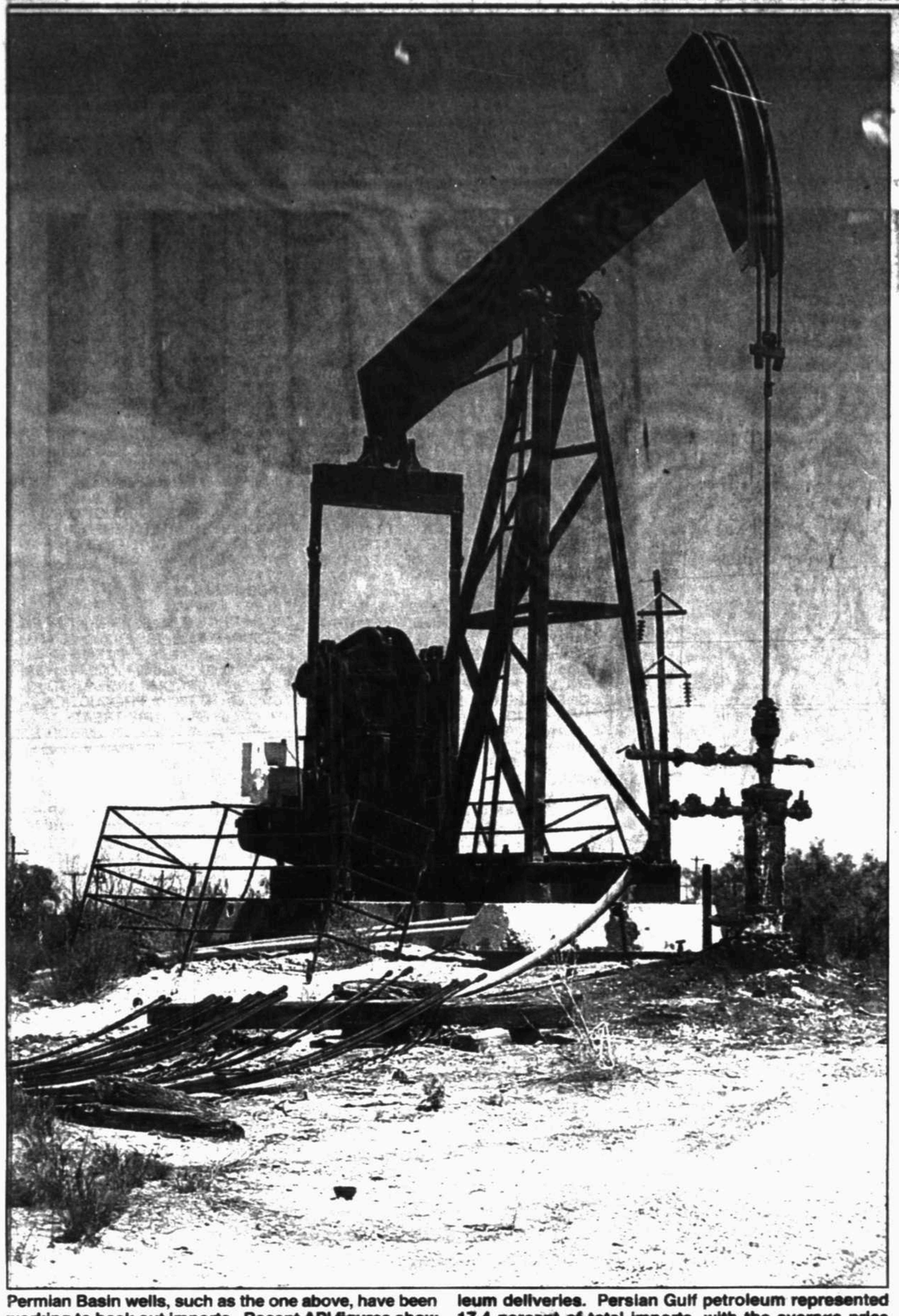
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COMPLETIONS

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TD 10103, PBTD 10006; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7730 TO 9920; IPP 52 BOPD, 35 MCFD, 173 BWPD; PERMIT # 466825; API # 42-329-33878
ARCO PERMIAN
TXL "S" 33-3 #3
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 39, T4S, SEC 33; 660 FWL 1980 FSL OF UNIT; 20 MILES S OF MIDLAND; EL: 2785; CONTR: JSM; SPUD 8/24/97; COMP 9/7/97; TD 10149, PBTD 10100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7760 TO 9820; IPP 53 BOPD, 45 MCFD, 85 BWPD; PERMIT # 466280; API # 42-329-33855
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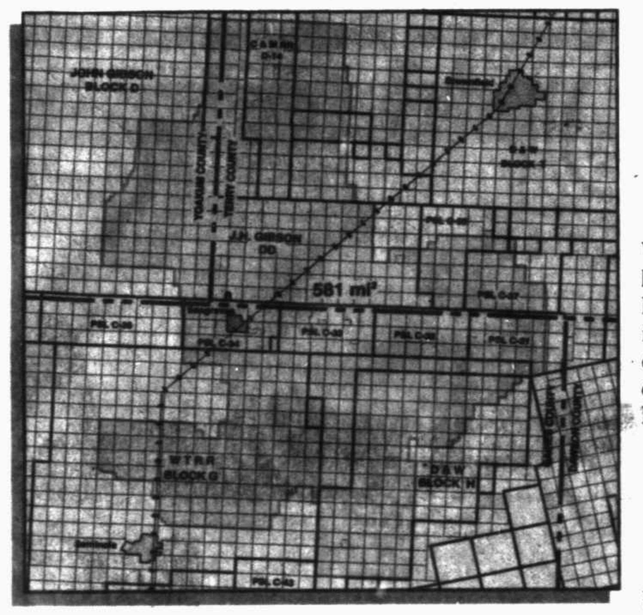
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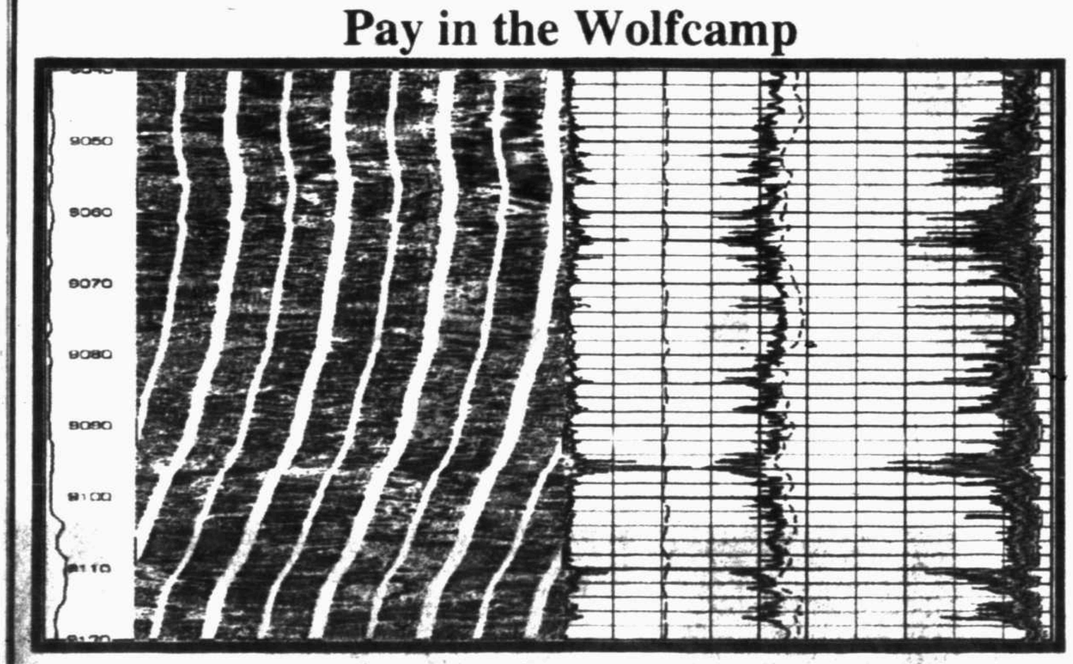
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FMI/PoroSpect Used to Identify Bypassed Pay in the Wolfcamp



Objective : Operator is faced with a pipe setting decision in an interval with weak LDT/CNL porosity response but good sample shows and drilling time.
Methodology : FMI and PoroSpect (imaged based porosity) were run to determine the amount of porosity in the section.
Results : Images and PoroSpect indicated the section had enough porosity for a production test. Perforations were picked with a subsequent well IP of 350 BOPD, 400 MCFGPD and 0 BWPD at 1000 psi on a 22/64" choke for the interval 9062' to 9170'.

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Case History #1025

Nitrogen Foam Frac with SandWedge and DeltaFrac Exceeds Customers Expectations

Type of Job: Nitrogen Foam Frac with DeltaFrac and SandWedge

Customer Challenge:
• Successfully complete the Seven Rivers gas sand and control sand flowback when using an energized fluid.

Halliburton Solution:
• Halliburton engineers reviewed open hole logs, tubular and well bore details to custom design a SandWedge N2 foam frac utilizing Halliburton's low polymer loading DeltaFrac system.

Major Obstacles:
• The customer had always used 40 ppg linear gel/CO2 foams in the past to complete this zone.

Details of Job:

Formation:	Seven Rivers Gas Sand
Products Used	SandWedge conductivity enhancement treatment 20 ppg Delta Frac fluid Halliburton ARC Frac equipment HES 15,000 psi rated nitrogen unit
Proppant	16/30 Brady Sand
HES PSL's Used:	Completion Products Stimulation - Fracuring Services Stimulation - Nitrogen Services Engineering Tech Support

Job Procedure:
• Rig up Halliburton frac crew and nitrogen services.
• Conduct a pre-job safety meeting.
• TOOH and Pick up TCP assembly
• Treat well down 2 7/8" tubing.

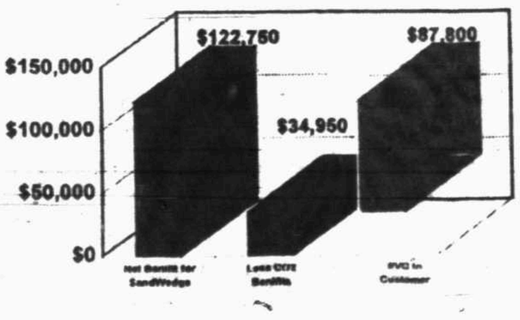
Results:
• Well responded with stabilized production of 400 Mcf/D, plus 2 BOPD.
• The well was flowing gas to the sales line 16 hours after fracturing the well.
• The well was flowed back and put on sales without having to kill the well or make a cleanout trip with a bailer or sand pump.
• This well was successfully completed utilizing 50% less polymer loading than the previous CO2 foam frac completion method.
• The stabilized rate is 2.67 times the operators two previous completions in this zone. This far exceeded the customer's 150 Mcf/D, plus 2 BOPD expectations.

Uniqueness of Job:
• Halliburton's SandWedge conductivity enhancement treatment was used to treat the entire sand volume.
• SandWedge provided excellent proppant flowback control in an energized fluid system.
• SandWedge's unique properties actually increased the proppant pack conductivity by increasing the pack porosity.
• SandWedge promotes proppant pack cleanup by preferentially coating the sand grains and displacing gel polymers attached to the sand.
• Successfully reduced the polymer loading required to place the proppant by 50% using the DeltaFrac system.
• The DeltaFrac N2 foam provided higher viscosity, better proppant transport, and foam stability over the previous CO2 linear foam system.
• DeltaFrac's enzyme compatible Borate chemistry provides clean, fast breaks in low temperature dry gas wells.

Information To Determine Economic Value To The Customer

Cost Analysis:

Delta Frac, N2, & SandWedge:	
Estimated Cumulative Production	
72,000 MCF over 6 months @ $2.00/MCF/D	$144,000
360 bbls oil over 6 months @ $15.00/bbl	$ 5,400
Less treatment cost	$ -26,650
Net Benefit (6 months) for Treatment	**$122,750**
CO2 Foam Frac expectations:	
27,000 MCF over 6 months @ $2.00/MCF/D	$ 54,000
360 bbls oil over 6 months @ $15.00/bbl	$ 5,400
Less CO2 Treatment cost	$ -24,450
Net Benefit (6 months) for CO2 Treatment	$ 34,950
ECONOMIC VALUE to CUSTOMER over 6 months	$ 87,800



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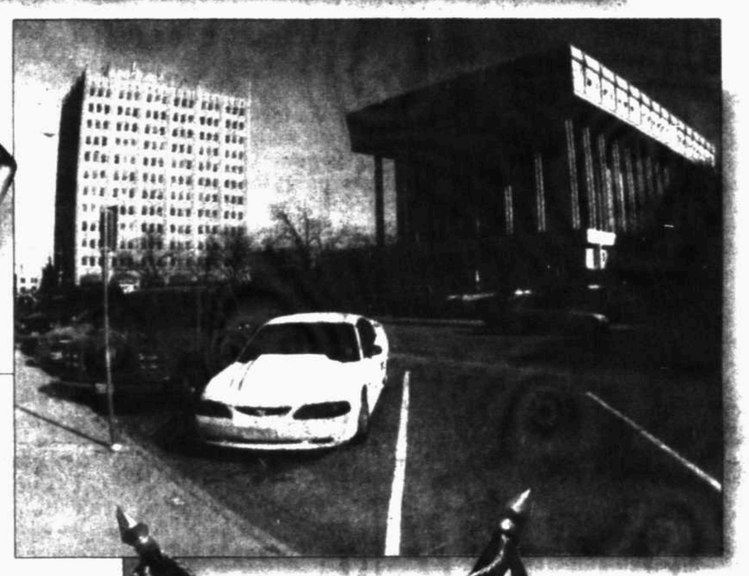
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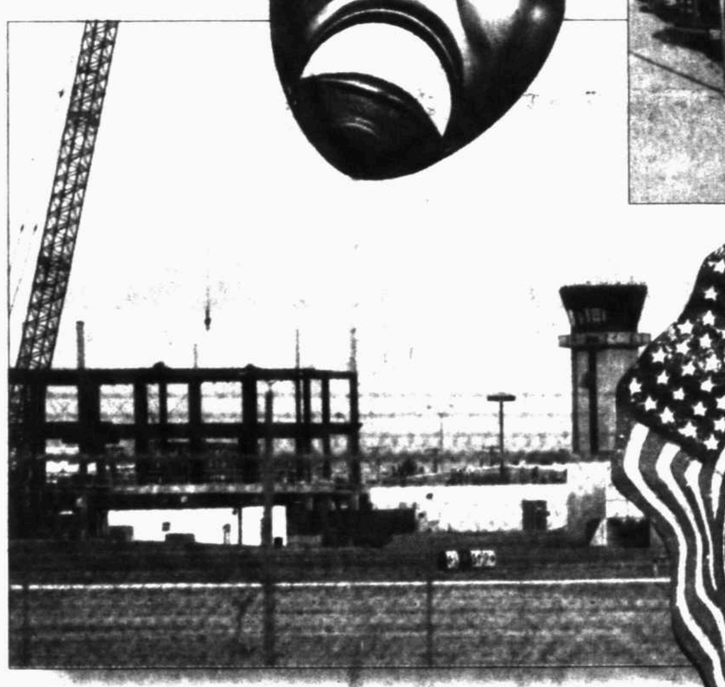






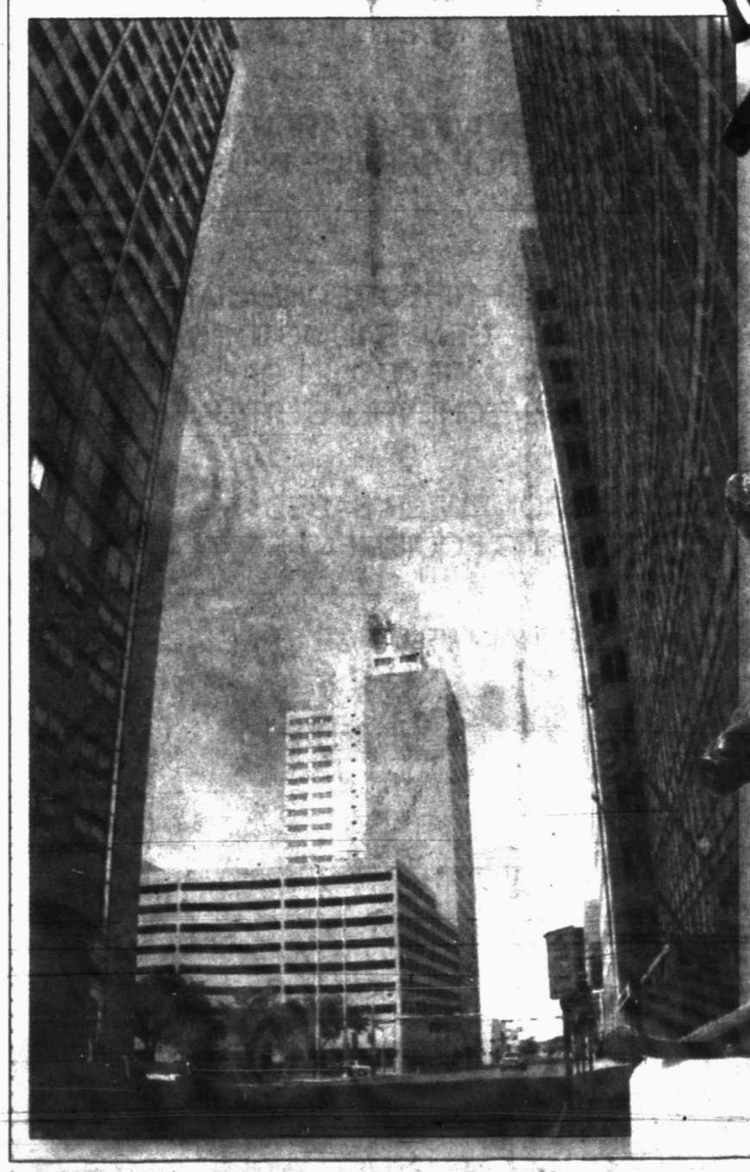
















Education:

University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Midland College reach out to area communities – UTPB recruits students from the area; Midland College provides opportunities with the project, Distance Learning for Rural West Texas.

Government:

Construction of Midland International Airport's new terminal – the "largest public works project in the city's history" – is on target for Jan. 1999 completion.

Tourism:

Midland, which is to host groups as diverse as the Texas Association of County Judges and West Texas Public Health Association, serves as the gateway to points west, such as Big Bend and Fort Davis.

Sports:

The Midland Angels, planning a new round of promotions, are emphasizing that the ball club belongs to all of West Texas. The Odessa Jackalopes, with several sell-outs in its inaugural season, are pleased with how the community has embraced the Western Professional Hockey Team.

Entertainment:

In an ongoing effort to reach out to the community, the Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale will offer a free concert as part of the city's July 4th celebration. Also, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Midland Community Theatre's Summer Mummers production.

Midland's 3 museums have busy '98-99 line-up

By Linda Thorsen Bond

Midland's museum directors say their future looks so bright, they have to wear shades.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, the Museum of the Southwest and the American Airpower Heritage Museum all had a good 1997. At each of the museums, future planning emphasizes building on the positive response from community and visitors for 1998 through the millenium. Each of the organizations view their position as regional museums in slightly differing ways.

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> **Thomas W. Jones, executive director, Museum of the Southwest**

Recapping 1997

Jane Phares, executive director of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, said, "1997 was a very successful, very good year for us. In fact, in 1997 we had one of most successful Hall of Fame events we've ever had. Sponsorship, support and attendance numbers were all up, and we honored five great individuals.

"We were glad that we were able to bring in an exhibit from Midland's sister city in China, Dongying. It was great for us because we had a part of the planning for both the Midland-to-China exhibit and the China-to-Midland exhibit. Now we have it here for the entire community to enjoy.

"This was also a year when our board of trustee committees worked diligently on long-range plans and programs for the future. During 1997 we became very keen on seeing an even bigger picture than we have before," Ms. Phares said.

At the Museum of the Southwest, Executive Director Thomas W. Jones also had a year of looking at the big picture.

"1997 was a banner year in terms of the programs and exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest. In fact it was tremendous," Jones said. "We had such a variety of exhibitions, programs and related educational events, that we had 19,532 more visitors in fiscal 1997 than we had in 1996.

"The four traveling exhibitions we had in the children's museum brought in loads of children and their families, many of whom hadn't ever come to our museum before.

"We kicked off the year with an Ansel Adams show that brought people out. We had six new exhibits up, with such variety and diversity that it was mind-boggling. We had Audubon's Texas animals, art from the eclectic vision of some contemporary artists, 110 years of American still life from private collections, Andy Warhol's art, and the Texas Treasure from Ransom Center at Austin, and in another space we had an installation of sculpture," Jones said.

"All of that in a six- to eight-week period; then it all changes. Our exhibition program is now a window to the world, although our collecting program is still Southwestern art. In fact we do so much I can't keep track everything."

Jones added that the Museum of the Southwest went through a strategic planning process in 1997 and they are already applying the resulting long-range decisions in 1998.

There was a lot of excitement at the Confederate Air Force and American Airpower Heritage Museum in 1997.

Tami O'Bannion, museum director, explained, "We opened a major multimedia enhancement to the museum's first two exhibits that were originally opened in 1991 and 1992, and opened new exhibits to existing story lines.

"Most significantly, in 1997 the museum received accreditation. It has been our long-term goal since the day we established the museum. It was a 10-year goal when the doors of the museum opened, and we got the accreditation notification one year ahead of schedule.

"It means we have professional museum standards and that we qualify for accreditation by the American Association of Museums. To be truly successful, you have to stay open. To stay open you have to have money. To have money you have to seek endowment. To be trusted with the investment of people's money, you have to prove your worth," Ms. O'Bannion said.

"The accreditation is like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. It means that out of 82,000 museums we are now one of the 750 that have top honor roll certification."

Lucy Woodside, director of development, added, "When it comes to people of the World War II generation trusting us with their personal treasures, memorabilia and contributions, they and their families know we're a trusted repository."

1998 — A Very Good Year

At the Petroleum Museum, 1998 is a building year.

"We are very excited to be beginning the stages of planning and will have design concepts in place for new permanent exhibits," Ms. Phares said. "We will have exhibits for 3-D seismic, horizontal drilling and reservoir enhancement recovery. That's our priority for this year. We are looking even beyond those exhibits to larger projects and we are figuring out how the rest of the exhibits will be enhanced to have wonderful flow.

"We are also anticipating quarterly family evenings at the museum. We are still in the planning stages, but we think Mobil will sponsor that for us."

Jones said, "We're looking to try new things. We will see a lot of that in exhibits such as the upcoming Trashformation show in which artists make artwork from recycled, found materials.

"We will have an armature in the front gallery with the artwork where the public can build found art sculpture. It's public participatory art, and there will be something there so people can affix pieces to the armature to create a sculpture. It's an innovative approach in conjunction with an exhibit that is innovative itself. We're not focusing in one specific area, but instead opened up the arena to anything and everything. I think it's exciting.

"For Trashformations there are a whole slew of programs scheduled," Jones said. "In the summer of '98, we will have a series of lectures and brown bag lunches. Curators will come to discuss it. There will be workshops where children will create art from found 'trash.'

"We'll get public participation with a lecturer or two on recycling and we will tie in with environmental groups and local community groups. We're looking forward to this opportunity to collaborate. We have been doing a lot of collaborations. A prime example is the Michener cooperative with the Ellen Noel Museum, UTPB and (Musuem of the Southwest). That brought in a whole new audience to the museum."

He continued, "In 1998 we will have a lot of lectures and gallery talks, as many as 18 to 20 a year. We bring in artists for 'meet the artist' session. It's very important for the public to understand why artists do what they do, and it's a tremendous opportunity to learn about art. That's indicative of the many approaches we are taking. When we do an exhibition we try to see how to make it relevant for the public, using everything from traditional education techniques for lectures, gallery talks, video presentations, walkthroughs with curators, docented tours, videos and brown bag lectures.

O'Bannion is looking forward to a banner year at the American Airpower Heritage Museum.

"Last year we completed our phased permanent exhibit program including enhancements to the earlier exhibits. Now we begin filling in gaps to the story line. With our Board of Trustees' blessing, in 1998 and '99, we will do a major cultural and multidisciplinary initiative. A specific example is a panel discussion and exhibit honoring the 201st Mexican fighter squadron in May.

"In November we will have a lecture, panel discussion and exhibit honoring the Native American code talkers who were an important part of the World War II effort. The multicultural initiative will broaden our audience base as we recognize all the people who contributed to the war effort. A film and lecture series will recognize the forgotten few."

Tina Corbett, public relations coordinator for the American Airpower Heritage Museum and the Confederate Air Force said, "For AirSho'98 , we are looking forward to some changing of the format to make it inviting to community. We will do things that they may not have seen in the last years here. In '98 we are also looking forward to kicking off a major membership drive. This year is the first year that we've had an upturn and retention in membership, and we plan to get out there and recruit a wide variety of members, including younger people who will become a big driving force in our future."

Ms. Woodside added that a capital campaign is under way to raise funds to build a new gallery and conservation lab for the "Save the Girls" wing of the Airpower Museum, and the endowment campaign continues.

Regional Status of Midland's Museums

Midland's museums serve not only the city, but outlying cities, and even farther. According to Ms. Phares, the Petroleum Museum's surveys show that 55 to 60 percent of their visitors are from outside a 100-mile radius of Midland.

The Petroleum Museum has had a steady count of approximately 35,000 visitors a year for several years.

"This year we are redesigning our brochures and are going to concentrate on the 13 points of entry to the state of Texas," Ms. Phares said. "We want to let visitors passing through our state know we're here in Midland.

"Sometimes if they're driving by us here on the Interstate, they say 'Let's stop.' But sometimes if they don't know about us in advance, they miss us. Those are the travelers we want to reach."

Each museum benefits from the other entities in the area, Ms. Phares said.

"During the Permian Basin Oil Show we get good visitors, and we always have a lot of visitors during the CAF show. The local museums recently put out a brochure with the Midland Chamber of Commerce's Visitors and Convention Bureau so our partnerships are helping each other reach visitors."

Jones said the Museum of the Southwest went through a strategic planning process, which indicated that it primarily serves the citizens of Midland.

"We feel we also contribute to the cultural life of West Texas. This museum is one of the key tourist destinations here, even though Midland is not necessarily a tourist mecca, but visitors often go to the three museums. We bring in exciting art for our citizens so they don't feel they have to go to Dallas, Austin, Houston or even New York to see it.

"We serve as magnet to bring in people from other communities. They will come from area towns to see shows like our Rembrandt and Renoir. And when people came to those exhibits they spent the night and spent their money. I think it's significant to note that our attendance in 1997 was 88,000 people. There are some repeats, but a lot of it is people coming from other communities to participate in our programs. Septemberfest brings approximately 10,000 people from all over this region."

Ms. Corbett said, "AirSho '97 walked away with 31,000 in attendance. We were fortunate to host the Thunderbirds for their first time to our air show. It was also our first year to host the American Combat Airman Hall Of Fame induction banquet, a definite highlight for the CAF. It was the first dinner we had ever done to begin the Hall of Fame, which had always been in their charter, so we are excited that was implemented."

Ms. O'Bannion said that the American Airpower Heritage Museum had 41,000 visitors in 1997, which shows an upward trend over previous years.

Approximately 80 percent of the visitors are from out of the Midland-Odessa area, including 45 different countries and all 50 states. Fifty percent of the visitors were from out of Texas.

Particularly during air show, the museum, which has an international scope, attracts an international audience. Visitors to the air show fill hotels all around the region, with people staying in Stanton, Big Spring, Monahans, and other towns.

Ms. Corbett added that the CAF has 80 units in 28 states in four foreign countries and owns 135 aircraft. Summer and winter conferences bring many of the members into the region, and the CAF, with the largest flying collection of World War II aircraft in the world, hosts many reunions.

Close to 10,000 students participate in educational programs at the Airpower Heritage Museum, including those who come for the U.S. Air Force Academy's freshman Airman 101 course.

"The Air Force Academy students can come see us or any one of four air force bases, and ours is by far the most popular choice," Ms. O'Bannion said. "We also provide a three-day aviation boot camp for the Ector County Independent School District's Hayes Aerospace Magnet School."

Strong Showing for all Museums

Jones spoke for all the museums when he said, "There's no stopping us now. Quality attracts support, and consistency is important. Once the public becomes accustomed to the great variety of programs and exhibits right here in Midland, attendance continues to increase.

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Community responds to Jackalopes hockey

By Nancy Calhoun

ODESSA — The jackalope, a humorous Texas creature famed for its blending of antelope and (huge) jackrabbit, has come to life with the creation of the Jackalopes ice hockey team.

Based at the Ector County Coliseum, the Jackalopes are making Permian Basin sports history with every game. Attendance at the coliseum, located at 42nd Street and Andrews Highway, has averaged between 3,500 and 4,000 a game, according to Jamie Richardson, director of Community Relations for the team. "We've sold out four times this year. We're very proud of that, but we're always hoping for more. We won't sell out every night, but we've surprised ourselves" at the response of the community.

The Western Professional Hockey League (WPHL) began a little more than three years ago, in October 1994. In the inaugural season of 1996-97, the WPHL had teams in six cities. In its second season, there are 12 teams in three states: Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

The closest teams geographically to Midland-Odessa are the San Angelo Outlaws, the Amarillo Rattlers, and the El Paso Buzzards. Other Texas locations include teams in Austin, Waco, Fort Worth, and Central Texas. Louisiana teams are located in Lake Charles, Shreveport, and Monroe. The New Mexico team, the Scorpions, is based in Albuquerque.

Two other teams, one in Corpus Christi and the other in Little Rock, Ark., will begin play in the 1998-99 season, according to Richardson.

Ice hockey has become popular in this region, according to Richardson. Season ticket sales, divided roughly 50-50 between Midland and Odessa fans, form a good base for expanding interest into outlying communities such as Lubbock.

"We want to make the music better and improve promotions," Richardson said. "We need to make a reason to make them come back, not just for the hockey but to have a good time."

The Ector County Coliseum is the perfect size for enjoyment of the sport, according to Richardson. "It's like it was built for hockey. The ice is really good, and kept up really well."

The excellent quality of the site is apparent not only to hockey fans. When visiting teams see the coliseum for the first time, "Wow, this is really a nice place to play," has been a common comment, Richardson said.

He thinks that the arrangement of the coliseum contributes to the success. "There aren't really any bad seats," he said.

Seat prices at the coliseum are the second lowest in the league, ranging from $6-$12.

"The $8 bleacher section gets pretty rowdy. That's where the opposing team comes off the ice. Fans sit over there and yell at them," Richardson said.

The Jackalopes' season "started poorly. We're playing better now. If we can continue to play well, we'll do well," Richardson said.

Sixteen games remain on the 1997-98 schedule; 10 are home games.

For further information on these games or to order season tickets for next season, which begins in October and continues through March 1999, contact the Jackalopes office in Midland at 683-4251.

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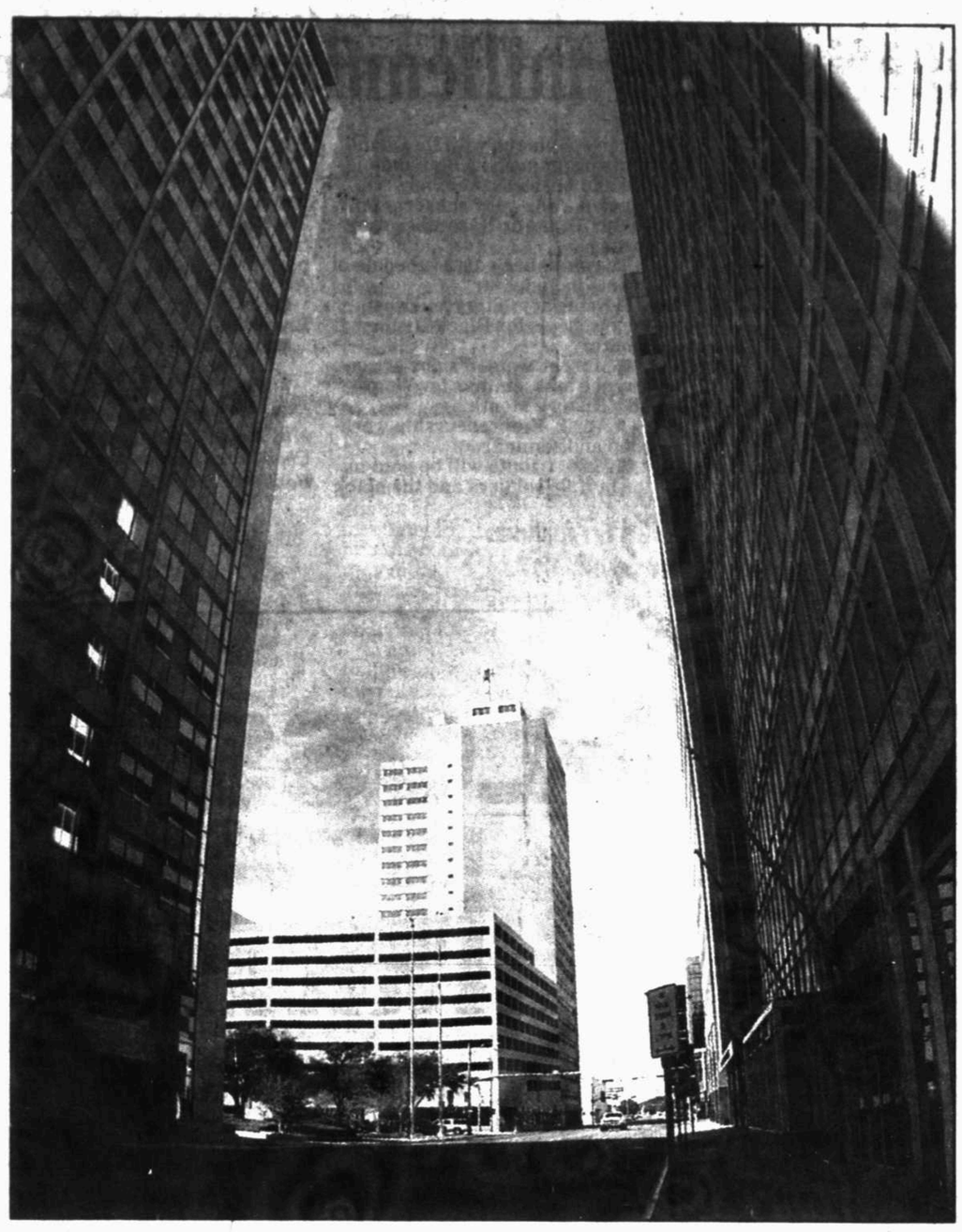
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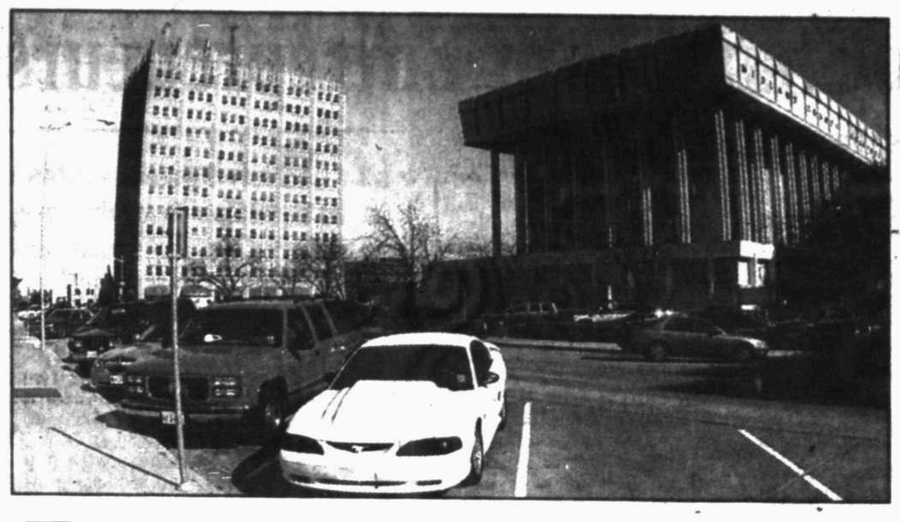
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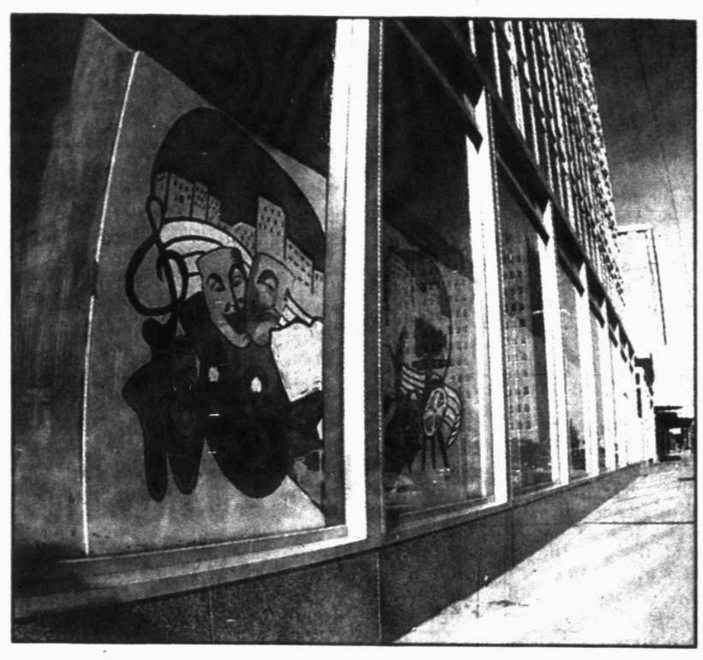
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Downtown revitilization

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Group works to revive downtown's heartbeat — and maybe add a drug store

By Lana Cunningham

Going downtown to see his dad at the office was a major event in Jack Swallow's life when he was a child. That's where the heart and brains of Midland could be found. It gave this city life.

"When we (he and brother Chuck) had an opportunity to come downtown to Dad's (Ned Swallow) office, it was a really big deal," recalled the native Midlander. "At one time Dad officed on the top floor of the Wilco Building, and that was the tallest office building in Midland."

As an eighth-grader, Jack became part of that heartbeat, working after school delivering oil and gas reports. When he was through, the teen-ager would while away the minutes at the Scharbauer Hotel Drug Store on the corner of Texas Avenue and Loraine Street, sipping a vanilla Coke or slurping a malt. Weekend evenings saw him back downtown going to a movie.

As Midland extended its boundaries during the boom, office centers sprouted up in other parts of the city. When the economic slump of the 1980s attacked, Midland's downtown was left with vacant office buildings and a damaged heart. Its vital signs growing weaker, downtown was dying.

LITTLE MORE than a year ago, the first steps were taken to resuscitate the city's heart. It started with the organization of Downtown Midland Inc., a public/private non-profit corporation formed to assist with the growth and redevelopment of the area. The next step was to hire as executive director Nancy Wantuck who, although a newcomer to Midland, was no stranger to working with cities in start-up jobs.

A year later, the vital signs are improving, the pulse is growing stronger, some changes can be seen.

One of the first steps taken was to change the parking along Colorado Street from parallel to angle parking. "It was a sense of deja vu," said Swallow, a member of DMI's Executive Committee. "I remember the angle parking as a boy. It works well."

In January, the City Council agreed to handle the next step in DMI's plan — close the block of Loraine Street between Wall Street and Texas Avenue and plant grass. This will connect Centennial Plaza with the courthouse block and provide a green area for downtown workers. Decorating the spot will be banners flying a Midland logo.

DESIGNING A plan from the ground up has been the assignment for Ms. Wantuck, who came to Midland when her husband was transferred here. Previously, she had been working near Houston with The Woodlands Community Service Corporation Parks and Recreation Department. "I've always been a bit of a pioneer," she said. "This job with Downtown Midland was a natural. I call it trailblazing."

Swallow praised the executive director, noting "she is tireless in her efforts."

The first year, according to DMI Board Chairman Mike Canon, "we did what we had to do. We started the organizational process, got committees in place and identified people to fill leadership roles. We laid the foundation for the future."

Starting her job in March, Ms. Wantuck scheduled a planning session in May. Out of that came the workup for getting Midland's heartbeat back to normal, back to the days when it was a vibrant and vital part of the city and people looked to downtown as a place to go. Downtown Midland, she noted, consists of almost 900 acres bordered by Cuthbert and Florida avenues, A Street and Lamesa Road.

Four committees were set up:

- Promotions and Activities (Festivals and Events),
- Membership Involvement and Community Relations (Recruit new members and retain current ones),
- Redevelopment Strategies (Budget and Finance) and
- Project Endeavors (Helps to implement joint and civic projects).

THE FIRST committee already has seen success. Projects listed under it include coordinating the Christmas lighting event and parade, starting a Fourth of July Celebration, working with Summer in the City, assisting with Scene in the City (quarterly art showings), and expanding the City Art program in connection with Midland Arts Assembly. Last summer, DMI produced "Wild, Wild West," a Summer in the City event that saw about 800 in attendance. "Holidays in the City" brought a record 77 parade entries and 4,000 people to downtown. And 80 percent more buildings downtown were lighted for the holidays, noted Ms. Wantuck in the DMI annual report.

This year, DMI will be working with Celebration of the Arts, which draws about 100,000 people; the Tex-Mex Menudo Cookoff, with 15,000 people expected; and Summer in the City, which draws 500 to 1,000 each Thursday evening.

A festive celebration is being planned for July Fourth, according to Ms. Wantuck. The Midland-Odessa Symphony already has agreed to play a free concert. And the DMI Committee is cooking up a special finale.

THE MEMBERSHIP Committee raised $79,225 in dues and recruited 47 members under one of four categories: $2,500, Major Stakeholder; $1,000, Stakeholder; $500, Supporter; and $100, Member. Membership is open to anyone or any business in Midland, Ms. Wantuck noted.

This committee also is working to form a Downtown Merchants association and has created a database of more than 400 downtown contacts.

The Redevelopment Committee has been meeting with people interested in locating downtown and is building an inventory of downtown property. Figuring out exactly how many people work downtown and getting an accurate office vacancy rate comprise this committee's job for this year.

The fourth group, Project Endeavors, served as the catalyst for promoting the change to angle parking on Colorado Street and is working with the city to remove all parking meters downtown.

Renovation of The Ritz movie theater may be the next major accomplishment for 1998. Built in 1942, it could seat more than 500 people on the downstairs level and in the balcony. This past year, the Midland Arts Assembly has begun to work on renovating it into a possible multi-media center that would work in conjunction with Midland Center to handle speakers, video projections, small performances, or be a central location for ticket sales to arts performances. The City Council agreed to clean the building and repair the roof, a job that has been completed. Currently, the building is being evaluated for its potential, according to Ms. Wantuck.

AS EACH step is reached and marked off the list, more will be added. DMI is looking at vacant lots and trying to envision what could be in those locations.

"Eventually, we want to develop a retail district or an entertainment district. We want to know what is it people really want downtown," Ms. Wantuck said.

"We're taking one small step at a time to make downtown Midland an inviting atmosphere," said Swallow, who shares his dreams for downtown.

"I would like to see some retail establishments, like a downtown drug store. I'm puzzled as to why we don't have one — complete with hamburgers and malts. Maybe it could be on the first floor of the old Texas Electric Service Co. building, at the corner of Texas and Colorado, where the old First National Bank started putting in a bank lobby. And I would love to see a downtown movie theater. And then I would like to go into a nice restaurant or dessert shop after the show. I also would like us to achieve a performing arts center."

MS. WANTUCK has some dreams, too. She would like to see more public places, "a community space almost like a park with sculptures depicting the history of Midland."

Canon agreed with Swallow about the movie theater and performing arts center, and didn't hesitate to add dreams of his own.

"Midland Center needs to be expanded to be the type of facility representative of a community with 100,000 people. It's outdated and not large enough. Centennial Plaza will have to be made user-friendly. I would hope to see the core area around the courthouse and Midland Center be developed and enhanced for use by the community."

Next on his list is enhancement of the streets and sidewalks from a visual standpoint. "We could put in treescapes and planters, different devices to make it look nicer," Canon said. "And I would like to see better parking for our buildings downtown."

Turning next to the vacant office space, Canon suggested turning one empty building into a non-profit center. "With our empty buildings, surely there is a building there for the correct type of non-profits. It works great in other communities.

"And I would like to see downtown utilized more for festivities and events.

WHEN MORE events are being held and more people go downtown, then entrepreneurs will be interested in developing businesses in the area, he surmised.

Midland isn't the only city whose downtown has suffered. But this downtown was in much better shape than other cities, said Ms. Wantuck. "We don't have some of the big-city problems, such as graffiti or broken windows. People always think of San Antonio or Denver or Fort Worth. But these people have gone through what we're just now doing."

Swallow agreed, noting the Fort Worth downtown organization is 15 years old, and it took seven to eight years before achievements could be seen.

Other cities had historic buildings from which to start the rejuvenation. Midland doesn't. "Midland has, from time to time, demolished its legacy," Swallow said, pointing to the demise of The Scharbauer Hotel as an example.

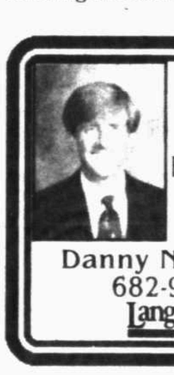
"I would have liked to seen someone refurbish it, something like the Driscoll Hotel in Austin."

"I feel good about the possibility of getting a lot accomplished simply because we have an organization in place now," Canon said. "We've got a lot of interest from people and we now can identify ways in which folks who want to help can get involved in a meaningful way.

"I'm optimistic for the future," he added. "Five years from now we'll be seeing some concrete results."

"We've made significant progress for our first year," Swallow said. "A whole lot will happen, but it will take time. We're trying to be a collaborator and creator of opportunities. The City Council has been wonderful for committing itself to a vibrant downtown and one with some energy."

One with a strong heartbeat. And maybe a drug store.



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Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs to enter new millennium on-line

By Tanya Gentry

The Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs is currently in its 12th year of promoting the development of business, education, and culture within the community. Thanks to a new computer system donated to the chamber by the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce the chamber will enter the new millennium on-line.

The chamber merged onto the information superhighway in the latter part of last year and is taking full advantage of the opportunities that have been made available to them by the Internet.

"It has been my goal to take the chamber high-tech for quite sometime," executive director, Robbyne Hocker Fuller, said.

Mrs. Fuller said that the African American Chamber of Commerce of Texas had received a grant for new computer systems last year but the Midland chamber still had not received their system. Mrs. Fuller became concerned and decided to do something about it.

"I picked up the phone and called the president of the state chamber. After that conversation we had our system in three days," she said.

The chamber also has received a new color printer donated by Our Texas magazine, a chamber member out of Dallas. They are using this donation, along with the computer system, to help members get their new businesses off to a good start.

Mrs. Fuller said that a chamber member who is starting a new business will be provided with a copy of one flyer, one business card, four post cards and one letterhead. They will also receive a reduced rate from the company that will design their Web page. "We are trying to get entrepreneurs to work smarter not harder," Mrs. Fuller said.

Although going on-line was the major goal of the chamber, they are still very active with their annual programs such as the Kwanzaa and Martin Luther King celebrations, the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition Workshop and the Kidpreneurship program.

Before December's Kwanzaa celebration, Mrs. Fuller, and her husband, James, were invited to several Midland schools to talk about Kwanzaa, which comes from a Swahili word meaning the "first fruit of the harvest."

The holiday was created in 1966 by a teacher named Dr. Maulana Karenga to celebrate the African roots of black Americans. The holiday has seven principles: unity, umoja; self-determination, kujchagulia; collective work and responsibility, ujima; cooperative economics, ujamma: purpose, nia; creativity, kuumba; and faith, imani.

The chamber was able to celebrate all seven days of Kwanzaa at different locations in the Permian Basin.

Their next program was last month's Dr. Martin Luther King celebration. It began with a symbolical march and ended with a gospel service at Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church. The guest speaker for the service was Jacquelyn Donald-Mims, pastor of the Imani Community Church in Austin.

Ms. Mims' sermon was titled "You Are a Great People With Great Power." Also on the program that evening were the Iva Boze Choir, and the Noni Dancers. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Awards were also presented to many Midlanders during the service: John McAfee, Melton Jones, Yvonne Moore, Isabel Jimenez, Brenda Wallace, Michael Wallace, the Rev. Lawrence White and Margie R. Titus.

The chamber is also sponsoring the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Workshop. The first two workshops were Jan. 17 and 31; the last workshop will be 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Midland County Public Library Community Room.

The Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition is open to young people throughout the state of Texas. The theme for the scholarship contest is "The African American in Texas Past and Present." The winners of the scholarships will receive the following amounts: first place (gold) $2,500, second place (silver) $1,500 and third place (bronze) $1,000.

The deadline to enter an essay is March 2.

"I was drawn to this project because Barbara Jordan was truly one of Texas' brightest stars," said chamber member Marcia Cleaver, who is a contest judge. "She is also one of my heroines. I'm very proud of the young people in this area. We have had a great showing in the past and we hope to see it continue. We have also had a young person from the West Texas region win second place for the last two years."

Another chamber program is Kidpreneurship, which helps young people become entrepreneurs. Chamber members meet with the youngsters as often as the children feel the need to meet. Several children are current members of the program and have launched their own businesses.

"Many times we think of economic empowerment as it relates to adults, but it also relates to our young people," said James Fuller, chamber vice president of culture, media and education.

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The MBCE is holding its annual membership drive through March. The fees are: $20 for individual membership, $50 for a company representative and churches, $100 for businesses with one to 10 employees, $75 for community-based non-profit organizations, $150 for a business with 11 to 25 employees, $200 for a business with 26 to 50 employees, $300 for a business with 76 to 100 employees, and $500 for corporate companies with 100-plus employees.

The individual memberships come with a membership card and certificate, a newsletter and discounts on all MBCE functions. Business memberships will receive a plaque with the chamber's insignia on it. Both individual and business members will receive a one-year subscription to Our Texas or Harambee . agazines.

The chamber's 1998 schedule of events includes:

- February: Storytellers at local schools for Black History Month;
- March: women's power conference and seminar for Women's History Month;
- n April: Kidpreneurship workshop and seminar;
- May: tribute will be paid to the buffalo soldiers and the black West; a rodeo;
- June: Juneteenth celebration music festival in conjunction with the Lubbock chamber;
- September: annual convention - Business Opportunity Symposium Series, B.O.S.S., in Austin.
- November: annual Tom Braxton Concert; and
- December: Kwanzaa.

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Retireees flock to Midland, where smiles are as wide as the avenues

By Johnnye Montgomery

"If I'd known retirement would be this much fun, I'd have done it a lot sooner."

That philosophy, voiced by Midlander George Huff, who retired from a major oil company 10 years ago, pretty well says it all for retirees who have found their way to Midland through various circumstances and loved the town too much to leave. Some came a half century ago, to train at the Midland bombardier school at the start of World War II, married into Midland families, and never left. Others were transferred here. Yet others are relative newcomers who find a lot to like in this town where the smiles are as wide as the avenues and a traffic jam can last about as long as it takes the local radio stations to air the latest news.

For many Midland retirees with health problems or disabilities, the first step off the fast track puts them into a retirement or assisted living facility, where the details of daily life are taken care of without the imposition of rigid rules or the loss of privacy or personal choice.

Personal choice is the operative phrase here, with the five retirement and assisted living complexes in Midland offering choices in living from size of living quarters to type (studio, garden cottage, apartment), to recreational facilities. A hybrid between hotel suite and apartment with added safety and access to 24-hour medical care, they allow residents their freedom and privacy while offering access to medical professionals within minutes and optional assistance with bathing and medication and such.

There are no rules governing room décor (they'll even change the look to your specifications), overnight guests, or lights-out. Residents can, with discretion and reasonable respect for their neighbors, do whatever they please inside their own quarters, and even arrange for group gatherings in entertainment areas set aside for private parties.

Trinity Towers, Midland's oldest and one of the nation's first such facilities was opened in 1969.

The facility began as a dream of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, who saw the growing number of retired persons in Midland who suffered diminished capacity to handle the routines of everyday life such as housekeeping, meal preparation, etc., yet were ambulatory and had no need for supervision. Mrs. Fasken reasoned that if such retirees had access to minimal personal assistance, along with housekeeping and meals, they could easily maintain their independence.

Midland Presbyterian Homes, incorporated as a non-profit, non-denominational Texas corporation, acquired a five-acre tract in the 2800 block of West Illinois Avenue and erected a five-story building with 40 one- and two-bedroom apartments. Trinity Towers opened to full capacity and a waiting list. The board of trustees immediately began a fund-raising effort to build a second tower, completed in 1978.

With the success of Trinity Towers' unique living style, and the growth of Midland's older adult population, the MPH board stepped out again into new territory for retirement options.

Manor Park was begun on Midland's western edge in 1982. Licensed as a continuing care retirement community under the Texas State Board of Insurance, Manor Park functions under the management of Midland Presbyterian Homes, in an upscale gated community on 40 acres of land off Loop 250 on Midland's western edge. Residents of Manor Park can live in one of self-contained garden apartments surrounding the central facility, or in the main building itself. Manor Park also maintains a full-service nursing facility for residents who require around-the-clock care and supervision.

Since 1986, MPH has remodeled and added to both Trinity Towers and Manor Park. Most notable is the addition of the 32,000-square-foot John F. Younger Special Care Center for Alzheimer's victims, with state-of-the-art design, lighting and floor arrangement especially engineered for the specific needs of patients.

With Midland's continuing growth, and a new demand for the ease and convenience of retirement and assisted living, for-profit facilities have recently come into the area, offering Midlanders additional choices as to lifestyle, financial options and location.

Holiday Retirement Corporation's Polo Park Estates, located a block north of Loop 250 and Garfield Street at 2100 Castleford Road, offers residents a choice of apartment or garden cottage. Couples in residence who function much as an old-time landlord would manage a boarding-house oversee the facility. During meals, which are normally served three times a day in the dining room, the managers make their way from table to table serving coffee and tea, making friendly conversation, catching up on the day's gossip. For residents who are temporarily unable or unwilling to join the common meal, plates can be sent to the apartment.

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— Dan Reidel, Saddleridge director

In addition to the common dining room, Polo Park features a beauty/barber shop, craft, activity, exercise and card rooms, a chapel, a lounge with giant screen TV, billiard room and library. Residents of Polo Park who travel are welcome to stay at affiliated Holiday Retirement facilities in other locations throughout the United States and Canada, provided that there are vacancies.

Although housekeeping furnishes linens and maintains linens and towels, there are laundry rooms for the convenience of residents who do their own personal laundry.

For residents who don't drive, the facility bus is available free of charge for shopping, to attend church or concerts, etc., and to keep doctor and dentist appointments.

Cimarron House, at 3400 Caldera Blvd., off Bluebird Lane, opened in November 1996. A 50-unit facility with both one-bedroom and studio apartments, Cimarron House maintains a country-like setting while offering complete security and access to emergency help 24 hours a day.

Interim director Kathy Whisenant said Cimarron House's objective is to make it easy for older and disabled adults to retain their independence without having to worry about the accessibility of assistance whenever they need it.

"If they need help bathing, with their medication, or if they have an emergency, all they have to do is call. But we don't intrude on our residents' privacy," she said.

The newest retirement facility in town is Saddleridge Lodge at 1898 W. Loop 250 N, just off Polo Parkway, which opened last March. Among Saddleridge's out-of-the-ordinary features are a hands-on garden area in the courtyard, where gardeners can dig and plant to their hearts' content, whether their crops are decorative or edible, and if a gardener tackles a project that grows too big to handle alone, then the staff, unlike a recalcitrant spouse, will be happy to help. Saddleridge also maintains a wellness center where on-site physical and occupational therapists tailor wellness and rehabilitative programs to the needs of individual residents.

For the convenience of residents who don't drive, the Saddleridge van stands ready to roll, for shopping, doctor's appointments, lunch or dinner or a night on the town.

Saddleridge director Dan Reidel says the primary aim of Saddleridge is to provide outstanding service, including extras such as a baby grand piano in the dining room, extra large apartments with full size refrigerators in the kitchen areas, a nurse on the premises 24 hours a day and full-time activities director, at a reasonable cost.

"We're not going to charge for services you can do for yourself," explained Reidel. He added that services such as assistance with medications, three meals a day and snacks, transportation and assistance with bathing three times a week are included in the basic monthly fee. Residents who find that as time goes on, they need extra assistance, can arrange for other services at predetermined rates.

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Retirees and older adults who find the community life of assisted living complexes a bit too communal in such a large setting, yet need assistance with the details of daily life, may want to consider the smaller private facilities with room for only three or four residents. Such facilities can offer a variety of services, at varied fees. One caveat: Unless there are four or more paying residents in a location, it escapes the state requirements for licensing, with certain requirements for handicap accessibility, fire protection measures and the adherence to some other state regulations. Dorothy Bourland at the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, who keeps a list of retirement and assisted living facilities in the area, would be a good source of information as to how to seek out a good one.

For lower income older Midlanders, there are still options within the city of Midland.

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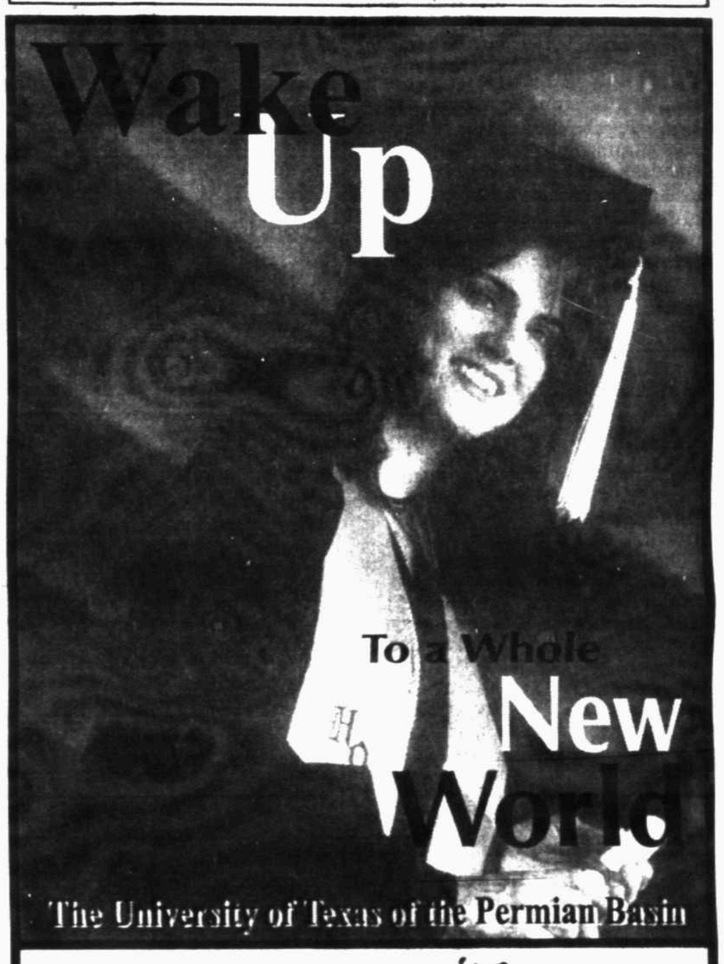
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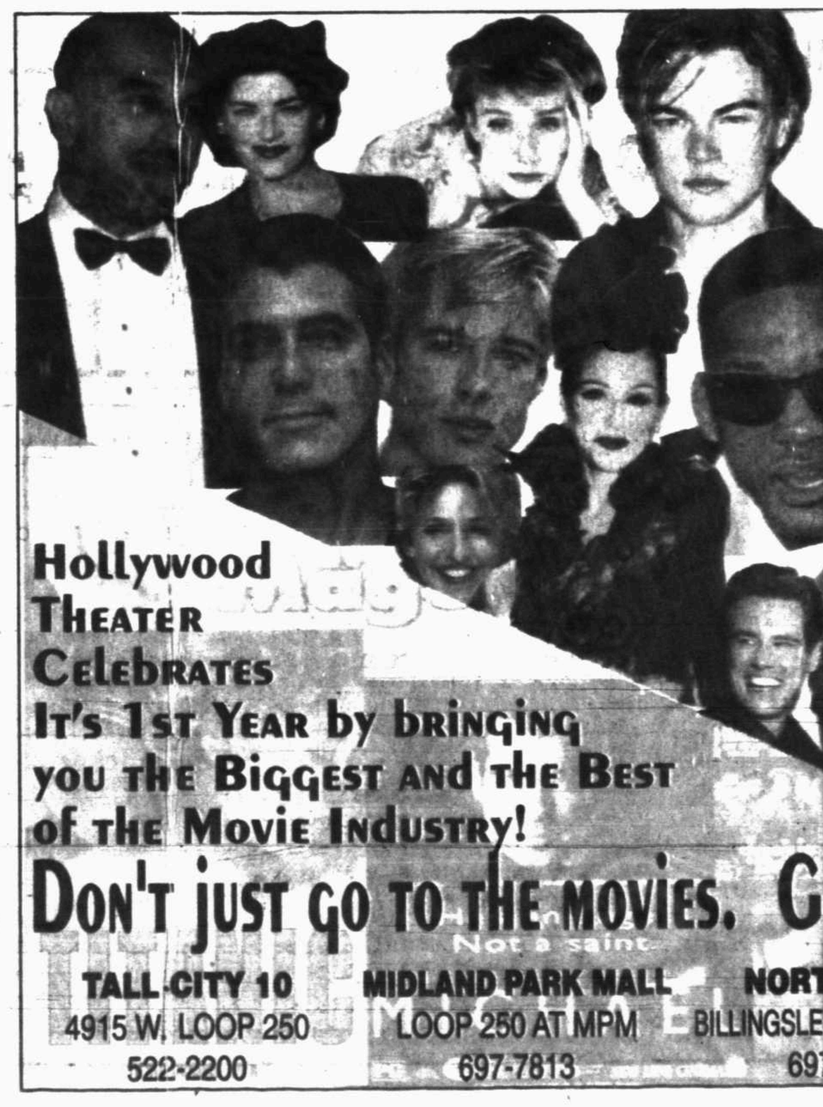
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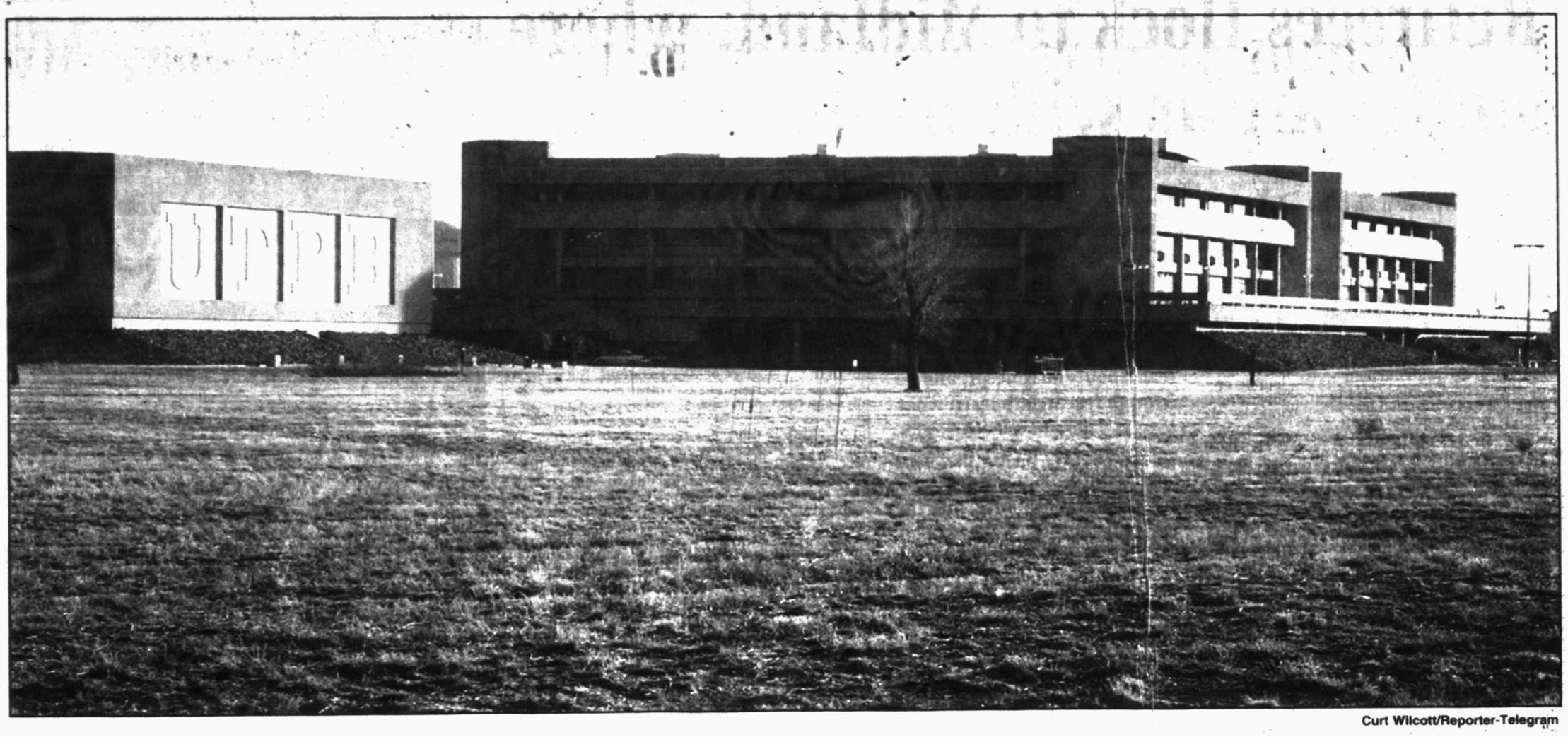
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UTPB helps establish Permian Basin as education center of West Texas

By Jeffrey McDonald

ODESSA — Even before she graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1996, Becca Minjarez already was planning to continue her education. She had the smarts and the initiative to select any of the four-year colleges and universities across Texas. She finally selected the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

A point in UTPB's favor was that it offered the formidable resources of the UT system, in surroundings that were more familiar to someone born and raised in a small West Texas city.

"There was the fact that it was close to home, and the university was small," said Ms. Minjarez, recalling her selection of UTPB nearly two years ago. "And I come from a small town. I wasn't ready to head off to a big city.

"The atmosphere is, I guess calm would be one way to put it. It's not frantic. Everybody knows everybody else. The professors know you, they know your name, and what classes you're in. They don't have to pull a file."

Ms. Minjarez's stay in Odessa may last longer than she originally expected partly because of the expanding curricula at UTPB.

"At first I wanted to transfer after the first couple years. But they've been implementing a lot more classes, bringing in a lot more professors," she explained. "And in my own major, public relations, they're going to offer that for the first time in the fall.

"AND THEY'VE been surveying a lot, and the survey's purpose is to provide the classes that the students want and need."

Though Fort Stockton is only 85 miles away, Ms. Minjarez now makes her home in Odessa, living in the new dormitories on the UTPB campus, working at an Odessa accounting firm, and even finding the time and energy to participate in the 1997 Miss Permian Basin Fair Pageant.

In the course of her studies at UTPB, Ms. Minjarez also has learned that there is much more to Midland/Odessa than she originally thought.

"Yes, a lot more," she said. "I thought there was just a mall here. But now I know there's a lot more than that here."

Ms. Minjarez's story comes as no surprise to Pat Jaramillo, vice president for Student Services at UTPB.

"Well, it's a combination of things," he said. "One part that is attractive is that we are part of the University of Texas system. What also helps is that we are small. So, particularly for individuals who are unfamiliar with higher education, the fact that they can go to a smaller school is very attractive to them. It's like a safe harbor for individuals who have never attended the university.

"SO THE kids who we get from these towns enjoy the fact that they get to know people pretty quickly — their peers as well as their professors and their advisers."

Reaching out to students across West Texas, including those in smaller communities outside the immediate metropolitan area, has been one way the university (which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1997) is helping establish Midland/Odessa as the education center of West Texas and southeast New Mexico.

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"Going back to the time I first came here, I had always been committed to the idea that there are a lot of high school students who are what we call 'under-enrolled,'" explained Jaramillo, who joined the UTPB administration in 1991. "There are a lot of small cities and towns in West Texas whose students under-enroll in college — where a lower percentage of their graduating class goes on to college than normally goes. And I see that as a great potential for the university.

"I also see it as an obligation for the university to reach out to those small communities in West Texas that currently might be sending fewer students. I have seen numbers that suggest the small towns, that kids from the small towns who potentially would be going to college just don't seem to be getting there."

IN ORDER to reach out to those students, UTPB stepped up its recruiting efforts. At the same time, it also introduced a full four-year curriculum. Before that, only upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses had been available.

"For that reason, we started in our recruitment to put some serious effort to try and recruit in those small towns, and last year we visited 56 high schools in this region," Jaramillo said. "And this year we've expanded from the Permian Basin to what we consider the West Texas region like the Panhandle, all the little towns in the Permian Basin, all the way out to Van Horn, Presidio and all those towns out there. And we have drawn a big, huge circle that includes part of New Mexico, too.

"And our counselors, our admissions officers are going out, visiting those schools, seeing if we can get their kids interested in the university. And this year we have about 106 high schools lined up already to visit."

According to Jaramillo, those efforts to recruit more students and to bring them to the Midland/Odessa area will use a variety of means.

"TRADITIONALLY, WHEN schools say they are recruiting, they are talking about a 'college day,' an organized visit where all the schools and all the students come together and they make the rounds," he said. "Well, besides that, our counselors are going out and making personal visits to these schools. And they are going to go out and visit these schools three times each. So those 106 schools we're visiting? That's actually more than 300 visits. We're very serious about that.

"I think that a lot of our success is in awareness. In so many cases, we're talking first-generation college-bound students. We have to advertise, recruit, contact, recruit, visit, recruit. We have established a whole set of literature and videos that we send out to all the high schools, and we do the ads on television like the other schools. What we're trying to do is build some awareness on different levels, announcing our registration days, let our freshmen know when admissions begin, to make students aware that we are here."

The ongoing program to expand its full four-year curricula, coupled with recruitment programs across West Texas, has produced impressive results. In 1997, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin awarded an estimated 350 degrees at spring commencement, and another 250 degrees during winter commencement. According to Jaramillo, approximately 2,200 students from across West Texas participated in the 1997 fall registration.

ANOTHER PROGRAM that has helped establish UTPB as a regional center for education has been the recent construction of additional on-campus housing for students.

"We have built one set of apartment-style housing to hold an additional 55 students," Jaramillo said. "We now can house about 120 students on campus. And it's going to be tight next year. So students need to let us know in advance if they want to stay on campus."

If anything, said administrators at UTPB, the school's next 25 years promise to be busier and even more exciting than the first 25, and that bodes well for the community at-large. When one considers Midland College, Howard College, Odessa College, UTPB and the Permian Basin Graduate Center, it doesn't take long to realize there are few communities the size of Midland that can boast such a wide array of higher education within a one-hour drive.

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MHCC helps develop leaders in Hispanic business community

By Joe Dominey

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) was organized in late 1984 when a group of business people decided that there was a need for an organization that would be representative of the Hispanic community. It was created to address several critical needs: the community infrastructure, deterioration of certain segments of the eastside and a perceived need for a cohesive non-profit structure to address problems.

The MHCC has focused on combating the deterioration of the eastside neighborhoods and developing Lamesa Road. Working with the city of Midland and the Texas Department of Transportation, the chamber succeeded in arranging the realignment of Lamesa Road from I-20 to Loop 250.

Some of the key leaders who were instrumental in the formation of the MHCC were Oralia Corrales, Roger Robles, Ciro Sanchez and Manuel Carrasco. They hired Elvia Hernandez as the first executive director.

"Elvia did a lot to bring the community together; she was a very strong individual, and garnered a lot of support" for the MHCC, said David Diaz, who was appointed executive director in October 1996.

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A native Midlander, Diaz was involved in several family businesses. He worked with his father and brothers in the family's Western Auto franchise, originally located on East Illinois Avenue.

When his father retired, they sold the business and the brothers opened BikeMaster stores in both Midland and Odessa. They later sold to the BikeMaster franchise in Wichita Falls.

The Diaz family then took up a toy-manufacturing venture in Ciudad Acuna, across the Mexican border at Del Rio. The American Toy Co. moved to Midland in 1993, exporting most of its product line to Mexico. After the peso devaluation in Mexico the company closed its doors.

It was then that he joined the MHCC as executive director. Before his appointment, Diaz — an advisory member of the Midland Chamber Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board — had served two terms on the MHCC board of directors.

THE CHAMBER has grown to today's roster of about 300 members with an annual budget of about $250,000.

Funding comes from membership dues, $89,000 from city of Midland economic development funds, $40,000 from the city's hotel/motel occupancy taxes, and proceeds from special event fund-raisers.

The MHCC carefully avoids duplicating services of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

"Our goal is to be the leading advocate for the promotion of local business, with an emphasis on Hispanic businesses, and the development of business leaders," Diaz explained.

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Last year the Hispanic Chamber began support of a project to establish a bike-and-bike trail that connects Lamesa Road with the new Mashburn-Nelms Park east of Fairgrounds Road.

It co-sponsored, with Community & Senior Services, the Parker Place senior citizens housing project, which saw eight structures to house 41 families completed, thanks to a $2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Diaz serves on the board of directors of Parker Place Inc., which oversees the operation of the project.

Unity Park, a beautification project on Lamesa Road near De Zavala Elementary School, was completed in 1996.

"The beautification of our gateways into Midland is also one of our goals," Diaz said. He added that the Texas Department of Transportation has allocated $80,000 for landscaping of areas completed along Garden City Highway last year.

"This year we will look at other areas to improve the aesthetics on the eastside. We're trying to make contact with property owners to make improvements. Some dilapidated structures will be coming down with city of Midland funds."

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A highly successful special event, although not a fund-raiser, is the annual Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament. The fifth annual tournament is scheduled for May 1-3.

LAST YEAR the event attracted 108 teams, with three-quarters coming from outside the Midland-Odessa area. About one-third came from other states and Mexico.

An estimated 3,500 people attended the event last year. Using Texas Department of Tourism estimates, each visitor spends an average $100 per day, therefore the economic impact was more than $1 million.

"The Midland Chamber is very successful in attracting conventions to Midland. We saw the need to create an activity that would bring people to Midland," Diaz said.

Roger Robles is chairman of the Convention & Tourism committee of the MHCC, which oversees the soccer tournament.

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The MHCC recently sponsored the first Midland appearance of the National Junior Olympic Gymnastics Tumbling and Trampoline Meet at Chaparral Center.

More than 400 young athletes between the ages of 8 and 18, their families and coaches attended the one-day event.

MHCC members who ran the event were Steve Sanchez of Bank One, Hector Mendoza of Permian Distributing Company, Reuben Vargas of Trendy Tee's, and Shura Lindgren, director of the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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By far the most visible special event the MHCC sponsors is the Mex-Tex Menudo Cookoff. Over the past 10 years it has grown from a local cultural celebration coinciding with the Cinco de Mayo festival to a major draw for contestants from all over Texas. The event is described as "a celebration of the heritage, art, music and cuisine" of the Hispanic community.

THE COOKOFF was first held in 1987 at the Midland County Exhibit Building, where it remained for about four years. It then moved to Twin Cities Speedway and the date was moved to July. For the past several years the cookoff has been the chamber's major fund-raising activity, necessitating year-round planning to broaden the participation and attendance.

Menudo, while popular with true aficionados, is just one part of the contest. Judges will award "best" honors in three categories: menudo, chili and fajitas.

Event chairman Jose Alfredo "Bo" Zertuche exudes enthusiasm and excitement when he talks about the upcoming 11th annual cookoff. "Our goal this year is to promote an event more inclusive of the entire community, emphasizing the family aspects and diversified entertainment attractions."

Two major changes have been planned for this year's event. The dates have been moved earlier to the last weekend in May, for three days instead of two (May 29-31), and the location has been moved to Centennial Plaza and surrounding areas of downtown Midland.

"About 95 percent of our participation and attendance in the past has been Hispanic and we hope to draw more of the rest of the community," Zertuche said. "Also, we now have a regional appeal, but hope soon to achieve a more national appeal."

Zertuche hopes to obtain advance publicity on the Spanish language cable networks, and broaden the event publicity to include cities outside the Permian Basin.

"This year we will have a carnival downtown, east of the Midland Center. This should appeal to families from all segments of the community. We also will have a wider variety of entertainers for the evening concerts and street dances."

IN ADDITION to the popular Tejano style music, the event will offer Norteno, and a number of mariachi groups will perform throughout the weekend, adding to the festive mood.

By early May, Centennial Plaza will have been expanded with a grassy area onto Loraine Street between the plaza and the Midland County Courthouse. Portions of Texas Avenue and Main Street will be closed to traffic, creating an event that hasn't been duplicated downtown in many years.

A parade will launch the weekend pageantry. There also will be about 40 food vendors to appeal to all appetites, offering a variety of Mexican and American favorites. Zertuche estimates that gross sales from food and beverage operations alone will reach $200,000 this year.

"The economic impact for Midland is significant. We have attendees coming in from Dallas and San Antonio, as well as from New Mexico. The visitors stay a few days and spend lots of money here," he said.

Event sponsors underwrite much of the promotional costs. In recent years sponsors have included Budweiser, Coca-Cola, H-E-B, KMRK-FM (Tejano 96.1), NewsWest 9, the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Coors, Sonic Drive-In, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Texas Lottery.

Many other sponsors contribute through advertising in the event program. "More sponsors will enable us to extend our publicity and advertising to a wider area, as well as bring more entertainment to the cookoff," Zertuche said.

"Our long-range goals are to graduate to a national event, increase corporate sponsorships significantly, and exceed overall weekend attendance of 30,000."

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The MHCC has nurtured a special relationship with the major markets in the northern Mexican states of Chihuahua and Durango. Last fall the chamber hosted an International Trade Show at Midland Center to showcase products and services available across the border. This year a group of local manufacturers and vendors will go to Ciudad Chihuahua to continue the trade exchange. Representatives of the Midland Chamber and Motran Alliance Inc. also will accompany the group.

The alliance includes the Hispanic Chamber as a member organization. Its purpose is to promote development of a highway system connecting Midland-Odessa with Mexico's Pacific coast through Presidio, Chihuahua, and terminating at Topolobampo. Recently, signs along the route were erected proclaiming "La Entrada al Pacifico," or the Gateway to the Pacific. The goal is to stimulate greater trade with Mexico and the world through the port at Topolobampo, which shortens the trucking distance from the West Coast.

From its inception, the MHCC has been a partner in economic development with the city of Midland, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and private industry. It clearly has succeeded in its goal of developing civic leaders from the Hispanic business community while opening its doors to interested non-Hispanic supporters.

MHCC ORGANIZATION

The current officers and directors of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce are:

Patrick Cordero, Strategic Abstract & Title Co., chairman of the board

Ruben Vargas, Trendy Tee's, immediate past chair

Jerry Morales, Gerardo's Casita, chair-elect

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Chamber goal: to strenthen, enhance quality of life in community

By Kes Gilhome



Photo by Curt Wilcott

'Economic development will always be our main thrust — the primary goal of the Midland chamber.'

— Bruce Partain, communication/membership manager for the chamber

The Midland Chamber of Commerce involves itself in a number of ways in Midland's business community, but there is one area in particular that remains constant from year to year.

"Economic development will always be our main thrust — the primary goal of the Midland chamber," said Bruce Partain, communication/membership manager.

This philosophy is at the heart of the chamber, a private organization that "represents the interests of businesses in Midland," according to Partain.

Funded by its 1,400 member businesses and contracts with the city of Midland, the chamber's *raison d'etre* is to "provide vision and leadership to strengthen and enhance the quality of life for businesses and individuals in the community."

The idea of community is not restricted to just Midland and its environs. The chamber is interested in the Permian Basin as a whole because Midland is a major draw for many people, and a large number of local businesses derive a significant portion of their income from out-of-town visitors.

G. Larry Lawrence, 1997-98 chairman of the board of the Midland chamber, highlighted the main aims of the chamber in his October 1997 statement in the chamber's annual report. Topping the list was economic development for the reason that "business growth represents expanding opportunity for all."

FORTUNATELY, MIDLAND'S growing position as a regional center has had a number of sweeping benefits for the local community over the last few years.

Midland's retail sales have risen 33 percent since 1990, compared with an 8 percent growth in population, according to Marvin Wynn, chamber president and CEO. He attributes this growth to "a variety of things, but it is mainly our attraction as a regional center."

Midland is luring more and more people to the city because it has such a wide range of attractions, he said. But these draws are not just confined to the more obvious ones, such as the airport, Confederate Air Force and retail opportunities. Areas such as the medical field and edueation are proving to be magnets for people throughout the Permian Basin.

"Education is a big draw now that the college is doing outreach programs," Wynn said.

Whatever the reason people come to Midland, they usually contribute to the local economy. "When someone makes a trip into town, they shop, go out to eat and go to a movie," Wynn said.

CHAMBER PLANS for 1998 highlight the importance that the chamber places on expanding Midland's position as a regional center. These plans, outlined in the Economic Development Department's plan of work for 1997-98, aim to increase Midland's position by attracting more people from the region as well as increasing international trade in and out of the Permian Basin.

Methods to be used range from placing advertisements in area papers focusing on local attractions such as the Confederate Air Force to networking with other chambers to working to improve La Entrada al Pacifico, the trade corridor into northern Mexico.

Despite Midland's obvious leading role in a number of areas, particularly as a center for the oil industry, "it is harder and harder to separate Midland and Odessa as a joint regional draw," Wynn said. "That was part of the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) designation."

For this reason the Midland chamber works closely with its Odessa counterpart to increase the visibility of the region as a whole. "We are trying to cover all the area chamber annual meetings, working other towns — networking," Wynn said.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is another department of the chamber that is specifically interested in Midland as a regional center. "Essentially, we are charged with the responsibility of increasing the number of visitors to Midland and providing services and information for those visitors," said Shura Lindgren, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We put heads in beds."

AS PART of that objective the department is involved in marketing Midland as a location for seminars, sporting events and as a tourist destination.

The department is an important part of the chamber because of the direct correlation between attracting visitors and the local economy. The chamber estimates that convention visitors spend an average of $107 a day in Midland; people here for amateur sporting events spend approximately $75.

Given these figures, it comes as no surprise that attracting a large convention to the area can have a significant impact on the local economy. For example, in 1995 after a joint effort by the Midland and Odessa chambers' Convention and Visitor bureaus, the 120th Baptist General Convention of Texas was booked to meet in Midland/Odessa in 2005. Chamber officials expect that this event, which will attract approximately 7,200 conventioneers, will have an estimated $3 million direct impact on the local economies (in 1995 dollars).

"We have quite a few (conventions) coming up this year," said Linda Brown, convention servicing manager for the CVB. Included in these upcoming conventions is the meeting of the Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development in April. "That's going to be a big one — 300 plus people," Ms. Brown said. "We bid on this three years ago and then booked it. It will be here for three days."

Other upcoming conventions include the Texas Association of United Way, which will meet in Midland in March. This convention should attract 200-300 people to the Tall City for a three-day stay and could bring up to $100,000 into the local economy, she said.

Despite the obvious importance of Midland as a regional center, the chamber also promotes programs within the community that directly affect local businesses. One such program is the "Buy the Basin" campaign promoted by both the Midland and Odessa chambers to keep local money within the community.

"Once you understand the flow of money in a local economy, it is easy to appreciate the power of buying locally," Lawrence said. "Every time someone purchases locally, that money creates jobs in our city. Every time someone buys out of town — from a catalog or from a store in Dallas — that money escapes our economy and goes to work in someone else's."

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Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale strives to bring music to whole community

By Lana Cunningham

Music in motion. Sounds rise into the air from the wood and metal and strings, then float until they reach the listener's ears. Sometimes these sounds bring excitement, sometimes they spark memories, sometimes they kindle learning. And sometimes they allow a listener to sink into a sea of notes.

The Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale thrive not only on performing music, but on how listeners respond. Getting more and varied listeners not only attending performances but participating has become one of its goals.

"Our mission is to play symphonic music," said Executive Director Tim Young. But not always what the older public has expected. "It means we take our product and make it appealing to as many people as possible and we find new ways to involve the community in what we do."

The 1997-98 season brought three distinct movements within the symphony's repertoire — all composed to fulfill its mission. The First Movement began in August 1997 and concluded in December. The notes of the Second Movement started in January and will fade out slowly in April. The Third Movement, being added this year, will trumpet this country's birthday celebration.

The opening notes in the First Movement were played at the second Big Band Gala on Aug. 15 at Midland Center. More than 600 people of all ages attended the fund-raising event. "The Big Band sound is enjoying a little bit of a comeback," said Young. Included in the audience were those who grew up with the sound "and new ones who are discovering it." Before August was over, the symphony had performed its annual free outdoor pops concerts in Midland and Odessa, attracting the usual crowd ranging in age from few months to what some term "as old as the hills."

In September and November, the symphony offered tradtional sounds of Ravel, Poulenc, Milhaud, Stravinsky, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Wagner. Guest artists were pianists Marilyn Rodman, Mary Rich and Gustavo Romero.

October brought out a different audience for "Star Party" that featured out-of-this-world favorites such as "Star Wars" and "The Planets" along with well-known favorites "Moon River" and "Stardust."

The First Movement ended with the Holiday Pops, which this year added a Saturday morning matinee to its two evening performances. And community groups were involved in the production. Taking the spotlight were the Handbell Choir from Crestview Baptist Church and the True-Lite Christian Fellowship Choir. The latter performed the version of "Joy to the World" as sung by Whitney Houston in the movie "The Preacher's Wife."

The matinee, a shorter version of the evening event, reached out to younger families and older citizens. "Over 600 people attended. We made it reasonably priced and, with the help of our sponsors, gave away a lot of tickets," Young said.

"We really met our mission of bringing more music to the community. We were able to play to a whole new group of people," he said of the matinee.

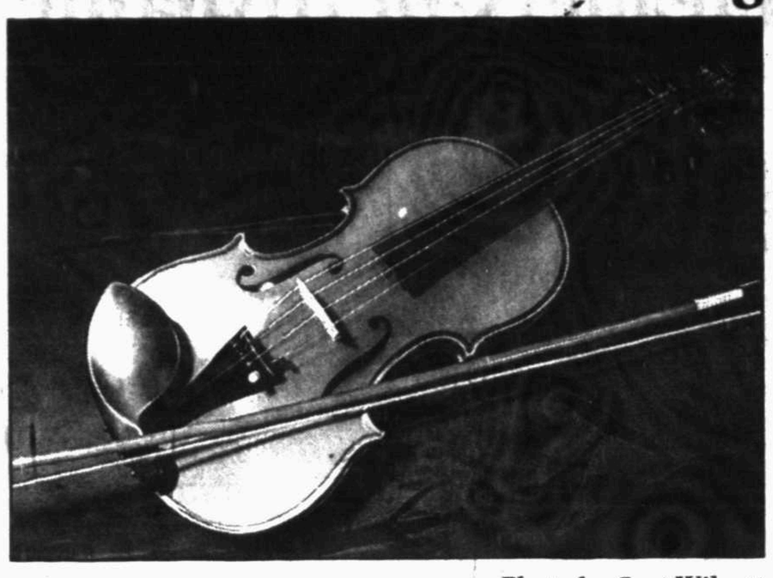


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Before the year closed, the Midland-Odessa Symphony accompanied the Midland Festival Ballet in its production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet."

The Second Movement opened Jan. 24 as the Midland-Odessa Symphony stepped into new territory by involving a resident composer working with elementary students. Selected as resident composer is Alice Gomez.

"We started the new year with a first for the orchestra," Young said. "We were able to obtain funding from the Junior Leagues in Midland and Odessa and matching funds from Phillips Petroleum to underwrite a resident composer. She has written 'Footprints of Water' in collaboration with students. They made Mayan instruments of basic materials — shakers, horns, sticks and rocks. We asked them to think about the kind of sound they wanted to make. They found the materials and made that instrument."

About 20 students will be performing the piece with their instruments. The world premiere was held in Odessa. The following week, according to Young, these students traveled with a small orchestra to sixth-grade schools in Midland.

"The concept was to get students more involved in the creative process — to help them understand the kind of music we play is being created and they can participate in its creation," Young said. "There was a lot of interaction between teachers, students and the orchestra that we've never had before."

The concert, however, wasn't completely foreign to the audience. It took a traditional route by performing two Mozart compositions and featured guest artist Rachel Browning on the clarinet.

The next event focusing on traditional music will be March 21 in Midland with National Young Artist Competition winner Heather Conner on the piano. Selections will include Prokofiev and the well-known "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff. "Orff took medieval manuscripts and did a 20th century adaptation," Young said. "It's the music used in the Old Spice ad and in a lot of movies."

Jazz lovers are another target audience this year. On Feb. 7, the symphony will perform "A Star Attraction" at the Holiday Inn Centre in Odessa. Featured artist will be guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli. It will be an evening of standards, including hits from Nat King Cole, and is being co-produced by the West Texas Jazz Society.

Spring will have the orchestra kicking up its heels to the beat of the Light Crust Doughboys, the group that started Western swing, according to Young. This also is the same bluegrass group that helped W. Lee O'Daniel get elected governor in the 1930s.

Titled "Lone Star Salute," the April 4 event at the Confederate Air Force Hangar, will feature Miss Texas, Reagan Hughes, performing a song and the world premiere of "Big Ranch," composed by Odessan Will Hadden. "This is a tall Texas tale set to music," Young said.

April will bring the Second Movement's final notes with the "Stars and Stripes" performance on April 25 in Odessa. Compositions by Foss, Schwantner and Bernstein will be performed. Guest artist will be National Young Artist Competition winner Christina Jennings on the flute.

But the symphony and chorale won't take a break for the summer, adding a Third Movement to the year. A performance is planned for Saturday, July 4, at a Downtown Midland celebration.

"This is something we've wanted to do for years," Young said. "Instead of turning on your television set and listening to the Boston Pops, you can go downtown and hear it live. This event will be free to the public. The symphony is excited. I know a lot of our musicians are out of town during the summer, but when I asked who would want to do it, about 90 percent said they would love to play this concert. This allows us to play for a whole new group of Midlanders."

This list of concerts doesn't include the performances throughout the season by the Sausalito String Quartet and the Lone Star Brass Quintet.

The next season, with the first notes being played in August, is being written for families, according to Young. Themed "The Magic of Music," one of the performances will include a magic show.

"We are very conscious that we are here to serve the community," he said. "We constantly strive to serve the whole population as best we can. As long as we make an effort to stay in touch with the community and perform things people like to hear, we'll be here for a long time."

It's music in motion.

Angels are hometown team to West Texas

By Jeffrey McDonald

Twice a year, the Men of the Church group at Fort Stockton's First Presbyterian Church travels to Midland for an evening of faith, fellowship and baseball.

In this age of computers and cable TV, people don't interact as much, said the Rev. Jim Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian, and so the group takes the time "to enjoy a trip together, a shared meal, a ball game and some peanuts."

In addition to giving people a chance to draw closer to each other and thus draw closer to God, they travel to Midland for games because it offers an opportunity to enjoy a brand of baseball that is better in some ways than one would find in the major leagues, Miles said.

"The double-A teams, they are so much more intimate; there is so much more crowd involvement, crowd interaction," he said. "It's such a different kind of event than you would find at the Ballpark in Arlington or at the Astrodome in Houston. And for me, it's a lot more fun."

This response from Miles and other fans from out-of-town who fill the seats at Christiensen Stadium is good news for Monty Hoppel, general manager of the Midland Angels. That's because Hoppel and his organization have been reaching out to communities outside the Midland/Odessa area.

"We actually market to the outlying communities," Hoppel said. "We offer things like group rates and community nights — where we name Big Spring, or Andrews or Fort Stockton community night. We do a number of things for those communities that we institute ourselves.

"And I think we do pretty well. A lot of the tickets we sell to those communities go to the businesses in those communities and go out to groups from there. And the usage rates on those tickets are pretty good. From our surveys, we see families from those communities then coming in on their own. So it's been pretty good."

It is an ongoing program for the Angels organization, Hoppel said.

"We're still trying to get people to realize this is an 'all of West Texas' team. There's no other professional baseball team within 300 miles, other than some independents in Lubbock and Amarillo."

Looking over the past year, Hoppel is particularly pleased with the degree to which the Angels organization and the players have been active in the community at-large.

"It's our community involvement," he said. "We do a lot of things in the schools, and we're involved in different fund-raisers. I think that was a major accomplishment.

"Out on the field, we have struggled the last four or five years. But we're happy with our promotional schedule. We do a lot of unique promotional things throughout the summer.

"The team? We'll know better in March when they get out of spring training."

Looking ahead to the 1998 season, Hoppel stressed that an evening at the stadium will continue to be an economical evening of fun for the entire family, involving not only the game itself, but also other entertainment, and perhaps a cherished keepsake to take home as a memento of the evening.

"We're going to continue to offer great family entertainment, and our prices are going to stay the same," Hoppel said. "We expect a fun year. We're going to have a lot of our fun events, like the air shows and the Fourth of July celebration. And a lot of our giveaway nights — bat nights, glove nights, jerseys, T-shirts. We're going to bring back a couple of the Dallas Cowboys; that's been real popular. And we'll bring in the Famous Chicken."

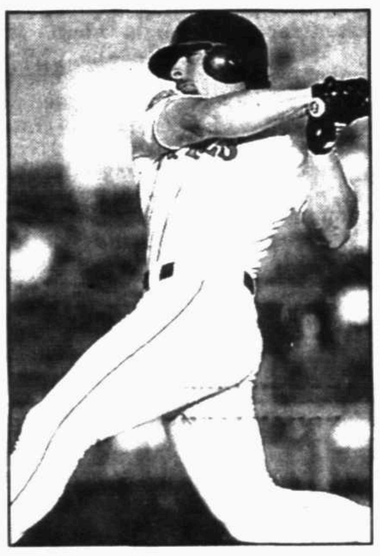


Photo by Brian Adamcik

And also some new promotions.

"We'll be giving away Midland Angels clocks this time," Hoppel said. "Another new promotion is helmet night. We'll probably do a World Wrestling Federation match or two after the game; that will be something new."

The Angels also will be at work on the field as well.

"One of the main things for us, our goal is to put a good team on the field with the help of the Anaheim Angels (the Midland team's parent organization.) Like I said, we have been struggling a little on the field. And we still manage to have good attendance."

Which is good not only for the Angels baseball team, but for the community as a whole because a visit to Midland for a baseball game involves more than just the admission ticket and a bag of peanuts for those who make the trip.

"My feeling is they're doing more than that," said Bruce Partain of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "They have, I think, 15 different community nights. On Hobbs night one year, they had 1,000 people come in, and the total for all those nights is like 10,000 people.

"And my feeling is they're going to do more than just go to the game. Even if they don't stay overnight, they're still going to go to a restaurant, do a little shopping, fill up the gas tank."

Partain explained that the Angels represent an opportunity for entertainment and recreation that one doesn't find in smaller towns — or in some larger cities, for that matter.

"I don't think people in Midland take them for granted, but they may not realize how unique the Angels are for Midland," Partain said. "We are, I think, the smallest community in the United States with a double-A team. There are cities much larger than us that would be delighted to have a team like the Angels.

"I know that Austin's been trying to recruit a triple-A team, for example. So we consider the Angels to be a very high-visibility, high-quality factor of life in Midland."

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