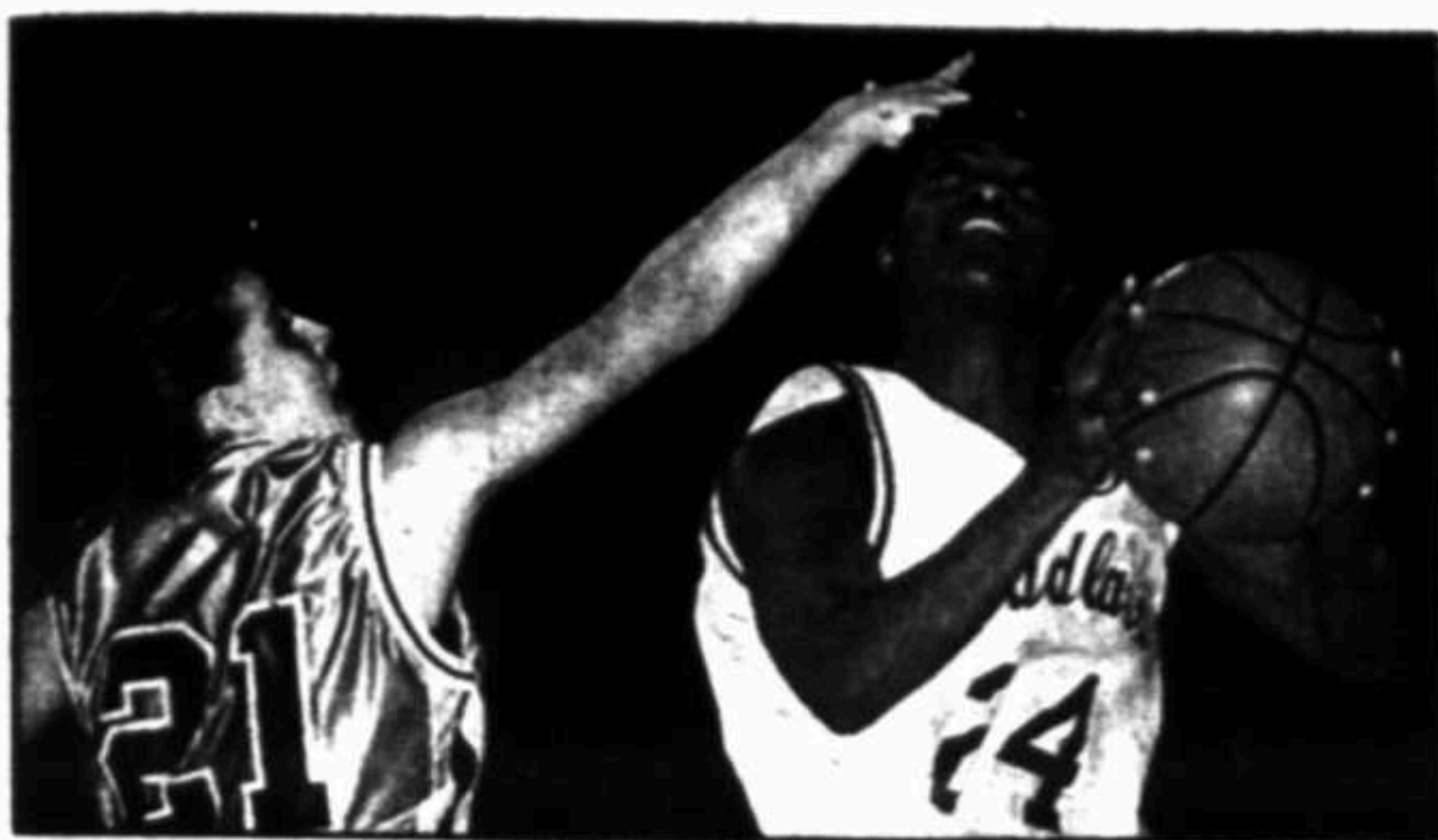




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Sports

Tourney bound

MC women's basketball showed that it has grown with a thrilling 75-74 overtime win over No. 2 Grayson County in the Region V Tournament championship game Saturday. The No. 4 Lady Chaparrals will be making their first ever appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament. 1C

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1930, consideration began in the Texas House on a bill "to place pipe lines and crude oil storage facilities under regulation of the railroad commission."



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AP Photo

Jones injured

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Country singer George Jones was in critical condition Saturday after he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home. It took rescuers about two hours to free him following the accident. Story page 11A

Culture war

WASHINGTON — There's a "war" going on in this country, but most people may not notice. It's about whether absolute right and wrong exist and whether Americans can even tell the difference. In the midst of prosperity, some thinkers see a decline in things money cannot buy — values, morals and old truths. Story page 11A

Sweepstakes

WASHINGTON — The sweepstakes "performance review" sent to Mr. R. Miller is marked "personal & confidential" and includes details on a \$1 million drawing. The material rates how well Miller did such things as filling out Publishers Clearing House entry forms and how he can upgrade his status by making purchases. State regulators says people are being duped by such personal appeals. Story page 12A

Myra Salcedo:

It's probably going to take an Aggie to find my medical TOE.

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Dreams of a repeat end in OT



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High School's Chris Oldham drops to his knees in prayer Saturday as the final minutes of MHS heartbreaking loss to Duncanville tick away. The Bulldogs, who lost 84-82, were attempting to repeat as state champions.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The "Dream Game" between the top two ranked high school basketball teams turned into a haunting nightmare for the Midland High Bulldogs at Chaparral Center Saturday.

Duncanville scored a basket in the last five seconds of overtime to end Midland High's quest of repeating a state championship. Instead, the Panthers are headed to Austin this year after losing to MHS in this same Region 1-5A tournament a year ago.

And the "Dream Game" was much like one of those dreams where you run as fast as you can, but you can't seem to cover any ground. That was much the case for Midland High, which fell behind by 21 points in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs, however, almost pulled off the comeback of Region 1 history, knotting the game at 76 in regulation, only to lose in the last five seconds on a basket by Duncanville's Roosevelt Brown.

Naturally, it was a stinging loss for the Bulldogs, who entertained high hopes of repeating as state champions.

Full sports coverage/1C

"This was the last game for our seniors at Chaparral Center, but even in a loss, it was a great way to go out," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "They could have quit, but these guys would never do anything like that. This is a very special group."

It was also the end of the MHS era of Charles Tatum and Jay Christian. Tatum will be headed to the University of Arkansas next fall while Christian is off to Rice.

Undoubtedly those two will join the ranks of former MHS legends Gary Brewster, Ronald Taylor and just departed Kirby Lemons.

"Those two will be remembered forever around here," said MHS assistant coach Craig Raughton. "And I think everyone will remember this game. It was an incredible experience."

Despite the amazing comeback bid against the No. 1 ranked team in the state, the loss hurt and cut deep.

"Coach (Stephenson) always tells the Please see MHS/4A

Raised in our own backyard

Bush candidacy might provide psychological boost to Midland

By Gary Ott
City Editor

In academic terms it is known as the "social identity theory." And, according to Dr. Robert Bartsch, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, it works like this: "People get a great deal of their self-esteem from the groups they belong to."

If that is true, Bartsch added, then Gov. George W. Bush's long-anticipated bid for the White House — which moves one step closer to reality on Monday when he files papers establishing an exploratory committee — just might provide Midlanders with a much-needed "shot in the arm" ... at least psychologically.

"Since he (Bush) is so closely identified with Midland, many local residents consider him 'one of us,'" Bartsch said. "As a result, if he were to get elected president it would increase the community's self-esteem."

Others agreed.

"It would definitely provide a boost, especially during

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Native Midlander Laura Bush values her West Texas upbringing, says mom

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Jenna Welch avoids interviews. Her reason is one born of common sense and practicality: She feels so close to her daughter, Laura Bush, first lady of Texas, and her daughter's family, she believes she can't talk objectively about them.

Then came a request that her proper upbringing, fueled by her kind nature, had difficulty mustering the heart to refuse. A longtime family friend asked her to set aside her reservations just this once. When she agreed, she suggested a simple ground rule: no formal interview. The questions and answers would fall instead inside an informal conversation between friends.

Nowadays, the question in many people's minds when it comes to Gov. George W. Bush is will he or won't he make a bid for the Republican presidential ticket in 2000. Although the ties of family place Jenna Welch closer to the principals than most people, she doesn't have an answer. What she does know is that if he decides

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Photos courtesy of the Welch family

ABOVE: Jenna Welch took this picture of son-in-law and daughter, George and Laura Bush, in the backyard of their home on Golf Course Road in 1980. LEFT: Harold Welch, his daughter, Laura, and the family pet, Bully, sit on the porch in front of Jenna Welch's parents' home outside El Paso in the late 1940s. FAR LEFT: Jenna and Harold Welch and their granddaughters, from left, Barbara and Jenna, take a moment to pose for this shot during a 1987 trip to Disney World. Laura and George Bush were also on the trip.

West Texas roots run deep for former oilman

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Gov. George W. Bush may have a New England breeding and education, but his ways and his values are pure Texas oilman.

A product of the Midland public school system, the former tobacco-chewing oilman with a Harvard MBA is a curious mix of Ivy League scholar and good ole boy.

But to the Bush family, cultural contrast is as normal as running for president. The governor is no less a contradiction than his father, former President George Bush, another Yale graduate who is known for his love of country music and pig skins soaked with Tabasco sauce. Once on the presidential campaign trail, a reporter tried to paint him as an Ivy Leaguer, but was told in no uncertain terms by the candidate that he was a Texan with New England roots.

For Gov. George W. Bush, who came to Midland at the age of 2, his roots are in West Texas. According to those who knew him best, his entry into the oil business in Midland was not, as some have suggested, because his daddy went around opening doors, and connecting him with money, but because it was his heritage.

Around Midland it is hard to find many who will say anything but that George W. Bush was a smart, hard-working Texas oilman, who paid his own dues.

"I grew up in the oil business, and I understand the people and hard work that make it a success. My family came to West Texas in 1948. I know what it's like to 'sit on a well' all night," Bush said in a 1996 interview for a special oil section that appeared in the Reporter-Telegram and Houston Chronicle.

After graduating from Harvard Business School and flying jets, Bush said he returned to Midland in 1975 at the urging of family friends, Jimmy Allison and Martin Allday. Intending to go into the oil business, he took up residence in a garage apartment, and went to work with several landmen around Midland to learn the art of buying and selling oil and gas leases.

"I was 29, didn't have a job, nor any specific plans for the future. Yet, it immediately became crystal clear to me that I should be in Midland and in the oil business. I was energized by the entrepreneurial environment of Midland and the times," he said in the 1996 interview.

He paid his dues in the oil fields and court houses of West Texas until 1982 when he formed his own company, Arbusto Energy (arbusto is bush in Spanish) and set about buying leases, generating prospects and selling drilling prospects.

Jim McAnich, a petroleum engineer and one of the first employees of Arbusto, recalls that exploration success rates of the new company were about consistent with industry averages. "We had a good team. We had a geologist, Mark Owen. I was the drilling and production engineer, and George ran the business end, putting together the land deals and finances. As I recall, except for one very rank wildcat near Rankin, we plugged very few wells," McAnich said.

He said the new oil company had some fairly good drilling success in New Mexico, drilling nine successful oil wells and one gas well. "George was a bonafide oilman. He didn't make it by being the vice president's son."

McAnich said Bush had the ability to understand the working oil field, including downhole

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All ethnic Albanian factions give pledge to support peace accord

LONDON (AP) — All factions of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have promised to sign a peace plan Sunday to give them autonomy, the Clinton administration said. The pledge, if carried out, would intensify pressure on the Serbs to sign or face NATO airstrikes.

Former Sen. Bob Dole, who negotiated the agreement at the request of President Clinton, told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Saturday he was confident Kosovo's Albanians would follow through.

That would leave the Serbs' refusal to accept NATO's peacekeeping role as the main stumbling block when peace talks resume March 15.

"They promised us they would do it tomorrow," Dole said at a news conference at the U.S. embassy. "They indicated to us many times that they will keep their word."

"That means, from that moment on, the pressure will be on (Yugoslav) President Slobodan Milosevic to do the same," Dole said.

Christopher Hill, the U.S. ambassador to Macedonia and a key negotiator, planned to travel Sunday to Pristina, the provincial capital of Kosovo, to see whether leaders of the Kosovo Liberation Army would approve the peace plan.

KLA guerilla leaders have been holdouts, refusing to end their year-long fight for independence from Serbia, the largest of two remaining Yugoslav states. The population of Kosovo, a Serb province, is 90 percent Albanian.

Jakup Krasniqi, a KLA spokesman, told Dole in two separate telephone calls Friday that leaders of the guerilla army were ready to meet Sunday, when they were expected to approve the plan, Dole said.

"I think they at the KLA understand that they still can have a role in the future of Kosovo, a political future, a police force or whatever," Dole said.

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Kosovo's Albanian political leaders, who saw Dole in Skopje, Macedonia, on Friday agreed in principle to sign during talks at Rambouillet, France. Those negotiations ended inconclusively two weeks ago without Serbian agreement.

Hill was more cautious than Dole, leaving open the chance the KLA might need more time. Dole, too, acknowledged the possibility of a last-minute "glitch."

Still, at their joint news conference, Hill declared, "We expect all the groups represented on that (Rambouillet) delegation will agree."

Also optimistic was British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook. After speaking with Albright, he said he welcomed the movement and support for the accord, opening "the way to progress in the next round of talks."

The KLA would have to disarm under NATO's protective watch, which is the most difficult concession, Dole said. Serb military troops and police also must withdraw.

Dole and Hill did not meet with Hashim Thaqi, a senior KLA commander who headed the ethnic Albanians negotiating team at Rambouillet, because they could not find him. But they said other KLA leaders could approve the deal.

Serb atrocities in quelling the rebellion, during which some 2,000 people have died, have led to joint peacemaking efforts by the United States, Britain, Russia, Germany, France and Italy.

If the ethnic Albanians sign the accord, attention would shift to getting Serb agreement.

The Serbs face the threat of NATO airstrikes if they refuse and if they continue a military buildup.

So far, the Serbs have accepted most of the political aspects of the peace plan to give broad self-rule to Kosovo for the next three years;

the province's future would be decided later.

But Milosevic has rejected allowing a 30,000-member, NATO-led peacekeeping force to police the deal. The force would include 4,000 Americans.

"This is a package and a NATO-led force is part of the package," Hill said. "Once we get the Alba-

nians on board we will work very hard to get the Serbs on board. ... We think the Serbs can be brought around."

European diplomats and possibly U.S. diplomat Richard Holbrooke are expected to travel to Belgrade for tough talks this week to overcome Milosevic's objections.

Meanwhile, Albright and Dole met with Gen. Wesley Clark, supreme allied commander of NATO, to discuss plans for both peacekeeping and for airstrikes.

Albright made an unscheduled stop in London on her way home from a weeklong Asian trip in order to assess the situation.

She has not decided whether to

participate in the March 15 talks, also set for France.

If the KLA leaders back away from their promise to Dole, it would be a near repeat of Rambouillet when Albright thought she had agreement from the political ethnic Albanians, but ended up leaving without a firm deal.

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Angry residents of ski resort feel betrayed by the United States

CAVALESE, Italy (AP) — The people of this Alpine hamlet expected more from the United States than the shiny new gondola that ominously detours around the spot where 20 people plunged to their deaths last year.

Most of all, they wanted the truth about why a Marine pilot flew so low and so fast through their valley. But now that Capt. Richard Ashby has been acquitted, they feel angry and betrayed.

"The biggest offense is that the United States is telling us that no one is to blame for the deaths of 20 people," said Anna Vanzo, the 19-year-old daughter of the gondola operator who died.

"I didn't care whether Ashby got 200 years in prison or two, but I wanted to hear the truth," Vanzo said. "Someone killed those people."

The gondola had just begun its ascent when Ashby's EA-6B Prowler swooped into the valley on a training flight on Feb. 3, 1998, and severed the cable with its wing.

Everyone from Cavalese's baker to its newspaper vendor expressed outrage at Thursday's verdict in a U.S. military court.

The president of the regional council, Lorenzo Dellai, called it a "punch in the stomach." The town council said it would look for a way to appeal the verdict.

"You've killed them a second time," blared Saturday's headline in the local paper.

In addition to Vanzo, two other Italians died, along with a Polish mother and son, seven German friends, five Belgians, two Austrians and a Dutch student.

A military jury at Camp Lejeune, N.C., acquitted Ashby of 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter. He still faces an obstruction of justice charge.

Prosecutors alleged that Ashby, 31, was flying too fast and too low. The cable was severed less than 400 feet from the ground. The defense blamed faulty equipment and a map that didn't show the ski lift.

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Extremists U.S.

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia (AP) — Officials threaten to stop carrying out hard-liners' calls to resist rulings that left of Bosnia in police.

Extremists also after U.S. peacekeepers killed a local police officer, a group chasins them with clubs.

"American boys, don't be afraid," the Serbs said in condemnation of the night shooting in Bosnia.

The recent turn of events Friday, officials aiming to end the racy and peacekeeping struggle with bloody ethnic war.

Since the Dayton agreement ended the war, Bosnia has been a Serb Republic, a Croat Federation, governed by a political system of international officials, imposing de facto leaders are under the control of the Dayton agreement.

On Saturday, stones at international observers' cars of several rallies in the first of the war.

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Under the Dayton agreement, ethnic groups: Serbs, Muslims, and Croats.

A second decision by the Serb Republic's president Nikola Popovic to remove the Bosnian prime minister, Dodik, and day that he was removed from the Serb officials.

Several — including Serbs' membership in the presidency and all 11 of the makers — announced they would suspend their duties.

Violence began when U.S. peacekeepers were confronted near the Tuzla in Bosnian territory, according to accounts.

Four armed men at a restaurant in U.S. troops were coordinating support, and their table with bottles.

Punched, shoved, and threatened, the men were taken to a police station.

The men were released after a few hours, but the incident has caused a major diplomatic row.

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Extremists vow revenge against U.S. peacekeepers in Bosnia

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Top Bosnian Serb officials threatened Saturday to stop carrying out their duties and hard-liners called on fellow countrymen to resist two international rulings that left the Serb-run half of Bosnia in political crisis.

Extremists also vowed revenge after U.S. peacekeepers shot and killed a local party official among a group chasing and attacking them with clubs.

"American bandits... will pay dearly," the Serb Radical Party said in condemning the Friday night shooting in northern Bosnia.

The recent turmoil followed two rulings Friday by international officials aiming to instill democracy and peace in Bosnia, still struggling with the legacy of a bloody ethnic war.

Since the Dayton peace agreement ended the 1992-95 war, Bosnia has been divided between a Serb Republic and the Muslim-Croat Federation. The country is governed by a complex, ethnic-based political system, with senior international official Carlos Westendorp wielding overriding power, imposing decisions when elected leaders are unable to agree.

On Saturday, protesters threw stones at international military observers' cars during at least one of several rallies across the region.

The first of Friday's rulings concerned the key northern river port of Brcko, which the Serbs ran after the war under international supervision until a ruling could be made on its status. That decision came Friday, placing the town under the control of all Bosnia's ethnic groups: Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

A second decision dismissed the Serb Republic's hard-line President Nikola Poplasen for trying to remove the Bosnian Serb pro-Western prime minister, Milorad Dodik. Dodik announced later Friday that he was resigning because of the Brcko decision.

Serb officials pledged defiance and several — including the Bosnian Serbs' member on the joint federal presidency, Zivko Radisic, and all 11 of their federal lawmakers — announced steps to either suspend their duties or quit.

Violence began Friday night, when U.S. peacekeepers were confronted near their Eagle Base in Tuzla in Bosnian Serb-controlled territory, according to a NATO account.

Four armed assailants entered a restaurant in Ugljevik where the troops were coordinating humanitarian support, and began striking their table with clubs and smashing bottles.

Punched, shoved and chased by

other protesters outside, the soldiers were headed for their vehicles when one soldier was hit in the back with a club. The attacker continued to advance with a club, and the soldier shot him twice with a pistol, the statement said.

The victim was later identified as Krsto Micic, vice president of the hard-line Bosnian Serb Radical Party in the town.

His party issued a statement in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade saying "bloodthirsty American criminals and terrorists" shot Micic "in cold blood," and vowing revenge.

About 6,900 U.S. troops are serving in Bosnia as a part of the 32,000-strong multinational contingent.

NATO peacekeepers were on the alert as they patrolled Brcko in greater numbers Saturday, but no unrest was reported there. Several hundred people carried out a peaceful protest, holding banners, singing the Bosnian Serb anthem and shouting, "We won't give Poplasen away."

Supporters of the dismissed hard-line president, Poplasen, who is a Radical Party member, distributed leaflets in Banja Luka calling on residents to "rise up against fascism and Westendorp."

Westendorp and other international officials met late Saturday with Dodik and Radisic in talks held for security reasons at a military base near Banja Luka.



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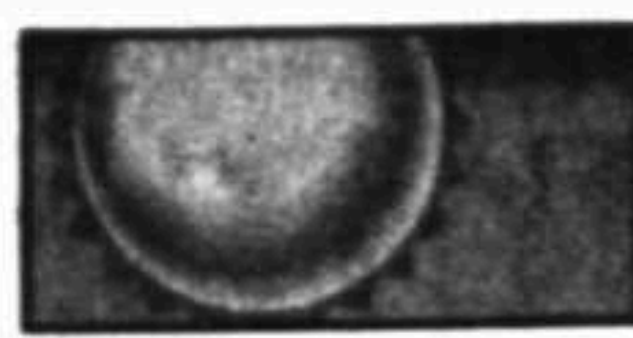
3-day forecast



Today
Mostly cloudy
High 68
Low 42



Monday
Partly cloudy
High 66
Low 44



Tuesday
Mostly sunny
High 77
Low 35

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and windy with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. The high should be in the upper 60s and gusty southeasterly winds will blow at 20-30 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a low in the lower 40s.

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

After an overnight low of 37, Saturday's high reached 63, compared to the record high for that date of 90 set in 1946. The record low of 15 was set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 0.33 in.
Normal total yr to date 1.12 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 63
Low 37
Normal high 68
Normal low 37

Pollen count

Trees: Moderate Weeds: Absent
Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Low
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low from 7:00 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Chk
Nashville	54	46	43	cl
New Orleans	81	66	cdy	
New York City	35	25	cdy	
Philadelphia	49	32	21	cl
Phoenix	81	55	rm	
Pittsburgh	39	34	61	cdy
Richmond	65	36	02	cl
St. Louis	35	34	23	cdy
Seattle	78	58	01	cdy
San Antonio	50	30	cdy	
Seattle	58	54	81	cl
Tulsa	57	40	10	cl
Washington, D.C.	78	64	cdy	
W. Palm Beach	57	40	cdy	

MHS: Bulldogs glory days may not be over just yet

(From 1A)

story that losing is worse than dying," Christian said. "When you lose, you have to get up the next day."

"You don't just lose a game at this point. It's the end of everything in your high school career. It just crashes down on you. Still, the crowds we had this weekend were great. They helped us so much. They stayed with us even when we weren't playing well. I'll always be grateful for that."

Christian went out on a high note personally, scoring 28 points and hauling in 19 rebounds, the kind of game Midland has come to expect from him.

Tatum, too, was disappointed with the loss, but was set to move on.

"You get so used to winning that any loss takes you by storm," Tatum said. "It really hurts right now."

"It seems like yesterday that I was only a sophomore and coming into this program. I thought I would never leave here and now it's over. It just shows you how quickly your opportunity passes."

"I know one thing, the seniors are moving on, but the juniors and sophomores on this team will work hard to get ready to bring you guys some more great memories next year. You'll continue to get the same type of play."

Blake Johnston, a junior who has now completed his third season with the Bulldogs and helped ignite the MHS comeback with 18 points, will be back next season. However, he didn't find much solace in that fact.

"This hurts real bad," Johnston said. "I really hurt for those seniors. In fact, I would have given up my senior year for them if we could have won."

Many were talking of this possible matchup since the end of last season. Most figured that the two teams would meet at this stage of the state playoffs.

Duncanville and MHS have played in the Region I tournament for three consecutive years. Duncanville has now won twice and Midland High once.

"We've almost come to expect that we are going to play Midland High in March," McNeely said. "They are a fine team and when you come away with a win, you feel you've done something special."

Raughton hopes the Panthers do well in Austin.

"I hope Duncanville wins the state championship," Raughton said. "They have an excellent team. We really felt we could win another state title if we could get past this game. We knew this would be critical. It was probably one of the best high school games ever played around here."

But the Bulldog glory days may not be over. Johnston, the last member of the Bulldog powerful foursome of Lemons, Christian and Tatum, is back. And other members already are talking of next year.

"We'll go back and work as hard as we can to prepare for next season," said junior Randy Gardner, who had a big role in MHS' comeback bid with 10 points. "We've got to help to get us back to Austin."

It was the third consecutive season that the Bulldogs had won 30 or more games and they still have a state championship as overall payment.

That success has raised expectations and there is still talk of Austin — even in the wake of a living nightmare.

ROOTS: Banker baffled at sight of Bush running down street

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problems and the formation dynamics of production. "Some people have the ability to understand, some don't. George did. It was a good oil company to work for. Working conditions were very relaxed, yet very business-like. There was not a lot of pressure. George wasn't on your back all the time. He hired you to do a job and expected you to do it."

McAnnich, now a consultant, said one of the things that impressed him most about Bush was his total honesty. "He would rather have paid more for something, than to have someone think he cheated them. He instructed me to be 100 percent honest in all company dealings — everything on the table at all times — every deal by the book."

In 1983 Bush changed the name of Arbusto Energy to Bush Exploration, and the next year merged it into Spectrum 7, an oil company backed by Cincinnati investors and headed by Paul Rea, a Midland geologist.

An exploration company formed in 1980, Spectrum 7 was a limited partnership with eastern investors. One of the investors who had been managing the business side of the company eventually became involved with other investments and no longer had time to manage Spectrum 7. It was then that the company decided to look around for someone in Midland to handle the business side of the business.

"We didn't look long," Rea said. "One of the first individuals I introduced to the investors was George Bush. The Cincinnati investors were impressed with Bush and worked out a stock trade that would merge his company into Spectrum 7. George became chairman and I became president."

One of the investors was Bill DeWitte, whose family at one time owned the Cincinnati Reds. That was the start of a new relationship that would later lead Bush into a new career.

Rea said he and Bush enjoyed a very harmonious relationship from



This photograph, shot during George W. Bush's 1978 bid for Congress, was used during the campaign for a postcard that said, "Don't Forget to Vote."

Photo courtesy of the Welch family

1984 to 1986, when Spectrum 7 was merged into Harken Energy. As an oilman Rea describes Bush as a smart deal-maker, with a more than a competent knowledge of geology, land, drilling and finance — a well-educated man with street smarts and common sense. On the personality side, the former business partner describes him as glib, caring, good on his feet, relaxed, easy to be around, outgoing.

"He is probably more outgoing than his father," Rea said.

Mike Conaway, who had been the financial officer for Bush Exploration and Spectrum 7 until 1986, said it was a very tight-knit company. "I have tremendous loyalty for the governor. My first wife, Julie, was ill with cancer for four years and eventually died. George was incredibly supportive of me and my family during that time. To help out, he used to come and take my sons to a basketball game or for an outing."

McAnnich said his daughter would often babysit the Bush twins. "She enjoyed going over there. She enjoyed the kids, and George and Laura were always very good to her."

"George was a very caring person," Rea said. "He was a people person. He knew everyone in Fasken Center, including the parking attendants. When we merged with Harken in 1986, only two of our 15 employees were invited to Dallas. George went around and made calls until he had personally gotten

jobs for the other 13 employees of the company."

Rea said Bush, who usually wore only slacks and shirt and owned only one blue suit that he wore to New York meetings, was a down-to-earth guy.

He tells an interesting story about the one suit.

"He lived at Harvard & D streets, a low area with bad drainage. One time it rained all night and the drainage was full. We were set to catch an early plane to New York for a meeting. George got up early put on his one suit, and promptly drove his old station wagon into the ditch, flooding it out."

The water was so high he could not even get the door open. Bush decided to crawl out the window and wade out of the ditch, but didn't want to ruin his suit. He stripped down to his shorts, held the suit over his head, waded out and ran home to call a cab, he said.

Murray Fasken, a Midland banker, later said he didn't know what was going on when he looked out the window and saw George Bush running down the street in his shorts with his suit over his head.

In recent weeks, Bush has come under fire for his failure to be more vocal in support of Texas' depressed oil industry.

Conaway said that criticism is misdirected.

"George Bush knows what it's like to operate marginal wells in an extreme downturn. In 1985, when oil was nearly \$30 per barrel, we pur-

BOOST: Oil industry rescue hopes may be unrealistic

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these tough economic times," said Ernest Angelo, a former Midland mayor and a longtime Republican leader. "It's sort of like winning those state championships. It creates civic pride."

Midland High School captured the state basketball championship last March while Lee High School won this year's football title.

And like Bartsch, Angelo pointed to Bush's close ties to Midland as a key reason so many local residents still identify with him, even though he has not lived here in more than 10 years.

"You hardly ever read a news story, even in the national press, that doesn't at some point say, 'George W. Bush, a former Midland oilman ...' He's just very closely identified with Midland."

More so even, Angelo said, than his father, former President George Bush, who, like his son, also was a Midland oilman — in his case, in the 1950s — before successfully entering the political arena.

And the reason is simple.

"More people knew the governor when he was here than knew the president," Angelo said. "As a result, he's more closely identified with Midland than his dad ever was."

Still, his mother and father being who they are helps the younger Bush's standing in Midland, County Judge Bill Morrow said. "People who know the Bush family know the quality of people they are. They have integrity and that plays well here. It gives us a feeling of hope."

There is another reason that local residents identify with the governor, according to Mayor Bobby Burns, and that is the fact he chose to come here to begin his business career, just like so many other Midlanders. "We understand why he came here. We understand why he got into the oil business. And to a certain extent, we understand why he left."

Burns also pointed to the unpretentious lifestyle that Bush led while living in Midland. "I remember when his dad was vice president, George W. never wore a coat and tie. He dressed just like everyone else here," Burns said. "And I remember he drove an old tan Buick with a hubcap missing."

It is the current economic downturn that has many Midlanders looking for the psychological boost a presidential bid might provide.

"People here are starving for something to feel good about," Bartsch said. "So any success by Bush could be even more of a rallying point for Midland and the Permian Basin."

For some Midlanders it would be a classic case of "local boy makes good."

"Many of us do consider him a hometown boy," said Win Brown, a former longtime member of the Midland County Commissioners Court.

Indeed, it is that hometown connection — especially his marriage to native Midlander, the former Laura Welch — that is particularly special for many local residents. "I think growing up and living in Midland just reinforced the values both of them were taught by their parents, things like doing

your best, maintaining a high level of integrity and honesty, and accepting your community responsibility," said Jane Wolf, a local Realtor and civic leader. "Midland has important values, especially when it comes to its children. So when someone from here does well it makes us feel proud. There is a sense of civic pride."

Still, not everyone feels the close ties to George W. Bush, especially those residents who are relatively new to Midland.

"I've lived here three years and I haven't sensed an overwhelming identity with him from the community," Bartsch said. "But it will probably grow as he experiences more and more successes. And that should increase the morale in Midland."

But Midland won't likely be alone in that respect.

"About now, I suspect other towns where he has lived are claiming him as one of theirs, too," Bartsch said.

But will there be tangible benefits for Midland? More specifically, as Bush takes to the campaign trail, will he be preaching the woes of the oil industry?

Not likely. The consensus here seems to be that while Bush would bring a better understanding of the oil industry to the national scene, it would be unrealistic — if not naive — to expect him to champion the cause, especially as he seeks votes from around the country.

"You've got to remember that not many states are oil-producers," Brown said. And that means helping the oil industry is not necessarily a popular, or effective, political issue.

So barring an unexpected attempt to focus national attention on sagging oil prices by candidate Bush, Midlanders will have to settle for a mere psychological shot in the arm.

But even that might not be fully appreciated by everyone. "People sometimes don't realize just how important an opportunity this is for Midland," Burns said. "Because his dad, who also had lived here, was president, there are some people here who sort of take all of this for granted, as if it is normal. It's not. It's extremely rare. And it's very special."

The Welches felt blessed that their grandchildren lived here until they were 6, when George and Laura moved to ashington, D.C., to help with his father's presidential campaign.

"We visited them as often as we were invited, which fortunately was several times a year," Mrs. Welch said.

And now, when the possibility exists that the Bushes may have a Washington, D.C., address again, Mrs. Welch isn't concerned that her daughter would have any problems handling the position of first lady.

"She has risen in the past to whatever's expected of her," Mrs. Welch said. "I'm extremely proud of her."

NATIVE: Mrs. Bush sang in children's choir at First United Methodist Church

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to do so, he will "make a good run for it."

There's been speculation recently that the presidency is an office Bush had his eyes on when he ran for governor of Texas. Mrs. Welch disagrees, saying, as have so many of the Bushes friends, "If he had ambitions to do that, then he certainly didn't voice them. I don't think that was his main intention."

Instead, the groundswell of support for him as a candidate in 2000 has encouraged him to consider the idea. "So many people have voiced the opinion that he would be a viable candidate for the presidency," Mrs. Welch said, that Bush allowed: "I'm warming to the idea."

As for her daughter, Mrs. Welch said, "She will do what he decides he wants to do."

As the first lady, her daughter "has been very far-reaching in the things she has done. She's helped raise money for public libraries and speaks often about breast-cancer awareness. She encourages people to volunteer in whatever way they can to help those in need."

Any reservations Mrs. Welch has about the couple moving to Washington, D.C., spring from the distance between Midland and the nation's capital. After all, it's not nearly as close a commute as

Austin. Then again, by the time the White House is ready to greet a new occupant, granddaughters Jenna and Barbara will be in college. Seeing them rates high on her priority list. Mrs. Welch is, above all else, a devoted mother and grandmother who finds delight in spending time with her family.

Laura Bush is very much her mother's daughter.

Born on Nov. 4, 1946, at Western Clinic downtown on Colorado Street, then the only hospital in Midland, Laura Lane Welch immediately captured the hearts of Jenna and her late husband, Harold Welch, whose thoughts were the same as other parents.

"You don't think what's this child going to become," Mrs. Welch said. "You just want your child to grow up healthy."

An avid reader, Mrs. Welch instilled the love of reading in her daughter, who takes "great pride in starting the Austin book festival. She's loved books all her life."

"Laura and I always had wonderful times reading stories together. I read to her as a baby, as a young child, and then later she would read to me. Even when she was in college, when I drove her out to Texas Western one summer, we would take turns reading and driving."

Mrs. Welch devoted her life's energies to creating a happy home

environment for her only child and her husband, a Midland home builder. Their daughter attended the public schools and sang in the children's choir at First United Methodist Church.

"She's proud she grew up in Midland, and she expresses that a lot," Mrs. Welch said. "She went all through school here and feels like she got a good education."

When Mrs. Bush completed her degree in elementary education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, she taught school first in Dallas and then in Houston.

"I knew early on she wanted to be a teacher because as a child she would line up her dolls and play school," Mrs. Welch recalled.

Mrs. Bush received a master's degree in library science from The University of Texas at Austin.

"She worked in the public library in Houston for a while, but she missed school children so much she got a job in Austin as a public school librarian," Mrs. Welch said. "She loved teaching and especially library work because she got to read to the children."

Then love entered her life when she was introduced through mutual friends to George W. Bush. They were both 31 years old, and neither had been married.

"They had a whirlwind, long-distance courtship," Mrs. Welch said. "She was in Austin, and he was here."

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After hurricane, Nicaraguans want Clinton to bring them hope for jobs

POSOLTEGA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguans who lost their homes and families to Hurricane Mitch are grateful for the aid they have received. But many in the devastated area President Clinton will visit Monday fear for the future when charity runs dry.

Melva Esquivel, a 37-year-old mother of seven, feeds mouthfuls of rice to her 4-year-old son. It is the last rice she has.

A pot of beans boils over a fire in front of the plastic tent that has been the family's home since Mitch hit in late October. When the beans are gone, she says, "we'll hope for the help of God."

Esquivel's story is not unusual in Central America, where the hurricane devastated regional economies.

Yet in some ways, Esquivel is among the lucky. Hers is one of 100 families moving into a new neighborhood of windowless, two-room houses built for hurricane victims, and her husband is among several dozen men being paid \$1.30 a day to help finish the project.

Behind the government-funded settlement, Villa Dolores, looms the Casitas Volcano, the site of a massive landslide caused by Mitch on Oct. 30 that killed an estimated 2,000 people. A huge gash remains in the volcano where mud rolled down the slopes after the crater lake at the summit collapsed.

Unlike most in its path, Esquivel's family escaped harm, but their home was swept away.

On Monday, Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will step onto the flattened wasteland of cracked mud and rocks at the base of Casitas.

Later they will visit Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala on a four-day tour of the countries hit hardest by Mitch, which killed more than 9,000 people, left hundreds of thousands homeless and caused billions of dollars in damage.

At Casitas, the Clintons will dedicate a plaque honoring "the souls that were lost here." A few yards away, they will lay flowers at an impression in the ground left by the body of a tiny girl — an uniden-



A young Nicaraguan refugee holds onto her last plate of rice in Villa Dolores, outside of Posoltega, 120 km (75 miles) northwest of Managua, Friday. Her mother Melva Esquivel said that was the last of the donated rice she has to feed her children. President Clinton is expected to visit the site on Monday during a Central American tour.

tified victim of the mudslide.

At the base of the volcano, Francisco Castillo drives a herd of cattle past the remains of a lone, vacant and crumbled farmhouse at the edge of a sea of dried mud that the Clintons will visit.

"It is good that he's coming to see this and feel this," Castillo says. "It's a little sad here because there are no houses now."

Flor, Bety, Victor and Antonio — those were his friends, the 21-year-old man recalls. "These people, they died."

Clinton also will honor the survivors of Hurricane Mitch, meeting privately with a handful of people selected by aid groups and addressing an expected crowd of 5,000 at a primary school in Posoltega, 80 miles northwest of Nicaragua's capital, Managua.

Two women spending the afternoon Friday outside Posoltega's Roman Catholic church said they were thankful for the president's visit. They will go to see him at the school to show their gratitude and, perhaps, to let him know of the economic disaster.

"There are no jobs here," says one of the women, Anastasia Perjo, 58.

Mitch destroyed the crops that were the basis of the rural region's

qualify say they too need help because they have no work and are struggling to feed their children and themselves.

The woman with Berio outside Posoltega's Catholic church, Mariana Sandino, 52, says the ironing and laundry work she normally

does to support her family has dried up because no one can afford to pay her. "Who will help people like us who have nothing to eat?"

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Bahrain's emir dead of heart attack; son assumes power

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The emir of Bahrain, a key Western ally who struggled to subdue unrest from the Persian Gulf island's Shiite Muslim majority, died today after suffering a heart attack in his palace.

Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, 65, collapsed shortly after a morning meeting with visiting Defense Secretary William Cohen, said an Information Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The emir did not show any signs of ill health earlier today, said the official, who added, "He was perfectly normal."

The official Gulf News Agency quoted a palace statement as saying that the emir, who ascended the throne in 1961, died of a heart attack. Sheik Isa's son, Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, quickly assumed the throne.

"I am assuming the rule of Bahrain, relying on God, exerting all the efforts possible to serve our country and our people," Sheik Hamad, 49, said in a statement released by the news agency. He noted he would continue his father's policies.

Thousands of people gathered on streets through which his funeral procession was to pass later today en route to the royal cemetery in Riffa, 12 miles south of Manama, the capital.

Cars carrying dignitaries streamed into Riffa, where thousands more sobbing men and women already had gathered, scattering flowers on the streets in a traditional Islamic funeral custom.

Flags at government buildings were flying at half-staff as an official mourning period — three months for the government sector, five days for the private sector — began.

The transition of power was expected to be smooth because Sheik Hamad has been heavily involved in day-to-day running of the country. The Cabinet met within hours of Sheik Isa's death and recognized Sheik Hamad as emir. Hamad, a graduate of the Sandhurst Military Academy in Britain, has been commander-in-chief of the Bahraini defense forces.

A speeding motorcade had accompanied the ambulance that took the emir to a hospital in Manama.

Following word of his death, Bahrain television began broadcasting recitations from the Koran, the Islamic holy book — a standard practice after the death of a leader in the Muslim world.

Cohen and his entourage originally had intended to cancel a short hop to Saudi Arabia, but later said the trip would go ahead as planned later today.

Bahrain is home to the biggest U.S. naval presence in the region. Sheik Isa offered facilities to the U.S. Navy, discreetly at first because of likely popular resentment against a foreign military



Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, 49, assumed office as the new ruler of the Bahraini emirate following the death of his father Saturday.

AP Photo

presence, then openly during and after the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

He also allowed use of Bahraini airfields by British and American warplanes. After the Gulf War, he traveled to Washington to sign a security pact with the United States.

Sheik Isa is the first monarch to die in the Gulf region in 17 years, since Saudi King Khaled in 1982.

Sheik Isa underwent a medical checkup in the United States in November and was reported in good health. His first major ailment was a heart attack in the months after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, when he traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, for treatment.

Bahrain was the first nation in the Arab world to discover oil and the first to feel the pain of running out. Sheik Isa turned to human resources, making up for the drying reserves by turning the island into an offshore free-banking zone and trade center while introducing a chain of light industries.

Despite being a heavy-handed ruler for decades, he was accessible to his people, allowing them to air grievances and request financial assistance. His only experiment with Western-style democracy came with the election of a national assembly in 1973. He dissolved it two years later and suspended the constitution.

Activists demanded a return of the parliament and a better deal for Shiites, who are clustered in lower-paying jobs and have little political clout. Shiites make up Islam's second-largest sect, after the Sunni sect.

Simmering resentment led to Shiite anti-government violence, including bombings and arson attacks that continue today.

The first Shiite uprising came in 1981, but was quickly quashed by the government. Scores of sus-

pected Shiite activists were arrested. That episode was blamed on Iran's new Islamic fundamentalist revolution. The situation generally was quiet until a renewed outbreak in 1994, which has persisted ever since.

Last month, the trial began for Sheik Abdul-Ameer al-Jamri, a Shiite clergyman and the most prominent voice calling for more political freedom in Bahrain. The

charges against him include spying and inciting unrest against the ruling family.

Although figures are disputed, Shiites are believed to make up 60 percent of the island's half-million citizens. The Al Khalifa ruling dynasty, which adheres to the mainstream Sunni sect of Islam, blames overwhelmingly Shiite Iran for stirring unrest in Bahrain, an accusation Iran denies.

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That doesn't dissuade mothers. "It's going to be a year, a new section," says Cameron, researcher in Bryn Mawr, Pa., who will schedule her in April if she doesn't conceive by then.

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"My husband, he of cool," says Michael, human resources manager, Calif. "To me, I just want a baby."

The first birth captured the imagination of entrepreneurs.

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Some couples want newborns to bear birthdate of the new century

ATLANTA (AP) — The odds oppose them, Y2K computer alarmists warn against it and doctors frown, but some prospective procreators are eyeing the mother of all due dates for their newborns — Jan. 1, 2000.

For would-be parents hoping to have a Y2-Kid on New Year's Day, April 9 is the prime conception date — although experts say it's almost impossible to plan a child's birthdate without major technological intervention.

That doesn't discourage millennial mothers.

"It's going to be all new — a new year, a new section of our lives," says Cameron House, a researcher in Bryan, Texas, who will schedule her artificial insemination at a clinic the second week of April if she and her husband don't conceive by then.

And while some couples want to avoid hospitals next January because they are terrified of the Year 2000 computer bug wreaking havoc, Mrs. House and others are seeking to add the joys of parenthood to their New Year's Day celebrations.

"My husband, he thinks it's kind of cool," says Michelle Ramirez, a human resources manager in Hollister, Calif. "To me, at this point, I just want a baby."

The first births of 2000 have captured the imaginations of couples and entrepreneurs alike.

A San Francisco Web site is selling a \$49.99 Millennium Conception Kit, which includes a fertility guide, ovulation prediction tests, a pregnancy test, massage oil and candles.

A New Zealand company is sponsoring a contest to guess the sex and weight of that nation's first 2000 baby, and a British television network has incurred the wrath of churches with a documentary-style series about couples striving for millennium babies.

Obstetricians aren't thrilled about millennial-baby enthusiasm, especially if women want help hurrying their baby along around midnight Dec. 31. They warn that

uncertainty he foresees with computer systems.

Liz Haddon, 22, who originally wanted a January baby, eventually agreed, in part because she thinks Y2K babies are a fad for many wanting "the attraction of having their 15 minutes of fame."

Not so, says Mrs. House. She sees motherhood as the perfect way to open a new century, one she initially viewed as a frightening milestone in the passage of time.

"I was kind of worried about the whole thing. Then I thought, 'Hey, this is the millennium, the first year, wow,'" she says. "It will just be neat."

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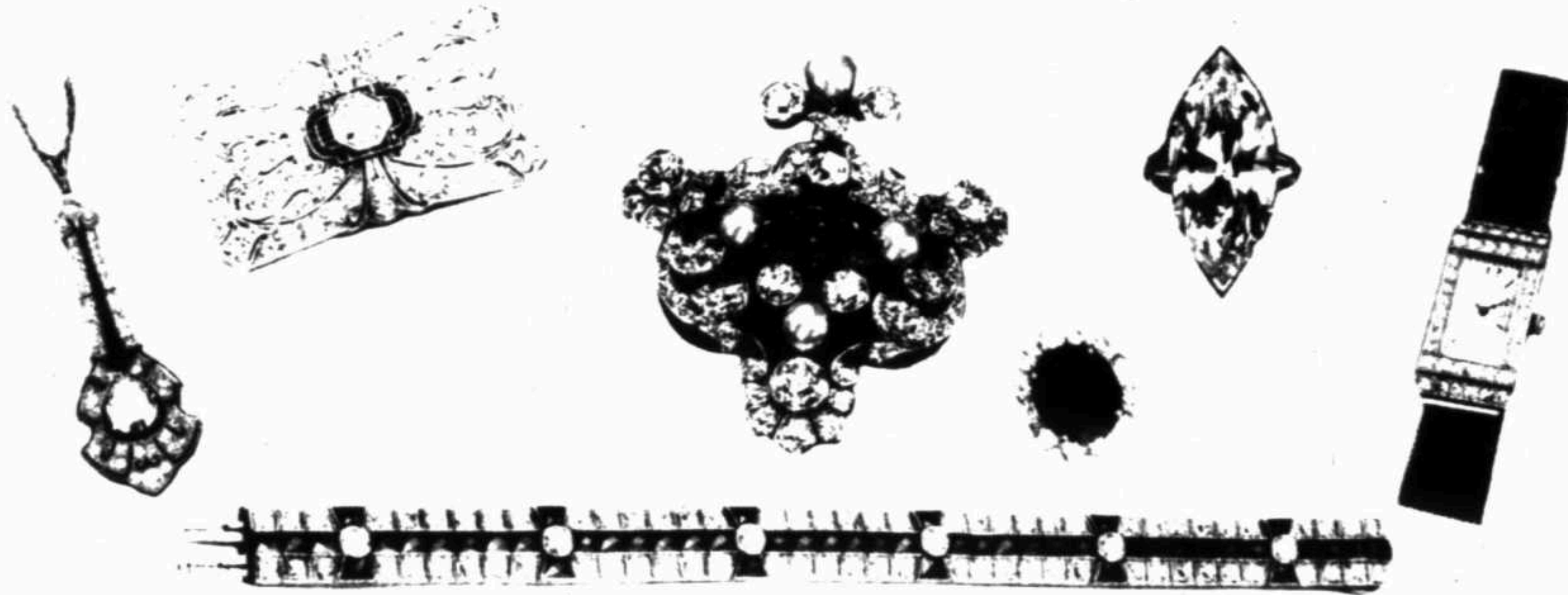
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Atlanta gynecologist

inducing labor increases medical risks and costs. Atlanta gynecologist Mark Perloe, like many doctors, doesn't let patients pick their child's birthday.

"I think people set all kinds of crazy goals, but that doesn't mean that medical science should go out there to meet it," he says. "It's not medically appropriate to do something like that."

Women can schedule in-vitro fertilization and other clinical procedures electively, but that doesn't much improve the chance of birth on a specific day. Caesarean sections can also be elective, as medically warranted, but with Jan. 1, 2000, falling on a Saturday, many doctors will try to avoid the operations that day.

For those who want to try procreation the old-fashioned way, sex results in pregnancy only about 20 percent of the time, Perloe says. Most women's fertility cycles vary, and Perloe predicts "less than a 1 percent chance" of delivering on New Year's Day by having sex early next month.

"And there's a big window of two to three weeks on either side of the due date," he adds.

But none of that deters many from considering the idea, with some going so far as to use fertility drugs to alter their cycles and to locate doctors willing to help them.

However, on several computer bulletin boards that have taken up the topic, many women say the possibility of Y2K computer problems affecting hospitals has changed their minds about spending New Year's Eve in labor.

"I can just see me in the hospital giving birth on Jan. 1, 2000, when all the power goes out!" one woman posted last month.

That thought unnerved Jennifer Nashif of Canton, Mich., enough that she and husband Peter are waiting until May to try to conceive their third child.

"I tend to go overdue," says Mrs. Nashif, 28. "And I do not want to deliver on January first. I'm just a little concerned about what the Y2K computer bug might do to our utilities."

For Roman Catholics, Pope John Paul II has declared 2000 a "jubilee year" to focus on forgiveness, reconciliation, conversion and penance. Mrs. Nashif, a Catholic, says she liked the idea of having a baby on Jan. 1, but "the whole year's a jubilee year."

Tim Haddon, an Athens, Ga., computer technician, dissuaded his wife from having their second baby next winter because of the

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Crop of ideas harvested by Vision 2000

Seeds were sown Thursday evening for a bigger, brighter, more dynamic Midland in the year 2000 and beyond. The 350-plus Midlanders who packed First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center for Midland Vision 2000 gave event organizers what they were looking for: Their unrestricted views of Midland's future.

The seeds sown during the forum were thoughtful, intriguing, even titillating — offering views of a future Midland not in decline as a result of plummeting oil prices but rather blossoming with any number an exciting challenges. A small number of those included:

- A non-profit research center envisioned by Richard Erdlac and managing survey information on water sources and petroleum sites. Erdlac noted: "The data we have in this city is unique. We have it on cotton, cattle and oil ... You can't find anything like this anywhere else on this world."

- A convention center that could accommodate 15,000 people. Such a facility would complement Midland's already established hospitality industry.

- An expanded Midland College offering two years of lower cost college to students who plan to go on later to a complete their degree requirements at another institution, as well as those seeking trade skills.

- A larger library.
- Tourism-related enterprises, aviation-related businesses, an outlet mall and more.

Of course, the point is that the people of Midland have unbounded opportunity to mold, customize and develop this community to the best of their abilities. Midlanders are limited are by their imaginations — and our experience indicates that Midlanders possess awesome imaginations! Most are willing to tackle any project no matter how daunting, take any risk on the off chance they will succeed, and make even the seemingly impossible happen. We are reminded of the can-do attitude exhibited a few years ago when a little 18-month-old girl fell into a water well shaft and was trapped far below ground.

Midlanders didn't throw up their hands and call the task impossible. They got to work, called in the best equipment available, worked around the clock and made the impossible possible.

The Midland Vision 2000 forum was not a way of discounting the seriousness of the current oil price crisis. Rather it was just another way of saying not only does Midland have a future — we will make it happen!

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JACK ANDERSON

Anti-drug campaign benefits public relations firms

WASHINGTON — It seems fitting in today's political climate that one of the most high-profile administration initiatives in recent years will primarily benefit an industry that's hardly in need of government help: Spin-control.

Last month, despite advice from a growing body of experts to just say no, the Office of National Drug Control Policy launched a \$1 billion advertising and public-relations campaign — the most expensive crusade in government history to curb teen-age drug abuse. The linchpin of this campaign will be a series of prime-time TV ads, and the government will provide an estimated \$175 million in matching funds to the print and broadcast media that run them.

"There is every reason to believe that this absolutely will turn around drug abuse by youngsters," boasted retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who heads the ONDCP. "You have to educate them by getting the message on high-profile television time."

The federal government is not the only one using the airwaves to spread the anti-drug message. In 1996, The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a private sector group, consumed \$265 million worth of donated broadcast time and print space.

McCaffrey's campaign comes near the end of a decade that saw teen-age drug experimentation skyrocket before leveling off in 1997. Federal drug-

abuse data show that between 1991 and 1996, first-time use more than doubled for marijuana, quadrupled for heroin, nearly tripled for cocaine and crack and more than doubled for hallucinogens and inhalants.

But so far the main beneficiaries of the media blitz have been the firms overseeing the project. In the first year of the campaign, two public-relations firms, Porter Novelli and Fleishman-Hillard, have taken in \$10 million, and one ad agency, Ogilvy & Mather, has collected nearly \$130 million.

One source close to Fleishman-Hillard told us the firm is expecting to collect \$50 million over the life of the campaign, but ONDCP officials declined to confirm the figure because the contracts must be renewed each year.

What's good for the spinners may not do much to help the kids, unfortunately. Social marketing — or using mainstream marketing techniques to sell societal change — is a relatively new advertising technique. While proponents cite a number of public health victories in developing countries, such as a 32-fold increase in condom use in India, social marketing has been noticeably unsuccessful in the United States. Despite a decade of anti-smoking propaganda, for example, more than 4,000 American teens take up smoking every day.

Many of the foot soldiers in the war on drugs are dismissing the ad campaign as a feel-good way for politicians to look like they're doing something about a problem that nobody's really sure how to solve. And while teens are getting lectured by their televisions, the hard-core addicts who need help the most are having a harder time getting treatment.

In less than a decade, Marti Potter, administrative team leader of the Pathways drug and alcohol treatment program in Maryland, has seen the average stay for an adult in her inpatient drug

treatment program shrink from 28 days to seven. Potter says the shorter stays are the result of hospital policies and shrinking funds, not some amazing new rehab program.

"The admission criteria handed down by the HMOs make accessing appropriate levels of care extremely difficult," Potter diplomatically told our associate Ashley Baker.

Potter's program remains one of the lucky ones, however. At least they're still in business. As funding for the "war on drugs" continues to rise, hundreds of drug and alcohol prevention and rehab programs are shriveling or dying.

"I don't believe (ad campaigns) are effective," said Harvey Oaklander, a licensed clinical psychologist for the Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Arlington, Va. Oaklander has been treating drug addicts since the late 1970s, when penalties for possession and use were far less stringent than today. "The more they make (drugs) forbidden, the more tempting it is. The most effective way (to curb use) is to give community support to families under stress. Kids should have a parent there when they come home," Oaklander says.

Not everyone in the PR industry is optimistic about the campaign either.

"The fact that it's a negative message doesn't stop the desire to investigate," said Pat Jackson, editor of PR Reporter, a public-relations trade publication. "Communication merely puts the ideas or products in people's mind. You need to go one-on-one with the potential drug user, you need parents, you need community."

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



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CAL THOMAS

Monica Lewinsky: The lady is a tramp

Let's begin with some definitions. Tramp: "A woman of loose morals." Slut: "A lewd woman." Lewd: "evil, wicked; sexually unchaste or licentious."

Monica Lewinsky: all of the above.

The two-hour Barbara Walters interview on ABC shows what happens to a life uncontrolled by an immutable moral code. Monica Lewinsky flits from man to man, as she might choose food in a buffet line. She has sex with whomever she pleases, aborting the consequences, whether they be an unborn child or the man's wife, while processing her own "feelings" of poor self-esteem. There is rarely a concern about objective truth because her emotions are her guide. But feelings can never satisfy, and so she never finds what she's searching for, which is real love and contentment.

Lewinsky — coiffed, painted, coached and at times poised — tried to present herself as the girl next door. Only if the house next door is a bordello.

It was clear from the beginning of the interview that this is a self-absorbed kid in a woman's body. Only her pleasure was paramount. If a wife or child got in the way, it was too bad, though she now "regrets" it and is "sorry" (I'm so tired of that overused word which in its present form is exculpatory rather than representing true repentance and contrition). Let the devil take tomorrow. Monica needs help making it through her never-ending night.

Phone sex is "fun," Barbara. She seemed to imply Walters should try it. Tee-hee!

This wasn't an affair to remember. It was a series of "quickies" designed to sexually satisfy the president and, Lewinsky said, her. It required nothing else. For the first half-dozen encounters he didn't even know her name.



Thomas

She says he gave her "hope" that he'd leave Hillary for her. That's one of the oldest lines a married man uses to get a woman to submit to his sexual come-on. But perhaps, like the president, she also believes in a place called Hope.

One searches in vain for a temptation Bill Clinton led himself into where he sought and received deliverance. No wonder he can sing "We shall overcome" with the best of them.

In her book, Lewinsky said the president confessed to her that he's been a serial liar since he was a small boy. This is not news.

Barbara Ledeon of the Independent Women's Forum told me, "A normal man does not do this." Apparently it was Monica's idea of normal. Exposing her thigh underwear was "a dance," she chirped. Dirty dancing, perhaps. He's a "good kisser," she told us. They were "sexual soul mates," according to her. Unredeemed souls. He was "sweet about my weight," asking if she had lost some. What she, and he, had lost were their minds.

Other Lewinsky insights into the president included: "I don't think the relationship hurt the job he was doing or I was doing." It just dishonored his office and marriage vows. Aren't they part of "the job" of any leader?

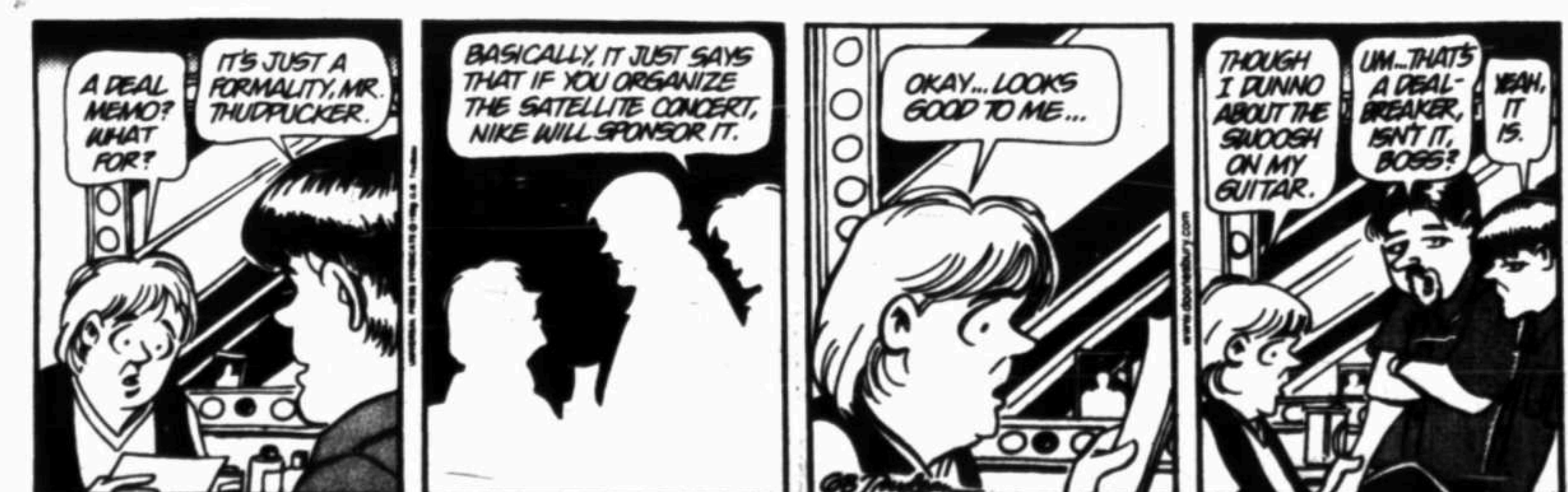
"It's difficult to be president of the United States," intoned Monica the historian. "Sometimes you need a piece of normalcy." If Lewinsky considers what she did in the White House a piece of normalcy, God help us all.

This entire episode is Fantasy Island run amok. Expect Lewinsky to soon have her own cable television show with guests who will show up because they also need to sacrifice themselves to the celebrity gods.

A newspaper reporter once asked Xavier Hollander, "The Happy Hooker," the difference between what she did and what the reporter's mother used to call a tramp. That's the one question I wish Barbara Walters had asked Monica Lewinsky.

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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GEORGE WILL

Watch it: Campaign finance reformers are on the loose again

WASHINGTON — A wit once said the State Department is like tundra in that anything you do to it improves it. That is the way reformers regard existing campaign finance practices. They believe this even after two decades of reforms have made matters worse, which proves there is no Everest of evidence too large to be ignored by reformers.

They began 25 years ago by limiting the amount of spending by candidates and the size of "hard money" contributions made directly to candidates. The Supreme Court declared most expenditure limits (those on congressional candidates) to be unconstitutional limits on political speech. However the Court incoherently sustained limits on contributions as necessary "to prevent corruption or the appearance thereof."

This abridged the right of contributors to associate themselves with candidates and to express themselves politically. It also effectively limited the ability of candidates to disseminate their political positions.

Limits on giving have made an artificial scarcity of something amazingly abundant in America — money. Limits have compelled candidates to spend most of their time raising money. Limits are incentives for candidates to seek maximum bang from each (artificially scarce) buck, through negative advertising. Are reformers happy with their handiwork? Not exactly. Are they chastened? Hardly.

Responding to the reformers' amendment of the First Amendment, Americans increased their giving of "soft money" to parties for "party-building" activities. These involve voter registration and dissemination of political positions congruent with this scandalous reformers — the parties' candidates.

The Supreme Court upheld limits on "hard" money contributions in part because of the "soft" money alternative for political expression.

Common Cause, the reformers' den mother (it favors full taxpayer funding of all federal elections), is getting the vapors because in the 1997-98 election cycle the two parties' national committees raised \$193.2 million in soft money, more than double what they raised in the preceding two-year presidential cycle. Think of that: The parties combined raised almost 50 cents a year for every eligible voter.

Worse yet, in the estimation of reformers, citizens are using another, unregulated means of butting in on the nation's political conversation — "issue advocacy." "Issue advocacy" involves expenditures by groups like the Sierra Club, National Rifle Association, and hundreds more. The dreadful (in reformers' eyes) aspect of this is that these groups' spending for political speech is — are you sitting down? — independent of government regulation.

Dogged reformers are now preparing another assault on the First Amendment, which they read the way determined sinners read the Ten Commandments, looking for loopholes. For example, 116 House members are sponsoring a bill that would prohibit, among other things, some basic party activities, such as voter registration, within 120 days of a federal election — just when people are actually somewhat interested in politics. However, courts continue to frustrate reformers.

The Supreme Court will revisit the issue of the constitutionality of limits on contributions to candidates. It will review a Missouri case in which a federal court declared unconstitutional state limits (ranging from \$275 to \$1,075, depending on the size of the constituency) on contributions.

A federal court has held that Missouri did not demonstrate a "compelling need" for such legislation by producing evidence of real or apparent corruption. The court poured cold water on the idea that no evidence is needed because the appearance of corruption is inherent in large contributions. And the court said that the size of Missouri's limits impede effective advocacy by candidates.

Faster than reformers can concoct new restrictions on political freedom, courts are shredding the reformers' prior restrictions. Someone fetch smelling salts for Common Cause.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 7, the 66th day of 1999. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

On this date:

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Ciboure, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

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By Karen Nich

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LETTERS

Drivers need to slow down, pay attention

Your editorial urging the love and compassion of Midlanders in the wake of the recent fatal collision in which several persons were killed was compelling and touched the hearts of our family.

Our father, Gerald K. Anderson, died in a Midland automobile collision Dec. 22, 1998. He was killed at the intersection of Ward and Wadley while returning with the groceries for our family's Christmas dinner. The police report cited the other driver as running the red light.

Many concerned Midlanders made it possible for us to deal with the shock of his untimely and tragic death. Specifically, Ms. Sheila McCright, along with her daughter Natalie, braved the 18-degree weather to render aid to our father until the paramedics arrived.

The educational campaign, "Red-For-a-Reason" is a good beginning in improving local driver safety. However, until it is enforced through tough prosecution and punishment, the community will continue to suffer these tragic traffic fatalities involving innocent victims. Just last week, a Midland grand jury no-billed the other driver in our father's death.

Please encourage Midlanders to slow down and pay attention to their driving as a symbol of their love and compassion for all victims of fatal traffic collisions and their families.

Janet E. Anderson
Houston

American traditions worthy of respect

A young Hispanic Greenwood Independent School District youth is being manipulated by a most unlikely source: his father. Stanley Diaz Jr. has developed a mustache that is prohibited by the district's policy on facial hair. His father claims that Hispanic culture recognizes 15 as the age of maturity and shaving before that violates a family tradition. Diaz since has removed his son Stanley (who by all accounts is a good kid and student) from the Greenwood ISD.

Private family traditions rooted in cultural definitions of age are entirely irrelevant in American public institutions. America also has a heritage and cultural traditions that are worthy of respect. The Greenwood ISD school board was elected to make and enforce the rules of the district. That electoral-representative arrangement is in keeping with one of the oldest traditions of American culture. It should not be undermined by every minority with some vague claim of cultural insensitivity.

People like Pat DeAnda and other blatherskites will probably write back to accuse me of misspelling my name and selling out my Hispanic culture. The truth is I am defending my American culture as an American. Mexico's proximity means many of its traditions are constantly reinforced in the U.S., but they should not trump American cultural standards.

If Diaz Sr. wants to have a traditional Hispanic home that is his business. However, if he wants his

child to have family traditions and Hispanic culture prevalent in public institutions, he needs to get on I-10 West, hook a left in El Paso and move to Mexico. Of course, he better watch out for the thousands of Mexicans who daily risk life, limb, incarceration and deportation to live under an American flag and all of our repressive laws regarding facial hair.

Jason M. Dias
Odessa

We blame all but person responsible

I am not surprised by the Henkel jury's verdict, but I am sickened the case went to trial at all. I do think the Henkels are partially to blame for condoning alcohol consumption by minors. However, the district attorney's office overstepped its bounds.

I have noticed a trend emerging — when the going gets tough, blame someone else and call yourself a victim. When something catastrophic happens, we blame everyone but the person responsible. The prosecuting attorneys have managed to twist our justice system such that many of us are left scratching our heads. Our country has a monumental problem: The justice system allows people to blame everyone else for their problems.

Unfortunately attorneys embrace a "victim mentality" and capitalize on it by prosecuting or suing everyone involved in tragic accidents except the person responsible (i.e. cigarette manufacturers, gun manufacturers, and irresponsible teen-agers who drive drunk). Maybe they should not stop with the Henkels.

What about the sheriff's deputies and the Midland police on duty that night? Why not prosecute them for failing to "serve and protect" our community? Why not prosecute the Texas Department of Public Safety for allowing DeLaO to have a driver's license? Why not prosecute the manufacturer of the vehicle DeLaO was driving or whomever was responsible for placing the "5,600 pound concrete boulder" that he struck on private property? Why not prosecute the companies that produce Jose Cuervo and Budweiser?

And most importantly, why not prosecute DeLaO's parents? Should not they carry some of this prosecutorial weight as the Henkels have? Are they not responsible for their son who was in such a hurry to get to the next party that he killed two people?

I do not want to take away a portion of the blame from the Henkels. They did not stop the kids from drinking and should have been fined like Terry Vigil, who bought her brother the keg. I do want to see the courts force people to take responsibility for their actions. Do we do that only when a person reaches the age of 18 or 21 years?

What that shows the rest of the country, especially our youth, is that as long as you are not 18 you are not responsible for what you do. It seems to me that most of the kids are getting the message. I know Jose DeLaO got it.

Allison Bell Love



We need to remove all doubt about support

All Midlanders should know that Tom Craddick's state severance tax bill (HB 989) is now in committee hearings chaired by Rep. Rene Oliveira (Democrat) of Brownsville. Oliveira has questioned whether the bill has any support. His constituency back in the Rio Grande Valley obviously has not asked for this relief for oil producers. We need to remove all doubt that there is support for this small temporary relief for our oil business. The fax number is (512) 463-8186 for Rep. Oliveira. Let us, "go to it with the best we have."

Gordon Reigle

It's not time for costly pet projects

With our present stagnant economy and every indication that things will get much worse, it is inconceivable that our city leaders are considering proceeding with costly pet projects, as reported in your paper of Feb. 26.

It is absurd that the City Council borrowed \$4,960,000 for its biannual bond allotment to provide working capital the next two years. Even worse is that taxpayers will have to pay \$1,878,000 in interest over the next 15 years!

Because our tax and spend council seems to be devoid of common sense, it makes one wonder if some sort of cynicism is involved in making decisions of this sort. Just where does all this money go — and why?

If the council is actually serious about reducing expenditures, as reported recently in your paper, why don't they eliminate the two biggest boondoggles in town — the annual stipend of about \$225,000 to the Chamber of Commerce in the name of "economic development" and the politically created position of "economic development officer" now occupied by an ex-mayor? These items would save taxpayers over a quarter of a mil-

lion dollars a year.

Thomas H. Dollahite

Animal Control won't let some be adopted

Missing a pet? Particularly a rottweiler, sharpie, chow or pit?

If you are, the first thing you should do is call Animal Control, 1200 Fairgrounds Road in Midland. Perhaps everyone is not aware, respective of how loving, friendly and deserving of life some "individuals" within these breeds are, they, without exception, are put to death if not claimed by their owners. Under no circumstances will Animal Control allow them to be adopted because of potential lawsuits to the city of Midland. I know because I tried desperately to adopt a beautiful, friendly young rott who licked my hand and begged for a home March 1.

I recall TV news coverage on the plight of animals within Animal Control. It was designed to tug at our heartstrings and evoke the natural pity most of us feel toward unwanted animals. We were even subjected to the death by injection of a lovely dog (I can still see his face), but I felt the program was a heartache worth suffering because they encourage prevention of indiscriminate pet breeding and adoption of animals within their facility to save a life.

Your heart was supposed to be touched, but not for the ones unfortunate enough to belong to one of the previously mentioned four breeds. They are collectively worthless with no rights other than automatic death sentence if they enter the doors of Animal Control and are not claimed by their owners. It does not matter if they are babies, excellent disposition, intelligent, obedient, well trained, etc.; they are still "Dead Animals Walking." I do not understand the total discrimination against these breeds, anymore than total discrimination against one race of people.

I do not expect this letter to

change Animal Control's policy. I just hope it will encourage some pet owners to promptly contact that facility because anything less may be too late; and also be vigilant in containing these animals.

The gentle rott that I wanted to love and provide a home for was killed today, March 3. How I wish I could have spared him, but tears work no miracles.

Helen Wilson

Enough time, money spent on Wadley

I have lived in Midland for 25 years and as far back as I can remember, there has been some kind of "improvement project" going on every few years on Wadley Avenue.

Now, I don't know about all the other taxpaying citizens in Midland, but I'm getting just a little bit tired of "improving Wadley," especially when it has continued throughout the years, and to tell you the truth I've seen very little change.

Granted, the water drainage has improved somewhat, but after many so-called improvement projects, one would expect a five-star boulevard. Instead, as I make my daily trek to and from my workplace, I feel as though I've gone cross-country in a covered wagon.

The bumps, the drain covers, the uneven pavement, created from many layers applied by past contractors, all make for a pretty rough trip, not to mention the wear and tear on my car and tires. I've lost hubcaps and even

ruined a tire from a water-covered pothole. All the inconvenience, such as having to use only two lanes for months, the roughness, cars involved in rear end accidents because of backed up traffic, wouldn't be so bad if the problems didn't continue, but they do.

I suggest the city of Midland find a contractor who can do the job right and move on to other areas in Midland that need repairs, and give Wadley and the people who utilize it a break. Enough is enough!

Shirley Perry

Separated recyclables all end up together

The following is a vignette from my life. For several years, I have followed the encouragements of our mayor and various community leaders to understand the necessity of recycling our plastic, paper and cardboard.

On Monday, March 1, at about 8:45 a.m. I dutifully pulled my car up to the recycling bins at Bowie Elementary. I faithfully have collected my recyclables for years and every Monday deposited them in the designated dumpsters.

On this morning, I parked my car at the dumpsters and popped the trunk to dispose of the recyclables. As I left my car, I saw a garbage truck waiting behind me to collect from the bins. I waved at the driver and hurriedly went about the business of throwing my recyclables in the designated dumpsters. Quickly, I threw my paper in the paper dumpster, returned and threw my plastic in the plastic dumpster, and finally threw my cardboard in the cardboard dumpster.

I closed the trunk of my car and hurried to get out of the way of the trash collector. I slowly pulled away from the dumpsters and watched the garbage truck through my rear view mirror. The garbage truck went to the first dumpster and picked it up and emptied it; he went to the second dumpster and emptied it; and he went to the third dumpster and emptied it.

To my amazement, the plastic, paper and cardboard that I had fastidiously separated all week were all commingled by the garbage truck. I drove around the block and returned to the dumpsters after the truck had left. I confirmed that I did, in fact, throw my recyclables in properly marked dumpsters and the dumpsters were now empty.

They sure fooled me. From now on, I will fastidiously commingle my recyclables with the rest of my trash and deposit it all in the dumpster behind my house.

Frank L. Constant

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State Representative: Tom Craddick (R), District 82, 508 W. Wall St., Suite 750, Midland, Texas 79701 or call 682-3000, Fax 684-4864.

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SPEAKING OUT

Schools doing better than ever job of educating everybody

By Karen Nicholson

With a governor who has education as a priority, and with one of the best school accountability systems (Coopers and Lybrand, public school analysis), Texas continues to improve its public schools. Yet a "Speaking Out" article in December of 1998 used information from Wisconsin, New York, and Georgia to infer that all public schools are terrible. I respectfully disagree.

While certainly there is room for improvement (Is anything perfect?), the public schools are doing a lot of things right. Furthermore, we in Midland, Texas, can't do anything about schools in Wisconsin, New York and Georgia; we CAN do things about schools in Midland and in Texas. Those are the statistics in which I'm interested.

The National Education Goals Panel, established by President George Bush in 1990, released a 1997 report concluding that Texas was among only four states to show marked improvement in 12 areas they examined. The respected Rand Corp. claimed that Texas schools educate minority students better than states with similar demographics; they also liked Texas' emphasis on smaller class sizes and developing children's learning abilities at an early age. Texas "has made major course corrections over the past 14 years," says Education Week. SAT scores for MISD students are above the state and national averages; MISD students score above the national averages on

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a nationally normed achievement test. MISD and Texas students continue to improve on the state TAAS test. Does that sound like failing public schools? I think not. Yet people continue to spread the myth that public schools are failing; there are no statistics to support that myth in Midland.

Anecdotal information is often over-generalized. Are there individual incidents of situations that could have been handled better? Certainly. Does that mean the entire system is poor? Certainly not. No system is excellent for every student every minute of every day. Humans, after all, make up the system.

With a senior in high school and another daughter in college, I soon will not be a direct part of the public school system. I still think the public schools are my responsibility. I think every member of society must support public services that are essential for the common good. The police, the Fire Department, and public education are examples of those essential public services, and no public service affects that greater good as much as public

education.

On a purely personal note, my daughters have had an excellent public school education. I hesitate to name names because I would surely leave some out. There were elementary teachers who stretched all students, regardless of their ability, and were kind and giving; the high school physics teacher who made non-science types want to take physics and my daughters, who were inclined to like the subject, love it; the economics teacher who made class so interesting that one daughter encouraged my husband and me to take his course at UTPB; the GEM teachers who respected them and valued their ideas "even though we were only in elementary school"; the English teachers who encouraged creativity and critical thinking in first drafts, but insisted on spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure during the editing process.

Two high school math teachers and a computer science teacher particularly exemplify what all the good teachers reflect, according to my daughter: "They just like being there. They like us. They like and know their subject. They are excited to teach us." I could go on and on. My girls had teachers who know about different learning styles and care about students. Were all of their teachers excellent? No. Were most of them good? Certainly. Were some of them exemplary? Without a doubt.

We expect a lot from our

schools. Since 1920 we have added, among many other responsibilities, nutrition, physical education, school lunch programs, driver education, special education, character education, computer education, early childhood education, HIV/AIDS education, and bicycle education. We hold schools responsible for solving many of the problems of society. We say schools must educate, even if they get little or no support from home. We hold schools accountable even if the children come from such difficult or dysfunctional situations that education is very low on the family's priority list. Educating all students is a very complex issue. Those with simplistic solutions do not understand the problems. Our schools are doing a better job of educating everybody than they ever have.

We no longer educate only the easy to educate—nor should we. Some critics point to the 50's as the good days when schools were better, but dropout rates then were many times what they are today. As with most things, what an individual gets out of the system is related to the effort and the work put into that system.

My daughters have received an outstanding education in the public schools. Part of that is because they worked at it. Part of that is because we value education in our household. Part of that is because there are excellent teachers and programs in the MISD. The public schools are doing a lot of things right.

Bad boys of politics may have to explain past before nominations, elections

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — As impeachment fades to a messy memory, activists in key early states are bracing for another bruising round of fighting over the personal foibles of politicians.

Though polls show most voters do not care, some Republican activists are loathe to forgive even youthful indiscretions.

"There are those who say a leopard can't change his spots," said Chuck Hurley, a leading social conservative and former legislator.

"Is somebody going to push it? Absolutely," said veteran GOP activist Mary Boate. "The questions will be asked."

Iowa's precinct caucuses next February mark the initial high-profile test of the presidential nominating season. The nature of Iowa's caucus system and the nation's political climate in the wake of a year-long battle over presidential sexual misconduct have set the stage for a campaign with a distinctly personal touch.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Arizona Sen. John McCain already have faced questioning. Bush concedes he "did some irresponsible things when I was young and irresponsible," and McCain has admitted to being responsible for the ending of his first marriage.

Both argue those indiscretions happened years ago, and they decline to discuss them further.

Campaign 2000

Recent polls show a majority of Americans, about 60 percent, believe presidential candidates should be held to a higher moral standard than average Americans. But four out of five do not want candidates asked if they ever have committed adultery.

While President Clinton survived, Republicans are campaigning among an electorate likely to be much less tolerant of misbehavior, some argue.

"They are going to have to assume that when they come to Iowa and New Hampshire, they are going to have to explain all that stuff," said Bob Haus, a respected GOP strategist who has signed on with publisher Steve Forbes. "That's the beauty of a small state. The questions get asked."

Exit polling in Iowa in 1996 showed a third of caucus-goers identified with the conservative Christian Coalition and said "conservative values" were the most

important quality in a candidate. Consultant Greg Mueller says the character of the Republican primary electorate will dictate

the tenor. "The Republican Party treats personal behavior differently than Democrats," said Mueller. "We

tend to punish people." There are other views, including that of Chuck Larson, a young Republican legislator who led a

delegation to Austin, Texas, urging Bush to make the race. He said conservatives accept Bush's confessions and do not want details.



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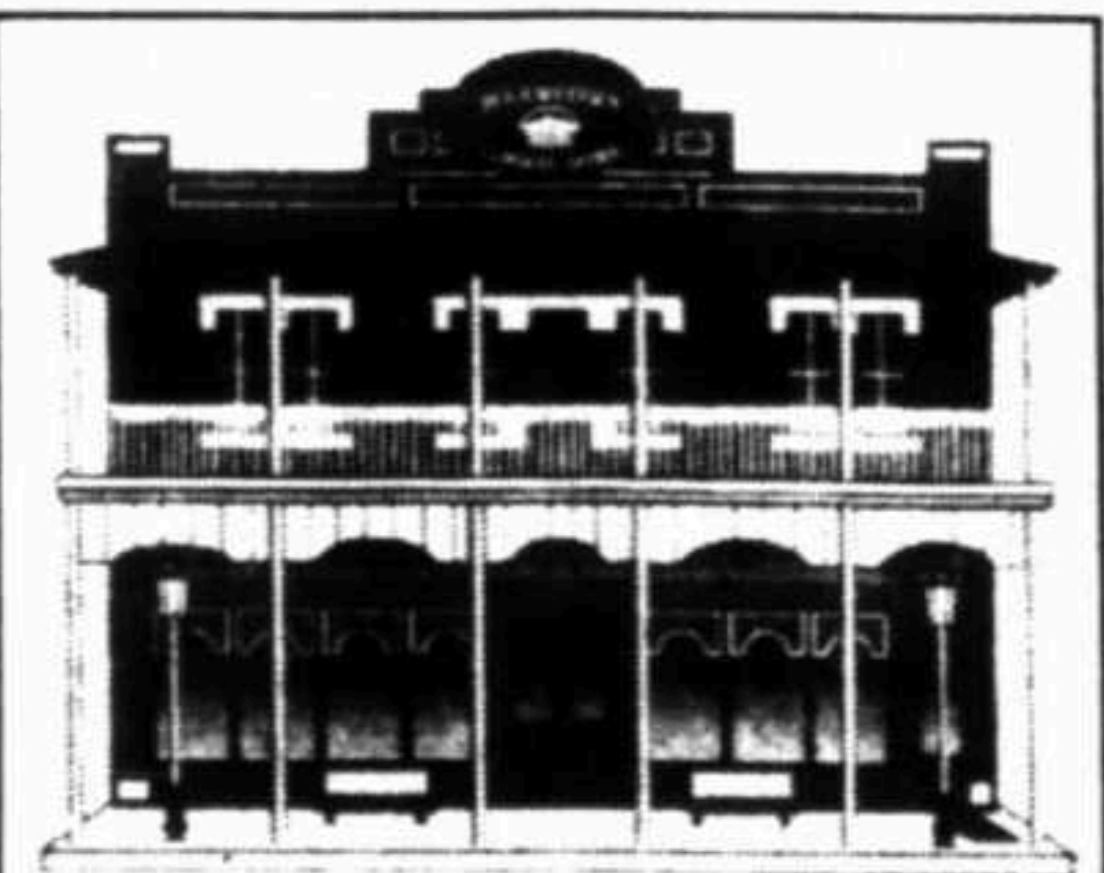
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Question of absolute right or wrong causing culture war in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a "war" going on in this country, but most people may not notice. It's about whether absolute right and wrong exist and whether Americans can even tell the difference.

In the midst of prosperity, some thinkers see a decline in things money cannot buy — values, morals and old truths.

Commentator Pat Buchanan pledged at the onset of his third presidential campaign to "clean up all that pollutes our culture." Another prominent activist from the right, Paul Weyrich, has gone as far as suggesting conservatives separate themselves from U.S. culture — "an ever wider sewer," he called it — because the "enemy" has won.

A president who lied and still leads is held out as an example of cultural decline. So are magazine covers peddling sexual gratification and raunchy TV. Even the move toward turning George Washington's birthday into a generic Presidents Day is cited as a sign of how this country has fallen.

"I wonder if, after this culture war is over that we are engaged in, an America will survive that will be worth fighting to defend," Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, the leading House impeachment prosecutor, told the Senate in his effort to unseat President Clinton.

The culture war is an apocalyptic struggle ranging across the landscape of national life, yet

hardly visible to so many. It takes multiple forms: the constitutional impeachment drama, Hollywood fare, billboard advertising, the teaching of history, behavior on college campuses, Internet content and more.

The question about absolute truth vs. relativism has engaged philosophers since the earliest time: Is truth eternal and unchanging or is it relative, depending on circumstance, time and place?

To the cultural warriors, America is "slouching towards Gomorrah," the biblical city destroyed for the sinfulness of its people. Yet the disquiet is difficult for many to fathom. Most social indicators either are good or improving.

"There is a cultural war among the elite," says Boston College sociologist Alan Wolfe, author of "One Nation After All." "But it doesn't go much farther than that."

Even some of the book titles at the center of the conflict recognize that people are not really with it: William Bennett's anti-Clinton "The Death of Outrage" and Robert Bork's "Slouching Towards Gomorrah."

James Hunter, who popularized the phrase in scholarly circles with his 1980s book "Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define America," agrees the fight mobilizes no more than 10 percent of the population.

But he says that does not diminish its intensity or importance. Elites, after all, shape what is

taught to children, shown on TV, turned into law and resolved in courts.

"Certainly the majority of Americans live their lives fairly removed from these kinds of tensions," he says. "That doesn't mean there's not a culture war."

The culture war is often traced to the 1960s, the decade of protest, free love, beads and bad pants. Some slogans from that time still hold meaning today, among them "Do Your Own Thing."

"Americans are pretty tolerant," says Todd Gitlin, once at the vanguard of the counterculture as president of Students for a Democratic Society. "They have their judgments. They just don't think people should enforce their judgments."

Gitlin, who wrote "The Twilight of Common Dreams: Why America Is Wracked by Culture Wars," concedes the 1960s eroded traditional authority and brought on the "rambunctious relativists" — perhaps the sort of people who later would judge that Clinton should stay in office.

That is how GOP Rep. Tom Delay of Texas, the majority whip, saw the impeachment struggle. He told the House it was "a debate about relativism vs. absolute truth."

Some public opinion research indicates Americans, while more religious than many cultures and hardly freewheeling about sex, are moving toward consensus on many social issues. No seething

cultural conflict is apparent.

Wolfe ticks off areas where he is finding common ground among most Americans.

"Working women," he offers. "That used to be a big fight. Race — we used to have overt and explicit racism. No one questions the principle any more of racial equality. God — we used to have furious battles between Catholics and Protestants."

An August 1998 poll by The Washington Post and the Kaiser Family Foundation found strong majorities supporting both "traditional family values" and the idea that people should be tolerant of those who live by moral standards that they consider wrong.

But for some warriors there remains too much moral equivocation, too much garbage on the tube, too far a drift from the virtues.

Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation, declared that his side has "probably lost the culture war."

He is suggesting conservatives consider such steps as home schooling and getting rid of TV, saying "we have to look at what we can do to separate ourselves from this hostile culture."

Hunter believes that what is driving the cultural war is a distinctively American, "almost irrational, concern for perfection." "There are ways in which we as Americans at the end of the 20th century are just as much Puritans as our Puritan forebears," he said.

"There is this impulse to build a city on a hill and for that to be a bright and shining light, and we won't accept anything short of it."

He says the advocates hold firm to their positions; some argue abortion is murder, while others, on the opposite side, believe in

homosexual marriage.

Stay tuned, he suggests. "Any conflict that is institutionalized in a number of very prominent, well-funded organizations and whose historical and cultural roots go back as far as I think they go back, is not going to go away any time soon," he says.

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Country singer George Jones critically injured in car accident

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer George Jones was in critical condition Saturday after he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home.

Jones, 67, lost control of his Lexus while rounding a curve on Highway 96, a curvy heavily-traveled two-lane road, and hit the bridge abutment, Tennessee Highway Patrol spokeswoman Dana Keeton said.

There was no word on how fast Jones was traveling or whether alcohol was involved. State police said Jones was not wearing a seat belt.

It took rescuers about two hours to free him following the 1:30 p.m. accident, and he was taken by helicopter to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in nearby Nashville.

Hospital spokesman Wayne Wood said Jones was being evaluated by doctors. He said he did not know if the injuries were life-threatening.

Jones, famous for hits like "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and "The Race Is On," is generally con-

sidered one of the finest country singers ever. He was married for six years to the late singer Tammy Wynette. The pair were known as "The King and Queen of Country Music" in the 1970s.

Since 1983, Jones has been married to Nancy Jones, his manager.

Nicknamed "Possum," Jones was born near Saratoga, Texas. At 16, he landed his first job as a musician, being paid \$17.50 a week to play guitar with a husband-and-wife singing team in bars and dance halls.

After two years in the Marines,

he returned to Texas and began a recording career that has spanned 40 years, making him one of country music's top stars.

Jones has battled alcoholism and drug abuse during much of his life. He was given the nickname "No Show Jones" for failing to appear at so many concerts and later recorded a song by that name.

Jones was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1992. That same year, country fans and the media voted "He Stopped Loving Her Today" the most popular

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Jones has been working on a new album for Asylum Records and is also host of "The George Jones Show" on The Nashville Network.

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Sweepstakes industry under assault on several fronts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sweepstakes "performance review" sent to Mr. R. Miller is marked "personal & confidential" and includes details on a \$1 million drawing.

The material rates how well Miller did such things as filling out Publishers Clearing House entry forms and mailing them on time and how he can upgrade his status with the company by making purchases.

State regulators says people are being duped by such personal appeals.

"They're getting you to buy because they make you believe that out of the millions and millions and millions of people who have sent in responses, that you have personally come to their attention," said Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle.

Doyle's state is one of several suing sweepstakes houses over their mailings.

In Miller's case, he earned "exceptional" ratings in every category but one: "Often takes advantage of our Unbeatable Deals."

"Commendable" was his grade there. An attached note tells Miller he qualifies for an upcoming \$1 million drawing, and can upgrade his status with the company by ordering "by the deadline."

The sweepstakes industry is under new scrutiny on several fronts, including Senate legislation that would affect companies such as Publishers Clearing House and American Family Publishers.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, would set fines up to \$2 million for deceptive sales tactics and provide the first federal regulation targeting the sweepstakes industry.

A Senate committee plans hearings next week.

State regulators also are complaining sweepstakes companies target the elderly. Several states have sued the biggest sweepstakes houses, alleging a variety of deceptive practices.

Attorneys general from about half the country met in Indianapolis last month to look at mailings that seem to promise a far greater chance of winning if the consumer buys something.

Under federal law, no purchase is necessary to enter or win a sweepstakes, and industry representatives note there are disclaimers with the You May Already be a Winner promotions.

"You have to give credit to the American people," said Bob Wientzen, president and CEO of the Direct Marketing Association, an industry group. "They do know these sweepstakes use copy that might suggest they might be a winner in a very strong way, but they recognize that's just part of the sweepstakes offer."

Sweepstakes companies keep using high-test language in their mailings because it works, Wientzen said.

"They respond at higher levels when this sort of dream copy is written. Sweepstakes is very much about fantasy and dreaming you could win, and I think people enjoy them."

The industry estimates 70 percent of households toss the mailings without entering a contest or buying any magazine subscriptions or other merchandise.

Of those who do return the envelope, about 75 percent decline to buy anything, said Christopher L. Irving, director of consumer affairs for Publishers Clearing House.

But those who do buy are tar-

geted for additional mailings and additional offers, with what Wisconsin's Doyle calls the clear implication that more purchases means a better chance at winning a prize.

Wisconsin's suit singles out Publishers Clearing House, and Doyle points to a letter signed by Dorothy Addeo, the firm's contest manager.

"My boss dropped into my office the other day, sat down and sighed. What's the story with Norman G. Ziolkowski?" the letter says, noting the name appears on the President's Club Member List, among other places, but not on the Winners List.

"I had my mission, Norman G. Ziolkowski. To make you a winner — and soon," the letter continues. Ziolkowski is guaranteed to win something if he responds to a

forthcoming mailing.

"We have alleged that the boss of the company never walked into Dorothy Addeo's office and sighed and mentioned this person by name," Doyle said. "It's certainly a false and misleading statement."

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Alamo anniversary

SAN ANTONIO — Several hundred people gathered for a memorial and re-enactment Saturday that marked the 163rd anniversary of the siege at the Alamo. A bell tolled 13 times during a solemn ceremony inside the Alamo to honor the Texan soldiers who died on March 6, 1836 while defending the Spanish mission against the Mexican army. Outside on a warm and sunny day, members of the San Antonio Living History Association re-enacted both sides of the conflict. "This being the last observance of this century, let us reflect upon what this date means, what this place means," said Bexar County Judge Cyndi Krier, the keynote speaker at the Alamo memorial service that was organized by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Tookie Dempsey Walthall, president general of the DRT, called the names of the 29 states and nations whose sons fought at the Alamo as flag bearers paid tribute. Afterward, Krier struck a reflective note. "As San Antonians, as the people of Texas and as all Americans pay homage to their spirit, we could ask ourselves: What would we have done? Would we have left our families, would we have crossed the line?" Krier said. "What kind of Texans would you have been. What kind of Texan are you?"

Spring break

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Although many Texas colleges won't start their spring breaks for another week, the police department here already is calling on reserve officers to help with busloads of students expected to converge on south Texas' sunny beaches and other attractions. Thousands of high school and college students are expected in the next few weeks. "We already have our reserves coming in at different times" to help the 24 regular officers, South Padre Island police Lt. Robert Rodriguez said Saturday. On Bolivar Peninsula, the Galveston County Sheriff's Department will have up to 12 additional deputies patrolling the beach next week in addition to extra state troopers and agents with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Typically about 400 people are arrested on the peninsula during spring break, most for minor offenses such as public intoxication, Trocheset said.

Back to death row

AUSTIN — Jurors decided Saturday to send twice-condemned killer David Lee Powell back to death row for fatally shooting an Austin police officer in 1978. Late Friday, jurors were unanimous in their response to the question of whether Powell intended to kill Austin police officer Ralph Abianedo. But they were undecided as to whether Powell remains a threat to society. Judge Tom Blackwell sequestered jurors and ordered them to return in the morning. It took jurors less than an hour on Saturday to sentence Powell to death.

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2,000 urge support to fight low oil prices

■ Concerned Citizens for an Energy Policy organize rally in Santa Fe, N.M., want legislative relief.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

SANTA FE, N.M. — More than 2,000 supporters of the beleaguered oil and gas industry attended a joint meeting of the New Mexico Senate and House Saturday to seek their support in combating the effects of low oil prices.

"We want to make the Legislature aware of our problem and get its support in putting New Mexicans back to work," said Dwayne Taylor, one of the organizers of the Concerned Citizens for an Energy Policy rally, which so far has sponsored rallies in Hobbs and Santa Fe. "We want to send a message to foreign producers to stop 'dumping' on us."

Frank Yates, of Yates Petroleum in Artesia, N.M., said he didn't know how

much good the Santa Fe session would do. "But we showed up, and government is run by those who show up."

Taylor said the plight of the oil industry was beginning to get the attention of farmers and other groups, and that a ground swell of support was developing.

One supporter, Don Smith, of New Home, Texas, a farming community south of Lubbock noted, "Farmers are having the same problem as the oil industry — the global economy. We, too, are being hampered by high production costs and low prices."

Smith said he was seeing a spontaneous outpouring of support among industries being damaged by cheaply priced foreign imports. "We have farmers in 28 states that are organizing, and I feel they would support the oil industry."

Concerned Citizens for an Energy Policy urged New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson to recognize that a state of emergency exists in the oil and gas industry and to take a leadership role in an investigation of price dumping.

The group also called for the governor to limit foreign imports to 55 percent, and asked the state to stop state taxes on new oil and gas well completions, to decrease land use fees from 3/16 to 1/8, to make more state land available for exploration and to cut production taxes on stripper wells.

State Sen. Billy J. McKibbin said oil and gas is the big horse that pulls the wagon. "When it goes down, so will a lot of the services in New Mexico. If this trend continues, school budgets will be cut like no one ever dreamed of. Oil and gas is working people and independents — not just major oil companies."

"If there's something we can do, who wouldn't do it to help the oil industry? We can't kill the cash cow."

Daniel Johncox, mayor of Hobbs, said tremendous damage was being done to the oil economy of Southeast New Mexico. He said thousands of jobs were being lost. "We are in a state of emergency."

The message is, "American oil means security for all," Johncox said.



New Mexico State Sen. Billy J. McKibbin, who spoke Saturday about the current state of the oil and gas industry said, "When it goes down, so will a lot of the services in New Mexico. ... We can't kill the cash cow."

Pitching in



Students find reward in toil on project for Christmas-in-April

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Armed with the tools of hard work, Tracey Flores did more than just tell her Midland Christian School (MCS) Texas Scholars students how to work outside the classroom in helping others.

She toiled and sweated along with them in the fellowship of a Midland Christmas-In-April (CIA) project.

"It was definitely one of the hardest days I have ever spent," said Mrs. Flores, whose high school students at MCS worked three weekends in a row to repair and remodel a weathered 1950s house on Midland's east side. "It's manual labor, and I'm not really accustomed to that. I think most of these kids were in the same situation I was."

The project was about the 4,900th house that CIA volunteers, led by CIA President Bobby Trimble, have repaired or virtually rebuilt for Midland's low-income elderly and handicapped residents since 1973.

"One person couldn't do it by themselves," Mrs. Flores said of her students' project on Jax Avenue. "But when we all get together, we can do some mighty tremendous things."

About 40 MCS high school juniors took on the project, which entailed such work as tearing off old siding and replacing it with new cedar boards, replacing windows, repairing plumbing, caulking, replacing fascia and hammering and painting all over the place.

Trimble assigned Mrs. Flores and her students "a house that we could do from start to finish on Jax," Mrs. Flores said. Her crew signed up in 15-student shifts.

"The spirit was real good," Trimble said of the students. "They had a good attitude about it."

From the perspective of MCS student Charissa Reeves, 17, "It was just fun to help other people."

In working on their academic-community-service Texas Scholars program, the students "wanted to do something as a group," said Mrs. Flores, who is an English teacher and counselor. "Christmas In April is a very worthwhile cause," which offered the "kids good experience in doing something for other people and actually being able to see the results."

"It just felt good to help other people besides yourself and give something back to the community," said 17-year-old MCS student James Duck-

Please see PROJECT/3B



Top, the McLaughlin house before the Christmas In April project. Above, students from Midland Christian School paint the front of the home after new facing was nailed into place. Right, Bobby Trimble uses a nail gun to attach a piece of siding as Allie Ryburn holds it in place. Far right, Ben White, foreground, and Michael Flores caulk around windows and end seams.

Photos by Tim Fischer/
Reporter-Telegram



GARY OTT

Illness reverses rolls of who pampers, who is pampered

The scene made me smile. The woman was lying in her hospital bed. There were tubes connected to her left arm and she looked very tired. Her breathing was labored. As she glanced around the room at her visitors she attempted to smile. She was doing her best to make everyone else comfortable.

Her husband, a man in his mid 70s, was leaning over the bed feeding her.

"Here," he said, gently. "Try some of these mashed potatoes."

She did. Then she closed her eyes and took a deep breath.

"Want some tea?" the man asked.

She nodded her head weakly. He held the glass close to her lips as she sucked on the straw. Even that seemed to tire her out.

"One more bite," he said. "It'll make you feel better."

There was a lot of love being shared in that room.

And that's what made me smile.

They were my parents.

It was shortly before noon last Saturday when my dad called and said mom had — and I quote — "some pneumonia in her left lung" and would be spending the next two or three days in the hospital.

As usual, he said it matter-of-factly and made it sound as though it was no big deal, certainly nothing for me

to be concerned about. "It's really more of a precaution than anything else," he said.

So it was with a great deal of surprise that I entered her hospital room the following morning.

She LOOKED sick. And she ACTED sick, too.

That's not the way it's supposed to be.

My mother never gets sick. She is, after all, the ultimate care giver. She is the one who provides for others, the one who shares, the one who pampers, the one who spoils.

But on this particular day the roles had been reversed.

She was the patient and my dad, normally the recipient of that special attention, was the one doing the dotting. And frankly, it was a job he was taking quite seriously. In his own way, he had become something of a mother hen, hovering about, ready to spring into action at the first sign of discomfort.

He had a book, but you could tell he was having trouble concentrating on the words. Every few seconds he would glance over at his wife of 53 years. There was a look of concern on his face.

He and I attempted to make small talk, but again, his eyes kept drifting back to the hospital bed. When mother would start coughing he would leap to his feet and make sure everything was OK. Then he would gently pat her hand and return to his chair where he would pretend to read his book.

From time to time a nurse would enter the room ... taking mom's temperature and checking her blood pressure. Out of the corner of his eyes, my dad would be

making a mental note of the numbers. He acted casual enough, as if this sort of thing happened all the time, but I knew better.

This was not a life-threatening situation, so it wasn't out and out fear he was experiencing. Rather, what I saw in his eyes was a genuine concern for the woman with whom he had shared a majority of his life.

And again, I smiled.

It was later that evening that we took a brief respite from our hospital stay. Dad and I, along with my older sister, decided to grab a quick bite to eat. As we sat around the table sipping our coffee, we shared a few laughs and related stories about the past.

Mostly though, we kept mentioning how odd it was to see mother sick.

"I don't think I've seen her like that," one of us said as the others nodded in agreement.

"Oh, well. Give her a couple days and she'll be up and about."

More nods followed.

It was then agreed that it was time to leave.

"Why don't ya'll get some rest and I'll stay with mother tonight," my sister said.

"Are you sure?" I countered. "I don't mind staying with her."

But the debate soon ended.

"I'll stay with her," my dad said.

And he meant it. The love in his voice was all the proof you needed.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

OBITUARIES



Etta Friday

Etta Mae Pope Friday, 86, went to be with our Lord, Saturday, March 6, 1999, after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Ellis Funeral Home on Andrews Highway, with Reverend Bob Porterfield and Reverend Robert Kepple officiating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born February 24, 1913 in Roscoe, Texas to Martha Jane Cockrell Pope and Thomas Pope. She was married to Olon V. Friday on August 4, 1928 and they were married 66 years at the time of his death in 1993. They were associated with Friday's Boot Shop since 1935. She was a member of the Ranchland Heights Baptist Church. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, four times Past Noble Grand, Elks Lodge and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by a son, Minard Dale Friday. Survivors include a son, Thomas Friday of Midland; two daughters, Sylvia Bell of Midland and Argretta Wilde of Wichita Falls, Texas; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Pallbearers will be Darwood Friday, Truman Friday, Corby Friday, Delbert Friday, Jack Friday, George Friday and Gerald Friday. Honorary pallbearer will be Tolbert James, nephew of Sweetwater, Texas.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.



Eugene Stewart

Eugene "Gene" J. Stewart was born on August 3, 1926 to Richard and Hattie Stewart in Marathon, Texas where he was raised. He graduated from Marathon High School in 1945 and went on to serve in the army during World War II. He then ranched with his parents on the Bear Canyon Ranch in the Del Norte Mountains. In 1951, he married Wilma Jean Lee, and they have three children: 2 sons, Billy Gene Stewart and Eddie Lee Stewart; and 1 daughter, Tana Lynn Stewart Priest.

He moved his family to Midland in 1965, and he went to work for Drilco Oil & Tool Company. He worked there until his retirement in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hattie and Richard Elliott Stewart; and one brother, R.E. Stewart, Jr. Survivors are his wife, Wilma Jean Stewart; 2 sons, Billy Gene Stewart and wife, Laura and Ed Lee Stewart and wife, Jenny; 1 daughter, Tana Priest and husband, Rick; 2 sisters, Lelia Babb of San Angelo, Texas and Eva Dell Rainey of Hondo, Texas; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Midland, but regularly attended services at Crestview Baptist Church.

Mr. Stewart died late Thursday night, March 4, 1999 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services will be held 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 1999 at Pipkin Chapel with Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Grave-side service will be 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 1999 at the Marathon Cemetery in Marathon, Texas

under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

In Midland pallbearers are Kenneth Patterson, Pete Pyle, Jess Priest, E.A. Naquin, Bird Miles, Pat Leary, Pete Rodriguez, and T.D. Dawson. Honorary pallbearers are Tim Leary, Sam Mather, Babe Babb, Robert Rainey, Glynn Rainey, Cody Rainey, Richard Rainey, David Lee, Coy Gober and Cody Lee.

The family asks that memorials be made in his name to the Marathon Cemetery Association.



Rodney Tiller

Rodney Gale Tiller, 70, of Abilene, formerly of Coahoma, died on Friday, March 5, 1999, in an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 1999, at Coahoma Church of Christ with Ralph Beistle, minister of South Plains Church of Christ, Lubbock and Claude Parrish, minister of Woodlawn Church of Christ, Abilene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 4, 1928 in Colorado City, Texas. He married Doris Jones on June 3, 1948 in Colorado City, Texas. She preceded him in death on December 18, 1993. He then married Beth Bostick on May 22, 1994 in Midland. Mr. Tiller graduated from Colorado City High School in 1945 and then joined the Army Air Corps. Upon his discharge he attended Texas Tech University and graduated in 1952. He had worked as a field operator for Texaco Oil Company for 32 years, retiring in 1986. He was a resident of Coahoma for 40 years, moving to Abilene in 1994. He was an avid fisherman and

sportsman. He was a member of Woodlawn Church of Christ, Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Tiller of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald Mark and Rhonda Denise Tiller of Katy; a daughter, Rhonda Susan Cochran of Midland; a grandson, Douglas Cochran and his wife, Amanda of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Lisa Bayley and her husband, Andy of College Station; a grandson, Nick Tiller of Katy; a great-grandson, Mitchell Douglas Cochran of Lubbock; a sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Tom Palmer of Houston; two nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death also by his parents, Elzie Lee and Alice Jewell Smith Tiller; and by a son-in-law, Phillip Mitchell Cochran.

The family suggests memorials to Doris Tiller Memorial Scholarship, c/o First Bank of West Texas, Coahoma, Texas 79511 or to the Haitian Mission Fund, Woodlawn Church of Christ, North Kent & Woodlawn, Abilene, Texas 79603. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Grover Springer

Grover Marlin Springer was born in Caddo, Oklahoma on September 6, 1913, the oldest son of Fritz and Pearl Springer. He married Irene McNeerlin on June 6, 1936.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene, of Big Spring; three sons, Marlin Springer of Huntsville, Alabama, Steve Springer of Tours, France and Mike Springer of Houston; seven grandchildren and five great

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Pat, in 1992.

Grover moved to Martin County in 1929, where his family farmed in the Tarzan community. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1932 and from Texas Tech University in 1940. Grover began his school teaching career at South Plains School at Tarzan, and continued at Lenora and Grady schools, where he retired in 1977. Grover organized Troop 10 of the Boy Scouts of America at Lenora in 1937, and served as its Scoutmaster for the next 50 years, until 1987. He influenced the lives of hundreds of boys during that time, and received almost all scouting awards, including the prestigious Silver Beaver award in 1962. In 1946, Grover went into business with his brother, Denver, and operated Springer Brothers Grocery in Lenora for 17 years until he returned to teaching in 1963. Throughout his life, Grover was involved in the family farming business until 1987. He also served the U.S. National Weather Service as a volunteer for 50 years. He was very active in the Grady Lions Club and served as its president and secretary.

Grover was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring at the time of his death. He was previously a member of Lenora Baptist Church for 51 years, from 1937 to 1998. He was ordained a deacon at Lenora in 1944 and taught Sunday School there for over 40 years.

Mr. Springer died on Friday, March 5, 1999, in a Big Spring hospital.

Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday, March 8, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Big Spring and Rev. J.B. Shewmake, pastor of Travis Baptist Church of Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Scott Springer, Mickey Springer, Andrew Sanders, Paul Greenleaf, Steen Erickson and T. Springer. Honorary Pallbearers are all current and former members of Boy Scout Troop 10 in Lenora.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, Texas 79782 or the charity of their choice.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton, Texas.



Goldie Coonce

Services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 1999 at the West Kentucky Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Visitation has been set for Sunday, 6-7 p.m., at Pipkin Funeral Home.

Goldie A. Coonce was born in Olvey, Arkansas on June 12, 1905. She lived in Picture, Oklahoma for awhile before marrying James M. Coonce on August 30, 1919. They moved to Seminole, Ok. where they lived for about 20 years before they moved to Midland in 1948.

She worked as a cook at many of Midland's favored eating places such as Midland Independent School Cafeterias, Town and Country Drug, Service Drug, Dixie Dog, Price-Crawley Drug, Elks Club and Graham Pharmacy.

Goldie passed away at her residence Friday, March 5, 1999.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James M. Coonce; her parents, Rosa and Otis Calvin; two sons, Jack Coonce and Fred Coonce; three daughters, Thelma Davis, Dorothy Stewart and Marion Cox; and one brother.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Coonce of Odessa, Bill Coonce of Midland, and Bob Coonce of Odessa; one daughter, Delores Newman of Lincoln, California; 29 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be R.T. Hail, Gary Crawford, Robert Boyd, Bill Stewart, Dickey Palmer and Freddie Coonce, III. Honorary pallbearer will be Eddie Grant.

DEATH NOTICES

Ben English

Edward Benton English, 62, died Thursday, March 4, at a local hospital following a lingering illness.

Services will be 1 p.m. today, March 7, in Leonard Funeral Home's Chapel with Thurston McCutchen officiating. Burial follows next to his father in Sunset Hill Cemetery in La Pryor.

He was born Dec. 31, 1936 in Catarina.

He also lived in La Pryor and this area, before moving to Midland. He was an oil field heavy equipment operator for most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bennie English, on Jan. 13, 1977.

Survivors include three sons, Ben English and Lyndon English, both of Ozona, and Barry English of San Angelo; two daughters, Regina Boyd of San Antonio and Tami English of Midland; his mother, Angelette Bassham of Midland; a sister, Maggie Garrett of Midland; five grandsons; and numerous other relatives.

Clayton Carter

Clayton Carter died Saturday, March 6, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Knight officiating. Burial follows at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born July 25, 1931 in Sylvester.

He also lived in Roby, Casa Grande, Ariz., and Midkiff. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas in Tucson, Ariz. He retired in 1985 and moved to Midland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Smedley Carter in 1984.

Survivors include a son, Richard Carter of Buchanan Dam; two daughters, Cathy C. Rinehart and Cindy C. Herman, both of Midland; seven grandchildren; and

seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, 79701; or the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, 79705.

Jerry Veazey

Jerry Veazey, 57, died Tuesday, March 2, at the V.A. hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, with the Rev. Jim Laster officiating at Calvary Funeral Home Chapel of Eunice, N.M. Burial will follow services at Prairie Haven Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, March 7, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 15, 1941 in McGregor.

He lived in Lovington and Hobbs, N.M., and Big Lake, moving to Midland in 1996. He was a chemical technician for Baker Petrolite in Odessa, retiring in 1997. He was a member of Castle Avenue Baptist Church in Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lee Veazey of Midland; six daughters, Debbie Martin and Gina Tetley, both of Austin, Cindy Armstrong of Waco, Teri Davis of Baton Rouge, La., and April Chavez and Becky Veazey, both of Webb City, Mo.; two sons, Michael Liverett of Odessa and Richard Liverett of Hattiesburg, Ms.; 12 grandchildren; a sister, Frances Norman of Hobbs; and a niece and nephew.

Barnes Cauble

Barnes Raleigh Cauble died Wednesday, March 3, at a Dallas hospital following a short illness.

Services are set for 3 p.m. today

at Memorial Christian Church will Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 20, 1913 south of Midland on his parents' ranch, 3 Wells.

He was a lifetime resident of Midland. He had one of the first cars in Midland. He owned and operated Barney's Market, an old-fashioned retail meat business for forty years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Ezell Cauble, in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Fred Cauble of Fort Worth and Kenny Cauble of Lincoln, Neb.; a daughter, Kathy Ferron of Midland; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Viola Wickizer of Aledo.

Kathleen Wimberly

LUBBOCK — Former Midlander Kathleen Whittington Wimberly, 90, died Friday, March 5, in Lubbock.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Highland Cemetery in Stamford with the Rev. Dr. Andrew Dearman officiating, under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors.

She was born July 16, 1908 in

Stamford.

She worked for Gulf Oil in Fort Worth until 1954, when she moved to Midland. She was associated with her husband in the management of Midland Sample Library. She lived in Midland from 1954 until 1997. She was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Midland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giles Wimberly on February 29, 1979.

Survivors include a brother, William Whittington of Lubbock; a step-daughter, Sara Wimberly of Apache Junction, Ariz.; and two nieces.

Memorials may be made to St. Marks, 1701 N. Main, Midland, 79701.

Edward Smith

GAIL — Edward E. Smith, 56, died Friday, March 5, at a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at First Baptist Church in Gail with the Rev. Randy Hardman officiating. Burial will follow at Gail Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 26, 1942 in Big

Spring.

He farmed and ranched in Borden County. He worked for Borden County and supported the Borden County Junior Livestock Assn. and 4-H. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Clift Smith of Gail; two sons, Gerry Smith of Amarillo and James Smith of Stratford; his mother, Juanita Smith of Big Spring; two sisters, Judy Hagins of Bridgeport and Carolyn Foster of Stanton; a brother, Don Smith of Weatherford; and numerous other relatives.

Gwen Fryar

BIG SPRING — Gwen Fryar, 65, died Friday, March 5, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at First Baptist Church. Burial follows at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born May 23, 1933 in Big Spring.

She had lived in Garden City. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Martin Fryar of Big Spring; three

daughters, Debbie McDonald of Garland, Lesia Strum of Big Spring and Tammy Green of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a brother, Lael Roberts of Marfa; and a sister, Linda Davidson of Stamford.

Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association, Inc., Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 10 Dista Drive, Midland, 79705.

Dale Hines

Dales Hines, 71, died Saturday, March 6, at his residence.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

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Road repair begins

Texas Department of Transportation workers begin the work of resurfacing the road on South Loop 250 where an Odessa man died after his tractor-trailer jackknife and exploded Friday. Workers began stripping the charred asphalt from the road Saturday morning in preparation for laying down new pavement.

PROJECT: MCS students liked feeling of helping others

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worth who, aside from hammering and replacing siding, enjoyed "tear (ing) stuff up," such as in removing the old siding and windows.

Mrs. Flores' students were repairing the pier-and-beam house where Bobbie McLaughlin, a 58-year-old maid has lived for about 25 years. "It's a blessing," Mrs. McLaughlin said of the all-volunteer CIA work. "I feel wonderful" in her renewed house. "They (the students) are wonderful. They just do and go."

Her 33-year-old son, Paul McLaughlin, who helped Trimble work on his mother's house after he got off of his regular job, said the project is a "true blessing."

"It's good to see a bunch of people come together and help the unfortunate," McLaughlin said. "It helps to build character to do labor without any pay. I urge anybody who has time and interest to get involved in Christmas in April."

In fact, noted Trimble, Midland cotton farmer Lanny "Boots" Fryar and his two hired hands did some CIA house-repair work in February.

"He said there wasn't anything on the farm to do until it rains," Trimble said.

"I wish I could do it more often," Fryar said of CIA work, which goes on year-round but which becomes the community's focus on the last two weekends in April when hundreds of volunteers take on and repair houses across town.

MCS Principal Elmo Freeman, 57, said

'It just felt good to help other people besides yourself and give something back to the community.'

— James Duckworth, 17-year-old Midland Christian student

that it was "great" that the high school students became involved in CIA. "They are getting lots of good experience helping other people."

To MCS junior Clayton Sullivan, 16, working on the CIA project felt "good just to help people out, people who couldn't do it for themselves. I figure I'll do it again."

His 16-year-old classmate, Ben Fietz, who said he enjoyed firing the nail gun, noted that taking on the project was "kind of fun" and especially so in helping people who "couldn't do it themselves, couldn't afford it."

Once they got into the CIA project, the MCS students became more and more dedicated to finishing it up.

"One of the great things about it, they were seeing the joy in what they were doing," Mrs. Flores said. And "once they got into the project, and they saw they were doing something worthwhile and for a good cause, they were actually saying, 'Is it OK if I've met my 20 hours (in Texas Scholars community-service work) to keep coming back until we get the house finished?'"

Mrs. Flores noted that many of her students "have very busy schedules. They are all involved in athletics." The CIA project "was a sacrifice to them because they had to cut out some academics or athletics obligations" to work on the house. "It was definitely for a good cause."

CIA's Trimble observed that the high school "girls definitely are better painters than the boys. The boys are better nailers," he said.

MCS student Garen Glasscock, 16, said that initially she "really wasn't looking forward to" working on the project.

"I knew I could do something else" in her Texas Scholars program.

But when she starting working on the house, "It meant so much because they (the McLaughlin family members) don't have what I have" in their older frame house. "I noticed that. It's hard to see the atmosphere they have to live in versus what I live in" in a more affluent part of town. "It was really sad."

Working on the old house "was so much fun," Miss Glasscock said. "It was hard work, but it was fun."

"My favorite part of it was the nailing because the girls generally didn't get to do that. And Bobby (Trimble) said, 'You'll start (hammering)'. It was so much fun," she said, "because we didn't think we would actually have to do that, and then we did. He (Trimble) taught us how to do that, showed us. We nailed all the siding on the house. And I got so dirty. And I hate to be dirty, just gross. But I knew it was for a good cause. It felt good to be there."



New Eagle Scouts of Troop 232 are, from left to right: Wesley Webb, Jacob Quine, John Nelson, Jared Dickey, David Dunn and Thomas Millstead.

Troop 232 scouts earn Eagle rank

From Staff Reports

Six members of Boy Scout Troop 232 recently received their Eagle Scout awards.

■ **Jared Dickey**, is the son of Tom and Karen Dickey.

He fulfilled the award's community service project requirement by building a fence around the baseball field at High Sky Children's Ranch.

Dickey, a senior at Midland High School, is active in the school's drama program, is an academic letterman and a Texas Scholar.

He played soccer for 14 years, two of those at MHS, and plays for Blast Soccer Club.

Dickey plans to attend Baylor University and major in broadcasting, with a minor in film.

■ **David Dunn**, 14, is the son of Tim and Terri Dunn.

His Eagle scout project was to sponsor a Llano River camping trip — that included fishing, canoeing and hiking — for several local members of the Midland Association of Retarded Citizens.

Dunn is a freshman at Midland Classical Academy where he plays varsity basketball and golf. He plays soccer for the Gecko Foot-

ball Club.

He attends Midland Bible Church, where he is active in the youth group.

■ **John R. Nelson**, 14, is the son of John and Mary Nelson.

Nelson's Eagle project was repairing and cleaning the bus/storage building for the Midland Baptist Temple and the construction of a new archery backstop for Midland Baptist Academy.

He has served as the troop's chaplain, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and troop guide.

He is a freshman at Midland Baptist Academy, where he plays basketball and runs track.

He is an active member of Midland Baptist Temple.

■ **Jacob Quine**, 16, is the son of Eddie and Carolyn Quine.

His Eagle project consisted of scraping, painting and replacing the soffits at the First Baptist Church Encampment near Alpine.

Quine is a sophomore at Greenwood High School, where he is a member of D-FY-IT and is active in 4-H and FFA.

He is a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

He is a member of the "American Junior Bullriding Association" and plans to attend the rodeo pro-

gram at Odessa College.

■ **Wesley Barrett Webb** is the son of Mike and Charlotte Webb.

Webb's Eagle Project was making improvements at Paisano Baptist Encampment for the First Baptist Church.

Webb is a junior at Lee High School. He plays football and is a member of the Spanish Honor Society.

He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Baptist Church.

He works at H-E-B.

■ **Thomas K. Millstead** is the son of Vicki and Thomas Millstead.

His Eagle Scout project was to turn a natural amphitheater into a prayer garden for The First Baptist Church at the Paisano Baptist Encampment. His project involved clearing out bushes and cacti, expanding and clearing a trail and landscaping.

He has served as troop scribe, patrol leader, quartermaster and troop guide.

Millstead is a senior home-schooled student. He plays violin and ice hockey.

He is an active member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church, Awana, and CBS.

Bush launches presidential committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush today will take the wraps off his presidential exploratory committee, announcing what aides say will be a combination of old friends and political hired guns to run the show.

The committee, the first official step toward a 2000 White House race, will allow Bush to raise money and assess the national mood. He hopes he likes what he hears.

Asked what might keep him out of the race now, Bush said, "A giant thud. A huge yawn. That it turned out it was my mother they were interested in."

The governor isn't expecting that.

Bush will try to raise some \$25 million, advisers say, and he says he would want enough to carry a campaign through Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and March 7, when some 10 states will hold primaries.

"I have an idea about what would be the ideal amount of money," he said last week in announcing his plans. "It'll have to be enough to make sure that we can get out of Texas and get (to) the early states and to be able to endure on March the 7th."

Bush insists it's too early to discuss election strategy.

"The exploration process is going to take a while for me before I formally declare," he said.

There really isn't much left to explore, given national opinion polls and the parade of Republican officials who have trekked to Austin to urge Bush to run, said Chuck McDonald, a political consultant who worked for former Gov. Ann Richards. But there's no hurry, either, he said.

"There's very little exploring left to be done, but there is pressing business in the Texas Legislature, so it makes sense for him to go this

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route," McDonald said. "It's a very convenient tool for Gov. Bush."

Looking every bit the presidential candidate, Bush addressed close to 8,000 congregants Saturday at Houston's Second Baptist Church. He was to speak at the church, Houston's largest with more than 26,000 members, again Sunday morning.

Pastor Ed Young introduced Bush as "gracious, kind, a natural leader, someone who really cares about people."

Bush, a Methodist, then told the gathering he believes faith can change an American culture he sees going downhill.

"You and I are here because we believe faith can change lives," he said. "We know faith can change Texas, and we believe faith can help change our culture."

Bush said he recommitted him-

self to God after spending time with evangelist Billy Graham.

"The Lord has made a big difference in my personal life and my public life," the governor said. "I worry about bringing my family into the fish bowl of politics, and so I pray."

In Austin, an indication of Bush's high profile was the number of national and foreign news media planning to cover this afternoon's announcement.

More than 200 people from 78 news organizations representing outlets from Europe to Japan were planning to be there, said Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for Bush's exploratory committee.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor will remain in Texas through the end of the Legislature, on May 31, and probably until his June 20 deadline for signing or vetoing bills has passed.

Then, Bush will hit the road to assess for himself the public reaction to his possible candidacy.

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Women gets probation for fatally stabbing husband

ANGLETON (AP) — A woman who claimed she fatally stabbed her husband in self-defense after he attacked her has been freed after receiving a 10-year probated sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Elizabeth Rose had faced up to 20 years in prison after her conviction on manslaughter charges. But she walked out of the courtroom a free woman Friday after a jury recommended the lighter punishment.

Upon hearing the sentence, Ms. Rose collapsed in her chair, heaved a sigh of relief, put her hands to her face and wept.

Tad Frederickson supported a deep stab wound to his thigh and

bled to death on the side of a road on Dec. 18, 1995. The couple had married just two months earlier.

Ms. Rose, 35, testified Friday that she and her husband had argued at a bar. She claimed she was walking home when he came up behind her and attacked her. When he ignored her warnings to stop, she stabbed him.

She said she had been carrying a knife in her purse that day because her previous husband had hanged himself and "there was a lot of people in town that blamed me for his death."

Ms. Rose, who remarried one month after Frederickson's death, said she never meant to kill her

husband. "I only meant to stop him from hurting me further," she testified.

Her lawyer said probation was appropriate.

"This is a woman who was living in a trailer and had a man move in with her and things didn't work out," defense attorney Robert Scardino Jr. said.

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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Student's second chance offers hope for future

By R. Eric Setzler

The great thing about being surrounded by hundreds of members of the human race is a sense of being needed.

There are some weeks when I deal with a student crisis every day. I often ask myself, "What would Billy Joe or Sally Sue have done without me or someone else being there for them?" I have seen young people make terrible, life-changing mistakes that they would have never made if I had been around. Consequently, I dread the days that I have to be absent because of illness or school business.

Generally, I will not take a sick day unless I'm afraid that I will make my students sick. I'm not exaggerating when I say I have seen people's lives change direction as a result of a single conversation or action taken by a teacher, counselor or administrator. These are the kind of experiences that change your attitude, life and the basic fabric of your soul.

I had one honors student who absolutely ate, breathed and slept football. Jeff Checkov was a nice-looking person, but frequently had the unkempt appearance as if he had just come off the playing field. He could accomplish the most



Setzler

difficult of projects when placed in the context of sports. His father was gone. I don't know where. However, a loving family was raising the young man, consisting of his mother, aunt and grandfather. The grandfather was the main male figure in Jeff's life. They loved to spend time together watching sports, fixing old radios and collecting knives.

One day, Jeff made an extraordinarily stupid mistake. He bought a butterfly knife from another student while standing on the edge of campus. Some students reported them to the office.

The next day I found a note that Jeff had written before his purchase asking to talk to me about a "great deal" on a gift for his grandfather. Unfortunately, I was attending an educational committee meeting required by the school district. I'm not trying to defend Jeff's action. Buying a weapon at school was extremely stupid. Violence is one of the great diseases. People can't learn if they live in fear of being hurt. There is no room for guns or knives, especially at school. I fully support a zero tolerance of all weapons in an educational setting.

However, nobody had anything to fear from Jeff. His motives were flawed, his actions illegal. His grandfather's birthday was in a week. Jeff was trying to surprise him with a knife that he didn't already have in his extensive collection.

His grandfather was surprised, but not in a

good way. Jeff was removed from class and arrested in the school office. Jeff was suspended for two weeks, kept in an "in-house" alternative education program (A.E.P.) for the rest of the semester and excluded from participating in sports for the rest of the school year.

He learned the skills necessary to survive among tougher members of society in A.E.P. However, Jeff kept his nose clean, used his time wisely and became more of an expert with a computer. Daily, I visited him to bring schoolwork and encouragement. After several grueling months, Jeff Checkov learned his lesson well. He got back into sports the following year and did well with his studies.

A couple of years later, I had the pleasure of seeing my former student working at a computer store. He was articulate, enthusiastic and strongly motivated to do well at his new job. His family was also doing well. I was very impressed with Jeff Checkov. He made a bad decision and paid his dues. Jeff profited from his mistake by turning this incident to his advantage. This is the sign of true character. Finally, I was proud of the school system and courts that worked to keep kids safe and still give young people a second chance. I had hope for the future.

R. Eric Setzler is Science Department liaison at Abell Junior High School.

TOP HONORS

From Staff Reports

Lee and Midland Freshman high school have announced the outstanding students for the fourth reporting period.

The LFHS outstanding students are:

English: Grant Ellison
Social Studies: Jacob Lindsay and Candis Chambers
Mathematics: Evin Evans
Science: Misti Bays
Physical Education: Manuel Magallanes
BCIS (Computers): Maegan Golden
Choir: Weslee Reeves
Band: Erin Baker
Orchestra: Emily Dunham
Foreign Languages: Amanda Montgomery and Lorelee Bell
Art: Cari Renfro
Speech/Drama: Amye Crass

The MFHS outstanding students are:

English I: Angel Kasiah
Social Studies: Kit Bredimus
Biology 1: Josiah Nevarey
Biology 2: Julia Holzer
Biology 3: Katie Noah
Physical Science: Adalina Torres
Geometry: Roy Inman
Algebra I-4: Emilia Chaaevz
Band: Grant Casey
Art: Michael Nelson
Orchestra: Sara Snyder
Computers: Jennifer Hendrix
Tennis: Jeremy Fain and Heather Hughes
Girls P.E.: Krystal Rodriguez
Spanish 1: Krissy McClure
Spanish 2: Vanessa Krause
Choir: Nic Brown

MAKING THE GRADE

Midland West Rotary Club named Matthew Olgin as their student of the week.

Olgin, son of Milton and Elidia Olgin of Midland, attends Lee High School.

His school activities include marching band, National Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholars and National Macy's Scholar.

Olgin plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy or attend Texas A&M on a ROTC Scholarship.

Woods W. Lynch Unit 19 of the American Legion Auxiliary has selected delegates and alternates to attend the 1999 session of Bluebonnet Girls State. The event focuses on privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Delegates are Greenwood High School student Chelsea Sipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Sipes; Lee High School student Angela Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker; and Midland High School student Amanda Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Carter.

Alternates are Greenwood High School student Kelly Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virlon Smith; Lee High School student Daisy Cano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Cano; and Midland High School student Margaret Rendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rendall.

The state conference involves a mythical 51st state where the citizens of Girls State organize their own city, county and state governments. They choose their own officials in accordance with U.S. election procedures. The event will be conducted at the Texas Lutheran College Campus in Seguin June 15-24. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19 is paying for the delegates' registration and transportation expenses.

Midlander Betsy Ann Blaylock was named to the Dean's List at Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, Ark.

To make the list students must make at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

COURT RECORDS

Misdemeanor DWI Convictions
Midland County District Attorney's Office
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■ Ronnie Dan Sumruld, sentenced to 2 years probation, 72 hours in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a \$650 fine.

■ Ronald Keith McCoy, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Christopher David Bonneau, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Ernest Reyes Campos, sentenced to 15 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a \$100 fine.

■ Jerry Wayne Voyles, II, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail and 180 days driver's license suspension.

■ Federico Baeza Gomez, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Sergio Madrid Villa, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a \$1,500 fine.

■ Daniel Jose Parra, sentenced to 2 years probation, 72 hours in Midland County Jail, 180 days probation and a \$800 fine.

■ Sara Beth Dammann, sentenced to 6 months probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Arnulfo Quevedo, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail and 90 days driver's license suspension.

■ Martha Quintela Garza aka Martha Ann Quintela, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Anthony John Bermea, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Wanda Franklin Spraglin, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Billie Rae Jones, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

■ Joe Charles Walton, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail.

■ Ramon Ramos Olivarez, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Henry Rodriguez, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

■ Alfonso Rodriguez, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Sean P. Murphy, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail.

■ Daniel Ibarra, sentenced to 60 days in Midland County Jail and a \$500 fine.

■ Jaime Delarosa, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Danny Garibay, sentenced to 9 months probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Raul Loera, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Raymond K. Lowrey, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

■ Jay Ken Roemish, sentenced to 6 months probation, 90 days driver's license suspension and a \$300 fine.

■ Don Forrest Tucker, sentenced to 6 months probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Tony R. Ellis, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

■ Elvira Ann Reyes, sentenced to 45 days in Midland County Jail and 90 days driver's license suspension.

■ Alexander Gauna, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$500 fine.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Navy Seaman Jeffrey J. Arnold, son of Midlanders Joyce Hanson and Joseph Arnold, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Arnold's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

Arnold is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

Army Cadet Justin A. Fregia, son of Jim Fregia of Odessa and Martha Fregia of Midland, was placed on the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

To qualify for the honor, the cadet was required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Fregia is to graduate in the year 2000 with a bachelor's degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

His academic concentration is in

economics.

Army Cadet Thomas B. McBrayer, son of Tom J. McBrayer of Midland, was placed on the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

To qualify for the honor, the cadet was required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

The cadet plans to graduate in the year 2002 with a bachelor's degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Bulldog Round-Up 1999 is set for 6-7:30 p.m. March 18 at Midland Freshman High School.

Every department, organization and extra-curricular activity will be highlighted in booths. The orientation will begin with a meeting for all incoming freshmen and their parents from 6-6:30 p.m. in the gym. After the meeting, attendees can view the booths in the cafeteria, Bulldog Room and girls gym.

The orientation will offer students the opportunity to see all the classes and programs available at the school before they submit their class schedules for next year.

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Lee High School's Class of 1969 has scheduled its 30-year reunion for 7:30 p.m. July 31 at Green Tree Country Club.

For more information or to offer addresses of former classmates, call 694-2734 or write to Roy Dale Williams, 4703 Neely, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department

Thursday

Burglary: A vehicle was reported burglarized at 3100 Caldera Blvd. at 11:30 p.m.

Friday

Burglary: A stereo and amplifier were reported taken at 2408 Sinclair Ave. at 9:30 a.m.

Burglary: A television and a stereo were reported taken at 1017 N. Main St. at 5:04 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Friday

Assault: A woman reported that her son was hit in the head by juveniles throwing rocks. It was reported at 9:14 p.m.

Saturday

Theft: A cell phone was reported taken from 3317 S. Highway 349 at 1:45 a.m.

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Program seeks to add arts to everyday school work

By Jayne Shuler
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Where there is dance, there can be science. In drawing, geometry. In music, his-

Just about any fine art can be — and should be — incorporated into a school curriculum, according to the philosophy behind ArtsPartners, a citywide program launched last week.

ArtsPartners brings together arts and business groups, the city of Dallas and the Dallas school district to find ways teachers can bring the fine arts to their students on a regular basis, organizers said.

"The arts are not for the gifted few," said Derek Gordon, vice president for education at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Gordon was one of the speakers at a daylong seminar at the Santuario de Guadalupe to promote the fine arts and ArtsPartners.

The seminar, which attracted nearly 250 people, most of them educators, included demonstra-



AP Photo

Lori Darley, left, with Dancers Unlimited, teaches teachers how to use dance and body movement to teach science, last month in Dallas. The class was part of ARTSPartners Arts-in-Education Super Day, held at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe.

tions of how to integrate the arts into other disciplines.

Take the Skeleton Rap, as performed by dancer Lori Darley. She

taught a group of teachers how to learn bones by moving to a rap beat — a skill they can take to their classrooms.

"Cranium crunch, yes and no! Clavicle conga, on the go!"

In another exercise, some participants stood to form the outline of a human heart and lungs, while others danced around as air molecules to demonstrate how oxygen, carbon dioxide and blood flow works.

"Children love this. ... It makes the science content not intimidating" while teaching them the fundamentals of dance, said Ms. Darley, who often visits classrooms.

ArtsPartners wants this type of education available to every child, said Ginger Sager, president of the youth outreach group Young Audiences of Greater Dallas, an organizer of ArtsPartners and the seminar.

ArtsPartners hopes to work with the education arms of arts organizations to help train teachers, get more artistic performers to schools, get students out to more performances and find grants and other funding, Ms. Sager said.

Studies show that students who learn about fine arts as youngsters do better academically and score higher on standardized tests, Mr.

Gordon said. But more important, they develop creativity and imagination and help youngsters learn how to communicate with one another — skills they'll need in the 21st century, Gordon said.

"The arts are a bridge to cultural understanding," he said.

Pat Porter, executive director of the Dallas Business Committee for the Arts, said corporations realize that they need workers who are imaginative, creative thinkers, and many are beginning to give money for arts education.

"Corporations are deeply concerned about their employees. ... They want people with a broad base of experience," she said.

In another demonstration, Mon-

ica Michell, a lecturer in the Department of Theatre at South-west Texas State University, performed the story of "Where the Wild Things Are," Maurice Sendak's classic children's book.

By improvising, students are more likely to remember the book's significant events and plot sequence and to use the context of the story to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words, Ms. Michell told a group of teachers.

As yellow-eyed wild things who "stomped their terrible feet and roared their terrible roars," students also get to have fun — but for a reason.

"The purpose is not the performance," Ms. Michell said, "it's what you learn in the process."

Pancake Jamboree



Oscar Valdez/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High sophomore Ashley Wadell, along with other high school volunteers, give Lions Club members an opportunity to sample their own pancakes at this year's Lions Club Pancake Jamboree. Those attending were treated with entertainment of all sorts, such as the Midland High School Jazz Band seen playing here.

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Sir, you need to do a little exploration within the borders of your own state. The condition of cattle ranchers, cotton farmers, oilmen and the service sector which supports the latter are deteriorating at an alarming rate. The plight is particularly severe in West Texas where drought conditions linger with predictions of insufficient rainfall continuing well into the summer.

It is not prudent to consider running for President shortly after you were inaugurated for your second term as governor of Texas. You have a leadership role to fulfill in Texas, not the nation.

You have been conspicuously silent regarding the destruction of this state's most notable industry. I challenge you to visit the cities of Crane, McCamey, Wink, Seminole, Rankin, Big Spring, Odessa, and yes, even Midland! Blue collar and white collar workers alike are suffering. The abandoned warehouses and pipeyards of service companies accumulate tumbleweeds and sand, not employees. City budgets are cut sharply, affecting services, maintenance and education.

As Governor, Sir, I suggest you support the Committee to Save Domestic Oil, which is championing the anti-trust lawsuit to be filed against Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Iraq and any other nations violating the Unfair Trade Practices Act which protect our national security.

It is apparent to all that low WTI oil prices are being artificially held down in order to garner market share by several OPEC members to the ruination of our own domestic oil industry in which you once prospered and were a participant.

Importing oil from Iraq while our country engages in airstrikes is diametrically in opposition to our policy toward Cuba with a full embargo. It is interesting to note that I would be arrested for entering U.S. Customs with a box of Cuban cigars even though we are not at war with Cuba, yet our government allows a hostile nation's crude to enter our ports, contributing to the devastation of our oil industry and threatening our national security by not being energy self-sufficient.

It was good to see our newly-appointed Texas Railroad Commissioner, Michael Williams, in Midland yesterday listening to Texans and Oklahomans discuss the possible litigation against the aforementioned OPEC countries.

Governor Bush, may I suggest that if you are not willing to support our industry, which can be accomplished by visiting and demonstrating compassion in the devastated communities of West Texas, but seek candidacy to the Presidential office of the United States, then you should step down as Governor of our Great State.

Please do not count on any financial support from this oilman nor my many friends and associates. I will not help boost you to a higher level of government because I'm tired of supporting politicians who are out of touch with their constituency. In the future, I will direct my support to organizations and leaders who will directly impact my industry, state and community.

Sincerely,

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By Kelley Shann
Associated Press

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Ensemble uses ancient instruments to honor Virgin of Guadalupe

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The light, high-pitched tone of a clay flute, the haunting beat of a deerskin drum and the gentle sprinkling noise of a rainstick provide the Aztec sound.

Renaissance-style vocals evoke the European tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

Lyrics in Spanish and the Mexican indigenous language of Nahuatl tell the story of devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe, believed to have appeared before the Aztec peasant Juan Diego on a hilltop in 1531.

It's all part of a unique take on early Latin American music by the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble, a seven-person group whose compact disc "Guadalupe, Virgen de los Indios" has been enchanting a diverse audience across the nation.

SAVAE, as the group is known, strives to reproduce the music of "New Spain" that emerged when Aztec and European sounds blended in Mexico after the 16th century Spanish conquest.

With its new recording, the ensemble has introduced listeners to some songs of newly converted Christian Indians that haven't been performed in 400 years or more.

Response to the CD, released in October by Talking Taco/Lago Records of San Antonio, has surprised even the album's producer and the musicians themselves. Fans range from schoolchildren to suburban professionals to Catholic clergy.

Many listeners who heard some of "Guadalupe" in December on a National Public Radio program were moved by the music and began inundating the record company with calls. Album sales began to soar.

"We were astonished," said Christopher Moroney, the group's

music director. "We thought it would just be a little thing that came and went."

Quite the opposite.

Sales of the CD have surpassed 12,000, considered a hit for a classical production. "Guadalupe" debuted at No. 11 on Billboard's world music chart in mid-January.

Along with the unique sound the group has captured, the subject matter the songs explore — the inspiration of Our Lady of Guadalupe — is a large part of the allure of the recording.

The reported appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the olive-skinned Virgin Mary, led to the conversion of millions of Indians to Catholicism. Now there is a movement toward having Pope John Paul II declare the peasant Juan Diego a saint. In 1990, the pope took a first step when he beatified Juan Diego.

"Abrase el reyna del cielo," or "Embrace the queen of heaven," is the first of 18 songs on "Guadalupe." Others include "Dios es ya nacido," or "God is now born among us"; "De la Sagrada Maria," or "From the sacred Mary"; and "In il huicac chiuapille," which means "Lady, queen of heaven."

A few years ago, musicologist Oscar Garcia-Landois of the University of Texas at Austin approached SAVAe after a performance and told the musicians about transcriptions made by musicologist Shelia Raney Baird at the University of North Texas of ancient music discovered in Guatemala.

Two priests, Edward F. Moore and Daniel P. Jensen, found the musical works bound amid bat droppings in a cathedral attic in the early 1960s.

Fascinated by the idea of performing the pieces, Moroney and his group tracked down the music and got to work trying to play it accompanied by the wind and percussion instruments of the Aztecs.

"It feels a bit like a musical Indiana Jones — rediscovering this stuff that had been hidden," Moroney said. "This was a tremendous find. It just sort of landed in our laps."

The ensemble uses pre-Columbian instruments replicated based on Aztec artwork and paintings. The clay flute, log drum, small clay drum, stones, rainstick and assorted rattles are played by all the group's members.

Moroney's wife, Covita Moroney, also is part of the group as are Kathy Mayer, Paula Olsen, Tanya Moczygemba, Lee P'Pool and Jody Noblett.

The search for the ancient cathedral music they'd heard about also led the ensemble to other pieces of the era.

Compositions by Tomas Pascual of Guatemala and Aztec noble Don Hernando Franco — both Indians who became Christians — are featured on the CD along with the works of Manuel de Zumaya and Francisco Lopez Capillas, two of the first Mexican-born Spaniards to master the European style.

Ben Tavera King, owner of Talking Taco/Lago, which also produced the ensemble's first CD, "Native Angels," said tracking down the music for "Guadalupe," then preparing it for the recording was a long, painstaking process for the ensemble.

"I nearly lost faith at one point because it was just going on and on," King said. "Obviously, in the long run, that proved to be part of the charm of the music, that no one had ever heard it before."

Long an advocate for early Hispanic music, King said he is constantly amazed by the reaction the



Christopher Moroney and his wife, Covita, pose with some reproductions of musical instruments based on examples from Aztec artwork, in their San Antonio home. The couple perform on the instruments with the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble, which reproduces the music of "New Spain" that emerged when Aztec and European sounds came together in Mexico after the 16th century Spanish conquest. The group's CD, "Guadalupe, Virgen de los Indios" has sold more than 12,000 copies, considered a hit for serious music albums.

ensemble receives from audiences, whether in a Catholic cathedral, a symphony hall or a record store.

"The people hang on every note," he said.

SAVAe performs about 20 times per year. The group plans to tour through New Mexico, Arizona,

Colorado and southern California this summer.

Covita Moroney said she believes the songs of "Guadalupe" fill different spiritual, historical and musical needs for different listeners.

Already the ensemble is looking

ahead to its next project. Not surprisingly, the group plans to keep exploring more seldom-performed early Latin American works.

"It's really unusual," Mrs. Moroney said, "to find a whole body of repertoire that's pretty much untapped."

Houston businessman pays record amount for grand champion steer

HOUSTON (AP) — Where's the beef? Ask Houston businessman Bob McNair, who for the second year in a row outbid all auction-goers at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Saturday for the grand champion steer.

McNair, who owns the minor league Houston Aeros hockey team and is known for his efforts to bring an NFL team back to the Bayou City, paid a record \$550,000 for "Astro," a 1,261-pound black steer.

He surpassed his own record bid of last year, when he and Aeros co-owner Chuck Watson paid \$530,000 for a crossbreed named "Row-

dy."

Sixteen-year-old Klyssa Kelln of Tahoka, who raised Astro, will receive a \$60,000 college scholarship for her efforts.

"We raised him from a baby," said Miss Kelln, whose steer was born on the family's cotton and cattle farm 18 months ago.

Astro represents the best of the Chianina breed, one of 16 breeds or crosses that were in the final competition.

The reserve grand champion, a Brahman owned by 18-year-old Crystal Pfeil of Floresville, went for \$225,000, surpassing last year's price of \$200,000.

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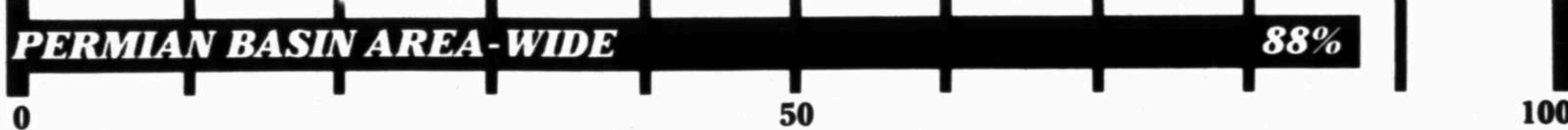
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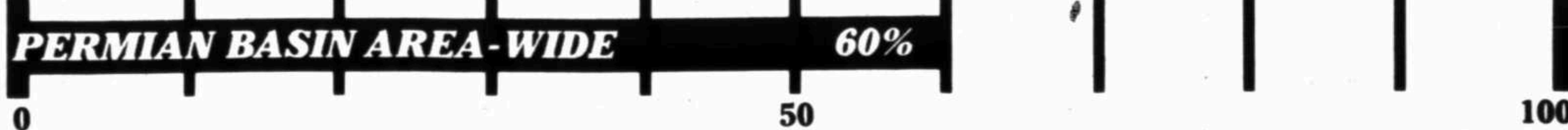
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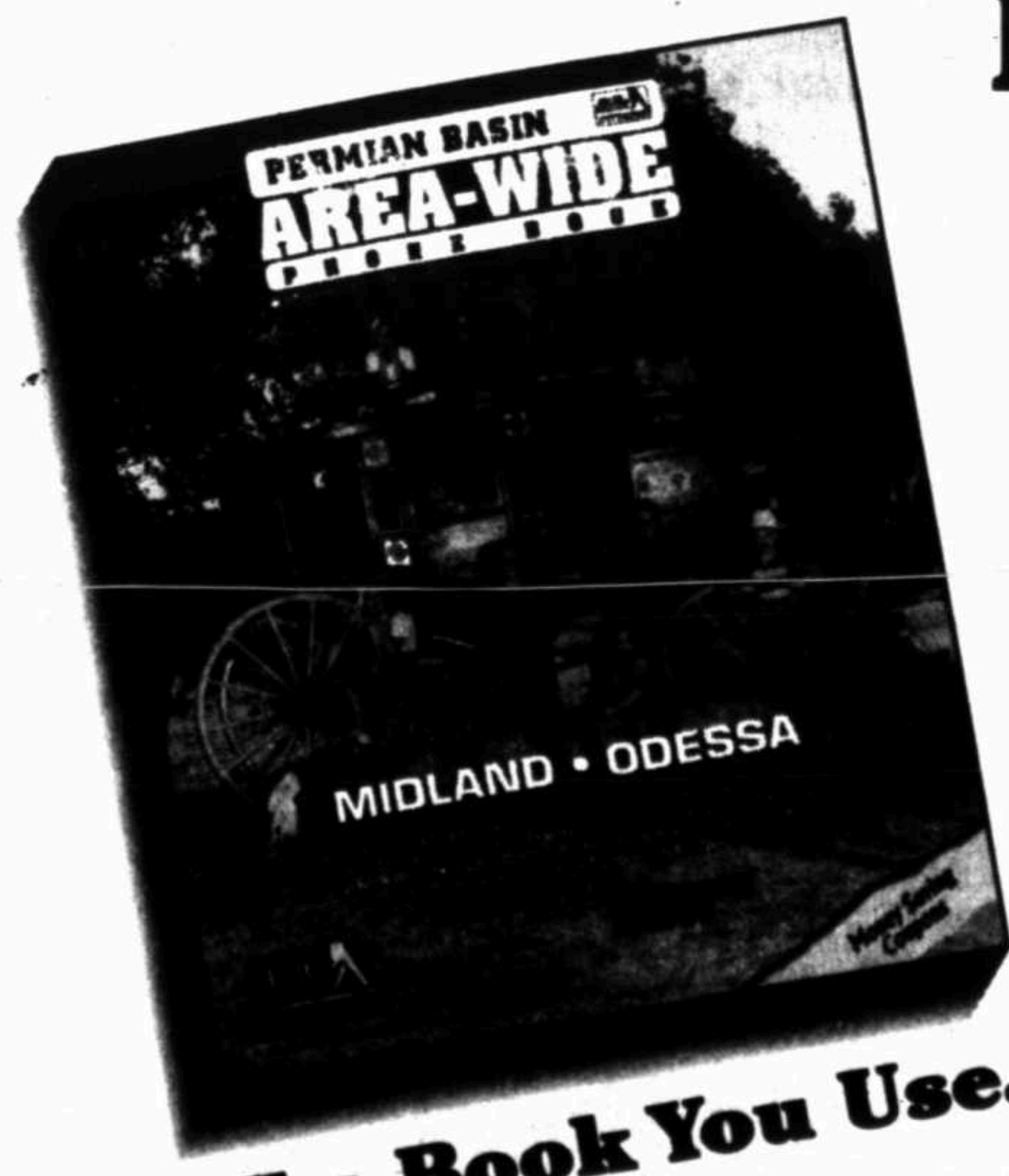
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Man's dream of restoring neighborhood begins with family home

By Brad Keller
Greenville Herald Banner

GREENVILLE — These days, most people drive right on past the place, on their way either to or from downtown Greenville.

Those who do notice the house, which has stood for more than 100 years, likely don't realize its significance among the city's earliest homes and that the neighborhood that motorists speed through today had once been one of Greenville's most prestigious areas.

But Milton Babb knows. His family built the house at 3403 Lee Street in the late 1800s and he visited there often when he was child. Babb recently purchased the home and has set about on a restoration effort.

But more than that, Babb would like to see the surrounding neighborhood return to bask in its former prominence as well. Where now sit a mixture of decaying residences, a few renovated structures, vacant lots and a hodgepodge of businesses, Babb sees an opportunity to recreate the city's original gateway.

On a recent rainy day, Babb led a tour of the house, starting with the ground floor parlor. Currently, the room has some peeling wallpaper, a bricked-off fireplace and an assortment of items left over from the previous owner.

"As I remember it, there was the old antique furniture in here,

There was a picture of my grandfather, John Germany, on the wall," Babb recalls. "It's all been changed. They did some good things. They put in some new wiring. But a tremendous amount still needs to be done."

Renovating the home and the area surrounding it has been

homeowners and businesses into collaborating in an overall restoration campaign for the section of town that will be fed by a planned expansion of State Highway 380.

Already there are proposals to revitalize the central Greenville business district now referred to as Old Town and to build a new Boys

Germany was a founding member of the Burleson College Board of Trustees, was manager of the municipally-owned Electric Company and served as both City Councilman and City Treasurer at the turn of the 20th Century.

The home was owned and occupied by members of the Germany family until 1977 and Babb remembers his Uncle Frank and Aunt Sybil lived there when he visited.

"I probably didn't have any reason buying it, but the guy had a 'For Sale by Owner' sign up," Babb said. "I've always driven by to see how the house was, to see whether it was still standing."

Babb continued the tour through the back of the house, through the dining room to the kitchen, which he noted will need the most work.

At some point, the kitchen floor was extended over the old cistern in the back yard and a portion of the floor now sags dramatically. The room will also require new cabinets and wall coverings.

The same types of repairs will be needed throughout the home, which despite its age and weathered condition retains a sense of society, a feeling of grandeur and elegance from years in the past.

"If you think back in those days, people would have pulled up here in a buggy and walked in and they had gas lights instead of electricity," Babb said.

The sentiment is experienced most strongly as Babb climbs the

original wood stairs leading to the bedrooms on the second floor.

"It leans a little bit here and there, but we would too if we were 114 years old," Babb offered. "Actually, for all that it's been through, it's in reasonably good shape."

Babb has lots of stories to tell about the home, whether taken from the extensive research he has conducted or culled from his own nostalgia.

"I remember we used to run our Slinky up and down the stairs," Babb said. As a boy, he had never lived in a two-story house and so the stairs held a special fascination for him.

"My Aunt Sybil pretty much didn't want us up there," Babb said of the second floor. "That made it a mystery to me as to what was up there."

At one point, nine people lived inside the residence. Babb imagines how the older relatives must have yelled at the children about running up and down those same stairs.

"Now it echoes, because there is hardly anyone here," Babb said.

The tour ends as Babb steps

back out onto the front porch. He looks around again at the cars and trucks passing by, as well as the shell of a larger home across the street, and once more reflects about a bygone era and what still could be done, with a little help.

Babb's Uncle Frank used to tell him about the streetcars which used to pass right in front of the home and of all the upscale residences which used to line the Lee and Washington Streets.

While Babb understands the days of the nickel trolley are long gone, he believes a little of the same distinction can be brought back.

Babb wants to hear from his neighbors, wants to hear from those with their own ideas on where to start. He also hopes to collect some of the personal histories and memories of those who may have lived, worked or played in the community.

"It would be easy to walk along these two streets and just despair at the condition they are in today if you didn't imagine what it was like 75 or 100 years ago and what it could be like again," Babb said.

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— Milton Babb, who recently purchased his family home and has started a restoration project

something of an obsession for Babb for more than 25 years.

In 1975, Babb, then a student at Greenville High School, wrote a historical essay about the home, utilizing interviews conducted with surviving members of the Germany family. The piece was later published in the Herald Banner.

A quarter-century later, in October of last year, Babb purchased the home and began a project which he hopes will eventually turn into the "Lee-Washington Historic Corridor Association".

Babb's dream is to interest local

and Girls Club recreation center a few blocks to the west.

Babb has chosen his family's home as a personal starting point and has since conducted a thorough investigation into its history.

Joseph P. Germany built the "Second Empire" style home in 1886, after purchasing the lot, which at one time belonged to Greenville founding father M. H. Wright, three years earlier.

Germany operated a dry goods store in the former Opera House Building on the downtown square, later concentrating on furniture sales.

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New El Paso lizard icon slithers into controversy

By Michelle Koidin
Associated Press

EL PASO — The smiling sun used as the city's marketing icon since the '70s was burning out, tourism officials said.

It was time for something new and fresh to jump-start tourism. Their choice: a cartoon lizard — a cute critter wearing sunglasses that would crawl right into controversy, prompting letters to the local newspaper and banter on talk-radio shows.

Little did the officials know that — leapin' lizard! — the reptile would crawl right into controversy, prompting letters to the local newspaper and banter on talk-radio shows.

It seems some in this city of mountains and desert and endless blue skies are not quite ready to pull the plug on the old smiling sun, who wears a sombrero and cowboy boots and is called Amigo Man.

"I find it difficult to believe that our Amigo Man, a symbol that represented El Paso for more than 20 years all over the world, will be discarded for a lizard," Pete C. Flores of central El Paso wrote to the El Paso Times after the new logo appeared in the paper.

In fact, the desert critter has caused such a splash that the top tourism official has said he might send it slithering.

"In light of all this controversy, I'm going to ask the marketing committee if they want to reconsider, because it's not an issue we need to spend a lot more time on," said David Bobo, general manager of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau. "I wish we could get focused on some of the real issues."

The marketing committee, made up of representatives from local hotels, airlines and the Sun Bowl, picked the lizard and one other design from 18 ideas that poured in from local residents, artists and ad agencies. The city plans to spend \$500,000 on marketing this year.

"We thought we'd pump up the logo a little bit," Bobo said.

But when Northeast city Rep. Stan Roberts heard of the plans, he put the issue on the City Council agenda in an effort to squish the lizard. He complained that lizards aren't common in El Paso. (Herpetologists would disagree.)

"This is not a lizard city, and I'm not a lizard city councilman," Roberts said during a 45-minute discussion by the council last week. "The Amigo Man says, 'We're a friendly city.'"

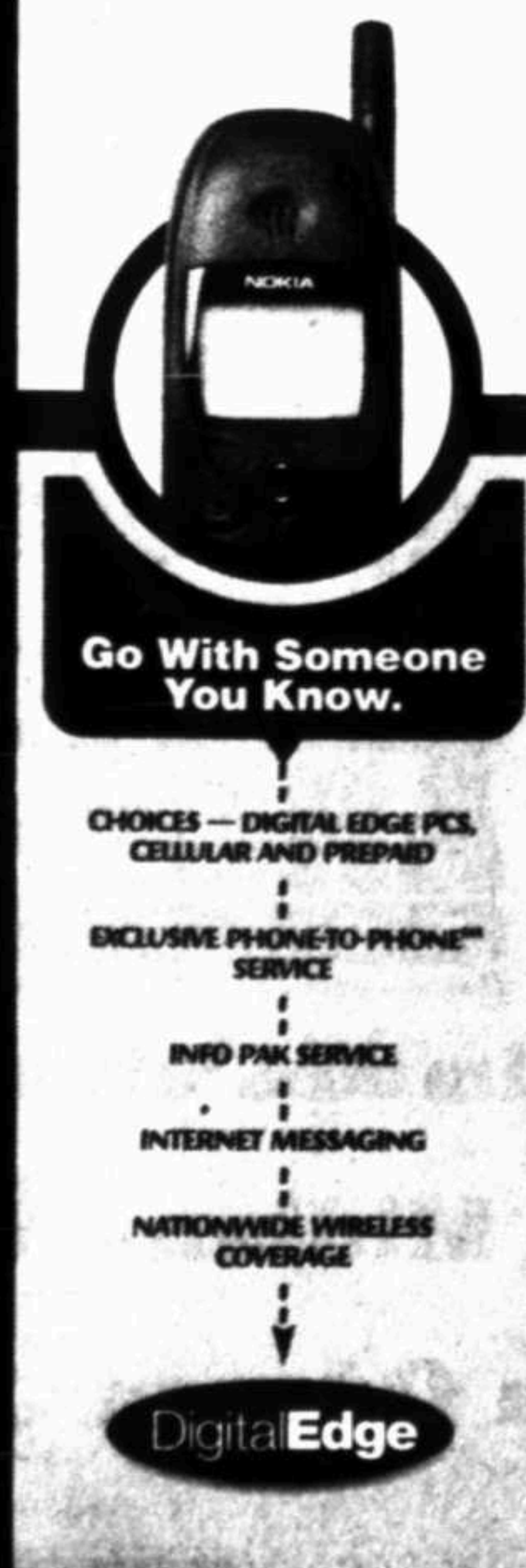
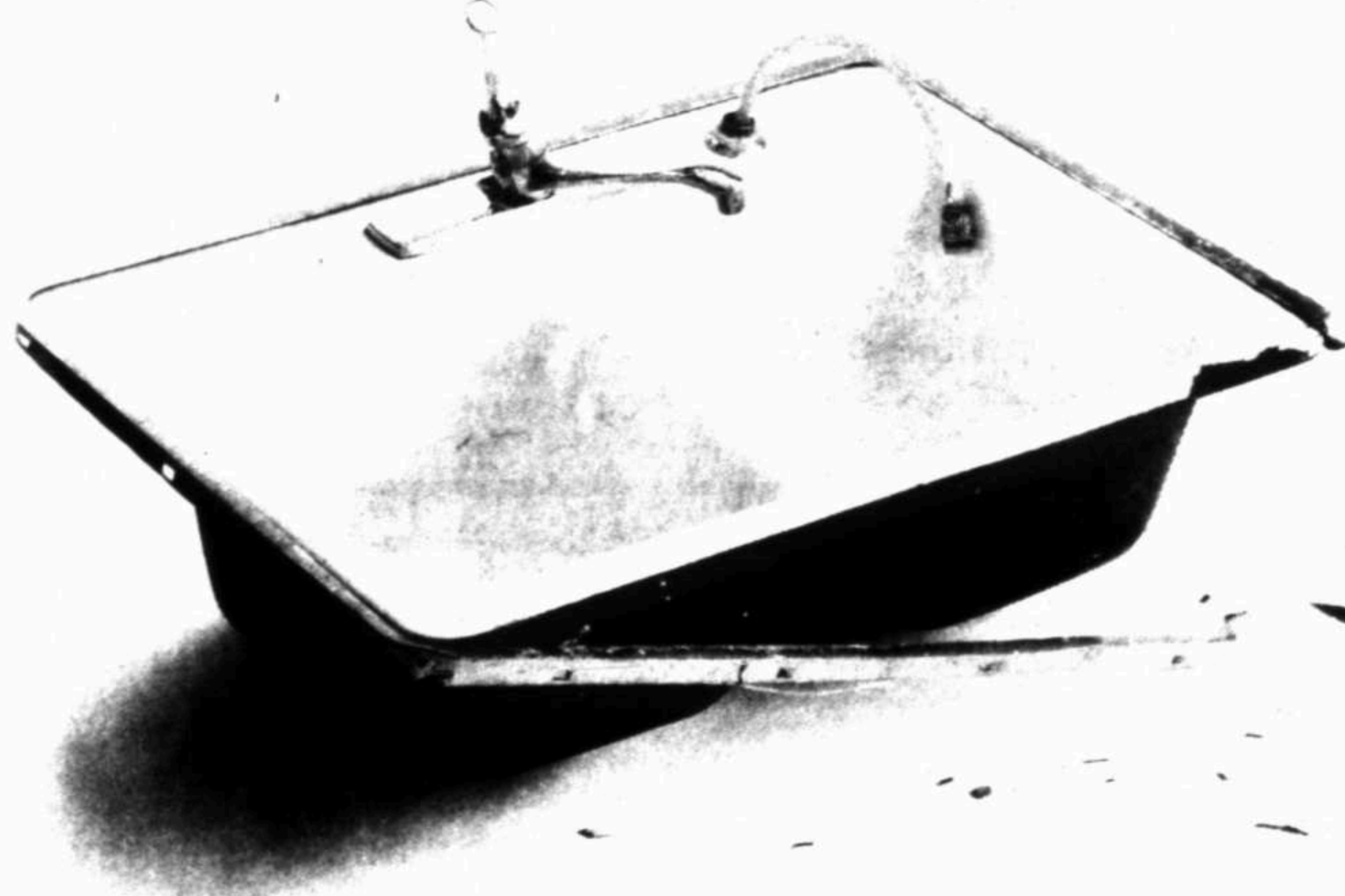
Roberts was the only opponent on the council, though.

And others, such as Pat Valdez-Rios, president of the El Paso Hotel/Motel Association, have spoken out in favor of the logo, which has rays of sunshine shooting out over the lizard's head.

"I just wish that the city of El Paso would be positive and give them (the marketing committee) the support that they deserve," Valdez-Rios said. "The Amigo Man is wonderful, and I think he's a great representative for the city, but it's not bringing people to the city anymore."

And Northeast side resident Milan M. Hostak said the lizard is a fine idea, "but please, get rid of the cute sunglasses. After all, the Texas banded gecko, which is the only gecko I know of that is found in El Paso, is a nocturnal creature."

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Spring break

The Midland College campus will be closed for spring break Monday, March 8 through Sunday, March 14. Classes will resume Monday, March 14. Weekend College classes will be held Saturday, March 6, but no Saturday classes will be held Saturday, March 13. Weekend College classes resume March 20.

Weekend College II

The second spring session of Weekend College at Midland College begins Saturday, March 27. Classes offered this session are Introduction to Legal Writing, Masterpieces of the Western World I, Federal and State Government II and Composition and Literature.

Weekend College classes are offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays through May 8. Each course earns students three credit hours. Another course, Computer Operating Systems: Windows 95, is April 10-April 17. For more information, call 685-4501.

Child abuse seminar set

A seminar, Child Abuse: A National Epidemic, will be offered 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, March 26 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

The seminar will address the topics of physical abuse, physical neglect, emotional maltreatment, sexual abuse, prevention of child abuse and reporting child abuse.

Presenter for the seminar is Sgt. Bill Davis, a 26-year veteran of the Beaumont Police Department who has conducted lectures and workshops on the awareness, prevention and intervention of child abuse across the United States. This training has been approved for credit hours by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Community Assistance Division. For registration information, contact M'Liss White-Jennings at 685-8499.

Student Orientation set

A new student orientation has been set for 7-9 p.m., March 16 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

The session is for students planning to attend Midland College but anyone, including parents and friends, may attend. The orientations cover financial aid, the admissions process, TASP requirements, placement tests and how to place out of classes, degree and certificate options, help in choosing a major by using the career center, interest testing, job placement while in college and after graduation and student government and student activities. For more information, call 685-4500 and ask for a counselor.

Washington, D.C. trip

Midland College will offer a Government/History travel course to Washington, D.C., during the 1999 spring interim, May 17-June 3.

Students may enroll in Government 2302, Government 2304, History 1301 or History 1302.

The courses consist of classroom lecture and one week in the nation's capital. The cost of the trip is \$785. Openings for the courses will be limited. Students interested in any of the courses should contact Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or the division office at 685-4840.

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A continuing education class at Midland College may give new parents a way to give their babies a healthy start using. . .

With a master's degree in speech, Katherine Allen said she has al-

ways been interested in how people communicate. Her thesis was on listening, and she teaches her Midland College speech students about non-verbal communication.

As she studied communication, she said she became interested in importance of touch—an interest that lead her to study massage therapy at the Florida College of Natural Health.

Now Allen is using massage therapy to help parents communicate with their babies. Beginning March 25, she will offer a four-week Infant Massage class for parents and their babies.

"Massage is really helpful as a learning tool for parents to learn to communicate with babies," she said. "For example, it's excellent for first-time parents."

Massaging their babies enables parents to connect to the infant, providing both parent and child a way to communicate and relax, Allen said.

A 1997 article, "Giving Infants a Helping Hand," in *Newsweek* magazine affirms Allen's message.

"Touch is vitally important to the development of healthy happy children. Whether bolstering the immune system or simply increasing communication between parents and children, an extra dose of cuddling and massage appears to have many positive effects," the article said.

Also, "more and more neonatal ICUs are beginning to utilize touch therapy, and the popularity of parental infant massage continues to grow," the article said.

According to the Loving Touch Foundation, Inc., with which Allen is affiliated: "Infant massage contains such critical elements of bonding as eye-to-eye contact, smiling, soothing vocal sounds, loving touch, caressing, smell and mutual interactions. Studies show that bonding increases a parents' feeling of attachment as well as the desire to nurture and care for their infant."

And, the physiological and emotional benefits infants gain from massage are "with them all their life," Allen said. As children grow, they still connect the idea of massage with relaxation.

Allen's class focuses on several areas: the history, theory and practice of infant massage; teaching the baby to relax; bonding and other parenting issues; how to vary massage strokes for the growing child; dealing with special needs such as colic, prematurity and intestinal difficulties; and, individualized assistance.

The Right TOUCH



Using a doll to demonstrate massage techniques, massage therapist Katherine Allen shows a mother how to bond with her baby while helping the child emotionally and physically.

Massage class offers benefits for couples

Massage can do more than helping relax a cranky infant—it's also good for couples. Massage therapist Katherine Allen is offering Back Massage Techniques for Couples 7-10 p.m., Thursday, March 18.

The course is designed to help your partner relax and relieve stress. The course fee is \$50 for couples. For registration information, call 685-4518.

Benefits for the Baby

Emotionally nourishes the baby.

Begins a loving, intimate communication between a parent or caregiver and the baby.

Helps to strengthen and regulate the baby's primary systems (i.e. respiratory, circulatory, nervous, musculature and gastrointestinal).

Reduces gas and colic and allows the baby to sleep better. Helps baby relax and release the tensions of daily stimuli.

Benefits for Parents

Better understanding of their infant's cues of responsiveness.

Enhances communication and emotional ties.

Increases confidence and handling skills.

Greatly improves the bond of affectional attachment.

Provides a means to develop quality interaction time. Helps the parents relax and listen to their baby.

Massage becomes a perfect avenue for conversation as the child gets older.

Source: International Loving Touch Foundation, Inc., 1992

College Classics sets sessions; New courses begin after break

The Midland College Continuing Education department is offering two more sessions of College Classics, a continuing education program for persons 50 years of age or older, this semester.

Session II begins March 15. Courses offered are American History: World War II, Internet for Grandparents, Opera, Piano and Quicken.

Session III begins April 12. Courses offered are American History: World War II, Current Economic Issues, Historical Markers, Internet for Grandparents and Piano.

These month-long sessions of classes are specifically designed for "seniors," and run Monday through Friday afternoons.

College Classics courses are designed to be informative without the pressure of required attendance, grades or final exams, according to Donna Hewett, College Classics.

For \$25 per session, students may enroll in as many classes as they choose. For registration information, call 685-4518.

New continuing ed classes

The following classes began at Midland College March 22. For more information about registration, call 685-4518.

Microsoft Excel will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, March 26. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

Child Abuse will be 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, March 26. Bill Davis is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 27 and 1-6 p.m. March 27. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Structured Query Language will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, March 26. S. Phillips is the instructor.

CPR Instructor will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 27. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

GED, ESL classes

Midland College offers free GED and English as a Second Language classes at the following locations and times.

Students may enter these programs at any time. Instruction is designed to meet the needs of the individual. All classes are offered free of charge. Call 685-4566 for more information about programs, class times or locations.

GED classes: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Room 132, Technology Center, Midland College.

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Midland College Cogdell South Facility, 201 W. Florida.

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

ESL classes: 9-11 a.m. Monday-Friday and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Room 105 Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College.

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Midland College Cogdell South Facility, 201 W. Florida.

8:30-11 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. And, citizenship classes are offered 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

9-11 a.m. Monday-Thursday, Boys and Girls Club of Midland, 1321 S. Goode.



Annual Job Fair to benefit area job seekers

Midland College's annual Job Fair has become an important means of networking between people who are looking for jobs and employers looking for employees, according to Connie Beversdorf, MC Job Placement coordinator.

This year, more than 60 employers and schools have already registered to participate in Job Fair '99. Last year the event drew some 700 job seekers from around the Permian Basin.

Job Fair '99 is set for 1-4 p.m., Thursday, March 25 in Midland College's Chaparral Center.

Representatives from businesses will be on hand to talk about entering the job market as well as to discuss specific job vacancies available.

"Potential employees should be sure to bring several copies of their resumes to distribute to company representatives," Beversdorf said.

"The goal is for this to be the best Job Fair in West Texas and to become an event the public looks forward to attending," she said.

The MC Job Fair '99 is free and open to the public.

Employers still have time to register if they wish to participate in the Job Fair.

For more information about how your business can participate or for more information about attending the Job Fair, contact Beversdorf at 685-4716.

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

Best sellers

Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Barnes & Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N., Midland.

National best sellers are from The New York Times.

LOCAL Fiction

1. The Testament, by John Grisham.
2. Apollyon, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.
7. Message in a Bottle, by Nicholas Sparks.
4. Left Behind, Tim LaHaye.
5. Jewel, by B. Lott.
6. Notebook, by Nicholas Sparks.
7. Mists of Avalon, by M. Bradley.
8. Memoirs of a Geisha, by Arthur Golden.
9. Street Lawyer, by John Grisham.
10. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood, by Rosemary Wells.

Nonfiction

1. The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw.
2. Life Strategies, by Phillip C. McGraw.
3. Nature Writing, by J. Durrell.
4. How To Get What You Want, by John Gray.
5. Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution, by Dr. Robert Atkins.
6. Beauty Fades, Dumb Is Forever, by Judy Sheindlin.
7. What Color Is Your Parachute? 1999, by Richard Bolles.
8. Historic Midland, by Bill Modisett.
9. New Decorating Book, by Better Homes & Gardens.
10. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom.

Children's

1. Nettie's Trip South, by A. Turner.
2. Brain Quest — Preschool.
3. Brain Quest — Kindergarten.
4. Hank the Cowdog #31.
5. Orange Cheeks, by O. Callahan.
6. Colorful Easter, by Golden Book.
7. Teeny Tiny Women, by Random House.
8. Wake Up Sun, by Random House.
9. My Loose Tooth, by S. Krensky.
10. Something Beautiful, by S. Wyeth.

NATIONAL Fiction

1. The Testament, by John Grisham.
2. Southern Cross, by Patricia Cornwell.
3. Ransom, by Julie Garwood.
4. Send No Flowers, by Sandra Brown.
5. A Man in Full, by Tom Wolfe.
6. The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver.
7. Apollyon, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.
8. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J. K. Rowling.
9. Be Cool, by Elmore Leonard.
10. A Sudden Change of Heart, by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

Nonfiction

1. The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw.
2. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom.
3. Perfect Murder, Perfect Town, by Lawrence Sanders.
4. Blind Man's Bluff, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew.
5. The Art of Happiness, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler.
6. Traveling Mercies, by Anne Lamott.
7. Beauty Fades, Dumb Is Forever, by Judy Sheindlin.
8. Playing For Keeps, by David Halberstam.
9. The Century, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.
10. Conversations With God, Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch.

The last sequel: McMurtry completes trilogy

DUANE'S DEPRESSED
by Larry McMurtry
(Simon & Schuster; 431 pages; \$26)

Reviewed by Scott Eyman

To begin with, Jacy Farrow is dead. The high school tease who animated "The Last Picture Show" and whose return to town motivated "Texasville," has been killed in a plane crash before the beginning of "Duane's Depressed," the deceptively easygoing, masterly third leg of Larry McMurtry's Texas trilogy.

Jacy's death is not a major plot strand, nor are any of the characters that we have grown to know so well over the course of the previous two books prominently featured; they're seasoning, a Greek chorus, but McMurtry stays focused on his main subject.

Duane thinks about Jacy once or twice, but not a lot, because he's got problems of his own. For no reason in particular but every reason in general, Duane Moore has decided that he doesn't want his life anymore.

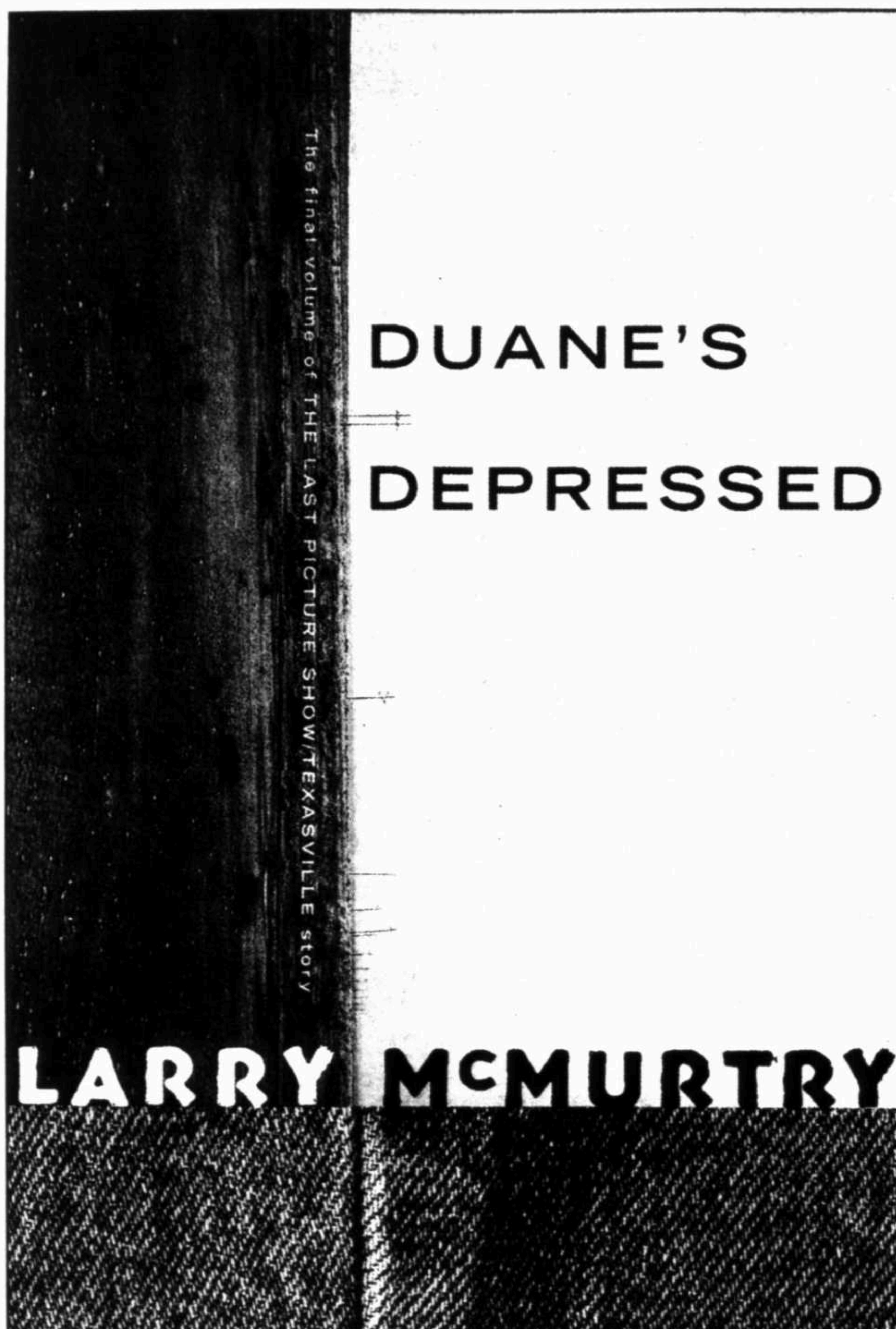
This manifests itself in a sudden decision to stop driving and start walking. He hides the keys to his pickup because he's sick of riding and not seeing anything. He goes to his cabin on the outskirts of town. He gets a dog named Shorty.

Karla, his more or less idiotic wife of 40 years, who believes that if she pecks at a problem long enough it will unravel, is driven to distraction by his sudden absence from her life and, for that matter, his own. What she doesn't understand is that something has to change; Duane just hasn't figured out what, exactly.

His more or less useless children, who have long parked their ill-mannered brats — check out Little Bascom — at their grandparents' house while they engage in serial relationships and drinking and drugging, are also stunned. What to do without Daddy?

McMurtry's mastery of his character and setting are such that you never notice that, in terms of conventional plotting, almost nothing happens, but you're never bored for a minute. There's movement, but it's mostly internal. (Woe betide anybody who tries to make a movie out of "Duane's Depressed" — movies are all about plot, and good writing is all about character.)

Duane walks to the store. He visits his old friend Sonny, who seems to be willing himself to die. Against his better judgment, he goes to a therapist. The therapist



tells him to get back in touch with life by reading Proust. He struggles mightily with Proust. He falls in love with the therapist. The therapist is a lesbian with a surly partner.

In the midst of all this, McMurtry kills off a central character with all the cold-blooded dispatch for which he's famous — he's the literary equivalent of the Old Testament Jehovah.

So Duane has to contemplate even more than he planned on.

If you've ever decided you wanted out, and not just for a weekend, McMurtry's careful delineation of Duane's mental state makes perfect sense.

"The cabin was the opposite of town — there, everything was disorderly: his kids taking drugs and neglecting their kids, his oil business crew growing more deranged every year. Of course, Karla did keep a neat greenhouse — he had to give her that, even if the winter tomatoes were only the size of pecans. But the town churned with disorder, and what he wanted for himself was order. He wanted each tool in its place at the end of the day."

The literary antecedent for "Duane's Depressed" is, of course, Melville's "Bartleby the Scrivener," another deceptive but profound moral tale of the emotional chaos caused by one man who would, for his own reasons, prefer not to.

Larry McMurtry is a professional writer and puts out a book every two years or so, and not all of those books have been absolutely necessary. Too many sequels to "Lonesome Dove" and some obvious throwaways. But every once in a while, he rises up and throws down something so defiantly good that you remember why you read him in the first place.

McMurtry is on such good terms with his people, his affection undimmed by the passing years, that he achieves the sort of shambling, wry warmth, completely devoid of sentimentality, evoked by Will Rogers nearly 70 years ago. Although that's the primary note McMurtry strikes, to leave it at that would ignore the deep well of anguish animating "Duane's Depressed," anguish over growing old, over a life that feels completely unlivable to the person inside it.

"I guess life's always more complicated than people think it's going to be," muses Duane at one point.

"Just while you're young and after sex," replies Ruth, his 90-year-old accountant, Sonny's lover all those years ago in "The Last Picture Show." "Now that I'm not after sex my life is perfectly simple — you bring me little sacks of okra and I sit here watching ballgames."

Ultimately, this is a book about the daftness of life, the turning of the Earth, the way people have of going on no matter what befalls them, and the possibility of second and third acts in a small town in west Texas. It's a comfort and a glory.

Book provides invaluable resource on justice system

LONE STAR JUSTICE:
A Comprehensive Overview
of the Texas Criminal
Justice System
by David M. Horton
and Ryan Kellus Turner
(Eakin Press, Austin,
\$29.95 hardback, 384 pages)

Reviewed by John Overholt

Even if you never miss an episode of "Walker: Texas Ranger," there may be a great deal you do not know about the criminal justice system in Texas. The new book "Lone Star Justice" is an attempt to provide a complete survey of that system, from the cop on the beat to the State Supreme Court.

While its level of detail may be too painstaking for the casual reader, anyone with an interest in the subject will find it a valuable resource.

The authors certainly bring formidable credentials to this task. One is a professor and director of the criminal justice center at St. Edward's University in Austin, and the other works for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The combination of backgrounds allows the authors to examine the system from both an academic and practical perspective. It does seem, unfortunately, that neither has extensive experience as a professional writer, and this occasionally results in minor disorganization and awkwardness. The book probably would have benefited from more rigorous editing.

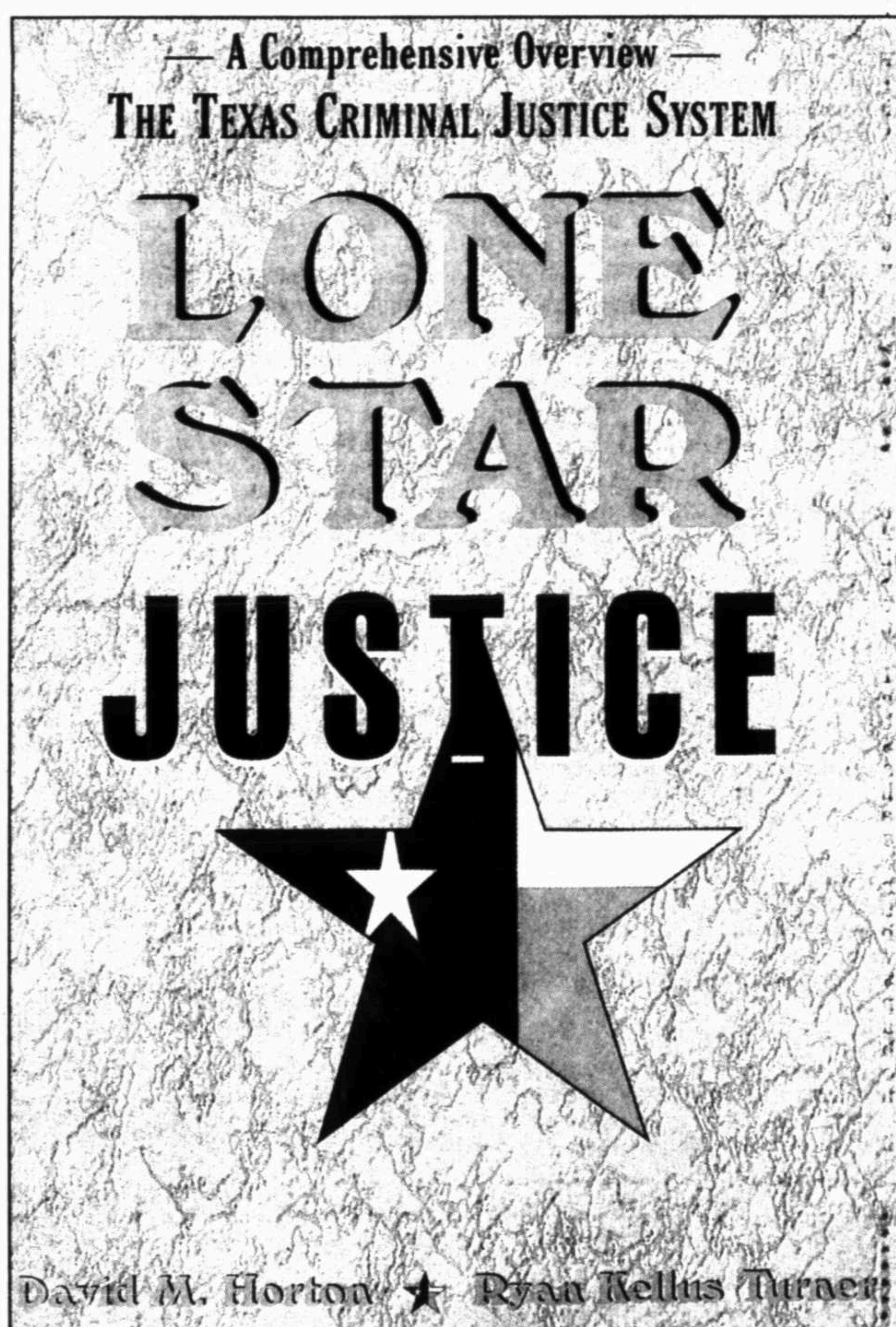
"Lone Star Justice" is organized thematically, with sections on constitutional history, law enforcement, the court system, trial procedure, prisons, probation and parole, and juvenile offenders. This structure certainly has benefits in terms of the book's usefulness as a reference, though it does so somewhat at the sacrifice of readability. Each section must necessarily begin over with the ear-

ly history of the state, and proceed forward in time. A chronological organization might have made for a more continuous narrative, showing how the institutions of today have evolved over time. However, readers primarily interested in any one aspect in particular will find it handy to have all the information in one place.

The chapter on the history of Texas constitutional and criminal law is particularly interesting, showing the evolution from pre-independence Mexican law, through the first constitution of the Republic of Texas in 1836, to the present system. Most helpfully, a chart breaks down the relevant portions of the state constitution item by item, and shows how they compare and contrast with similar provisions in the federal constitution. In addition, the chapter lays out the structure of the penal code, including types of crimes, the way they are classified into felonies and misdemeanors, and potential defenses to criminal charges.

The other chapters are similarly comprehensive, and provide a wealth of detail that is commendable. Just when the eyes are threatening to glaze, however, the authors toss in the occasional enlivening anecdote, such as the instance in 1925 when the Texas Supreme Court was composed entirely of women. It seems that a case arose from which each of the three justices was forced to disqualify himself for potential conflicts of interest. The governor appointed Hottel Ward of Houston, Hattie Henenberg of Dallas, and Ruth Brazzil of Galveston as special justices to hear the case. It was the only time in Texas history that the Supreme Court was so composed.

In addition to the main text, the book is supplemented with several valuable charts and appendices. These include mailing and Internet addresses for the relevant agencies and bodies of government, the text of the Texas Bill of Rights, and a time line of important events in Texas criminal justice history. Also of great use is an extensive glossary of



terms used in the text.

While not many will consider "Lone Star Justice" to be "light reading," schools, libraries, and teachers will likely consider it an invaluable resource, bringing together as it does the many

aspects of the Texas criminal justice system into one handy volume. They will find it an excellent reference and textbook. Those looking for more excitement, however, may want to stick with Walker.

Internet guide captures flavor of Canada with colorful stories

TALES OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES
AND VANCOUVER
by Patsy J. Newhouse
(1stBooks Library on the Internet,
www.1stbooks.com)

A Comanche, Texas writer, Patsy J. Newhouse, has released a guide to the geography and history of the Canadian Rockies on the Internet. "Tales of the Canadian Rockies and Vancouver" is now available worldwide as a "virtual" book, according to a news release.

"Tales of the Canadian Rockies and Vancouver" is described as a travel book, but it is much more than a mere guide to roads and attractions. The author has infused the true flavor of the region in her guide, bringing to the reader colorful stories of the people and events that shaped this great land. With 60 full-color pages,

Newhouse's guide includes the vibrant stories of 19th century characters and information on 20th century attractions. Laced with humor and insight, the author's work can be used as a valuable resource for vacationing in Canada by auto, train, air or just the reader's imagination.

Because the author has chosen to publish on the Internet, Newhouse's work is now available to an estimated 50 to 70 million readers around the world. Virtual books can be downloaded from the Web in a matter of minutes at prices 25-50% below those of softcover books.

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Indian physician writes about friendship, losses in El Paso

By Michelle Koldin
Associated Press

EL PASO — Abraham Verghese wonders if he and David Smith would've become friends had they met anywhere but El Paso.

The West Texas city of meshing cultures and vast horizons is the setting for Verghese's book, "The Tennis Partner," his portrayal of a friendship that helped him through a difficult period in life but that ends tragically.

It was here, in this melting pot that sits on the line dividing the United States and Mexico, that an Indian physician and an Australian medical student built their bond.

In the book, released last year and coming out in paperback this fall, the men are drawn together as outsiders in a foreign land, through their work at a county hospital and by their passion for tennis. Verghese was an enthusiast since childhood, Smith a onetime professional player.

"I could imagine meeting David at a medical school in New York and never forming this kind of a bond," says Verghese, 43, a native of India who grew up in Ethiopia.

"I think there is something about this landscape — and many other writers have commented on this — that really opens up the mind, something about these huge horizons that really allow you to tap into things you might not otherwise."

That is why Verghese decided to include so much rich description of

El Paso — its history, its landscape and its people — in his tale of friendship.

Verghese began writing "The Tennis Partner" after the success of his first book, "My Own Country," which was named one of the five best books of 1994 by Time magazine. In it, the infectious-disease specialist explores his relationships with his dying AIDS

fellow and Smith a fourth-year medical student.

As the two begin to confide in each other, Smith reveals he is a recovering drug addict.

As it turns out, his struggle was far from over.

Smith gives in to the demons of his past, and while Verghese remains a devoted friend, Smith

not America. I'm working in a First World county hospital, and yet I'm seeing many Third World diseases."

Walking across the bridge to Juarez for the first time and seeing a bustling Mexican marketplace transported Verghese back to the Africa and the India of his youth.

And with all of El Paso's competing mythologies — the Spanish conquistador, the Pueblo Indian, the Wild West — says Verghese, "there's plenty of room for someone with as complicated a background as mine to come and weave his own myth."

Proudly watching him do so are his friends in El Paso and his bosses at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center here.

With his success as a writer and doctor, some at the medical school fear losing Verghese to another institution. In addition to his non-fiction work, Verghese has published dozens of articles in academic journals.

"He's very skilled as a popular writer, but I think he's even more skilled as a scientific writer," said Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa, regional dean for the medical school.

It is his clinician's eye that allows Verghese to excel at both writing and practicing medicine, de la Rosa said.

"He's a very observant individual, not only as a physician but also the interplay between people," the dean said.

Verghese sees his two fields as

closely related.

When he examines a patient — as if writing a story — he notes every tiny detail. One might tip him off to a particular illness.

"It's interesting that I heard the same phrase in both writing school and medical school," he says, "which is, 'God is in the details.' And I think that's very true."

He constantly exercises his writing skills by keeping a journal, a task he hasn't forsaken despite a hectic life.

Close friends marvel at the way Verghese carries himself while balancing two careers and a family — he has remarried and now has a third son.

"The thing that makes him extraordinary is that he absolutely retains that gentleness and that

dignity in the self-imposed stress," says Bruce Berman, a freelance photographer and friend of four years.

Despite his achievements in writing nonfiction, Verghese professes his first love to be fiction. His next book, to be released later this year, will be a collection of short stories.

More than anything, he wants to write a novel that inspires high school or college students to go into medicine.

"That's really the kind of feeling that 'Of Human Bondage' evoked in me," Verghese said, referring to the classic by British author W. Somerset Maugham, "that sense of I'm young, and I don't have the answers to life, but in a funny way if I become a good doctor that will take care of everything else."

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— Abraham Verghese,
author of "The Tennis Partner"

patients in small-town Tennessee.

Verghese says he wrote "The Tennis Partner" because he wanted to describe a friendship that bailed him out of the depths of loneliness. And because of the sad ending, he thought writing the book would help him to understand what happened.

Their story begins in 1991, just after Verghese moved to El Paso and as he was about to separate from his wife of 11 years and live apart from his two young sons for the first time.

On the tennis court, Smith is the mentor, having played briefly on the pro tour. It's the opposite at the hospital, where Verghese is a pro-

slips out of his reach and into a downward spiral.

In telling the story of their affections, Verghese also tells the story of this city. He intertwines events from the tennis court and hospital with vivid images and observations.

He notes how the mountains and major roads here and in neighboring Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, all run parallel. Through dialogue, he shows how people here flip back and forth between English and Spanish in the same conversation.

"There's something about this city that is, in a remarkable way, a metaphor for who I am," says Verghese. "It's America, but it's

Volunteer network rescues stranded marine animals

By Mark M. Milam
Valley Morning Star

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — Along the Texas Coast an average of 130 marine mammals are stranded each year, including two sperm whales last year on the beaches of this resort community.

Volunteers from the Texas Marine Mammals Stranding Network help rescue the lucky ones.

The volunteers remove the animals, and though many do not survive, the network is providing scientists with a greater knowledge of marine life. Started in 1980 and headquartered in Galveston, the network is a nonprofit group with facilities across the Texas coastline.

Among the facilities is the Coastal Studies Laboratory of the University of Texas-Pan American, located inside Isla Blanca Park. According to the network's records, South Padre Island had 15 strandings last year along its shores. In addition to the sperm whales, bottlenose dolphins also washed ashore.

Before the network was formed, not only were stranded mammals an inconvenience to care for or remove, but vital data that could be used for research and education was being wasted, researchers said.

"Most of the strandings we get are bottlenose

dolphins. Sometimes we get other ones, and for some species almost the only thing that is known about them is when that animal washes up on the beach," said Don Hockaday, acting director of the Coastal Studies Laboratory.

When possible, explained Lance Clark, operations coordinator for the stranding network, mammals are taken to a rehabilitation center for treatment. After recovery, they are returned to the Gulf of Mexico.

"We have had three live ones," Hockaday said of the stranded marine mammals.

But sometimes saving the animal's life is impossible. Hockaday said the last mammal found had a stingray spine embedded in it and died. Another one had been bitten by a shark and was very weak when found.

On the other hand, there are some heartening rescue efforts in which the stranded marine mammal made a full recovery.

"The first we got was a baby dolphin and it's out at Sea World now," Hockaday said.

The network salvages the dead animals and performs a necropsy, removing tissue and skeletal remains in order to further understand these creatures. Scientists can learn about the animal's anatomy and pinpoint diseases that plague the mammals, researchers explained.

One of the tests performed on the tissues involves measuring the level of toxins in the Gulf. By studying the dolphins, researchers are able to measure the accumulation of certain materials in the tissue samples. On those results, scientists can make a reasonable assumption of the toxicity of Texas coastal waters, researchers said.

Hockaday said people who find a stranded mammal should keep the animal wet, keep the blowhole uncovered, and contact local authorities or the network. Hockaday said people shouldn't push the animal back into the Gulf.

"These animals did not accidentally run into the beach. They know where it is," Hockaday said. "They come up on the beach because they are extremely ill or whatever the reason is."

Hockaday also cautioned to be careful around the mammals because they have powerful tails, and a wounded animal can be unpredictable and aggressive.

All marine mammals in the Gulf are protected under the Marine Mammals Protection Act.

For more information or to report a stranding call the Texas Marine Mammals Stranding Network at 1-800-9-MAMMAL (1-800-962-6625) or visit the Web site at www.tmmn.org.

State historical group auctions documents of Texas heroes

DALLAS (AP) — A land document signed by Dallas founder John Neely Bryan brought \$4,000 in a live auction during the Texas State Historical Association's annual meeting that continues through the weekend.

Bryan signed the document in 1848, seven years after he built a cabin on the Trinity River's east bank. It was expected to bring \$5,000 to \$7,500 during Friday's sale. But even at \$4,000, it was the highest-priced item of the day, auction manager Melinda Wilson said Saturday.

A legal petition written by Texas hero William Barrett Travis turned out to be another buyer's bargain, selling for just \$800. It was expected to go for \$1,500 to \$2,000. Travis did not sign the two-page legal petition he wrote as an attorney in May 1831, five years before he was immortalized as commanding officer of Texas forces at the Battle of the Alamo.

"We were kind of disappointed in that one," Ms. Wilson said.

On the other hand, an 1826 land certificate signed by colonizer Haden Edwards brought a healthy \$2,900. The document, donated by Houston book dealer J.P. Bryan, may be one of the first printed in Texas.

"We were very pleased," Ms. Wilson said. "We had expected somewhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000, so it went at the high end of the range."

Ms. Wilson said she could not divulge who bought the documents or what the buyers planned to do with them.

A silent auction of items including tintype photographs and books from the 1800s continued Saturday — by coincidence the 163rd anniversary of the Alamo's fall to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In each of the last two years, the auction has raised about \$15,000 for the nonprofit association, located on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

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Fleeing desperation: Harsh lives spur exodus from Sonora

By Carmen Duarte
The Arizona Daily Star

HERMOSILLO, Mexico — From the tree-lined boulevards of this metropolis of 850,000, it's hard to see anything that would drive Mexicans to make the dangerous, illegal journey into the United States.

Hotels, nightclubs, car dealerships and stores, including a Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, thrive along stretches of road vacant a decade ago.

Mexico's wealthy and middle class — a large number from the state of Sonora — are estimated to have spent \$900 million in Arizona in 1997.

Traffic is steady during daylight hours. Posh neighborhoods like Colonia Pitic grow with spacious multistory mansions.

But as the boulevards turn to unpaved roads, where families living in cardboard and block houses survive on beans and tortillas, signs of prosperity give way to signs of desperation.

Last month, indigenous women flocked to the boulevards selling wares while their newborns slept on their backs. Most have returned to southern Mexico; others remain, wondering if their husbands successfully crossed the border into the United States.

Four-foot-tall Rosa Vasquez maneuvered through traffic, carrying a cup for change. She collects some \$2 a day.

"I tried to sell gum yesterday, but no one bought any from me. I left the gum at home today and I am begging," said Vasquez, a native of Oaxaca, east of Acapulco.

"I hope to leave in May. I came up north because I figured things would be better. To tell you the truth, we are not making it here or there," said Vasquez, covering her mouth and nose with a shawl in an effort to avoid breathing exhaust fumes.

Nineteen-year-old Lupita Mendoza Vasquez carried 2-month-old Luis on her back, begging up and

down the boulevard as temperatures hit the low 80s.

"My husband left about a month ago with plans to enter the United States at Tijuana. He went with a friend to find whatever work he could. I haven't heard from him," she said, placing her infant's sweater over her head to shield the sun.

The mother worried about exposing her baby to the sun and heat. If necessary, she would take him to the federal hospital for children located in the city's north-west-side. It provides treatment to pregnant women and youths at little or no cost.

Women in Mendoza's situation are common at the Secretary of Public Health Infant Hospital, located near impoverished colonias. Indigenous people from deep Mexico come in buses to earn less than \$3 a day picking grapes, cotton and wheat west of Hermosillo, in Ciudad Obregon and in the Ures area, said social worker Alicia Felix Pena.

Flor Zamora de Gutierrez, chief of patient services, said the hospital and clinics served 13,000 patients each month last year, a 2 percent increase from 1997.

"The masses are surviving on beans, tortilla, chile and coffee. A deep, religious faith is what maintains Mexico's people," said Zamora.

Medical staff members have seen an increase in mental health services with the worsening economy. "People feel a desperation and are under tremendous stress. Some are barely surviving," she said.

There is a rise in malnourished children, and educators also see a loss in the classrooms as students quit school, Felix said. Many drop out to work full time, but she added, "You see teen-agers trying to escape reality by turning to alcohol and drugs. Some turn to a life of crime. They rob and assault people."

Businesswoman Betty Olimon, owner of the travel agency Alamo, had gun-toting robbers enter her

agency twice last summer, leaving with a total of nearly \$1,000 in cash.

"They pointed guns to our heads. We were rounded up and forced to kneel in a back room while they rifled through our desks looking for cash," Olimon said. "I believed they were going to kill us. The incidents lasted minutes, but those minutes turned into an eternity." The travel agency was among 11 targeted since March. Olimon invested more than \$1,000 in wrought-iron doors and bars over her windows, following in the footsteps of other agencies.

She also installed an alarm and intercom system at the front door. It is only opened to known customers or those with appointments.

A friend gave her another item for protection: A statue of St. Jude Thaddeus — the patron of lost causes — stands next to a lit candle in a corner of her office.

"Crime in this city is incredible," Olimon said. "It reportedly went down this year, but if you ask me, it is still rampant."

Joaquin Trevino Lara, an administrative director with the state Attorney General's Office, said he can understand people's frustrations, but said violent crime has gone down because of police work.

He said 225 of 1,003 officers statewide were fired last year because of corruption and ties to drug traffickers.

"We hired 300 officers to fill vacancies, and we recently began a program to better policing in this state," Trevino said.

The program, the State Alliance for Public Safety, aims at improving police-community relations. It includes officers, businesses, civic groups and ranchers.

The group donated trucks for officers to improve patrolling and 20 mobile phones for leaders of the city's poorest neighborhoods.

"We are initiating Neighborhood Watch programs, and the phones will help leaders call in emergencies," Trevino said.

Some in Hermosillo's upper and

middle classes think Mexico's economic situation isn't what drives hundreds of thousands of people to cross the border.

The jobs are there, said a number of businessmen who didn't want to be identified. People crossing the border are young adventure-seekers who don't want to

work, they insist.

Gilberto Calles has worked two jobs for six years to keep his two-bedroom house for his wife and four children. Calles works as a computer technician and billing clerk, and his wife is a secretary. Their total monthly earnings are \$680.

"I work long hours, and we are barely making it," Calles said. "I have faith that my country will recuperate, but inflation is so great."

"I have a friend working illegally in the United States now, but I don't want to leave my wife and children. I'll just wait it out."

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Tinker Air Force Base's AWACS crews provide eyes in the skies

By Jason Collington
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Imagine a chess game where a move is the difference between life and death.

It's a game Capt. Kevin Hickman and his colleagues are familiar with, but their pieces are different, their board a combination of earth and air. They want to win every time their Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft is called aloft from Tinker Air Force Base.

Seated at computer screens in a plane with a 30-by-6 foot radar dome rotating above them, the crew members are the eyes in the sky for jet fighters and ground commanders.

Their airplane is basically an airliner with no windows. Most of the action takes place in an area called "the pit," where about a dozen crew members keep watch over three rows of multi-color computer monitors that paint contour maps of the ground below — and pinpoint any other aircraft aloft for miles around.

Recently, the crew from the 552nd Air Control Wing worked out with six jet fighters in combat training over the Atlantic Ocean near Panama City, Fla. The missions help crews develop instincts and good habits to use when real enemies force a fight.

"AWACS is our key ingredient," said Lt. Col. Kevin Dunleavy. "It's something that we do better than anyone else."

Aside from the work in the pit, the eight-hour flight itself was mostly unremarkable, almost like a commercial flight without peanuts. The exception was when the AWACS pulled in behind a tanker for a mid-air refueling, creating a bumpy ride during the minutes in which it was connected to the tanker through a refueling port above the cockpit.

When practices are over and the call is real, crew members cruise hundreds of miles away from danger as they monitor computer-processed data. They relay the information to fighter pilots and ground commanders.

Just as a chess player must make well-thought-out moves, the crew members have to move fighters into the right place to attack enemy targets. With its superior viewpoint, the AWACS crew can study the enemy's strategy and communicate with commanders planning the next move.

Although the exact range of the radar is classified, Dunleavy said it can monitor an area of more than 250 miles for low-flying targets and further for objects in flight.

"Because of our radar, we can beat them before they can figure out what we are doing," he said.

Without the assistance of AWACS crews, jet radar can see only an area about 60 miles across, said Maj. Joe Tripodi. He said fixed radars near the ground cannot see extended distances because of the curvature of the earth.

"With AWACS, we can look down on the scene," Tripodi said.

AWACS controllers assisted in 38 of the 40 air-to-air kills recorded

during the Persian Gulf War and worked 14 to 15 hours every other day.

Hickman said during peacetime the crews run missions two to three times a month, jumping to about 10 times a month when they are deployed. The aircraft also aids the U.S. Customs Service by detecting drug smuggling activities.

Thirty-three planes with their signature dome radars are stationed at Tinker, with more than 700 AWACS crew members. E-3 Sentrys also are assigned to bases in Japan and Alaska.

With the limited number of planes, AWACS crews are asked to

stay in the air and away from home more than many other groups in the military.

Hickman said he was away for 52 consecutive days last year, 166 in all, but he said, "I was one of the lucky ones."

Dunleavy said it's common for crew members to be gone 200 days a year. With the planes having the capability to stay in the air for more than 11 hours on a full tank, 24 hours with an aerial refueling, long days are not uncommon.

"We're the first up, last down," Hickman said. "It's our job to fly the long missions."

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SWIMMING — Texas Age Group Swimming, Short Course Championship, Mabey Memorial Aquatic Center.

Lady Raiders roll

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Julie Lake scored 20 points, including four 3-pointers, as No. 9 Texas Tech beat No. 21 Iowa State 73-59 Saturday night to win its second straight Big 12 tournament championship.
Tournament MVP Angie Brazier added 19 points and 10 rebounds and Rene Hanebutt scored 14 for Tech (28-3), which trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half. All of Brazier's points and 12 of Hanebutt's — on four 3-pointers — came after the break.
Stacy Freese, who led Iowa State (22-7) with 14 points, hit a free throw with 4:40 left to cut Tech's lead to 58-53. But Hanebutt, who finished the tournament with 14 3-pointers in three games, hit three in a 15-2 run that gave the Lady Raiders a 73-55 lead.

SMU wins WAC

LAS VEGAS — Southern Methodist earned an automatic NCAA tournament berth and ended Colorado State's 19-game winning streak in the process with a 65-49 upset of the No. 4 Rams in the championship game of the Western Athletic Conference tournament Saturday.
The Mustangs (19-10) outrebounded Colorado State 49-30 and held the Rams to a season-low 24 percent shooting.
Colorado State's (31-2) previous low point total this season was 63. The Rams also had a season-low 14 field goals.
SMU held three-time WAC Player of the Year Becky Hammon to 13 points on 4-for-16 shooting. Hammon averaged 23 points per game this season and 26 in WAC games.

Lady Chaps make national tournament

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ABILENE — For the past five years, the Midland College women's basketball program has been taking baby steps toward becoming one of the premier basketball programs in the country.

On Saturday afternoon, Midland College women's basketball showed that it has grown up by taking its biggest step of all. With a thrilling 75-74 overtime win

over No. 2 and previously undefeated Grayson County in the Region V Tournament championship game Saturday, the No. 4 Lady Chaparrals will be making their first ever appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament in Salina,

Region V Tourney

Kan., March 16-20.

The Lady Chaparral program has achieved a lot in five years. It has been a consistent top 20 program and

it has three Western Junior College Athletic Conference titles. But until Saturday, the Lady Chaps have never made an appearance in the national tournament for a shot at a national crown.

"We've been in the regional finals three of the past four years and we've felt the other end of it," said MC's fifth-year coach Ron Jones after his team's win at Hardin-Simmons' Mabey Complex. "Our emotions were up and down throughout the game. Fortunately,

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Dream final, bad ending

No. 1 Duncanville ends road for No. 2 Bulldogs

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Duncanville's Roosevelt Brown made the "Dream Shot" and shattered the "Dream Comeback" by the Midland High Bulldogs.

In a battle of the two top ranked Class 5A teams in the state, Brown's down-the-lane, off-balance touch shot found a home with five seconds left in overtime to hand Midland High an 84-82 loss in overtime of the Region I-5A basketball finals at Chaparral Center Saturday afternoon before the second consecutive sellout crowd for the tournament.

MHS junior Blake Johnston had just nailed a three-point bomb to tie the game at 82 with 16 seconds left in the overtime period, but Brown worked his way down the floor and put in the game winner.

"I knew the clock was working against me and I didn't have much time. I knew it had to be me to take the shot. It wasn't a planned play," said Brown, who will play his college ball at the University of Texas next fall. "We've been in games like this before and I don't mind taking that shot. I didn't have a real good look at the basket, but sometimes you have to do what you have to do."

Even though Johnston hit the key three that could have forced a second overtime, he tried to take the blame for Brown's game winner.

MHS' Johnston said, "After I made that three, I knew we had come up with a defensive play and I don't come up with that one."

But MHS coach Jack Stephenson said, "That was just a great shot by Brown at the end. There aren't many players who can make that shot. It was a game winner in every fashion."

But the shot did destroy MHS' hopes of a state title repeat and proved that the polls can get it right every once in a while. No. 1 Duncanville is headed for Austin.

Had Midland High pulled the game out, it would have been the greatest comeback in Region I history. Duncanville raced to a 25-4 first quarter lead while going on a 22-0 run against the Purple Pack.

Many thought the game was over then as Duncanville owned the glass and seemed to melt through the MHS defense.

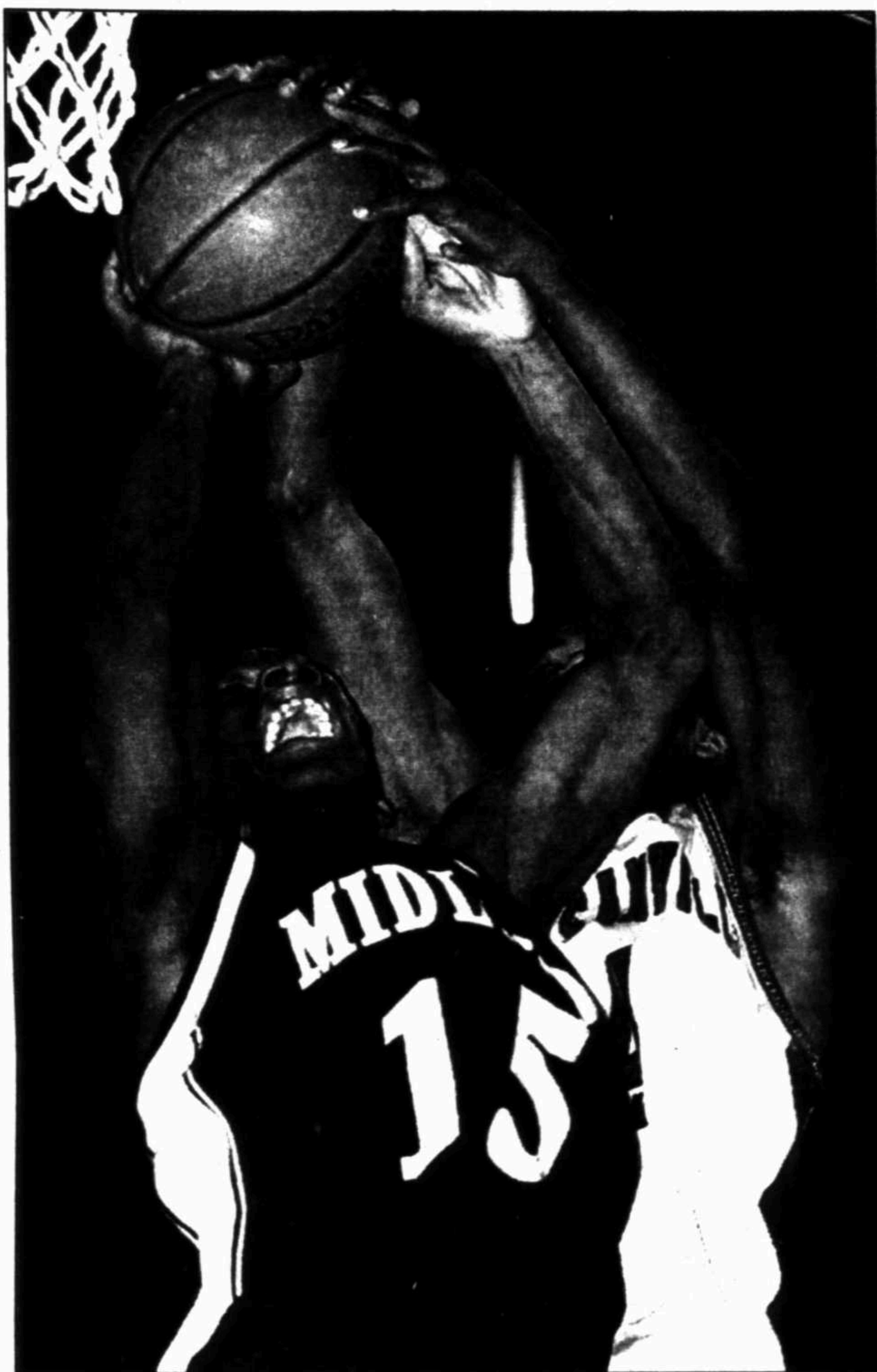
But MHS slowly climbed back in the game by outscoring Duncanville 72-51 to force overtime at 76-76.

"Yes, I was concerned when we were behind by 21 in the first quarter," Stephenson said. "You'd have to be a fool not to be concerned when you are down by that many to one of the best teams in the state. We weren't hitting our shots, but I told the kids to keep shooting."

Duncanville coach Phil McNeely said, "When you play a team like Midland High, you are never safe with any kind of lead. And we hurt ourselves with a lot of turnovers in the second half."

It was also Johnston, who had 18 points on the day, that sent the game into overtime with another three-point shot with 22 seconds left in regulation play.

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Midland High's Jay Christian (15) is fouled from behind by Duncanville's Doug Jones. The No. 2 Bulldogs took the No. 1 Panthers to overtime, but Christian and his teammates could not come away with a second straight region title.

Buffaloes just miss state ending

By Jared Schroeder
MRT Correspondent

ABILENE — Wellington is headed for the Class 2A state boys basketball tournament.

Stanton dominated the boards and bounded to a quick 9-3 lead in the first four minutes of Saturday's Region I-2A tournament championship game. But that was

when its dominance ended, as Wellington upped its rebounding efforts and tightened its defense to defeat the Buffaloes 68-62 in Moody Coliseum.

It is the second time Stanton's season ended at the regional tournament in Abilene.

Last year, Stanton fell to Lockney in the regional semifinals. Like Wellington, Lockney went on to represent the region at the state tournament.

Wellington coach Tim Webb called a timeout after Stanton had scored on four consecutive possessions to remind his team that they had to block out.

"We knew that even though we were outsize, we were going to have to get rebounds," Webb said.

Senior George Shrubbs took his coach's words seriously, by making several rebounds and scoring 10 points

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Lee's Eric Neatherlin beats the throw back to first as Midland High's Jeff Beard reaches for the ball. Midland Lee took the title after beating Midland High in the title game.

Rebels capture crown

By Andy Penney
MRT Correspondent

The Midland Lee baseball team was able to beat cross-town rival Midland High for the second consecutive night, but this time, the Rebels had to do it the hard way.

Lee put up two runs in each of the last three innings to overcome a four-run deficit and beat MHS 6-5. Tournament

Tournament of Champions

MVP Eric Neatherlin hit two-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning to score teammate Eric Clodfelter with the winning run.

It also finished off an impressive championship performance by the Rebels in the Tournament of Champions.

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COM team experiences good day at home pool

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

In a lot of ways, things stayed the same Saturday evening at the Texas Age Group Swimming Short Course Championships at the Mabey Aquatic Center, but the home crowd had a lot more to

cheer about.

While The Woodlands Swim Team expanded its lead in the overall team standings over second place Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club, the host City of Midland swim team had its best day of the meet thus far. COM surpassed its

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Snyder girls capture title; Winchell falls to 3rd place

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

The cold wind that blew throughout Saturday's second round of the Tall City Invitational girls' golf tournament was enough to make most players miserable. Of the top 11 players in the Division I medalist standings after Friday's first round at Midland Country Club, only three players shot better than 85 on Saturday at Hogan Park.

Midland High's Shelly Winchell, who led the field after shooting a 79 Friday, wasn't one of those. She shot 88 Saturday:

pretty good in that weather, but good enough only for a share of third place at 167.

"I didn't play very well. The wind got me," she said.

Lubbock Coronado's Lara Sowers was one of the few who survived the wind. She fired an 81 for a two-day total of 162 and first place.

"I guess you've got to get used to it," said the sophomore after earning her first

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UT's lousy shooting propels OSU to final

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Do not sneer at Texas for lousy shooting, says Eddie Sutton.

Hail the defense of Oklahoma State, which went to an uncharacteristic top Saturday in beating a taller, top-seeded Texas 59-57 in the Big 12 tournament semifinals.

"Our defense won the game," the Oklahoma State coach said after the fifth-seeded Cowboys held on to beat the team that had beaten them twice in the regular season and 10 times in their last 11 meetings.

"I don't like playing a zone. In the first half we tried to lay off some of their guys and drop down on their front line," Sutton said. "But we fouled too much."

The Longhorns hit just 8-of-26 from the field in the second half, and ruined their comeback chances with costly turnovers in the last 1:30.

Adrian Peterson scored 18 points despite missing 7:30 of the first half with an ankle injury and hit the front end of a one-and-one free throw to give the Cowboys (22-8) a two-point lead with nine seconds to go.

Texas (19-12), the regular-season Big 12 champion, rebounded Desmond Mason's missed free throw with 20 seconds left, but turned the ball over again and sent Peterson to the line.

Big 12 Roundup

Glendon Alexander had 13 points for Oklahoma State, which has won six of its last seven games and will meet the winner of the Kansas in the title game on Sunday. It will be the fourth game in four days for the Cowboys.

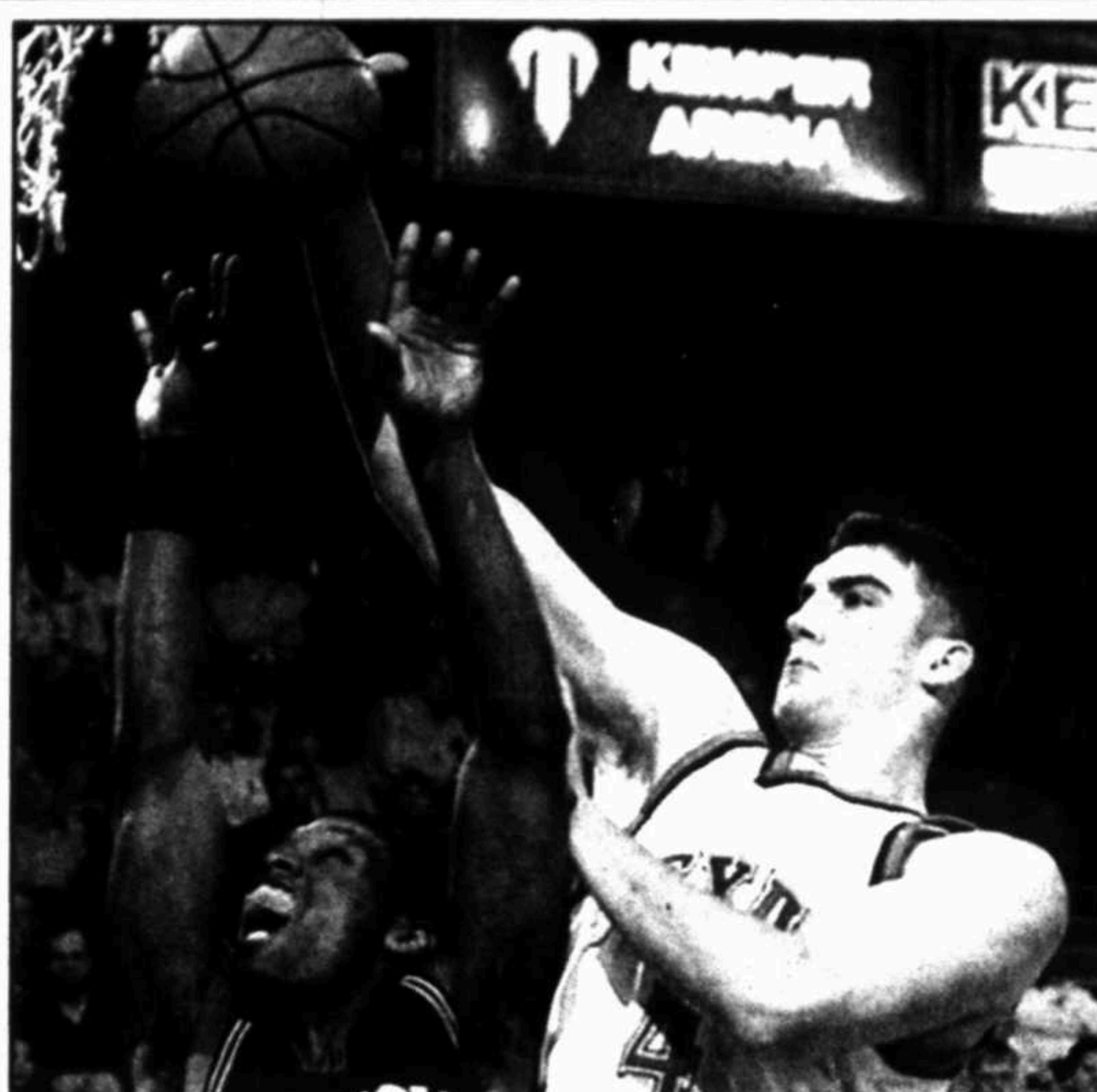
Both teams were ice-cold in the second half, with the Cowboys going just 8-for-31.

Kansas 69, Kansas St. 58
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The word for Jeff Boschee is fearless.

The conference freshman of the year hit a 3-point bucket after Kansas State seized the lead with 5:29 to go, then he scored six points in the final 1:35 as Kansas beat the Wildcats 69-58 Saturday in the Big 12 tournament semifinals.

Kansas led by only five when Boschee hit an off-balance 15-footer as the shot clock expired. Then he added a free throw and then, with 12 seconds to go, canned his fourth 3-pointer as Kansas remained unbeaten in eight Big 12 tournament games.

His inexperience also shines through sometimes, however. The Jayhawks had a play set up for center Eric Chenoweth when Boschee got confused and had to throw up the off-balance jumper.



Texas center Chris Mihm, right, reaches in from behind to pull a rebound away from Oklahoma State's Glendon Alexander, left, in the first half Saturday during the semifinals of the Big 12 championship tournament.

In their last 16 games against Kansas, the Wildcats are winless, a streak that dates back to 1994.

In the finals on Sunday, Kansas (21-9) will meet Oklahoma State (22-9), which lost a controversial one-point decision in overtime to Kansas last month when the clock showed 00:00.

Kentucky upsets No. 4 Auburn; Arkansas wins

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Fourth-ranked Auburn was the best team in the Southeastern Conference during the regular season, but No. 14 Kentucky came through again in the tournament.

The Wildcats, who have won two straight tournament titles and six of the last seven, moved with one victory of another championship by defeating the Tigers.

The cold-shooting Tigers (27-3), losing to Kentucky for the second time this season, fell into a double-digit hole less than six minutes into the game and never recovered.

No. 22 Arkansas 84, Mississippi St. 79

ATLANTA — Pat Bradley scored 27 points, including two key free throws in overtime, as Arkansas advanced to the SEC tournament final.

Arkansas (22-9) also 17 got points from Derek Hood, who sent the game into overtime with a basket off an offensive rebound and

SEC and Big Ten

iced the game with a blocked shot and dunk follow with 23.5 seconds left in overtime.

Illinois 79, No. 11 Ohio State 77
CHICAGO — Illinois, the lowest seed in the Big Ten tournament, pulled off its third straight upset to reach the title game.

The Illini (14-17) will meet Michigan State for the tournament championship Sunday and a chance to capture the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

No. 2 Michigan St. 56, No. 19 Wisconsin 41

CHICAGO — Mateen Cleaves wasn't about to let No. 19 Wisconsin beat No. 2 Michigan State again, and his quick, crisp passes turned into several easy baskets as the Spartans beat the Badgers in the Big Ten Conference semifinals.

Michigan State's defense was outstanding, holding Wisconsin scoreless for 10:42.

UNC beats Maryland, to play Duke

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In his two seasons as North Carolina's coach, Bill Guthridge has demonstrated an ability to use one-liners to break some of the tension of big-time college basketball.

That was the case again Saturday after his 15th-ranked Tar Heels blew most of a 23-point lead in the last eight minutes before pulling out an 86-79 victory over No. 5 Maryland in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Minutes later, Guthridge walked into the interview room, leaned into the microphone and broke into a devilish grin.

"If the game would have gone on much longer," he deadpanned, "we would have been in trouble."

Instead, North Carolina secured a berth in Sunday's championship game, where a victory would mean a third consecutive ACC title, something no one has accomplished since the Tar Heels from 1967-69.

"This is what we've been working for all season, and right now it's all about being focused," said Max Owens, who powered several key runs that sent the Tar Heels to

ACC Roundup

their eighth consecutive tournament victory.

Third-seeded North Carolina (24-8) shot 53 percent, including a 9-of-16 performance from 3-point range, putting the Tar Heels in position to hold off the late rally by second-seeded Maryland. The Tar Heels (26-5) cut their deficit to four points before losing in the conference semifinals for the eighth consecutive time.

Maryland used an 18-6 run to help trim North Carolina's lead to 78-74 with 47 seconds remaining. But Owens helped the Tar Heels seal it by making all six of his free throws the rest of the way.

Owens, a sophomore guard, finished with a career-high 23 points. Ademola Okulaja added 19, Jason Capel 13 and Brendan Haywood 10 as North Carolina advanced to the title game for the 11th time in 13 years.

The Tar Heels will need to beat top-ranked Duke to win their ACC-leading 16th championship.

Maryland, which swept the Tar Heels by a combined 30 points in the regular season, lost to North

Carolina in the tournament for the seventh consecutive time. The Tar Heels haven't made it to the title game since 1984, when Len Bias helped them win their second ACC crown.

Duke 83, NC State 68
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Corey Maggette, a freshman making his first start in place of the injured Trajan Langdon, scored 17 of his season-high 24 points in the first half as Duke beat North Carolina State 83-68 Saturday in the semifinals of the ACC tournament.

The Blue Devils (31-1) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 26 games in beating the Wolfpack (18-13) for the 10th time in their last 11 meetings.

Maggette's previous high was 22 points against North Carolina-Greensboro. Elton Brand added 19 points after a slow start.

Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with a season-high 19 points.

Langdon, the team's second-leading scorer at 17.1 points per game, missed his first start in 131 games because of a sprained left foot sustained in a 104-67 first-round win Thursday against Virginia. Duke missed him early, when the offense wasn't clicking.

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Vegas 400

LAS VEGAS (AP) —

ing is the starting line day's NASCAR Winston Vegas 400 at the Las Vegas Speedway with driver car number in parenthesis.

make of car, time in seconds (in miles per hour)

1. (18) Bobby Labonte, 31:64.5 seconds, 170.64

2. (7) Michael Waltrip, 31:73.5, 170.159

3. (12) Jeff Burton, 31:75.1, 170.073

4. (19) Tom Hubert, 31:79.8, 169.908

5. (31) Mike Skinner, 31:79.8, 169.822

6. (58) Ricky Craven, 31:85.0, 169.513

7. (12) Jeremy Mayfield, 31:85.0, 169.513

8. (9) Jerry Nadeau, 31:85.0, 169.513

9. (88) Dale Jarrett, 31:85.0, 169.513

10. (28) Kenny Irwin Jr., 31:89.3, 169.316

11. (24) Jeff Gordon, 31:91.4, 169.205

12. (5) Terry Labonte, 31:95.2, 169.004

13. (6) Mark Martin, 31:95.7, 168.977

14. (94) Bill Elliott, 31:98.9, 168.929

15. (43) John Andretti, 31:97.1, 168.903

16. (33) Ken Schrader, 31:98.0, 168.860

17. (16) Kevin Laporte, 32:01.9, 168.650

18. (25) Wally Dallenbach Jr., 32:06.6, 168.403

19. (99) Jeff Burton, 32:07.1, 168.360

20. (20) Tony Stewart, 32:08.4, 168.038

21. (45) Rich Bickle, 32:08.9, 168.262

22. (98) Rick Mast, 32:08.9, 168.262

23. (41) David Green, 32:12.4, 168.099

24. (30) Darrius Copeland, 32:13.8, 168.036

25. (21) Elliott Sadler, 32:13.8, 168.036

26. (26) Johnny Benson, 32:14.8, 167.973

27. (55) Kenny Wallace, 32:15.4, 167.942

28. (11) Brett Bodine, 32:15.4, 167.942

29. (91) Steve Grissom, 32:18.0, 167.806

30. (22) Ward Burton, 32:23.2, 167.535

31. (97) Chad Little, 32:23.2, 167.535

32. (4) Bobby Hamilton, 32:25.4, 167.421

33. (40) Sterling Marlin, 32:25.6, 167.400

34. (10) Ricky Rudd, 32:27.8, 167.297

35. (50) Buckshot Jones, 32:27.8, 167.297

36. (60) Geoffrey Bodine, 32:30.1, 167.177

37. (2) Rusty Wallace, 32:30.1, 167.177

38. (3) Dale Earnhardt Jr., 32:30.1, 167.177

39. (23) Jimmy Spencer, 32:30.1, 167.177

40. (36) Ernie Ivan, 32:30.1, 167.177

41. (1) Steve Park, 32:30.1, 167.177

42. (90) Stanton Barrett, 32:30.1, 167.177

43. (66) Darrell Waltrip, 32:30.1, 167.177

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Vegas 400 Lineup

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The following is the starting lineup for Sunday's NASCAR Winston Cup Las Vegas 400 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway with drivers listed with car number in parentheses, name, make of car, time (in seconds) and speed (in miles per hour).

(1) Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 31.645 seconds, 170.643 mph.
 (2) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 31.724 seconds, 170.159 mph.
 (3) Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 31.751 seconds, 170.073 mph.
 (4) Tony Stewart, Ford, 31.767 seconds, 169.988 mph.
 (5) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 31.798 seconds, 169.922 mph.
 (6) Jerry Nadeau, Ford, 31.886 seconds, 169.353 mph.
 (8) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 31.887 seconds, 169.348 mph.
 (28) Kenny Irwin Jr., Ford, 31.892 seconds, 169.316 mph.
 (14) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 31.914 seconds, 169.205 mph.
 (1) Tony Stewart, Ford, 31.917 seconds, 169.197 mph.
 (3) Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 31.952 seconds, 168.950 mph.
 (16) Mark Martin, Ford, 31.957 seconds, 168.977 mph.
 (4) Bill Elliott, Ford, 31.966 seconds, 168.929 mph.
 (43) John Andretti, Pontiac, 31.971 seconds, 168.903 mph.
 (16) Kevin Lepage, Ford, 31.972 seconds, 168.850 mph.
 (18) Jeff Burton, Ford, 32.072 seconds, 168.371 mph.
 (20) Tony Stewart, Ford, 32.084 seconds, 168.338 mph.
 (41) Rick Bickle, Pontiac, 32.089 seconds, 168.282 mph.
 (22) Rick Mast, Ford, 32.091 seconds, 168.271 mph.
 (24) David Green, Chevrolet, 32.124 seconds, 168.099 mph.
 (30) Darrell K. Rader, Pontiac, 32.136 seconds, 168.036 mph.
 (21) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 32.148 seconds, 167.973 mph.
 (26) Johnny Benson, Ford, 32.148 seconds, 167.973 mph.
 (27) Jimmy Wallace, Chevrolet, 32.154 seconds, 167.942 mph.
 (11) Brett Bodine, Ford, 32.160 seconds, 167.910 mph.
 (29) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet, 32.160 seconds, 167.910 mph.
 (2) Ward Burton, Pontiac, 32.232 seconds, 167.535 mph.
 (37) Chad Little, Ford, 32.237 seconds, 167.509 mph.
 (43) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet, 32.254 seconds, 167.400 mph.
 (30) Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 32.258 seconds, 167.400 mph.
 (30) Rick Rader, Ford, 32.258 seconds, 167.400 mph.
 (35) (10) Buckshot Jones, Pontiac, 32.278 seconds, 167.297 mph.
 (36) (10) Geoff Bodine, Chevrolet, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (37) (2) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (38) (2) Dale Earnhardt, Ford, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (23) Jimmy Spencer, Ford, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (40) (36) Ernie Irvan, Pontiac, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (41) (1) Steve Park, Chevrolet, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (42) (30) Stanton Barrett, Ford, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.
 (43) (6) Darrell Waltrip, Ford, 32.301 seconds, 167.177 mph.

Sam's Town 300

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Results from Saturday's NASCAR Busch Series Sam's Town 300 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway with finishing position, starting position (in parentheses), driver, home state, make of car, laps completed, reason out if any and money won:

(1) Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark., Ford, 200, \$87,625.
 (2) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 200, \$51,700.
 (3) Jeff Gordon, South Boston, Va., Ford, 200, \$39,075.
 (4) Jeff Gordon, South Boston, Va., Chevrolet, 200, \$26,000.
 (5) Jimmy Spencer, Batesville, Ark., Chevrolet, 200, \$25,750.
 (6) Tony Stewart, Ford, 199, \$14,710.
 (7) (18) Elliott Sadler, Emporia, Va., Chevrolet, 200, \$27,895.
 (8) (10) Jeff Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 200, \$21,400.
 (9) (11) Kevin Lepage, Shelbyville, Va., Chevrolet, 200, \$18,550.
 (10) (12) Jason Keller, Greenville, S.C., Chevrolet, 199, \$26,100.
 (11) (21) Johnny Benson, Grand Rapids, Mich., Chevrolet, 199, \$16,850.
 (12) (42) Jeff Purvis, Clarksville, Tenn., Chevrolet, 199, \$25,800.
 (13) (38) Phil Parsons, Detroit, Mich., Chevrolet, 199, \$19,750.
 (14) (21) Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 199, \$15,240.
 (15) (41) Randy LaJoie, Norwalk, Conn., Chevrolet, 199, \$23,930.
 (16) (35) Bobby Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Pontiac, 199, \$14,710.
 (17) (13) Geoff Bodine, Cheverly, N.Y., Chevrolet, 199, \$14,710.
 (18) (20) Dave Blaney, Portland, Ore., Chevrolet, 198, \$15,800.
 (19) (19) Mike McLaughlin, Waterbury, N.Y., Chevrolet, 198, \$22,990.
 (20) (32) Dave Blaney, Portland, Ore., Chevrolet, 198, \$15,800.
 (21) (44) Mark Parker Jr., Denver, N.C., Chevrolet, 198, \$15,800.
 (22) (25) David Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 198, \$16,250.
 (23) (34) Darrell K. Rader, Batesville, Ark., Chevrolet, 198, \$14,710.
 (24) (26) Elton Sawyer, Chesapeake, Va., Ford, 198, \$14,710.
 (25) (24) Jeff Fuller, Auburn, Mass., Chevrolet, 198, \$15,800.
 (26) (37) Tony Stewart, Ford, 198, \$14,710.
 (27) (18) Adam Petty, High Point, N.C., Pontiac, 198, \$13,390.
 (28) (30) Matt Kenseth, Lansing, Mich., Chevrolet, 198, \$21,880.
 (29) (31) Dick Trickle, Winston-Salem, N.C., Chevrolet, 198, \$13,390.
 (30) (32) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet, 198, \$13,390.
 (31) (37) Mark Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 198, \$16,000.
 (32) (32) Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn., Pontiac, 198, \$12,950.
 (33) (9) Tim Fedeaux, Holt, Mich., Chevrolet, 197, \$15,840.
 (34) (35) Phil Mattern, Jacksonville, Va., Chevrolet, 197, \$12,950.
 (35) (39) Mike Garvey, Muskegon, Mich., Chevrolet, 197, \$12,950.
 (36) (40) Jason Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Chevrolet, 97, engine failure, \$19,125.
 (37) (20) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 43, handling, \$12,500.
 (38) (22) Todd Bodine, Cheverly, N.Y., Chevrolet, 39, engine failure, \$15,500.
 (39) (43) Jeff Krogh, Kansas, Idaho, Chevrolet, 30, engine failure, \$15,500.
 (40) (40) Andy Kirby, Nashville, Tenn., Chevrolet, 28, crash, \$14,845.
 (41) (43) Lyndon Arris, Saluda, S.C., Chevrolet, 13, engine failure, \$14,650.

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 1B Kevin Young on a four-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent INF Denny Haulton to Cleveland for 2B Bobby Brown and C Mike McCrory to their minor-league camp.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with 1B Kevin Young on a four-year contract.
National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Re-signed C Rob Valicewicz to Houston for \$1.5 million.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled D Brian Bouchard from Grand Rapids of the IHL.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded RW Andrei Kovalenko to the Carolina Hurricanes for A Adam Burtt.

College Basketball

Men's Tournaments

By The Associated Press

Big 12 Conference

First Round

Thursday, March 4

Colorado 69, Iowa State 57

Oklahoma State 83, Baylor 57

Nebraska 67, Texas A&M 76

Kansas 69, Texas Tech 50

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Texas 62, Colorado 76

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Tuesday, May 11

MC sophomores pave way for national tourney berth

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ABILENE — There are five Midland College Lady Chaparral sophomores who know what it's like to be on Grayson County's side after a 75-74 overtime Region V Tournament championship win Saturday.

Last season, the Lady Chaps had a chance to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament but lost the regional championship, 61-53, to Howard at Chaparral Center. That loss proved to be a motivational factor coming into Saturday's championship game. Saturday was also their last shot to go to nationals in a Lady Chap uniform.

One of those sophomores who knew what this win would mean to her teammates and to the fifth-year program was Shelley Alderman. The 5-foot-11 guard from Oregon City, Ore., probably had her best game in her two-year career at MC with 19 points, four rebounds, five steals, two assists, and not to mention, the game-winning shot with 16 seconds left in overtime.

"Being a sophomore and being here last year, it's just an awesome feeling to go to nationals," Alderman said. "Before the game, all the sophomores felt like this could be our last game together and I looked at it like this could be my last game at Midland College."

And so it was fitting that a sophomore propelled the Lady Chaps into their first ever

national tournament appearance with a jump shot in a game which was full of nail-biting pressure which led to blown opportunities for both teams.

"That was a good shot," said MC coach Ron Jones. "We had a wide-open look at the basket and she knocked it down."

The Lady Chaps survived missed free throws, costly turnovers and survived Grayson having the potential to win the game with a missed layup at the end of regulation. MC wants to take the next step and the Lady Chaps believe they're ready.

"We've worked hard for this all year, and to come back and actually win it, is special," said Autumn Johnson, a 6-2 post from Los Angeles. "Our whole team chemistry this year is great. We all fight for what we want, and what we wanted is to go to nationals."

"This is our best chance to win a national championship. Now we just have to go there and get it," said sophomore guard Natalie Goodall.

For Goodall, even though she wasn't at Midland College last year to feel the heartbreak of losing the regional championship, she knows what this game meant to her teammates.

"I almost cried for the returning sophomores who lost at regionals last year," Goodall said. "I'm so glad we got the job done for them. And for coach Jones, he's never had a regional championship. I was so glad I was able to be

Bound for Kansas



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REGION V FINAL SCORE: Midland College 75, Grayson County Community College 74 (OT).

RECORDS: Midland College is 31-2. Grayson County is 32-1.

REWARD: Midland College earned a national tournament berth in its fifth year of existence.

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NOTES: The Lady Chaps finally broke through with their first national tournament berth in five appearances at the Region V tournament. In 1995, MC also advanced to the region final before losing to Grayson.

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The Lady Chaps will now take their 31-2 record and 18-game winning streak to Kansas, where the Lady Chaparral sophomores hope to end their career with a national title.



Midland High junior Shelly Winchell lines up a putt and tries to stay warm Saturday during the final round of the Tall City Invitational at Hogan Park. Winchell shot a second-round 88 and tied for third in the medalist race.

GOLF: Lee girls take sixth

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high school tournament championship. "You go out on a day like this and practice in it."

She chipped in on the last hole for a birdie, she said. That ended up being the difference between her and Abilene High's Devon Day, whose best-of-the-day round of 79 left her one stroke short of first at 163.

Day's fine round was enough to help her Abilene High team crash a District 4-5A party in the team competition. Snyder ended up winning the tournament with a two-day total of 704, just ahead of Abilene High's 706. Two of Snyder's district rivals followed close behind: Andrews at 708 and Fort Stockton at 717.

Two of District 4-5A teams were at fifth and sixth: San Angelo Central at 736 then Midland Lee at 746. Midland High finished 11th at 808.

Last year, the Lee girls finished fifth at the state tournament. Coach Phyllis Sutton lost three players off that team, leaving some work for her and the Lady Rebels to do.

"We've got a long way to go before we can be competitive in district," Sutton said. "We have the ability and I think we can. We just have to put it together. We've got some new golfers this year, but hopefully we can get it together by district and be competitive by then."

In the last 11 years, the Lee girls have been to eight regional tournaments and six state tournaments. To get to regionals, a team has to finish first or second in its district. The Tall City Invitational included all seven of the programs from District 4-5A, and Lee was third-best on this weekend. Sutton said that with work, her Lady Rebels have the chance to move up.

"We have a lot of potential; we're just young," she said. "I think the scores can come down very quickly."

Midland High's team is even younger, aside from Winchell.

"We played just about as well as we can play (Saturday)," MHS coach Bernie Hagins said. "(Besides Winchell) the rest of the team is just inexperienced. They've got to do a lot of work this summer if they intend to get any better."

As for Winchell, Hagins said he would have liked to have seen her second-round score (88) be a little closer to her first-round score (79). He said consistency is the key to success in medalist play.

"In golf, every day's a different day," Hagins said. "You can look at the pros and see that. They shoot 62, then go out and shoot 72. The good ones are consistent. You can't be 10 strokes apart, and Shelly was nearly at 10 strokes. The mental aspect of golf is as important as in any other sport."

"That's kinda the way her rounds have been going," he said. "Part of it was the weather today, but somebody shot a 79 today. She plays with these girls all the time. She's just got to step it up to stay with them. She's capable of playing with 'em."

Winchell's round didn't start out very well. If you're taking the lead into the last day of a tournament, you don't want to shoot double bogeys on the third and fourth holes — like Winchell did.

"I had two doubles in a row," she said. "I just wanted to quit."

She didn't quit, though. She came back and birdied the next hole, which might have made the difference in salvaging third place instead of completely falling apart.

"You say, 'Slow down, keep your head down, and don't do stupid stuff,'" she said of recovering from the double bogeys. "You can't blow it all on one hole."

"It was a good tournament, but I didn't play as well as I should have. I'm just going to have to practice harder."

That's true of every player in District 4-5A. Snyder, Andrews and Fort Stockton all have strong teams, but only two can advance to regionals.

Right now, Snyder is on top.

"It's a good accomplishment early in the year," said Snyder's Keisha Gafford, who finished tied for sixth in the medalist standings. "We're disappointed in our scores, because we can all do much better, but on a windy day like this, the scores were all right. And the course yesterday (Midland Country Club) was tough, and the greens were fast. This was good competition. I'm glad we came out on top."

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REBS: Lee earns fifth ToC championship

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"That's great for Eric (Neatherlin)," said Lee head coach Jesse Benavidez. "He has been in a slump lately, and this was a great way for him to get out of it. It couldn't happen to a better guy."

"I told myself to wait for the right pitch," said Neatherlin. "That pitch came on the first one, and the ball just went where I wanted it to go."

Lee made their way to the championship game by going 3-0 and remaining in the winners' bracket. The Rebels handed MHS its first loss of the season Friday, 8-2, and the Bulldogs had to work its way back to the championship through the losers' bracket. Midland High beat Tascosa 3-2 behind a solo home run from Laynce Nix in the morning game, and then the Bulldogs beat Lubbock Monterey for the second time in the tournament 10-7. MHS scored 8 runs in the final two innings to get them past the Plainsmen and into the championship rematch with Lee.

Defense was the name of the game early as neither team could manufacture any offense through the first four innings. The Bulldogs' Jayson Nix held Lee in check as he only allowed three Rebel hits through the first four frames.

Collin Gilliam and the Rebel infield was just as impressive. Gilliam gave up three hits through four innings, but two of the hits were

erased by double plays.

Midland High finally warmed up the bats in the fifth, and the Bulldogs were able to collect four runs due to a controversial call. With one out and the bases loaded, Aaron Pullin hit a fly ball into right field. Scott Worley seemed to make a great diving catch on the ball, and the umpire signaled that it was the second out. One run did score from third base, but the Rebels appeared to double up Matt Bose on second base for the third out.

However, after the play, the umpire reversed the call and said Worley did not make the catch, thus letting the inning continue. The Bulldogs were able to score three more runs in the inning to take a 4-0 lead.

Lee responded to the umpire fiasco with two runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Two singles and a MHS error let the Rebels cut the lead in half, 4-2.

In the sixth, Lee catcher Michael Burlison tied the game with one swing of the bat. Burlison hit a monstrous two-run homerun over the left field wall to tie the game at 4-4.

"I was just trying to swing as hard as I could," said Burlison. "I hit it good and the wind helped it get out."

Midland High regained the lead in the top of the seventh after Aaron Hamblin singled in Pullin to give the Bulldogs a 5-4 lead. MHS coach Barry Russell decided to let Nix try to

finish the game on the mound, but Nix, who had pitched the night before, was quickly running out of gas. Nix walked two Lee batters in the inning before he served up the game-winning hit to Neatherlin.

"Our guys were playing on nothing but fumes," said Russell. "Jayson played his heart out. He had pitched yesterday so he was tired, but he is a great guy with a big heart."

Lee finishes the Tournament of Champions with a 4-0 record. The Rebels are now 8-3 overall. Midland High wraps up the weekend at 4-2, and they stand at 11-2.

"We feel good about our play, but not overconfident," said Benavidez. "You play these tournaments to get better and build your confidence. We have to continue to build on this weekend until district starts."

"I feel very positive about this weekend," said Russell. "We didn't play well against Lee Friday, but we matched them today. We also beat state-ranked Monterey twice this weekend. It just goes to show that there are two fine baseball squads in Midland."

Saturday's results from the Tournament of Champions:
El Paso Franklin 4, El Paso Eastwood 3, Midland High 3, Tascosa 2, Midland High 10, Lubbock Monterey 7. Championship Game: Midland Lee 6, Midland High 5.

All Tournament Team: John Adams, Monterey; Leonard Guerrero, Tascosa; Jeff Beard, Coty-Joe Cawakus, Aaron Hamblin, Aaron Pullin, MHS; Michael Burlison, Eric Coffelt, Josh Harris, Ryan Klatt, Josh Ramos, Lee; Hankinson Award (MVP): Eric Neatherlin, Lee.

TALL CITY INVITATIONAL

Final results from the Tall City Invitational Girls Golf Tournament in Midland. Saturday's final round was played at Hogan Park.

Division I

Team Scores: 1. Snyder 353-351—704, 2. Abilene High 358-348—706, 3. Andrews 357-351—708, 4. Fort Stockton 364-353—717, 5. San Angelo Central 376-360—736, 6. Midland Lee 375-371—746, 7. El Paso Coronado 397-357—754, 8. El Paso Franklin 374-385—759, 9. Odessa Permian 390-403—793, 10. Lubbock Coronado 386-399—784, 11. Midland High 402-406—808, 12. Abilene Korah 403-408—811, 13. Odessa High 437-438—876.

Medalist Standings: 1. Lara Sowers, Lubbock Coronado, 81-81—162, 2. Sarah Day, Abilene High, 84-79—163, 3. (tie) Shelly Winchell, MHS, 79-88—167, Jennifer Sanders, Andrews, 85-82—167, 5. Laura Cutbirth, Abilene High, 90-79—169, 6. (tie) Jodie Duff, Permian, 83-87—170, Keisha Gafford, Snyder, 84-86—170, 8. (tie) Liz Wardlaw, Central, 87-85—172, Lisa Snyder, EP Coronado, 90-82—172, 10. Lacey Kidd, Raspberry, 89-85—174.

Team by Team Scores
Snyder (704): Gafford 84-86—170, Kidd 89-85—174, Rand Reed 87-89—176, Stephanie Alderete 98-91—189, Adrienne McMurray 92-96—191.

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Fort Stockton (717): Valerie Nolen 91-80—171, Taryn Elliott 87-88—179, Ashley Dunagan 95-87—182, Keeli Cates 91-95—186, Whitney Lowther 104-88—192, San Angelo Central (736): Wardlaw 87-85—172, Megan Sheburne 90-89—179, Amy Young 92-91—183, Meredy Black 107-95—202, Stephanie Bahlman 111-114—225.

Midland Lee (746): Amy Roach 92-92—184, Jennifer Taylor 96-82—188, Tawny Alonzo 93-96—189, Korah Sheburne 90-89—179, Amy Young 92-91—183, Meredy Black 107-95—202, Stephanie Bahlman 111-114—225.

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Division II

Team Standings: 1. Pampa 356-382—738, 2. Monahans 374-374—748, 3. Lamesa 376-380—756, 4. Pecos 373-369—742, 5. Borger 386-394—780, 6. Lubbock Monterey 388-438—826, 7. Plainview 406-412—818, 8. Friendship 430-400—830, 9. Midland Lee II 417-419—836, 10. Dumas 419-441—860, 11. Lubbock High 456-440—896, 12. Amarillo Caprock 436-470—906, 13. Hereford 472-487—959, 14. Amarillo Palo Duro 376-400 team score.

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Vincent records another hat trick; Jackalopes run over Central Texas

Staff Report

ODESSA — Paul Vincent could become a magician. He has enough hat tricks.

Vincent posted his third hat trick in five games here Saturday night as the Odessa Jackalopes scored a 7-2 win over the Central Texas Stampede at the Jack Shack.

Vincent, last week's WPHL Player of the Week, started quick enough, scoring with just 43 seconds gone in the first period. Sami Laine scored with 90 seconds left in the second period to make the game 3-0. The Jacks then scored the first four goals of the third peri-

WPHL Playoff Race

od, three coming on power plays and another on a short-handed goal by Rick Girihny. Jan Jas had a goal and Laine had two goals and two assists on the night.

Jacks' goalie Billy Pye had a shutout going until the Stampede scored with 4:19 left in the game. The Jacks were three-of-six on power play opportunities against the best team in the WPHL for killing penalties.

The Jacks got good news and bad news Saturday. Forward Jamie Dunn injured a knee in the

second period and didn't return to the game. However, the Jacks have signed forward Andrew Rodgers, who was with the team some last year. He traveled from Pensacola, Fla., and played Saturday after 35 minutes of sleep.

The other bad news was that both Amarillo and Alexandria won. Amarillo trails Odessa by one point in the race for the league's last playoff berth and Alexandria trails by four points. Amarillo and Alexandria play each other today, insuring that one of the teams will pick up points on the Jacks, who will travel to Waco for a game versus the Wizards.

LOCAL SPORTS

District 3-2A All-District

Stanton placed three players on the District 3-2A All-District team Saturday, including senior Justin Cobb, who was named as the league's as a co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Seniors Kyle Herm and Chad Smith, who helped Stanton gain Region 1-2A finals status, also made the first team.

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Tommy Brown, of Midland, competes in the 13-14 year-old breaststroke Saturday at the Texas Short Distance State Championships. Today is the last day of the four-day event at the Mabee Aquatic Center.

COM: Irons wins two events

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point output from the previous two days of the meet, tallying 85 points Saturday to increase its total to 166 for the meet, putting it in seventh place overall.

COM claimed three victories on the day, with Erin Irons winning twice in the 15-18 age group and McCall Keathley winning in the 10 and under. Irons, in winning the 200 yard freestyle and 400 individual medley, also reached the Junior National meet with her times in those two events.

Irons' two victories highlighted a day in which 13 Junior National qualifying times were posted and a state record was set. Although The Woodlands didn't figure in any of those, its overall depth was enough to tally 489 points, well ahead of Cypress Fairbanks with 283.

The past week has been one of unusual uncertainty for Irons, who usually enters her meets as a favorite, or at the very least a top contender. Swimming for Midland High in last week's state meet, Irons reached the finals in only one event although she was entered in four as a head cold came at the absolute worst time. Although she was a top seed in both the 200 free and 400 IM, Irons wasn't feeling much like it at first.

"Coming in I didn't ever think I had a chance to make juniors (in the two events)," said Irons. "I came in swimming tired. I knew I wasn't sick anymore and that wouldn't be a factor."

Irons appeared plenty healthy in winning the 200 free, shaving over three seconds off her prelim time with a swim of 1 minute, 53.88 sec-

onds, just below the Junior National cut of 1:54.19. She finished over two seconds ahead of second place finisher Tori Livingston of The Woodlands.

That turned out to be merely a tune up for Irons, who was finally feeling some momentum after prelims.

"I felt pretty good in the warmups and after those were over I thought I had a good shot (of making the Junior National cuts) in both," said Irons.

In with five events in Junior Nationals already under her belt midway through the day, it took a push from another multiple junior qualifier, Lubbock Swim Club's Abby Fogel, to give Irons the push she needed in the 400 IM. Irons took the lead on the butterfly portion of the race, but Fogel, in the lane next to her, eventually took about a half-length lead during the breaststroke portion.

During the last 100 yards in the freestyle, though, Irons kicked it into gear, and eventually overtook her friend Fogel, and touched the wall at 4:32.53 to make the junior cut. Fogel seemed equally inspired by the chase, and she also made the cut with a 4:33.01.

"Abby's a great person and I'm glad she was there in the lane next to me," said Irons. "I wouldn't have given up without her, but she pushed me harder."

Irons finished third in the one race she didn't win, the 100 fly, but the two swimmers who finished ahead of her, Falon Hopkins of Harris County Aquatics and Heather Thornton of the Conroe Area Team, both made their junior cuts.

Besides Irons, Shamus Crosby of

Bayou Elite Aquatics was the only other 15-18 swimmer to make junior cuts in two events Saturday. Crosby swam a 1:43.05 in the boys 200 free and his second place finish in the 50 free of 21.49 was good enough to make the cut right behind winner Justin Whitaker of Blue Tide Aquatics at 21.43.

COM's Keathley picked up her second win of the meet with her victory in the 100 IM in 1:09.17, taking two seconds off her prelim top seed.

In an unexpected bonus, COM had another qualifier for juniors in the girls 800 free relay. Fourteen-year-old Leigh Wentworth was fifth in the 13-14 200 free in 1:58.93, but that was good enough to become a fourth swimmer on COM's relay team.

"I had no idea what I needed," said an emotional Wentworth. "I was just so surprised. If I had gone two-tenths of a second slower we wouldn't have gone."

Thanks to the combined times of Wentworth and 15-18 swimmers Irons, Stephanie Brown and Emily Alvarado in their best 200 free swims, COM has an 800 qualifying time of 7:49.59 in the event, 10 seconds below the national cut.

"I knew the four times I needed and I was wanting a 1:58 from somebody," said Ted Carson, who coaches COM's 13-18 swimmers. "I didn't say anything to anybody in case I was wrong so I went to the calculator."

The one state record was set by Scott Spann of Texas Aquatics in the boys 10 and under 100 breast. Spann swam a 1:10.06 to break the previous mark of 1:10.76 set last fall by Maverick Smalley of The Woodlands.

Results from Saturday's races at the Texas Age Group Swimming Short Course Championships:

TEXAS AGE GROUP SWIMMING RESULTS

Team Standings (through 82 events): 1. The Woodlands Aquatic Club (TWSC) 489, 2. Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club (CFSW) 283, 3. Midland High Aquatics (MHA) 274, 4. Academy of Texas Aquatics (ATA) 192, 5. Texas Gold (TSG) 180, 6. City of Plano Swimmers (CPSW) 178, 7. City of Midland Aquatics (CMA) 174, 8. Collegeville Aquatics (CA) 152, 9. Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 130, 10. Houston Elite Aquatics (HEA) 116, 11. Conroe Area Team (CAT) 108, 12. Texas Aquatics (TA) 107, 13. Mid-Cities Aquatics (MCA) 105, 14. San Antonio Wave (SAW) 83, 15. City of Richardson (COR) 82, 16. Alamo Area Aquatics (AAA) 71, 17. Bayou Elite Aquatics (BEA) 68, 18. Temple High School (TAS) 58, 19. Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 51, 20. Space City Aquatics (SCA) 50, 21. El Paso Aquatic Club (EPAC) 44, 22. Katy Aquatics (KA) 43, 23. Fort Worth Area Swim Team (FAST) 39, 24. The East Texas Swim Team (ETST) and Harris County Aquatics (HCA) 34, 25. Houston Swim Club (HSC) 31, 26. Fort Worth Area Swim Team (FAST) 31, 27. Lewisville Aquatics Club (LAC) and Desert Sharks Swim Club (DSSC) 29, 28. Aqua Team Swim Team (ATST) 27, 29. City of Dallas Aquatics (CDA) 26, 30. TST and Corpus Christi Aquatics (CCA) 23, 31. Metroplex Aquatics (MTA) and Southeast Texas Aquatic Race (STAR) 21, 32. Lone Star Aquatic Club (LSAC) 19, 33. San Jacinto Aquatic Club (SJAC) 17, 34. Unattached ATAC 15, 35. Dads Club Swim Team (DADS) 13, 36. North Texas Aquatic Club (NTAC) and First Colony Swim Team (FCST) 11, 37. Kristin Theobaldus, TWST, 11:36.4, Rostad Bado, TWST, 11:45.5, Stephanie Terrell, ATAC, 11:51.2, 3. Kelly Mauffair, TWST, 11:
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SGTAPJ31223 V.I.N. 1G1AX68X5E148218 V.I.N. 2FABP33F1CB166073 V.I.N. 1G1FS87H7FL412799 V.I.N. 1FAPP289XJW142305 V.I.N. 1G4AH51R9J6409616 1994 HOMEMADE TRAILER 1982 BUICK 1990 FORD 1989 OLDSMOBILE 1983 BUICK 1978 TOYOTA 1976 CHEVROLET 1987 PLYMOUTH 1988 TOYOTA 1974 FORD PK 1984 CHEVROLET 1982 FORD 1985 CHEVROLET 1988 FORD SW 1988 BUICK LICENSE: ZDV96F LICENSE: C50MVF LICENSE: C02VCT LICENSE: DDV792 LICENSE: 924UXY LICENSE: NJB66C LICENSE: WRH20W LICENSE: MXJ49K LICENSE: H598K LICENSE: WRJ91B LICENSE: JXV21X LICENSE: NYV59H LICENSE: PTG59N Sale to be held Saturday, March 13, 1999, at 10:00 A.M. at B & B Wrecker, located at 1607 W. Florida, Midland, Midland County, Texas.	90 Legal Notices REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for a MOBILE IMAGE INTENSIFIER SYSTEM for heart imaging. Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, March 1, 1999. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #364-022599 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 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JULY 16, 1999.	90 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Food Service Paper Goods, Bid #9F-0006 and Food Service Cleaning Supplies, Bid #9F-0007, addressed to Mrs. Patricia Mouser, Director of Food Service, Midland Independent School District, 801 South Moran, Building #2, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 10:30 a.m. CST, March 26, 1999 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1525. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Guy Mabey, Deceased, were issued on December 16, 1998, in Cause No. P. 12,332, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Joe Mabey, Independent Executor. The address of the Independent Executor is as follows: Joe Mabey 6 Dosta Drive, Suite 5800 Midland, Texas 79705 All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out. DATED the 6th day of January, 1999. COTTON, BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 2776 Midland, Texas 79702 BY: ROBERT H. DAWSON State Bar No. 05605000 ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR	90 Legal Notices PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for REMODEL OF THE ODESSA LABORATORY of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. 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DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER 2200 W. ILLINOIS MIDLAND, TX 79701	90 Legal Notices NOTICE OF SALE Alamo South Mini-Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas provision of Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following unit(s) contents. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from sale. Mary Willhite, Rebecca Guzman, Donna Clay, Donald Murray, January Anderson, George Dreher, Rosie Turner, Sylvia Herrera, Alfred Criswell Location: Alamo South Mini-Storage 1301 S. Connell Midland, TX Lois Fletcher Location: Alamo Mini-Storage 500 N. Fairgrounds Road Midland, TX	105 HAPPY ADS Lordy Lordy Gator's 40! Happy Birthday Lagayatha! Love Mom, Tonya, Michael & John	105 HAPPY ADS SHE IS STILL ALL THAT AT 49! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIA REYES GOTCHA! LOVE ALWAYS, MILLIE, STEPHEN & JACOB!	115 Announcements Email Your Classified Ad! 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A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 25, 1999, in the Administration Building 502, Big Spring State Hospital, Highway 87 North, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is MANDATORY. A bid will not be accepted from any bidder that has not attended the Pre-Bid Conference. Plans and specifications will be available Monday, March 8, 1999, from Chakos, Zentner, Marcum Architects, AIA, PLLC, 125 Washington, San Angelo, Texas 76901, Telephone: (915) 658-1563, Facsimile: (915) 653-6183, a \$25.00 deposit is required. Work consists of all new concrete slab of grade with face brick veneer and concrete block walls, and standing seam metal roof on plywood deck and wood truss system. Bids will be received in accordance with State Procedures.	90 Legal Notices PUBLIC NOTICE West Texas Centers for MHMR (WTC) is currently distributing Request for Proposal #00299. 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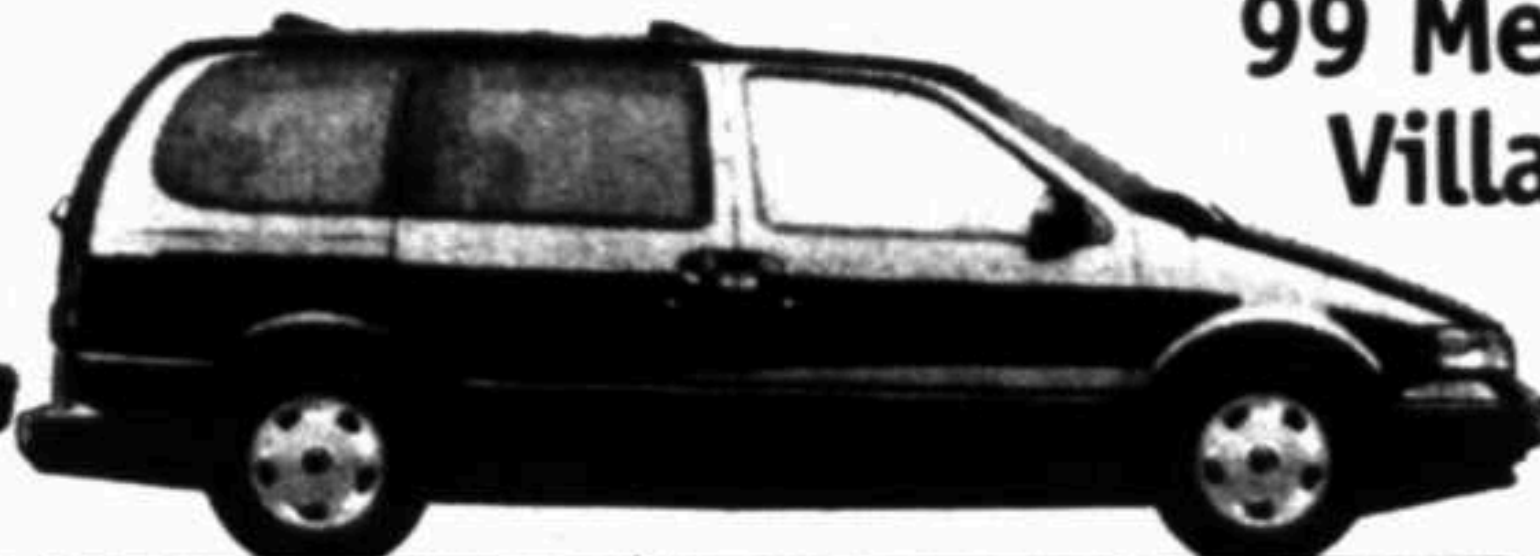
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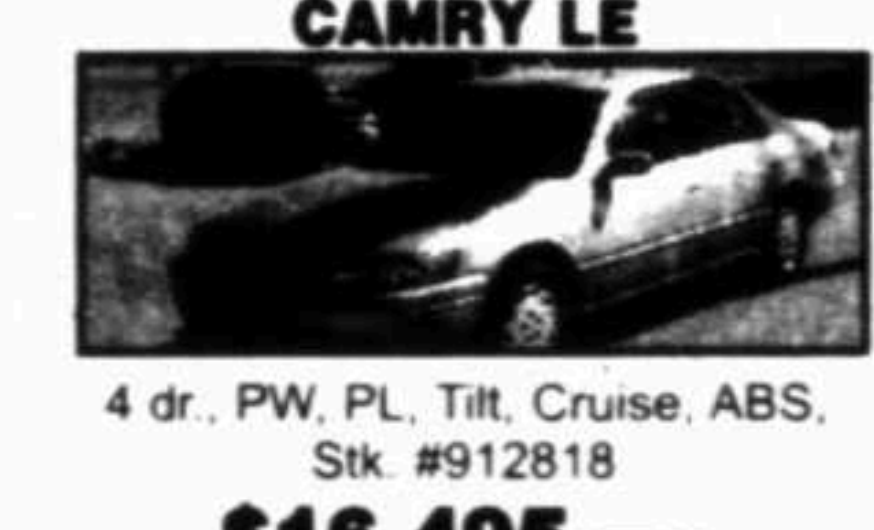
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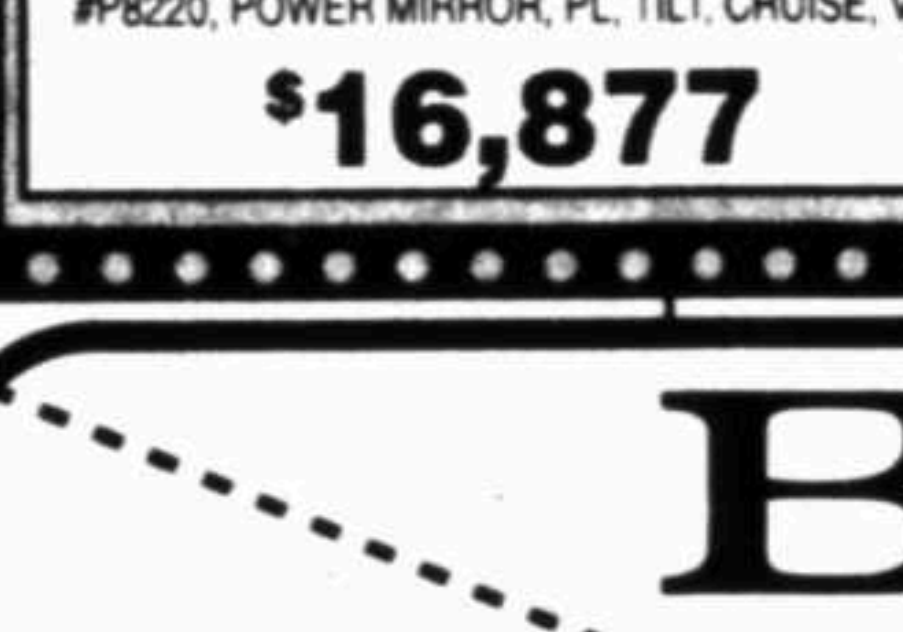
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NEED TO HIRE: Experienced house cleaners. References needed. Bilingual preferred. 520-8829 leave message. 520-3707.

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Our Company will hire 20 Men & Women for carpet shampooing and display work. \$1,575 monthly guarantee, company will train. Must be neat in appearance and have own transportation.

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NEEDED: OTR driver, one year experience. Clean record required. Excellent pay. 524-7026, ask for Joe.

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In addition to stock option plans, Walgreens offers a competitive salary, attractive benefits, and opportunities for advancement. Call for an appointment and ask for Noel Griffin at 915-595-2788. Or send resume to: Walgreens District Office, 2112 Trowwood, Suite 89, El Paso, TX 79935. Fax: 915-594-9741. Walgreens promotes and supports a drug-free work environment. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Registered Nurses

Hendrick Medical Center, a leading healthcare provider in West Texas, is seeking experienced nurses in the following areas:

- Extended Care
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- CCU
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Atmosphere:

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- Graduate Nurses are Welcome

Hendrick offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. For immediate consideration, call or send resume to:

Attn: Human Resources

Hendrick
MEDICAL CENTER

1242 N. 19th St. Abilene, TX 79601
570-3181 1-800-933-2289 Fax (915) 670-4417
E-mail: phobano@hendrickhealth.org

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NEW TODAY

LVN wanted full time, for busy physicians clinic. Salary negotiable, benefits available. Send resume to: P.O. Box 4186, Midland, Texas 79704

LVN, 10:00-6:00 2 Days/Week. Excellent salary. CNA-1 opening for 2:00-10:00. 1 opening for 10:00-6:00. We're looking for the best CNA's. If that's you, come join our team! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT with other medical office duties. Will train the right person. Send resume to: Box J-5173, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL OFFICE Seeking organized, conscientious certified nurses and duties include assisting RN, office testing and telephone calls. Bring resume to 3001 W. Illinois #1A between 9 and 5 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

NEED EXPERIENCED Medical Receptionist. Knowledge in insurance billing, CPT and CD, coding, and workman compensation required. Submit resume to: P.O. Box 81045, Midland, TX 79708.

NURSES NEEDED! Referral bonus. Call Nursefinders. 570-8080.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED in Doctors office. Insurance filing, computer skills, transcription, scheduling appointments, light bookkeeping. Experience preferred. Bring resume to: 1300 W. Wall.

CNA
Sunrise Healthcare Corp., a national leader in long-term, skilled and postacute care, is seeking CNA's at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton (formerly Stanton Care Center).

As a Sunrise team member, you will join a staff where your contribution is important and in return receive the opportunity to participate in Sunrise's liberal benefits package. Will train Unit Helpers. Apply at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton, 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, TX, 79782. Call 915-756-2841. EOE/AA.

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ARCHITECTS OFFICE seeking Full Time Auto CAD Specialist or Intern Architect. 915-687-0781.

CPA with experience for successful Arlington CPA firm. Must have public accounting practice experience. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 817-274-4452.

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has the following positions:

COLLECTOR - \$24k/yr
Experience a MUST

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5 yrs + exp w/expertise in Land

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Non-profit needs an enthusiastic, organized, self-starter to manage special event fundraisers in West Texas. Responsibilities include planning, budgeting, and implementing special events, recruiting and managing volunteers, and tracking & evaluating campaign results. Marketing, public relations & non-profit experience necessary. Must be flexible & thrive on a fast paced work environment. Be March 12th, please send resume & salary requirements to:

Lucia Gray
National MS Society
2303 W. Wall, Ste 210
Midland, TX, 79701
Fax: (915) 684-4350

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QUALIFICATIONS
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Two Civic Center Plaza, Third Floor
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Established local business seeks an energetic individual to join our team. Duties include AR, GL, PR, Data Entry and routine office tasks, financial statement preparation experience a plus. Position requires keen attention to detail, proficiency with accounting and spreadsheet software. A minimum of two years college accounting or equivalent experience is desired. We offer a career opportunity with comprehensive fringe benefits. Qualified applicants should reply in confidence with resume and salary expectations to:

Box P-6162
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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

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LEGAL ASSISTANT

Large downtown law firm seeks experienced litigation legal assistant. Legal certification required. Contract to perm position. Please send resume and salary requirements to:

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OTR Drivers drop what your doing and hook with us. No touch freight, late model equipment, plenty of miles. We speak your language. 800-880-2346.

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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

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MARKETING

Complex Community Federal Credit Union

is Seeking a **MARKETING DIRECTOR**. The incumbent should possess the following:

- > A Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Journalism, or other related area
- > Preferably at least two years of experience in a consumer and/or financial environment
- > Ability to function with little supervision
- > Able to construct annual marketing plans
- > Creative in promotion and production design
- > Computer literate
- > A good decision maker
- > Service motivated

Principals only, no phone calls please. Please include your salary history and requirements in your cover letter. Forward your resume to:

Complex Community Federal Credit Union
Attn: Randy Hachtel, Vice President Human Resources
4900 E. 52nd
Odessa, TX 79762

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APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER responsible for custom development, maintenance and support for Microsoft Windows based applications. Minimum of three years experience required. Working knowledge of object oriented design languages such as Visual Basic, Visual C++, Microsoft Access, Lotus Notes, Java, JavaScript, and VBA for Microsoft Office is a plus. Proficiency in object oriented design, OLE, COM and ODBC is preferred. College degree or equivalent experience required. C.S. or M.I.S. degree preferred.

If you are interested in joining our team of professionals, contact us at:

CTSI
Computer Transition Services, Inc.
3223 South Loop 289, Suite 556
Lubbock, TX 79424
(806)793-8961

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ASSISTANT CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR

Girlstown U.S.A., near White Face, Texas, seeks Assistant Campus Administrator to oversee all aspects of community life for our children. Master's degree in a Human Services field and experience in residential youth programs required. Substantial management and staff supervision experience required. Must reside on campus, housing provided. Call HR at (806) 372-2341 or (800) 687-3722. (EOE)

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Medical Records Coordinator

Full-time position for qualified medical records coordinator. Responsible for maintenance and compliance of all facility medical records. Knowledge of coding/indexing and release of information legalities required. One year experience medical records in a hospital setting with supervisory experience required. ART or RRA preferred.

Send resume to: Desert Springs Medical Center, 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706. Attn: Human Resources.

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The Midland Advantage Charter School
An Advantage School

Wanted: Full-time, Seasonal Student Recruiter

Reporting to the Director of Student Recruitment, the site-based individual will implement and direct the local recruitment effort for The Midland Advantage Charter School, opening in the Fall of 1999. This individual will be responsible for representing the School and delivering the School's mission to potential customers by phone, mail, and advertising. Three to five years professional experience or three years experience in a college internship or work-study program is strongly preferred. Excellent oral and written communication skills, attention to detail, flexibility, and strong organizational and management skills are essential. Applicants must have knowledge of the local community and live in the region for the duration of the recruitment effort. Spanish fluency (oral and written) a plus.

Fax resume to: 617-523-5105, email to jobs@advantage-schools.com or call (888) 523-8706 for more information.

Advantage Schools

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Retail Grocery Sales Representative Position

Job Description/Experience Requirements/Benefits:
A major food company is seeking an aggressive Sales Rep to sell and service Retail Grocery Trade. The successful applicant will live in the Midland/Odessa or Hobbs/Carlsbad area. All applicants must demonstrate a clear understanding of business, ethics and professionalism. The successful applicant will pass a drug test and background check.

Responsibilities include and are not limited to:
Achieve volume targets
Achieve distribution targets
Pursue incremental volume and shelf space
Present company promotions and execute local marketing
Develop strong customer relationships
Monitor and report competitor activity
Manage costs in areas of responsibility
Professionally represent the company at all times

Requirements:
Must be self-starter
Some overnight travel required
4 Year college degree required, Business Degree preferred
Computer experience
Excellent communication, interpersonal and presentation skills
Grocery industry experience a plus

Benefits:
Company car + 401K plan
Full Medical/Dental benefits + Salary plus Bonus

Send resumes and letter of interest to:
Retail Grocery Sales Representative
5909 75th Street
Lubbock, TX 79424

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South Plains College
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTOR

ART INSTRUCTOR

CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR
(temporary position)

SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

SPEECH INSTRUCTOR

Levelland Campus full-time positions: Request position description and application packet from South Plains College, Human Resources Office, Maria Chapa, 1401 S. College Ave., Levelland, TX, 79336, (806) 894-9611, ext. 2177. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Application reviews will begin on April 1, 1999.

Complete employment listings and descriptions are available at our web site www.spc.cc.tx.us under "JOBS".

South Plains College reserves the right to extend the search or not offer position advertised. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Educational Institution.

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DIRECTOR OF NURSING

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DEGREED ACCOUNTANT

Degreed Accountant needed for an affiliate of an NYSE. Will work under direction of Controller to supervise and perform accounting functions including financial reporting to parent company. Pay DOE. Excellent benefits.

Send resume via e-mail
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HOMES & CLASSIFIED

Elegant County Living



A view of the master bedroom. The fireplace is shown in the reflection of the headboard mirror.



This is one of the largest kitchens you will ever find in a home.

Photos by Brian Adamcik
Story and page design by Bobbie Scott



The great room has a fireplace and features built-in surround sound.

A country girl myself, I really fell in love with this home. 6301 South County Road 1065 is the ideal country estate on 50 acres in Midland County. Two ponds stocked with fish greet you along the long, tree-lined drive made of reclaimed asphalt. A picnic table, benches and a slab for a barbecue pit are great for parties or private dinners. A circle drive arcs around a tall stone waterfall with a table and wonderful greenery. The front of the brick home has a classic ranch style with simple columns and a covered patio. An airy four-car portico separates the main house from the guest house. This five bedroom, three bath home is marvelous.

Inside the front door, you are greeted by a tiled foyer and an open hallway that leads to the rooms. Just to the left is the office/playroom/6th bedroom. This room has a huge closet and is just the right size for all your needs. The next room on the left of the hallway is a bedroom with a unique built-in corner desk and shelving unit. This room is just cozy. A jack-and-jill bath joins this bedroom with another. A large mirror sits above the double vanity across from the shower/tub combo and secluded commode. The other bedroom features a wall with built-in shelving and a built-in desk. This room leads back out into the hallway.

From the foyer and to the right is the kitchen and dining area. This is possibly the biggest kitchen in West Texas. It is indescribably huge, you must see it to believe it. The owner told me that it was designed to accommodate family gatherings with her six siblings and her husband's eight brothers and sisters. When seating runs out around the dining table with its modern chandelier, guests can line up on either side of the kitchen's two breakfast bars. The kitchen features lazy susan cabinets in a beautiful light oak, a JennAire range with built-in grill, a self cleaning oven, garbage disposal, double sink, dish washer, microwave and a built-in desk. The island and expansive counter space allow for several cooks in the kitchen for family celebrations.

Next to the kitchen is the home's great room. This room has a high vaulted ceiling with recessed lighting, a gorgeous fireplace, built-in shelving and a built-in surround sound system. This room is huge for large family get-togethers.

To the right of the great room is the master suite. This is an especially romantic room with its own private fireplace. Very nice! Two huge walk-in closets with built-in shelving are another excellent feature of the room. The master bath contains a double vanity, storage in oak cabinets, a glass door shower, and a secluded tub and commode. An amazing feature of the bath is a little door set in the wall that allows you to put your dirty laundry directly into the utility room. Nifty!

Across the hall from the master suite is the guest bedroom. This room is comfy and inviting and features its own huge closet. The utility room is functional and well planned. Out the door is the portico. This is an elegant way to protect your vehicles from the harsh West Texas sun and occasional hail storms.

The guest house is attached to the main house by the portico and is a functional addition. Originally designed to house the owner's elderly mother, the guest house is now used to house family and friends when they visit. The living room is well lit and is just a nice space to relax in. The kitchen is large with pretty oak cabinets and has all the appliances one would need. The bedroom is also sunny and has two large closets. An attractive bath finishes the guest house with oak cabinets and a shower/tub combo.

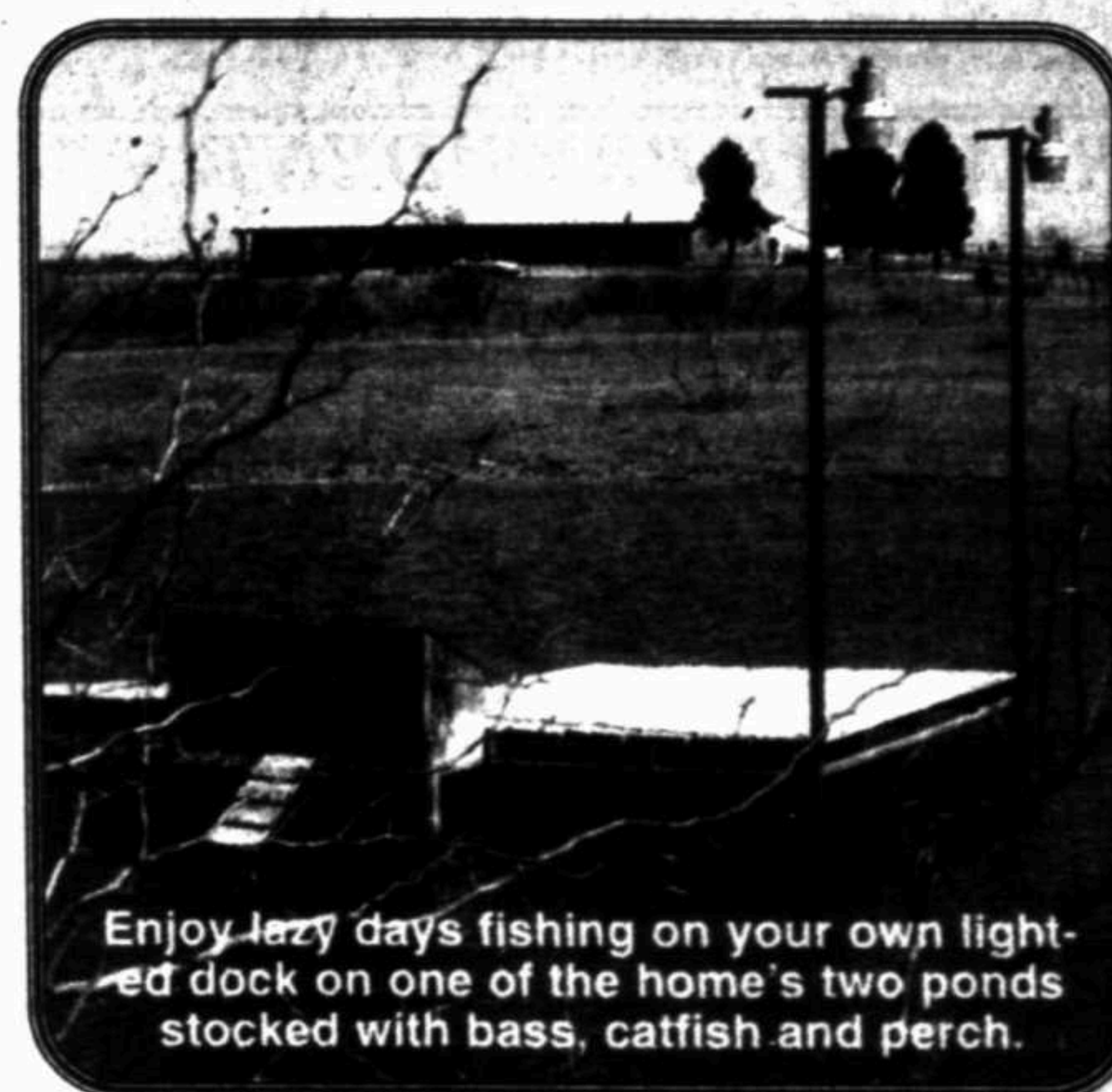
Back outside, and heading toward the barn, we find a basketball goal and can see the covered patio at the back of the house. A pipe fence separates the house and yard from the rest of the property. A massive 40x50 barn features lots of space for equipment and feed and has two overhead doors. Attached to the barn are the covered horse stalls and catching pen. The stalls feature a water misting system to help your animals cope with hot West Texas summers.

Behind the barn is the dog kennels and dog run. The kennels have their own separate septic system. Behind these are chicken coops.

The home operates completely on electric power and has central heating and air. A sprinkler system helps keep the yard green, lush and beautiful. Water is supplied by two wells and a septic system is in use for the house.

This home is perfect for farm life and entertaining. It is elegant enough for your finest guests, but you don't feel guilty about coming in dirty after working with the animals. It has a simple, durable beauty that has stood the test of family and farm life.

Come see this home today from 3-5pm, you will not be disappointed, or if you like, call Sam House at Re/Max of Midland at 682-8820. Directions to the house are as follows: Garden City Hwy. south about 10 miles, just past high lines turn left on 160, turn left on 1065, turn right at the Re/Max sign.



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The horse stalls feature a misting device and a catching pen.



3209 W. SHANDON - \$94,800

Immaculate home in Fannin District. 3 bedrooms, 2 living areas, open kitchen and den, sequestered master, ceramic tile, berber carpet, decorator paint, plantation shutters in living room, 7' concrete block fence, circle drive, low maintenance yard, auto sprinkler system PLUS ***Sparkling inground Pool with Waterfall*** For an appointment to see this home please call JANE PETREE 682-1995 or 425-7255.



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7004 COURTNEY CT.

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4 bedroom plus large study, 3 1/2 bths, 2 large living areas and magnificent kitchen. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Greentree North. Bargain priced at \$209,900. For more information call Marilyn Jo Smith RE/MAX of Midland 682-8820, Ext. 139.

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Large one owner home with 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, formal dining, dream kitchen with loads of cabinets, sequestered master bedroom with large bath, jacuzzi tub, walk-in closets. Very light and bright home with a low maintenance yard. Easy access to the club house facilities. For an appointment to see this home call Clemmie Sorge 682-8820, Extension 142.



RE/MAX

BEFORE YOU BUY

The purchase of a home is one of the largest investments most people will ever make. Take the time to make sure the house you consider today will fit your lifestyle and budget tomorrow.



Sutton

If you have children, make sure nearby streets have sidewalks which will provide safe bicycle riding. Make sure the sidewalk fronting the property is in good shape, and find out if you will be legally liable for its upkeep.

Find out if the backyard is bigger than the front yard. If it is not, children may be tempted to play in the front yard, closer to the street.

Check that the driveway slopes away from the house so that water will not end up flowing into the garage.

Is the roof in good condition? Are any of the shingles visibly curling? Find out how many layers of roofing are on the house. Many contractors will not lay a third roof without first removing the earlier layers. Check that gutters are in good shape, with no visible holes, cracks, or loose sections.

Ask yourself if the rooms will feel too small when furnished, and if there is adequate storage space. If closet space is minimal, is there an attic to help take up the slack?

Find out what type of heating system is in place, and if it is in good working condition. Make sure the electricity is 150-amp service or better. Less will probably be inadequate for today's modern households. Are there enough outlets for your needs?

Your local Realtor can help you find that house that is perfect for your family and your financial needs.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Century 21-Kay Sutton Realtors)

Senior Citizens - Save on Your Taxes

If you are 65 or older and contemplating a move, here's how you can save money by taking your property tax freeze with you.



Robles

Eligible senior citizens who own a home and have their property taxes frozen can transfer that tax freeze benefit when purchasing and moving into another home in Texas. This transfer is referred to as property tax freeze portability.

At age 65, a homeowner receives an additional \$10,000.00 homestead exemption and a tax freeze on the amount of school taxes they pay for as long as they own the home. Previously, senior citizens could keep

their \$10,000.00 homestead exemption, but could not transfer their school tax freeze to a newly purchased home. This prohibited many seniors from moving to another home, even a smaller home more efficient, because of the increase in school taxes.

If you are 65 or over and currently have a tax freeze in place and are looking to purchase another home to move into, you can contact the county tax appraisal district to assist you. They can help you use the tax freeze formula to calculate what your property taxes would be at your new home. You can take your school tax freeze with you even if you are moving into a new county.

The above article was contributed by Roger Robles, GRI, owner/broker of Robles Real Estate.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The statistics for February in the Midland housing market are in and as everyone had expected the listings are up. The listings for February 1998 were 624 total and for February of 1999 the listing total is at 757. Considering the rash of recent lay-offs in this area that number is quite a bit lower than most people have been expecting. The number of sold listings for February stood at 85 which is up 13% over January sales in Midland. The number of homes put under contract in February will mostly not show up as "sold's" until March so the numbers for next month will tell us a great deal more about what we are to expect in the coming months.

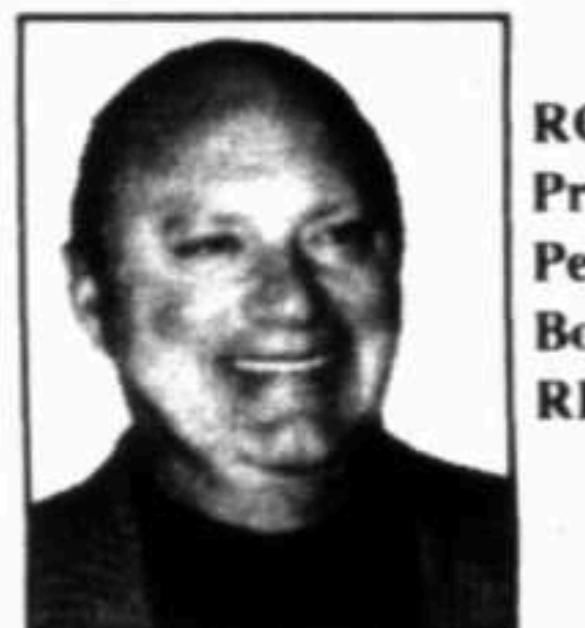
The phones are continuing to ring at the various firms around town and we are still seeing people moving both in and around Midland and most importantly, INTO Midland. Hopefully, we are past the height of the lay-offs in the area and if so, the market will quickly swing and the numbers of active listings will decline steadily as the momentum of rising sales figures will offset the additional listings.

In addition to the above figures, it is noteworthy for the real estate public to realize that generally December and January are our very slowest months as far as listing

and selling are concerned. The slowdown for the holidays and the subsequent slow start up at the first of the year are another reason for slow sales figures in January and February.

Midland came out of a wonderful real estate market last year. The fact that the prices are holding, that we have buyers and the fact that the interest rate is still good reaffirms that this market is fighting to remain stable and that there is a positive attitude among buyers that the market is trying to remain on an even plateau.

Ring those phones off of the wall! Come out to the many Open Houses that are held each weekend. Call your favorite REALTOR and find out first hand what wonderful opportunities are out there waiting for you.



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PROJECT MANAGER
Established environmental consulting services company seeks an experienced project manager for the Midland, Texas District office. Environmental project management, remediation and field experience required. TNRC CAPM certification and a desire to expand into other markets a plus. Send resumes to Box P-6159, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Odessa is seeking additional staff for its Loan/Credit Operations Department. Qualifications for this position are as follows: Experience in loan document preparation, review, agreement monitoring, and exception tracking and strong computer skills. Previous banking experience required. Applications and resumes accepted at 801 N. Texas or fax to 915/332-4192. EOE/AA.

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CONVERSATIONAL

Nice single white male, 35, 5'9", 170 lbs., with dark hair, enjoys swimming and fishing, seeks a pleasant, caring single female, 26-38. Ad# 7116

WAITING TO MEET YOU

Single Hispanic male, 30, 5'7", who enjoys music, movies, and romantic moments, would like to meet a compatible, special single Hispanic female, 24-35. Ad# 8616

LET'S GET AWAY

Single white male, 40, 6'10", with autism and blue eyes, enjoys trips to Las Vegas and Ruidoso, is seeking a single white Hispanic female, 25-38. Ad# 7664

TRUSTWORTHY

See what happens when you call this single white male, 37, 180 lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys barbeques, comedy movies and fishing. He seeks a single female, 21-36, that he can count on. Ad# 8065

THE GUY LIFE

Single white male, 30, 5'7", 170 lbs., with blue eyes, who enjoys church and family activities, conversation and more is seeking a single white Hispanic female, 25-35. Ad# 8584

DINNER ANYONE?

Spends some time with this single white male, 25, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and hazel eyes, who likes basketball, camping and spending time with his family. He's looking for a single female, 18-28, that he can shower with attention. Ad# 8592

HUMOROUS

Single black male, 25, 6'4", who enjoys music, has fun, and is seeking a single white female, 34-48, who loves to have fun. Ad# 7237

SERIOUS REFLECTION

Single white male, 27, who enjoys all kinds of music and movies, would like to meet a single white female, 20-27, who has a great personality. Ad# 781

SIMPLY YOUNG

Single Hispanic female, 42, 5'9", 175 lbs., with long brown hair, likes playing golf and more, is seeking a kind, caring single female, 35-43. Ad# 8172

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Single white male, 18, 5'11", 175 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a loving, easygoing single white female, 18-24. Ad# 8697

REPLY GUARANTEED

A sports fan, this single white male, 21, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, also enjoys yard work, moving, and is seeking a single white female, 25-35, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 25-45. Ad# 8175

GOOD TIMES

Looking for Mr. Right? I'm a single Hispanic male, 25, 5'7", with brown hair, who enjoys dancing, movies, and going for drives in my car. I'm seeking a single female, 25-35, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 25-45. Ad# 8175

RELIGIOUS SINGLE MALE

Religious single male, 22, 5'5", 135 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys family time, swimming and playing basketball, is seeking a kind, caring single white female, 20-33. Ad# 835

JUST BE YOURSELF

Single white male, 22, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair, enjoys reading, romance novels and is seeking a single white female, 21, 5'9", 165 lbs., with long brown hair. He is seeking a single female, 21-36, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 21-36. Ad# 8690

LIVE FOR TODAY

Single black male, 34, 200 lbs., with black hair, who enjoys movies, jazz music, and more, is seeking a single white female, 27-37. Ad# 950

MAYBE TOMORROW

He is a pleasant, thoughtful single white male, 37, 6'5", with gray hair and blue eyes, who likes a variety of music, all kinds of animals, and meeting people. He would enjoy meeting a single female, 35-45. Ad# 8080

HOPES & DREAMS

Single white male, 36, 6'2", 210 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 25-35, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 25-45. Ad# 8626

LOVE IS COLOR BLIND

This humorous, employed single white male, 33, 6'2", 210 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 33, 6'2", 210 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 33-43. Ad# 9245

SINGLE WITH ME

Hardworking single male, 47, 5'11", 155 lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, sports, and more, is seeking a single white female, 35-45, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 35-45. Ad# 8375

WAITING FOR YOU

Catholic single Hispanic male, 29, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys fishing, hiking, and more, is seeking a single white female, 23-39, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 23-39. Ad# 8678

CANT HURRY LOVE

Affectionate single white male, 20, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, auto racing, and more, is seeking a single white female, 18-23, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 18-23. Ad# 8017

BEST THERE IS

Fun-loving single black male, 22, 217 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, and more, is seeking a single white female, 22-40. Ad# 7806

WHAT'S INSIDE

Matters most to me, a single white male, 21, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, sports, and more, is seeking a single white female, 21-36, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 21-36. Ad# 7477

TRUSTWORTHY

Put on your comfortable shoes and dance cheek to cheek with me. I'm a single white male, 29, 5'7", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, hiking, and more, is seeking a single white female, 23-39, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 23-39. Ad# 8678

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

Is there a single Hispanic male, 47, 5'11", 155 lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, sports, and more, is seeking a single white female, 35-45, who is a fun-loving, trustworthy single female, 35-45. Ad# 8375

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Females

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CONSIDER THIS

Single Hispanic female, 42, 5'2", 140 lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys dancing, movies, and more, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 42-46. Ad# 756

ENJOY LIFE

Happy single white female, 52, 5'2", 115 lbs., with long brown hair, is seeking a single white male, 40-60, who enjoys card and board games, country drives and more. Ad# 6752

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Single white female, 35, 5'8", 170 lbs., with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys hiking, museums and more, is seeking a humorous single white male, 27-43. Ad# 8200

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Full-figured, single Hispanic female, 20, 5'2", 120 lbs., with long brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys Bible study, family activities and more, is seeking a single white male, 35-45. Ad# 7754

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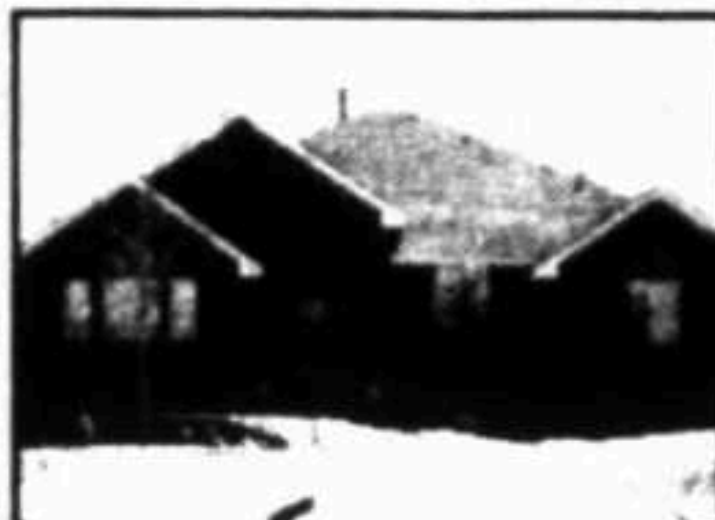
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7800 CO. RD. 1265 S

- Gorgeous country home with 19+ acres
- Country living at its best - close to Midland & Odessa
- 3 patios, catfish pond, windmill, atrium & gazebo
- Owner may finance with good down payment

Offered at \$299,900
Call Kathy Crowley at 685-0400

NEW

4520 BENT TREE TRAIL

- Hardwood floors in entry, kitchen, breakfast room on front
- 3 FP in den, formal living and master
- Large kitchen island, spacious utility room
- Master bath w/ jacuzzi and double shower

Offered at \$279,000
Call Donna Omar at 685-0400

NEW

4009 SPRINGFIELD CT.

- Four large bedrooms with seq master
- Tons of storage with large cedar closet
- Huge den
- Spacious workshop area in garage

Offered at \$265,000
Call Patti McClung at 682-9495

NEW

6931 SUNRISE

- Ceilings that soar
- Sun-flooded rooms
- Billiard sized gameroom
- 2 story charm with view of golf course

Offered at \$245,000
Call Andi Wiggins at 685-0400

Reduced

5707 DEVLIN

- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths
- One-owner home in popular Grassland
- Great amenities
- Charming decor

Offered at \$205,000
Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495

Reduced

4804 OAKWOOD CT.

- Super townhome in the Oaks
- Pretty colors and great decor
- Three bedrooms, huge master, 2 baths

Offered at \$169,900
Call Skeet Doss at 682-9495

Reduced

2201 PRINCETON

- Spacious four bedroom, four bath property in 'Old Midland'
- Great three living areas plus big garden room
- Great landscaping on large lot
- Back yard features pretty pool and deck

Offered at \$154,500
Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495

NEW

4510 ROSEWOOD

- Gorgeous 4BR in Branwood
- Stunning drive-up appeal, 3-car garage
- Lots of amenities
- High ceilings, plantation shutters, large seq master

Offered at \$153,900
Call Sharon Harris at 685-0400

Reduced

1502 W. GOLF COURSE

- Distinctive architecture and peaceful landscaping
- Three bedrooms, 2 baths, hobby room, study and den
- Very energy efficient
- Unbelievable atrium with trees and flowing fountain

Offered at \$149,900
Call Fran Billingsley at 685-0400

NEW

1701 PRINCETON

- Excellent location
- Kitchen and baths redone
- Wonderful hardwood floors
- Beautiful drive-up appeal

Offered at \$131,500
Call Karen Mason at 685-0400

NEW

3903 CRESTGATE

- Terrific floor plan with great room
- Fireplace in seq master
- Great kitchen w/ double ovens
- Plantation shutters, P.O. softener

Offered at \$119,500
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

Reduced

1606 HUMBLE

- Spacious formal plus den w/ fireplace
- 4 large bedrooms plus bonus room
- Light, bright kitchen w/ Silestone tile floors
- Workshop, storage house & water well

Offered at \$117,500
Call Sandra Kile at 685-0400

NEW

2504 MAXWELL

- Great plan, very popular
- 4 large BRs, quiet sequestered
- Lots of new carpeting, flooring and paint, etc.
- Super space w/ lots of light

Offered at \$115,000
Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495

NEW

4010 NORWOOD

- Kitchen totally redone from ceiling down
- Lawns and flowerbeds are park-like
- Fence replaced in 1998
- Built-in speaker in kitchen and in patio

Offered at \$105,000
Call Pam Messer at 685-0400

NEW

2908 PURPLE SAGE

- Light & bright Kahler built w/ wonderful windows
- Seq. master w/ wrap-around closet
- Above-ground decked pool, manicured yard
- Tie entry, neutral colors, sprinkler, skylight

Offered at \$102,000
Call Dana Chandler at 685-0400

NEW

3300 STEWART

- Large corner lot
- Located on quiet, secluded street
- Gorgeous landscaping
- Lots of new on the inside

Offered at \$89,500
Call Danny Norwood at 682-9495

NEW

1106 McDONALD

- Updated
- Sequestered master suite
- Spacious 2nd living area
- Double garage, nice drive-up

Offered at \$83,000
Call Donna Omar at 685-0400

NEW

5011 JOY

- Great property, large backyard w/ sprinklers
- 3BR/2BA with great LA, very open
- Quiet block
- Squeaky clean

Offered at \$79,900
Call Amy Johnson at 685-0400

NEW

5213 SAN ANTONIO

- Great layout and neutral decor
- Squeaky clean & well maintained
- Great built-ins, walk-in closets, good storage
- High ceilings and 2 skylights

Offered at \$72,000
Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495

NEW

4607 WILSHIRE DR.

- Nice den with fireplace
- Study off the back of the house
- One-car garage in back with attached workshop
- Zoned air and heat

Offered at \$68,500
Call Pam Messer at 685-0400

OPEN 1-2:30

1701 PRINCETON Karen Mason 131,500
 Beautiful Old Midland home w/ wonderful hardwood floors and excellent updating.

1106 McDONALD Donna Omar 83,000
 Super nice new listing with sequestered master, large 2nd LA and lots of updates.

614 STOREY Danny Norwood 55,000
 Super new listing in popular 'Old Midland' with tons of charm & guest house in back.

2908 PURPLE SAGE Dana Chandler 102,000
 Sparkling 3 BR, 1 living, sprinkler, skylights, neutral colors, large manicured yard.

OPEN 1:30-2:30

3526 LONKOE Roberta Aldridge 119,500
 Fantastic Patio Home in mint condition - 2 BDR/2BA, 2LA, 2 fireplaces - Great decor!

OPEN 2-3:30

2205 BRADFORD CT. Patti Wallace 124,900
 Custom home in Polo Park, 3 1/2 w/ seq master, high ceilings, great b/t-ins, plant, shutters.

OPEN 2-4

4605 TEAKWOOD TRACE Jana Tucker 165,500
 Terrific 4-3, 2 LA & dining, plantation shutters, circle drive, office, hu-uge closets.

4607 DEBBIE COVE Suzi Knight/Nonnie Simpson 77,900
 Weydown Beauty - gorgeous move-in condition - don't miss this price!!

OPEN 2:30-4

2501 GULF Danny Norwood 124,900
 Excellent decor, inside & out, tons of space, storage & all in popular 'Fannin Area'.

OPEN 3-4

3708 CARDINAL LANE Claire Heck/Assistant to R. Aldridge 350,000
 Gorgeous custom 4 BR on 3 acres, barn, arena & workshop, hardwood floors.

OPEN 3-4:30

216 BLACKBERRY CT. Karen Mason 289,000
 One-year old beauty in gorgeous rural setting 4BR/4.5BA. Many extras!

4510 ST. ANDREWS Donna Omar 112,500
 Great price for 3/2 in Fairmont Park. Terrific drive-up and convenient to everything.

4479 HACKBERRY Dana Chandler 147,500
 Owner finance, 4 BDR/3BA, great view of golf course

\$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

BLUEBIRD LN-Extraordinary in every beautiful detail. 4BR/5BA on 3+ acres, pool, 5 fireplaces, fabulous formal, exceptional 'great room', sunroom, gorgeous landscaping and terrace, private, secluded drive. **CALL**

SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space style appointments. 5BR/5BA formal + study, den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees. Owner Agent.

CARDINAL LANE-The most wonderful suburban home ever! Unbelievable amenities, great space, 10 ac.

WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area. 4BR/6BA, MBR w/ barn, stunning studio office, 5FP, 5 garages absolutely wonderful.

FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 543 w/ 3-car garage and 3FP. Pool & the best goes on Wonderful.

TATTEHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible quality. Owner Agent.

RUSTIC TRAIL CWP-T North. Excellent view of course & lakes. Great floor plan: 2 story, large rooms. 2BR up, 2 down. 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage, workshop. M.R. Lary, owner.

CITATION-Incredible Saddle Club North TH. Pool, spacious formal, huge den, 2BR up, 2 down. 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage, workshop. M.R. Lary, owner.

FAIRWOOD-Wonderful Bill Brown resale. Spacious, like new 53+3. Den, gameroom & formal. Must see this fabulous home. Ready to move into today.

OKLAHOMA PARK-A fabulous, luxurious condominium in a very special setting. Pool, 2BR/2BA plus a wonderful guest house.

LAKES CWP-Lovely custom 2-story in gated subdivision. Fantastic lake view. North of Saddle Club Estates.

CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool.

CHOATE CWP-Lovely and spacious in Trinity Estates. 4 bedrooms, 2 bonus rooms, sparkling pool, beautiful yard.

BLACKBERRY-Beautiful 1 yr old 4 1/2 home on 3 acres. The best of two worlds. City home in country setting.

SOLOMON CWP-4BR/3.5BA w/ playroom, wonderful 2-story home on 4 acres in town.

BENT TREE TRAIL-Spacious 4BR on the course. Hardwood floors, FP in master, formal + all the amenities.

BAYBROOK CWP-4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bal Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you!

SINCLAIR CWP-Outstanding 4BR/3BA w/ 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage, workshop, den, high ceilings, lush landscaping pool.

SINCLAIR-Gorgeous remodeled 2-story in Old Midland. 4 or 5BR/3BA/2LA-2 car garage & 2-car carport.

SPRINGFIELD-Fabulous Paul West custom with large rooms and tons of storage.

SUNRISE CT CWP-Charm & sunshine await you in this 4BR/3LA home. Soaring ceilings, FP, jacuzzi hot tub.

RICEDALE CWP-The 'Perfect' 5BR complete w/ great sports pool and spa.

OKLAHOMA PARK CWP-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view.

FAIRWOOD-Wonderful 4BR/3BA, 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage, workshop, den, high ceilings, lush landscaping pool.

PINEHURST-One of Saddle Club East's loveliest! Wood floors, 4BR/3BA, 3FP, 3 garage, seq. master, perfect.

HATHAWAY CWP-Lovely home in Grassland. 4BR/3BA w/ 3LA, 2 large yards, den, high LA attached to garage.

What's going on at Langstons? 1/1 TO 3/3

NEW LISTINGS 126
UNDER CONTRACT TRANSACTIONS 83
CLOSINGS 78
TOTAL LISTINGS 287

FENWAY CWP-TH under construction. Excellent plan, light & open. 3rd garage w/ room for workshop.

STONECREST-Fabulous custom home located on quiet cul-de-sac. 4BR/3BA/2LA-3 car garage. Large backyard.

COURTNEY CT CWP-Gorgeous custom in Green Tree North. 5BR/3BA, pretty formal, w/FP in den, 3 years young.

SHADY BEND CT-Impeccable home in Green Tree North w/ tons of space, charm and appeal.

SPRINGFIELD-This is a lovely decor, light spaciousness, gorgeous decor. Brown quality 4 1/2 garage.

SINCLAIR-Stunning 3 1/2 TH - beautifully maintained & updated. Lush landscaping, it's fabulous area.

DEVILIN CWP-Customized one-owner home w/ fantastic amenities! Fabulous 4BR in popular Grassland.

\$100,000-\$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4 1/2 S. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it!

BOYD-Wonderful location w/ lots of new. 4BR, gourmet kitchen, great pool. Lovely, 2-story.

LAWSON-Wonderful. Old Midland home. Sparkling pool, hardwood floors, great updating, great house.

GREENIDGE-The perfect 4BR home inside & out in Grassland Estates. Great!

SENTINEL-Incredible 4BR/4BA + 3LA, parquet & brick flooring, 3FP, updated gourmet kitchen, 3 car garage, 33,000 carport allowance w/ car stereo.

STANLOND-Fabulous 4 1/2 in 'Old Midland'. Totally redone. Master suite is unbelievable!

RUSTIC TRAIL-Fabulous contemporary 4BR on course. Lots of new & red.

BASSWOOD CIRCLE CWP-Such a great plan. 53,000 carport allowance w/ car stereo. Incredibly beautiful.

NORTHERN CWP-Exceptional 4 1/2 w/ 2LA formal dining lots of updating, gorgeous landscaping, 3 car garage.

POLAR PARKWAY CWP-Big beautiful Mary Payne home. 3BR/3LA seq master downstairs.

OAKWOOD CWP-Big beautiful TH in Green Tree Oaks. 3BR/2.5BA, music, study, 2FP, 3 car garage.

WOODHAVEN-Spacious 5 bedroom, 1st floor totally redone in coveted Trinity Meadows.

GREENIDGE-Outstanding custom home in Grasslands. Gorgeous decor.

COLEMAN CT CWP-Classy 4BR w/ plantation shutters throughout + 3-car garage.

FAIRWOOD-CWP-Immaculate 4 1/2 LA PLUS office formal dining, huge closets, plantation shutters, circle drive.

KINSTON CWP-Custom built in Polo Park. 3BR/2.5BA w/ 2 wonderful living areas, 3-car garage, 33,000 carport allowance.

NORTH M-Spacious & bright 3BR/2LA, recent updates, a gem with great pool & wonderful landscaping.

YOU LOVE IT

COLEMAN-Terrific 4BR + study and 2LA in top-top condition.

PRINCETON CWP-Updated 4 bedrooms, lots of new in 'Old Midland'. 44,400 & 1200 sq ft.

ROSEWOOD-Gorgeous 4BR/2.5 BA in Branwood w/ stunning drive-up appeal. Beautifully decorated.

GOLF COURSE CWP-Distinctive architecture + peaceful landscaping. 3BR/3BA. Beautiful limestone floors & FP.

CRITWELL-4-BDR. 3BA, 3 car garage Green Tree Beauty perfect for quick sale.

DARL LANE CWP-Country living in the city w/ space, galore, home stable, workshop, mint condition.

STANLOND-4BR in Fannin! Great plan, popular neighborhood, wonderful updating.

PRINCETON CWP-Don't miss this Old Midland home that will take your breath away.

CROWLEY-4 year old 4BR/3BA/2LA resale in excellent condition.

HACKBERRY CWP-3 BR + study or hobby room on golf course, lush landscaping, large dining, Seller financing.

LAFAYETTE-New Orleans style 2-story TH, secluded area with brick paved streets.

RICEMOND-Great 4BR in Polo Park, extra large dining, 2LA, not too much yard.

HAYNES-Terrific 4BR/3BA/2LA with pool. Minimum yard maintenance, great for entertaining.

FOXBORO-Meadowpark, 3 1/2 w/ 2nding 2LA, sparkling pool. Low maintenance yard on quiet cul-de-sac.

WOODHAVEN CWP-Trinity Meadows 4BR, great plan + home warranty.

VALLEY-Just perfect! Large beautiful 4 1/2 S. PLUS 3LA, workshop, gameroom, backyard & patio.

PINE CT CWP-Custom Walla TH and all of cul-de-sac. Nice!

DRIFTWOOD-Stunning! Wonderful! Condition! Pool, spa, workshop, 4BR and 2 1/2 car garage.

DUKES CWP-Beautiful red brick in Polo Park. 3BR/2.5BA w/ 2LA.

FOXBORO CWP-Sharp! Sharp! Sharp! 4BR/3BA w/ kitchen overlooking LA. Hurry! Hurry!

AMHURST CWP-Super 5 1/2 w/ den, fireplace, living, brick patio w/ fountain, beautiful landscaping.

PINE CWP-Ready right away! Completely updated Walla TH, beautiful kitchen, great plan, a must see!

PRINCETON-Fabulous home in 'Old Midland'. Bath, kitchen redone. Howd floors, huge pool, great drive-up.

LAFAYETTE PL-Beautiful estate in Midland. 3BR/2.5BA, New Orleans style TH. Must see this one.

HARVARD-Old Midland w/ fabulous charm, incredible great room, spacious master, seq. quarters.

BRUNSON-Museum area, columned 2-story home, 3 1/2 S/2LA w/ pool & hot tub, hardwood floors, azzurri bath.

GREENBRIAR CWP-Wonderful 2-story traditional. Formal and huge country kitchen. Big trees, lush yard.

ARROYO CWP-Immaculate 4BR, light & bright home that is in immaculate condition.

BRIGHTON PL CWP-Exceptional 3 1/2 w/ 2LA formal dining, great kitchen, seq. master, gorgeous landscaping.

LEARMONT-Plantation Hills Beauty. Wonderful landscaping for a cozy inviting home.

GULF CWP-4BR beauty in 'Fannin Area' w/ tons of space, storage & updates.

SPRING MEADOW-TH 3 1/2 LA, very nice master bedroom downstairs.

ELMER CWP-Really spacious 4BR w/ seq. master, workshop and bonus room.

UNDER \$100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

GOLF COURSE-Sophisticated patio home, your own retreat, quiet & serene, high ceilings, Silestone.

METZ CWP-Don't miss this well priced 4BR/2BA on Cul-de-sac. Lots of room to roam.

CHAMBERLAIN-Beautiful home located in mature area. 4BR/3BA w/ 3 large LA's.

MERRILL-Lots of extras in Northwood 3 1/2 home, great TV room or office, 2 yr old W/D & seq. to yard.

DENGAR CWP-Well maintained 4 1/2, spacious rooms, Hurry.

NORTHUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA.

SHERWOOD CWP-Squeaky clean 4BR/2BA with large LA. Sequestered master. Lots of extras.

NOEL-Snappy 3BR townhouse, perfect for low maintenance buyer.

GREEN TREE BLVD-Offer Tree Country Club 3BR TH. Lot as open den, living room, w/ great floor plan.

STEWART CWP-Excellent home in superior shape inside & out. Located on quiet cul-de-sac.

VENTURA CWP-Just right 2BR TH, new carpet, beautiful floors, easy care for you!

MERRILL CWP-Huge seq. master. Near floor w/ wood ceilings in den. Close to shopping.

SEABOARD-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge living area, formal dining & lots of built-ins.

ST ANDREWS-Great house, great location, great price. 3 1/2 w/ formal dining, don't wait!

DOUGLAS CWP-Well maintained home in mature area. 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras.

KANAS CWP-Great location, great price, great condition. Beautifully redone.

NEELY-Very special low maintenance home, charming, immaculate, ready for you!

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DENGAR CWP-Well maintained 4 1/2, spacious rooms, Hurry.

NORTHUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA.

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NOEL-Snappy 3BR townhouse, perfect for low maintenance buyer.

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Big Bugs!



Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

Meteorites!



Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Johnny Rico (Casper Van Dien), above, warns the mobile infantry of an approaching Tanker Bug in "Starship Troopers." A meteorite hurtles toward New York City, a precursor to a giant asteroid threatening the planet in "Armageddon."

Fog!



AP Photo

Jim Foley, the formerly of UCISCO, Inc., a subsidiary of Paxair Inc., poses on the set of the fog-filled MGM film "Super-Nova." Foley designed a mix of breathable fog of nitrogen and oxygen used in "Batman," "Deep Impact," and "Armageddon."

Oscar Night March 21

Special effects
tend to steal
show at Oscars

Oscars highlight movie technology

By Malcom Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an industry that presents computer-animated films and stunning special effects, you might think that filmmakers had long ago mastered simple-sounding stuff like making fog or sparks.

But no. The cold-room mist in the space station Mir in "Armageddon" and the sparks under the bus in "Speed," for example, were produced by fairly recent innovations. In fact, those advances were honored just last year by the folks who bestow Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gives technical Oscars and lesser awards at what millions of Oscar-night viewers know as the ceremony that was held earlier. This year, it bestowed an Oscar on Avid Technology, Inc., for a digital film-editing system.

Most prize-winning advances sound suitably high-tech for the 1990s, like improvements in computerized animation and special effects. But in recent years, the academy's technical achievement awards — certificates rather than Oscars — have also cited advances in lightning and guns as well as sparks and fog.

After decades of horror movies and action flicks, why was there any need to tinker with such hoary effects and props?

It's like this. Take fog. Filmmakers have used dry ice or liquid nitrogen to make billows of mist for decades. It looks pretty good, but the clouds push oxygen out of the way, and you sure can't breathe this stuff for very long.

So when you shot a scene with lots of fog, you had to pause every so often, turn on the fans and vent the set out. That took time. Very expensive time.

Which is why, one day in 1996, Jim Foley got a call from Hollywood.

Foley was the southern California sales rep for UCISCO Inc., a subsidiary of Paxair Inc. His main job was selling nitrogen to refineries and other industrial users.

The caller was Matt Sweeney, who was handling special effects for the movie "Batman and Robin." The movie included the evil Mr. Freeze, whose chilling presence required lots and lots of fog.

Sweeney had a simple question: Couldn't you just chill air down to make it liquid, so that the resulting fog would be breathable? Well, no, Foley said. But the two men thought it might be possible to produce a breathable fog from a mix of nitrogen and oxygen.

"My first reaction was, I don't see why it should be hard to do it," Foley said.

He soon found out. The goal was to make fog with

Midlanders moved, amazed by movie 'magic' moments

By Georgia Temple
Staff writer

Moviedom's magicians conjure visions of never-before-seen vistas to beguile audiences into savoring worlds that exist only on the silver screen. Such films as "Armageddon," "The Fifth Element," "Deep Impact," "Independence Day," "Terminator" and "Terminator II" lived up to the advertising promises, at least for several Midlanders who listed them as among their science-fiction favorites.

Robbie Barker, who works at Blockbuster Video, cited such elements as "how real the other planets looked in 'Armageddon,'" and "the way his flesh peeled away in 'Total Recall'" as contributing factors in creating the on-screen reality. He enjoyed "The Fifth Element" because it was "a crazy movie" complete with flying cars.

Despite his enthusiasm for those movies that make everything appear "realistic," Barker hasn't been fooled.

"To believe?" Barker said, musing about what he sees on the screen. "I never have. I never will. I took photography all through high school and learned how to do that."

"It's a movie," Barker said, his tone pragmatic. "The closest movie I've ever seen to being real life is 'Varsity Blues.' It's just like the town I was raised in."

Corey Allison, who works at Hollywood Video, also passed the special-effects wand of approval over "Armageddon," and added "Blade" and "Deep Impact" to the list of movies with "good effects" saying "those are

Please see MAGIC/3E

an even 80-20 mix of nitrogen to oxygen, just like air. But the gases, with different densities and boiling points, just didn't cooperate. In try after try, the critical ratio of nitrogen to oxygen swung wildly, even within a given batch of fog.

"You'd get slugs of oxygen and slugs of stuff that doesn't have any oxygen in it," Foley recalled.

Foley, working with Sweeney and UCISCO colleagues, tried everything for months. But a month away from filming they were still stumped.

"We were all getting a bit nervous. At this point we were working weekends, seven days a week

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'Now voting' on Oscar winners

Can you pick the winners? One entry will win two season passes to any Hollywood movie theater. Only one entry per household. Just fill out the ballot (here or online at www.digitalbasin.com) by checking the gray boxes and mail to Oscar Winners, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702. Entries must be brought to the Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, by 5 p.m. Friday, March 19 or postmarked by March 17, 1999. The winner will receive season passes for two to any Hollywood movie theaters. Ballots will be tabulated in a process that recognizes correct answers in the chronological order as the ballot appears here: best supporting actress; best supporting actor; best actress; best actor; best director; cinematography; best animated short film; and best picture. In the event of multi-winners, a single entry will be drawn. Consolation prizes awarded.



Best Supporting Actress Nominees



Best Supporting Actor Nominees



Best Actress Nominees



Best Actor Nominees



Best Director Nominees



Cinematography

- A Civil Action ☐
- Saving Private Ryan ☐
- Shakespeare in Love ☐
- The Thin Red Line ☐
- Elizabeth ☐

Best Animated Short Film

- Bunny ☐
- The Canterbury Tales ☐
- Jolly Roger ☐
- More ☐
- When Life Departs ☐

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SURVEY QUESTION: I would like to see more of the smaller, art films in Midland: Yes ☐ No ☐ The type of movies I want to see more of are _____

Best Picture



Shakespeare in Love

Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes find love.



The Thin Red Line

Nick Nolte before the battle of Guadalcanal.



Life is Beautiful

Roberto Benigni directs and stars in this Holocaust film.



Elizabeth

Cate Blanchett makes the transformation from princess to queen.



Saving Private Ryan

Tom Hanks leads the charge, receiving a best actor nod for the WWII film finding favor with audiences.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Wedding season brings flurry of social events

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Now that the wedding season is approaching, family and friends of prospective brides and grooms have been toasting the couples at a series of social events. The weekend of Feb. 19 was particularly busy for three former Midlanders and their fiancées.

Among those honored were Laura Weyman and her fiancé, Paul Myers, both of Dallas.

Laura's grandmother, Billie (Mrs. Max) David, hosted an elegant party in her home to celebrate the couple's engagement. Co-hosts for the cocktail buffet were Candace and Herb Rehders and DeEtte and John Zant.

Guests included a number of the engaged pair's friends from Dallas, and Paul's parents, Marion and Robert Myers, who came down from Peoria, Ill., for the weekend.

Laura was honored earlier that day with a miscellaneous display shower in the home of Betty (Mrs. Don) Tomlin.

Co-hostesses were Betty were Lynda (Mrs. Carty) Beal, Carol (Mrs. Bob) Boyd, Diane Claiborne, Christi Craddock, Nadine (Mrs. Tom) Craddock, Gayle (Mrs. Doc) Dodson, Carol (Mrs. Doug) Henson, Jeanie (Mrs. Tom) Johnson, Linda (Mrs. Frank) Powell, Kerry (Mrs. Clarence) Scharbauer, Carol (Mrs. John) Slyker, Georgia (Mrs. Carroll) Thomas, Carole (Mrs. Johnny) Warren and Linda (Mrs. Rodney) Satterwhite.

The daughter of longtime Midlanders Diana and Ed Weyman, Laura will become Paul's bride on April 24 in Dallas.

MICHAEL MORSE and his fiancée, Maryam Toofanian, both of Dallas, also were feted at a series of parties here.

Topping off the weekend was the engagement party Michael's parents, Eleanor and Mike Morse of Midland and Fort Collins, Colo., hosted at Midland Country Club on Saturday night. Joining in the festivities were Maryam's parents, Haleb and Dr. Ali Toofanian of Dallas, her brother, Daroush; Michael's grandmother, Anne Morse; his sisters, Laura (Mrs. Sheldon) Smith and Nancy Morse, as well as a number of the couple's Dallas friends, including former Midlanders.

The festivities began the previous evening with a Round the House Shower and dinner at the home of Marion and Siles Johnson. Guests were asked to bring unwrapped gifts for the designated rooms shown on their invitations.

Also hosting the fun party were

Jana and Vince Bash, Mary Emma and Rob Bennett, Ann Dunbar, Donna and Don Hewitt, Sharla and Bart Hotchkiss, Laura and Bob Van Huse, Cookie and Fred Wetendorf, and former Midlanders Linda and Jeff Landua of Abilene.

On Saturday morning, Maryam was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the Garden Room of Midland Country Club.

The hostesses were Susan Atkins, Terry (Mrs. Ed) Atkins, Dee (Mrs. Paul) Morris, Linda Landua, Juanice (Mrs. Lloyd) MacDonald, Jeanne (Mrs. Bill) Worley and Darleen (Mrs. Al) Boudreaux.

The couple will be married on April 17 at the bride-to-be's home in Dallas.

"WEDDING BELLS will soon be ringing for Stephanie Jackson and John Spillane. Come help them celebrate." So began the invitations to a buffet dinner party at the home of Sara and Norman Fry.

Other hosts and hostesses were Pat and Brent Blankvist, Gayle and Doc Dodson, Mary and Barry Beck, Louann and Glenn Rogers, Edna and Mack Hibbitt, Neil and Don Ferguson, Mary Jane and Bob Young, Betty and Bill Sumner, Marsha and Bob Bailey, Toni and Bob Midkiff, Kay and Ralph Arrell, Nickie and Les Oppermann, and Jeanene and Jimmy Wheeler of Stanton.

Among out-of-town guests coming in for the festivities were the bride's sister, Jennifer (Mrs. Carlos) Balido of Arlington; her aunt, Matilda McDonald of Arlington; the groom's mother, Marilyn Spillane of Houston, former Midlander Mary (Mrs. Wayne) Ulrich and Billie Nell and Bill Eastland, all of San Angelo, and Wanda and Mike Mitchell of Post.

Stephanie and John, both of Irving, will be married on March 13 at St. Simons, Ga. Midlanders Judy and Billy Jackson are parents of the bride.

IN OTHER NEWS, the Altrusa Club presented its Lucy Maaburn "Woman of the Year" Award to Debra Solari at a dinner on Feb. 25 in the Petroleum Club's Wildcatter Room.

Approximately 70 friends, co-workers and Altrusa members gathered in Deb's honor to recognize her many contributions to the community. She is the 24th recipient of the award.

Special guests were Deb's mother, Suzanne Solari, and Lynn Maaburn. The award was named in honor of Lynn's late mother-in-law.

Past recipients attending were Elizabeth Glenn, Joan Baskin, Dorothy Perkins, Mary Lou Cassidy, Vicki Halley, Helen Reid, Pam Young and Dixie Mims.

Entertainment during the social hour was provided by Lee (Mrs. George) Harley, accompanied by Julie (Mrs. Bob) Cole.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.



McKnight-Harrison

TECHNOLOGY: Prop guns fire powder, no blanks

(From 1E)

trying to get this stuff to work." If Foley's tale were a movie script, you might expect, say, a miraculous, last-minute accident that suddenly makes everything work. But this was real life. It took two miraculous, last-minute accidents to make everything work.

Ten days before filming was to begin, a mistake in the mixing procedure astonishingly produced a batch with consistent proportions of oxygen to nitrogen. But there was too little oxygen, and just turning a valve couldn't fix that.

Then, the day before the shoot, Foley's colleague Ed Gardner accidentally put too much nitrogen into the mix. Foley, despairing, said they might as well test the batch anyway.

So they started making fog. It had 20.8 percent oxygen. Perfect.

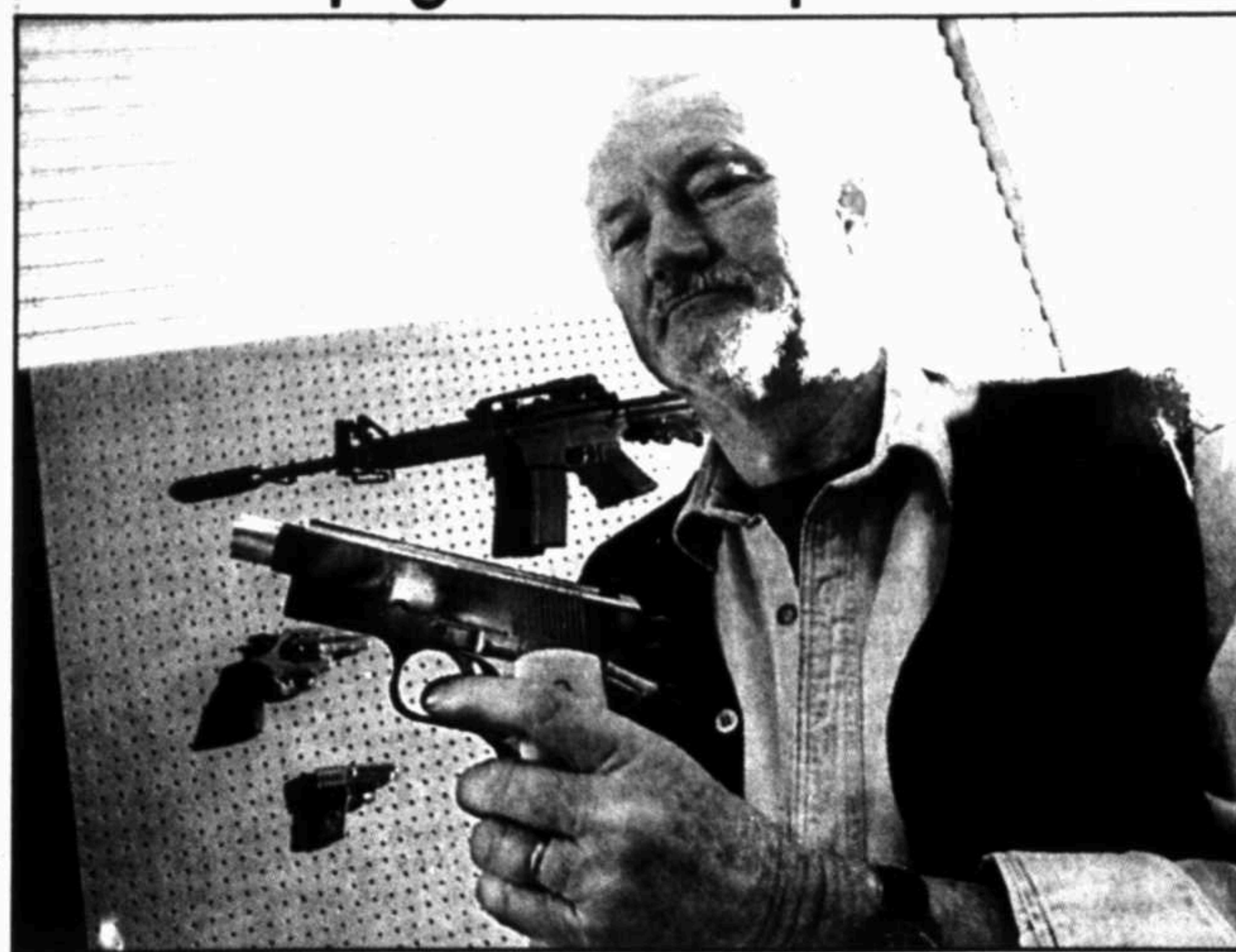
Foley and his colleagues eventually delivered enough fog to the movie set to fill up Madison Square Garden twice. After that, it was on to "Deep Impact," "Armageddon" and other movies.

Nowadays, Foley, 37, still focuses on selling gases to refineries and the like. But he has networked Hollywood like a pro, looking for another chance to get Liquid Synthetic Air into a movie, and himself onto another movie set. So far he's gotten to hang out with people like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis and Lou Diamond Phillips.

"It's a blast," he says. For other inventors, it's just business. Russ Hessey had been a movie studio gunsmith for 20 years when he started toying with an idea for a better prop gun.

When a real gun fires a blank, bits of wadding or shell casing can fly out the muzzle, causing injuries or worse. In 1984, actor Jon-Erik Hexum of the CBS series "Cover-Up" was killed by wadding that penetrated his skull. And in 1993, actor Brandon Lee was killed while filming the movie "The Crow" when a slug that had been stuck in the barrel of a gun was blasted out by a blank.

There are other problems. The blanks are very loud, especially on an enclosed set, so actors and crew members have to wear earplugs. When filming on the streets, the noise can disturb residents and, Hessey said, "you might get a little return fire."



Russ Hessey, a movie studio gunsmith for 20 years, poses in his San Fernando, Calif., shop with a Colt 45 "non-gun" that he manufactured for use in filmmaking. Behind him are a CAR 15 automatic rifle non-gun, and top, a .357 magnum non-gun, and a Saturday Night Special non-gun, bottom. Hessey's bogus weapons contain powder charges in the muzzles rather than a slug further back.

AP Photo

Hessey's answer: a "non-gun." It contains small powder charges in the muzzle, rather than in a slug farther back in the weapon. That way, you can get a good flash, good smoke, just a popping noise and nothing to fly out.

Hessey does make somewhat louder models for crowded or open-air scenes, when a distant actor needs to hear the bang as a cue.

THE APPROACH was patented in 1993 and first used in "Beverly Hills Cop 3." Nowadays, Hessey figures, some 100 to 250 of his bogus handguns, assault rifles, machine guns and the like are on TV and movie sets at any time.

"It's great," says propmaster Andrew Grant of the CBS TV show "Nash Bridges" in San Francisco. "I can have an actor put a gun right next to someone's head, and he can pull the trigger and know nothing's going to happen."

Non-guns haven't replaced conventional guns completely, but Grant said he uses them 25 percent of the time.

While non-guns make suitable flashes or shooting, David Pringle found a new way to make flashes of lightning. Traditionally, crew members have put shutters

on the brightest light available and flapped them open and closed. Or they made explosions of electrical sparks. But the shutters couldn't simulate the varying intensity of a lightning flash, while the sparks produced odd colors and weren't very controllable anyway, Pringle said.

While working as a filmmaker with a movie lighting expert in Shanghai, Pringle developed another way. It's a skinny lamp about two feet long. When you hit the button, it flashes bright enough to light up a football stadium at night. More important, it randomly varies the strength of the light during a flash, changing every one-24th of a second to match the frame speed of movie film.

Pringle, who shared a 1995 technical award from the movie academy with Zhang Yan, his Chinese colleague, is now president of Lightning Strikes Inc. in Hollywood. He has seen his handiwork in such movies as "Titanic" (where it simulated electric sparks in a water tunnel) and the 1991 version of "Cape Fear."

"If it's realistic lightning," he says, "it's us."

And if it's sparks, it could be from the inventive hands of Phil Cory. After 25 years of doing

mechanical effects like blowing up trains for movies, Cory had an idea about eight years ago about how to do sparks better.

At the time, special effects people used Roman candles or grinding devices to produce showers of sparks. But Roman candles can't start and stop on cue, while grinders are awkward and don't work all that well, Cory said.

So, out of curiosity, he tried another approach. He arranged two wires to spark when they touch each other, and an air nozzle to blow out the sparks.

It worked well enough that before he showed it to anybody else, he obtained a patent.

His device, powered by four car batteries, can whoosh sparks out about 35 feet. Aluminum wires make white sparks; steel ones produce orange.

He hasn't completely replaced the old methods. Besides "Speed," Cory's work has shown up in movies like "Die Hard With a Vengeance," where it appeared under a skidding subway car.

Cory isn't surprised that in the high-tech movie world of the 1990s, there's still room for a guy with an idea about sparks.

"You never know," he said. "There's always a better mouse-trap."

GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

Life lessons served up at Japanese cooking table

By Gracie Bonds Staples
N.Y. Times News Service

Some time ago, while watching an episode of "Family Matters," my daughters witnessed Steve Urkel making a fool of himself once again trying to

win the affection of his love interest, this time taking the girl to dinner at a Japanese restaurant.

It was a lovely little story, but what held my daughters' attention was the dreaded cooking table. And they couldn't seem to forget it.

For months, they nagged me to take them to a restaurant "where they cook the food at your table."

Last Friday night, on Asha's eighth birthday, I was obliged to

make that happen, partly because I enjoy watching them partake of new experiences — and partly due to guilt.

You see, I'd told a colleague that I was trying desperately to put together one more double birthday party to try to cut down on expenses. But it wasn't just the expense. I have yet to sponsor one of these ventures when the noise level wasn't so, well ... overwhelming, the movement not so constant.

I'm over 40. It makes me crazy.

But my colleague said to me, "Poor kids are going to grow up dysfunctional because they've never had their very own birthday party."

I smiled, trying to receive her comment in the spirit in which it was delivered, but the knife had already pierced my flesh, or my heart.

I explained to her that their father and I make a point of acknowledging each of their birthdays but that because they

are so close together, we have one BIG celebration.

For instance, on Asha's birthday, Jimmy prepared pancakes, her favorite, with eight candles on top. And all of us — Jimmy, Jamila and I — sang "Happy Birthday" to the tune of Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday," sans the Martin Luther King Jr. lyrics, of course. Then they ate, and Asha opened one of her gifts. We will do the same thing Thursday, Jamila's 10th birthday.

BACK TO THAT first excursion to the Japanese cooking table.

Five us — we invited my niece, Jasmine — arrived at the restaurant around 6:30 p.m. It took us 30 minutes to decide what to eat. Jamila and Jasmine wanted shrimp, Asha and I took the chicken and Jimmy, the unhealthy red meat. I know better than to say "cow." I can't afford the lawsuit.

We talked about nothing until

the cook showed up with platters of meat and vegetables, and the show began. Soup came first. I drank mine. Jamila sipped a little. The others sniffed, frowned and replaced the bowls on the table. The same thing happened with the salad, and the eggplant, and the bean sprouts, and the grilled onions and green peppers.

I hate to see food go to waste, money go down the drain. I was disgusted with their unwillingness to try the dishes.

They ate their meat and bowls of ice cream. We went home. They were hungry. I was stuffed.

As I thought about it later, I wondered which of those experiences is more likely to render my daughters dysfunctional adults: having one BIG birthday celebration, or having me give in to their every whim.

I'm betting on the latter.

Gracie Bonds Staples is columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Turner was inspiration for 'Rushmore' millionaire

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — If you've seen the movie "Rushmore," you might think Bill Murray — who plays a millionaire steel tycoon — reminds you of somebody. Here's why:

"We sort of modeled his look on Ted Turner," says Wes Anderson, co-writer and director of the critically acclaimed prep school comedy, now playing. "I had these photographs of Ted Turner that I took to the makeup woman."

Funnily enough, he's speaking only two blocks from CNN Center, sitting on a couch in the back of a bright yellow tour bus. You know, the rock 'n' roll kind of bus, complete with claustrophobic sleeping berths and a seasoned driver accustomed to bad behavior and long hours.

So is this bus fulfilling some sort of rock star fantasy for the young director?

"No, it's not," Anderson says with a sigh, a shake of the head, then a yawn. "Someone at Disney came up with the idea. We arrived in Atlanta about midnight last night. I got four hours' sleep."

But he's got resilience. He's only 29, though his gangly, pale, spiky-haired looks could make you think he's younger.

Receiving raves, "Rushmore" earned several critics' awards for Murray, as well as a Golden Globe nomination for best supporting actor. He plays a middle-aged man who runs afoul of 15-year-old preppie Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman) when both guys fall for the same woman.

Anderson co-wrote the script with actor Owen Wilson ("Armageddon"). They met during college in Austin, Texas; made a short movie called "Bottle Rocket" about a band of hapless, would-be thieves; and enlisted the aid of producer-director James L. Brooks ("As Good as It Gets") in turning it into a feature film. The '96 comedy earned good reviews, but didn't do much business.

Anderson and Wilson decided to write "Rushmore" because they both went to prep schools. Wilson's was in Dallas, Anderson's in Houston; in fact, the director's old alma mater stood in for the fictional academy.

The movie doesn't take place in Texas, per se, but in a fablelike atmosphere. "In the real world, this kid would never be able to do what he does," Anderson says. "So it was important to have a world with its own logic, different from reality. We did things with the design that makes it unreal. The walls are colors you'd never get away with."

Anderson visited his old school several times to "do the politics" of getting permission to shoot there.

Hard to come by was his Max. He auditioned around 1,800 teens for the lead role. "A lot of them were on tape. But I saw hundreds and hundreds in person. I spent a year. We wanted somebody you'd never seen before."

Schwartzman fit the bill, though he wasn't without Hollywood connections. He's the son of actress Talia Shire, nephew of Francis Ford Coppola.

Anderson and Wilson share a house in Los Angeles with Owen's brother, actor Luke Wilson ("Home Fries"). They're already writing their next movie, about a New York family of geniuses.

There's no script yet. But Anderson has a couple of small, spiral-bound notebooks, laid on the table in front of him. They're crammed with precise notes in capital letters, and tiny sketches. "You can flip," he says, handing a notebook to a reporter. "Don't read."



Staples

Videos offer alternatives to old love stories

By Amy Biancolli
Hearst News Service

Rhett and Scarlett, Rick and Ilsa, Yuri and Lara — blah, blah, blah. You've seen "Gone with the Wind" 1,000 times before.

"Casablanca"? A million. "Doctor Zhivago" clocks in at somewhere around 100, minus that time you fell asleep during Yuri's trek across the Siberian wasteland. (Remember the ice in his beard? Man, that's harsh.)

Not to slag any of these cinematic exemplars, but let's get real. You've watched the classic romances.

You know what happens in them. You've done them, baby. And no you're looking for something a little bit different. The question is, what?

Here's the answer: Some alternate rentals for lazy weekend viewing. Some are old; some are new. Some are happy; some are blue. But all are prime Valentine material.

■ Best Brazilian-French romance based on an ancient Greek myth: "Black Orpheus" (1959). Orfeo and Eurydice, doomed as ever, lust and lose each other amid the sensual swirl of a Rio carnival. Unforgettable.

■ Best cool-jazz romance acted by cartoon dogs: "Lady and the Tramp" (1955). Lady, a blue-blooded spaniel, falls for Tramp, a rough-hewn mongrel. The spaghetti scene's a charmer.

■ Best prickly screwball

romance featuring witty divorced people who really seriously honestly do love each other: "The Awful Truth" (1937). Cary Grant and Irene Dunne bicker, divorce, sabotage each other's love lives and ... well, you know. Hilarious.

■ Best platonic love story mixed with a lovely gay romance: "The Object of My Affection" (1998). Girl loves guy loves guy:

heartbreaking and smart.

■ Best teen romance disguised as a goofball Scottish comedy: "Gregory's Girl" (1981). Gawkier gets crush on gal, finds true love elsewhere. Marv.

■ Best snot-sobs-and-drool romantic tearjerker (old): "Dark Victory" (1939). Bette Davis has cancer! George Brent loves her! She dies!

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AROUND TOWN

Permian Basin Girl Scout Council and Keep Midland Beautiful are sponsoring the first Great American Cleanup, starting with the Girl Scouts' "Klothes for Kids" clothing drive March 15-20.

Participants are asked to take donations of clean clothing to any of the eight collection sites at Midland's fire stations. Donations should be bagged in large plastic bags and put in the clean dumpster marked Girl Scouts.

Clothing will be picked up March 20 and delivered to the Girl Scout Program Center, where it will be sorted in preparation for distribution throughout the 15-county area served by the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council.

For more information call 570-9188 ext. 502. Agencies in need of clothing are also invited to call for more information.

...**STAMP CLUB** will meet 7:30 p.m. March 9 at the Airport Postal Facility at Midland International Airport. Persons attending are asked to use the east entrance off Wright Drive. All interested people are invited to attend. Program will be on stamp literature. For more information call 699-0202.

...**PERMIAN BASIN Area Agency on Aging** will host a public meeting on the current and future needs of older residents of the Permian Basin. The meeting is planned for 1:30 p.m. March 11 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois. Development of the regional and state.

Plans 2000 will be discussed. The meeting is open to anyone aged 60 or older and their caregivers and family members, as well as any other interested people.

...**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons (AARP)**, Midland chapter #256, will meet March 15 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Potluck meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a business meeting to follow. Wayne Cornet, cowboy poet and humorist, will present the program. Doors will close at 9 p.m. For more information call 682-1700 or 694-1447.

...**MIDLAND KAPPA Delta Alumnae Association** will meet for a Spring Break Luncheon 11:30 a.m. March 9 at Michael's Restaurant, Wadley and A Streets. Plans for the garage sale and collegiate rush will be discussed. All area Kappa Deltas are invited to attend.

...**PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary** will meet for luncheon and style show by Ginny's Collection 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 11 at Green Tree Country Club. For reservations call 686-0731 by noon March 9.

...**WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild** will host "Celtic Tales," a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, 7 p.m. March 15 at Barnes and Nobles book store, 2617 W. Loop 250. Annalyn Gilbreath will be the storyteller. All children, accompanied by parents or guardians, are invited. For more information call 699-7820.

...**HUMAN RESOURCE Professionals of the Permian Basin** will meet noon-1 p.m. March 9 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788 between Midland and Odessa. Larry McConnell of Conoco Inc. will speak on "Human Resource Issues 1999."

Cost of the luncheon will be \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members.

The non-profit organization is open to people dealing with human resource management, including business owners. The group's purpose is to enhance the professional level of human resource management through networking, educational seminars and regular monthly meetings and programs. For more information call 552-2747.

...**TWENTIETH CENTURY Study Club, TPWC**, will meet for lunch and tour 11:30 a.m. March 9 at the Scarborough Lineberry House, 802 S. Main. For more information call 694-3392.

...**VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired**, will meet for a craft-making session 10:30 a.m. March 10 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Persons attending are asked to bring sack lunches; coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information call 694-2648.

BOOMER BLUES

Medical 'Theory of Everything' may be revealed in 'Star Wars'

By Myra Lee Salcedo

Last week was so rough health-wise that I thought about not writing a column. A sleep disorder, confused hormones, and allergies had me operating on automatic pilot all week. Down to the wire and I wondered if anyone would notice if there weren't some words appearing along with my happy face on Sunday. Then several readers in one afternoon told me how they were "looking forward" to my next column and I "caved."

One of my fans startled me by saying, "I don't always agree with what you say but you make me think. And sometimes I don't like what I think."

My job is to entertain and inform. Sometimes one or the other can be done gracefully and sometimes the two can be combined. So, love me or loathe me, here it is.

When my 40th birthday



Salcedo

approached I promised myself that it was time to get back into shape and regain my health by controlling my allergies, exercising, and losing weight.

Those of us with severe allergies never really eliminate them, but we can get them under control. The problem is that we have immune systems that fly into battle over the wrong things, like pollen or cat dander. It can make going outside or visiting a friend a health risk. Some people parachute out of airplanes to get the adrenaline going. Me, I pet a Chi-huahua. A nurse drawing my blood once explained: "People with AIDS have a damaged immune system. People with allergies have immune systems that are just confused."

On top of my confused immune system is that my deranged hormones have decided sleep isn't really necessary and it's a good idea to wake up 10-15 times per hour. Fortunately, I'm only actually aware of bolting awake once every hour. So, I've been undergoing a battery of tests to find out what my husband refers to as my personal TOE.

In case you missed the story last Sunday (in our own Lifestyle section) an Aggie physics professor is trying to develop a formula that is both short and catchy enough to fit

on a T-shirt and complicated enough to explain everything (or at least every physical thing) in the universe. The formula will incorporate quantum theory and Einstein's theory and will be known as the Theory of Everything (TOE). It is assumed that the TOE solution is years away.

The problem is that I need an answer as to why my body won't stay asleep or burn calories TODAY. I keep taking tests that lead to other tests and other theories and too many that are inconclusive. It's like what happens when you take the junker car to the mechanic to get your brakes replaced. While you're driving home you start hearing a clunky clunky clunk and you realize something else is now wrong with the car. Every time you take the car to the mechanic something else goes wrong shortly thereafter and you'd swear it's THE MECHANIC'S FAULT. Bodies over 40 seem to operate the same way. One medical test leads to another. Now, I'm test driving everything for another six weeks before I start another battery of tests. The good news is that there is nothing seriously wrong that can't be fixed with a few medications, a near-starvation diet and an hour of aerobic exercise a day (and who exercises AN HOUR EVERY DAY I

want to know.)

But the fact that — with a whole slew of doctors (one for every organ in my body if you listen to a co-worker) and with today's scientific wonders — I am hoping this is the year we discover my medical TOE. My husband suggested the whole thing will be revealed to us in the upcoming "Star Wars" movie. This is what is known in our household as humor from another planet. Me, I think maybe it's going to take an Aggie to figure it all out.

FLYING HIGH

Heading out on a Sunday evening for a "drive," we ended up at Midland's new and improved airport. Gone are the days when we can simply show up at the airport and pick people up without knowing their gate. There was a time when one could walk up the ramp, stand in the middle of the second floor landing and see ALL THREE GATES. Those days are gone.

Now the airport has gone uptown and area folks can be caught gawking inside the cavernous building on the weekend. One of my daughter's friends accused her of rubbernecking so much, "you'd have thought we were in the Galleria in Dallas or something," the friend said.

Well, it's about time people could get to the turbo-props without having to walk down an outdoor flight of steps in 80 mph wind.

If the new and improved digs aren't enough, there is the airport gift shop with oil derrick-shaped boxes of "oil drops" (black licorice jelly beans) that at least one of my relatives — by marriage — deserves to have for a gift. (It's a payoff for the lovely aromatic herb-filled satin pillow that gave me asthma just unwrapping the package.) The box is attractive, and all, but I only know of one Midlander who eats licorice jelly beans, and we won't mention any names, but Mary Hardin has dibs on all the black candy beans. Those are usually the ones left on the bottom of every office candy jar. And those are the ones being peddled as gifts in our own airport.

But, hey, we've got REGIONAL gifts in our airport (including coffee mugs and T-shirts) and where else can an out-of-town relative buy cardboard oil derricks for all of their nephews and nieces to show they "done been to the oil patch"?

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Living alone a legitimate choice, not a declaration of defeat

By Patricia Leigh Brown
N.Y. Times News Service

They have nothing in common and everything in common. "We eat over the sink and in bed, and sometimes at a table," said the photographer Adrienne Salinger of people like herself who live alone. "We find things where we left them. We always know where the good scissors are."

In her recent book, "Living Solo" (Andrews McMeel Publishing), Ms. Salinger — no relation to J.D. — investigates the inner lives, dwelling places and somewhat eccentric indulgences of people who, either by choice or circumstance, find themselves living alone.

They are an expanding tribe. The motley array of questers that Ms. Salinger befriended at Laundromats, in department stores, in bookstores, even at the side of the road, represent possibly the first generation for which, in her words, "living alone is presumed to be a legitimate choice rather than a declaration of defeat."

No longer perceived as simply a transient state with no respect, solo living — sometimes elegant, sometimes scraggly and unkempt — is a statistical reality: The number of women living alone doubled between 1970 and 1996, to 15 million, while the number of solitary men tripled, to 10.3 million, the Census Bureau says.

Among their ranks is Ms. Salinger, 42, an associate professor at the University of New Mexico, who lives alone in a one-story adobe house in Albuquerque with interiors that she calls "fairly neutral."

"I'm fascinated with how people define themselves in their spaces," she said. "People who live alone are marginalized in our culture. But when you live alone, you're not compromised in your space. Living with others, you

develop a shorthand for communicating. You don't consider your own life as clearly, because you don't have to." Opening the shutters on 50 lives — three of them excerpted in their own words on this page — Ms. Salinger finds that they defy conventional expectations.

Among her subjects are Judd Hostetler, who was dismissed from his job as a bookkeeper after 22 years for doing a somersault, and Anne Meredith, a Hollywood screenwriter, who is shown in Ms. Salinger's photograph in front of an altar assembled from her home's earthquake debris. She recalls the summer weekdays of her youth on Cape Cod — the "unspoken conspiracy" of women living a "totally free and joyous life" when their husbands were away.

Ms. Salinger portrays divorcees, widowers, recovering heroin addicts and alcoholics, a personal chef, a woman battling multiple sclerosis alone in her bathroom. They are shown in rooms that are at times at odds with their stories. Gordon Harrington, who served two tours in Vietnam, stands in his living room surrounded by rose-brocade balloon shades and lace curtains, holding his rifle amid scented candles and a carved bunny on the coffee table.

Reflecting on an unhappy marriage of 27 years, Abby Bayouth observes that interiors don't always reveal inner truths. "People thought it was a very happy home," she says, "because we had a very beautiful house."

The author's decision to explore the lives of people she saw grocery shopping — people that "you always assume don't have complex inner lives, which is completely untrue" — evolved gradually from her own solo life, though she acknowledged the downside: "When you're sick and want someone to take care of you."

The daughter of an artist and a furniture manufactur-

er who now live in Sedona, Ariz., and "have the perfect relationship," she said, Ms. Salinger grew up in Los Angeles and San Francisco and worked briefly as a pastry chef before getting a master of fine arts degree at the Chicago Art Institute. She taught at Syracuse University and moved to Albuquerque a year and a half ago. "I wanted to change my life, so I just kind of did it," she said. "I didn't want to be one of those people who stayed in the same place forever. Those people just become bitter."

The project is her second book. The first was "In My Room: Teen-Agers in Their Bedrooms," Chronicle Books, 1995.

"I became interested in whether or not we are in fact a group," she said. "It's not that simple, because there are 25 million of us living alone. Yet, we're invisible." She began her odyssey, in which she trekked across the country with a 4-by-5 view camera, by photographing herself in her own home, surrounded by hundreds of books whose spines remained obsessively unbroken. "I was appalled," she said of how she looked. "Which anyone would be unless they're Gwyneth Paltrow."

Ms. Salinger, who relishes the "terrifying invasion" of photographing people at home, has lived alone on and off since college. She is not committed to the solitary life and is involved with someone, but finds lone souls to be more open and articulate about themselves.

In her view, eccentricity has gotten a bad rap, and even the loopy characters have profundities to reveal. "The reason my marriages didn't work is because I was very much involved in cocktails," says Vivian Grace, a former alcoholic turned substance abuse counselor. Such solo fliers have been largely unheralded. "It takes an enormous amount of courage to live alone," Ms. Salinger said. "You have no escape from looking at yourself."

MAGIC: Midlanders impressed by some effects, others disappoint

(From 1E)

like the three best ones I've seen lately. The scenes of destruction and the scenes on the comet in "Armageddon" and the way they wiped out France, that looked pretty cool.

He found the vampire effects in "Blade" to appear genuine and recalled "a good shot of a bullet that was fired at this one guy. They had it in slow motion. It was pretty cool."

The tidal wave in "Deep Impact" merited a mention by Allison and by Scott Gunn, division manager for Hollywood Theaters, who considers a successful special effect to be of "something that hasn't really happened, but it's realistic looking."

For Allison, a special effect must "look like it could happen, even if it's fiction."

Christina Moore, who works at Premiere Video, cited "Independence Day," the "Terminator" movies and "Mulan" as among her favorites when she thinks of special effects.

"I remember when the bad guy melts; he just goes through the glass," she said of "Terminator II." "Whenever you don't see that everyday, it gets to you when you do. You wonder, 'How did they do that?' And all that computer animation in 'Mulan.' They take five hand-drawn horsemen and turn them into 500 at the battle scene."

Special effects need "to thrill," said Ms. Moore. "Show me what I haven't seen before. Everybody wants to be thrilled or frightened or excited. They want to have that rush. And special effects, if they can do that for you, then the creators did a good job with the movie. They pleased the audience."

Successful special effects for Tim Jenks, executive director of Midland Community Theatre, create "an environment or place that I thought wasn't possible. If movie makers are able to create a location or a feeling in me, and I say, 'How did they do that?' then I think they've done a fantastic job."

"And I think you can measure that quality simply in your reaction. If you immediately notice it as being a special effect, then it's probably not that successful. But if your first reaction is, 'Wow' or 'How did they do that?' then I think they've accomplished their goal."

Not all special effects are obvious. For instance, those required

in a movie like "Interview with the Vampire" call for a subtle master stroke of cinematic not unlike that required in a period piece.

"That's a good example of a movie that had a problem," said Jenks. "How do we transport our viewer into the world of the night? And they were able to accomplish it through special effects. Most people think of things like 'Titanic' or 'Star Wars,' but special effects are just as important on a movie like 'Interview with the Vampire.'"

The creators of special effects have to be wary of their intent, said David Allen, drama instructor at Midland College, who compared the first "Star Wars" movie with the first "Star Trek" movie.

"The reason that the first 'Star Trek' movie didn't work is they made a mistake with the special effects," Allen said. "They made the film about the special effects instead of having a film with special effects in it. The first 'Star Wars' film was not about the special effects. They were just there, and that makes all the difference in the world."

"The problem for Hollywood, is that when they spend all that money on special effects, they want them to be noticed. And whenever they succumb to that desire, it damages the film."

In recent decades, the sorcerers of the screen have made great strides in creating their magic.

"I recently watched 'The African Queen,' a good portion of which was filmed on location," said Allen. "But portions where the actors might be in danger, were filmed in Hollywood, and they used the special effects available to them in that day to make it look as if the actors were really in danger. By the standards of the '50s and '60s, the special effects are wonderful. And for the folks at that time they were probably seamless."

"Looking at it today, they stick out like a sore thumb because the quality of special effects first introduced in '2001, A Space Odyssey' and then refined in the first 'Star Wars' film, which is now called 'Episode Four: A New Hope,' has made us more aware

thought 'Alice in Wonderland' did that occasionally, it certainly was uneven and disappointing. I loved the Gryphon and his wings. But, on the whole, I was disappointed with it."

And there are those movies that contain such subtle special effects

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— David Allen,
Midland College drama instructor

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"The thing that made 'Jurassic Park' really work was that the dinosaurs were absolutely believable. Your suspension of disbelief was complete, and you entered totally into the world of the movie. The expectation is that the new 'Star Wars' film opening in May will take special effects to yet another level."

NOT ALL MOVIES SUCCEED.

"I was really disappointed in 'Alice in Wonderland,'" Rebecca Watson said of a new production of the Lewis Carroll tale that was recently on television. "Compared to 'Gulliver's Travels,' where I thought that the special effects were just remarkable, I was disappointed. Whoopi Goldberg played the Cheshire cat and looked like a little cut-out figure."

"The thing that is so wonderful about doing some of this literature that was so imaginative, is that the special effects come close to the imagination," said Ms. Watson, who teaches English at Midland College. "And while I

the viewer never realizes they are there at all."

"The wonder is the number of special effects that go into films you would not expect had special effects," said Allen. "Everything from movies like 'Maverick' to 'October Sky,' which is in current release, well worth seeing by the way, to 'Something About Mary.'"

"All contain special effects that are unnoticeable and taken for granted yet shade the reality of the film as much as the special effects found in the science-fiction blockbusters. 'October Sky' contains

explosions and rockets in motion which look entirely realistic.

"As a result, the movie magic promised through the last century has come to fruition. I eagerly wait the surprises and magic in store for us in the next century."

RONNIE LEWIS, who works at Hastings Books Music & Video, identified "Independence Day" as his "all time favorite. It's believable. And I've watched it two or three times with different people, and it's still the same."

"I've been to movie studios and seen behind the scenes where they explain how they do their magic. That takes some of that mystique away."

"When we were in Florida not too long ago, they were actually filming, and we were watching them do some of the integration of special effects in with the movie. So you really have to make a believer out of me for me to buy into it."

His daughter, Whitney, who is 7, has a strong opinion about the best children's movie, Lewis said. "The best kids' movie according to my daughter is 'Antz.' I don't know how many times she's watched that movie. Of course, it's computer enhanced. But she doesn't know that."

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ENGAGEMENTS

CURTIS-WALTERS

Rachel Lynne Curtis of Midland and Daniel Patrick Walters of Lubbock are planning to be married 2 p.m. May 22 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Curtis of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Cindy Dampf of Huntsville and Brian Walters of Houston.

Miss Curtis is a 1995 graduate of Midland High School and a student Texas Tech University, where she plans to graduate in May with a degree in animal science. She is a member in Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Her fiancé graduated from Klein Oak High School in 1993 and is a student at Texas Tech, where he is scheduled to graduate in May 2000 with a degree in management information systems. He is a member of Association Information Technology Professionals and is manager with Block Buster Music.



Rachel Lynne Curtis and Daniel Patrick Walters

KITCHEN-PITZER

Courtney Marie Kitchen and Michael Shawn Pitzer, both of Midland, are planning a 7 p.m. April 24 wedding at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Odessa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Patricia Hutchings Kitchen of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pitzer of Midland.

Miss Kitchen is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Midland College's nursing school. She is employed with Dillard's. Her fiancé graduated from Permian High School in 1988 and from Tarleton State University in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in business. He is employed with Images Ink in Odessa.



Courtney Marie Kitchen and Michael Shawn Pitzer

WEDDINGS

FAIRCHILD-LEE

TIJERAS, N.M. — Amber Kayla Fairchild of Edgewood and Trevor James Lee of Odessa, Texas, were married 4 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Tijeras. Bob Caparroula officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Leta Fairchild of Edgewood. Parents of the bridegroom are Roger and Kay Lee of Odessa. Neeley Brown, Nicole Powers and Joslyn Plath were the bride's honor attendants. She also was attended by Chloe Chandler.

Duane Odle was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Aaron Simpson and John Saucedo. Ushers were Ryan Fairchild and Daniel French.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, Texas, the couple lives in Odessa.



Mr. and Mrs. Trevor James Lee

BOICE-SCHAEFER

Reagan Lynn Boice, daughter of former Midlanders Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boice of Hobbs, N.M., became the bride of Aaron Schaefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil Schaefer of Corpus Christi, at 2 p.m. Feb. 6 in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Midland. Jody Windbegler of First Methodist Church of McCombs, the Rev. Jerry Walcott of San Diego, and Wil Schaefer, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

Ushers were Tom Schaefer of Kazakhstan, Russia, brother of the bridegroom, and Jim Berryman of Abilene.

The bride, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Knowles of Midland, is a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a degree in recreation and leisure services. She was event coordinator with the Hobbs Chamber of Commerce. Her husband, grandson of Laurine Short of Midland, earned a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas in 1995. He was employed with Mewbourne Oil Company of Hobbs.

The couple lives in Lockhart.

NEW! LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, the week before said item is to be published.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/FASHION SHOWS

Deadline for all Club News items, luncheons and fashion shows (which are published in Sunday newspapers) is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of such milestone events as engagements, weddings and wedding anniversaries, and quincenieras, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper — including wedding engagement and anniversary announcements — is 2 p.m. 10 days prior to the publication date.

■ **Engagement announcements:** There is no limit as to how

early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced.

However, engagements should be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

■ **Wedding announcements:** Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

■ **Wedding anniversaries:** Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

■ **Pageants:** Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person

HORN-MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Horn Jr. of Mount Pleasant announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Leigh, to Michael E. Miller, son of Connie Miller of Seattle, Wash., and Ed Miller of Midland. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Jimmie Robinson of College Station and the late Tom Robinson, and the late Elane and Vic Horne Sr. The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Edith and George Foster and the late Mary Lou and P.E. Miller Jr. The wedding is planned for April 10 at First Christian Church in Mount Pleasant.

Miss Horn is a 1991 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, and is a cryptologic linguist (Korean) journeyman in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Fort Meade, Md. Her fiancé graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and is a command and control computer systems journeyman with the U.S. Air



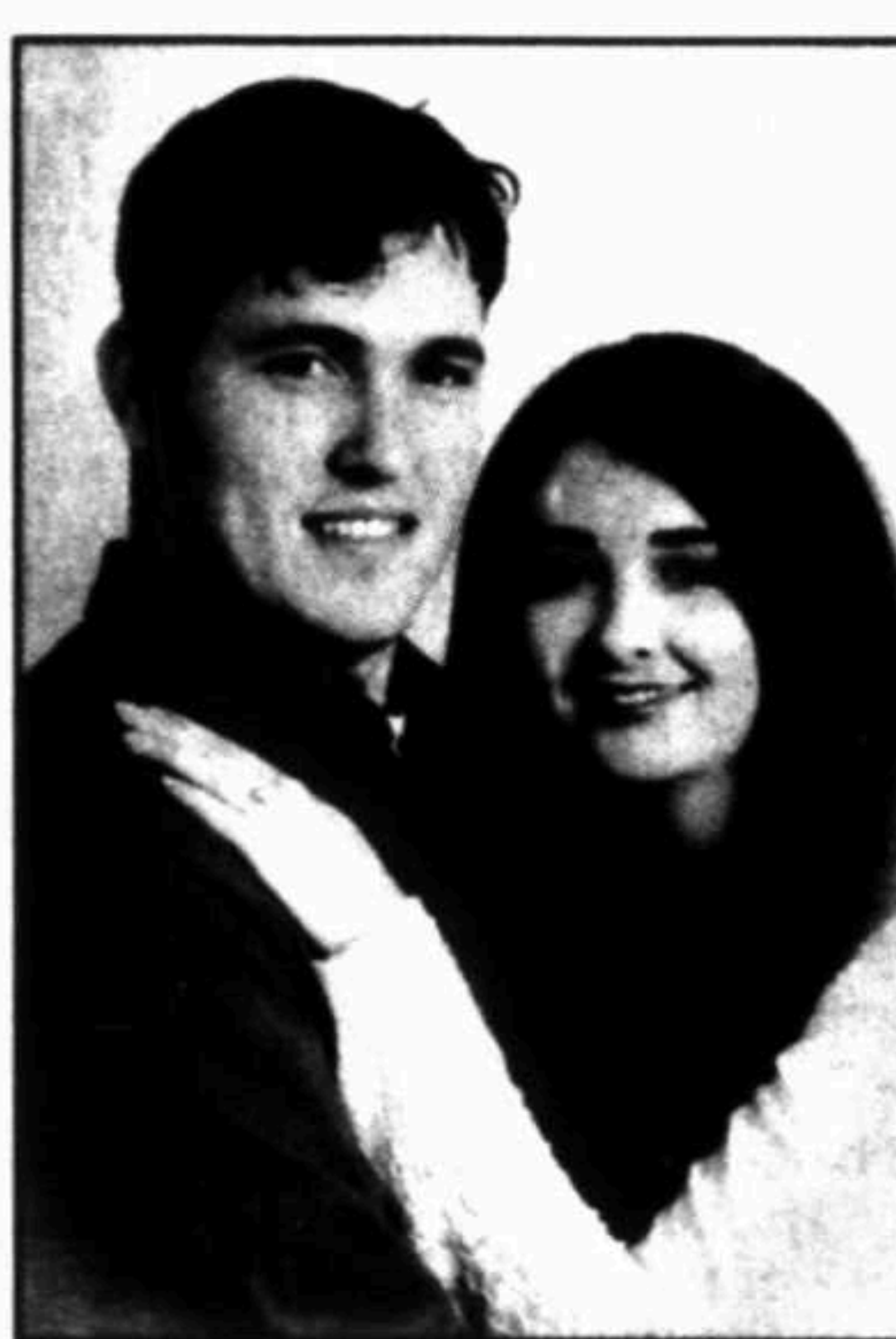
Sheri Leigh Horn and Michael E. Miller

Force stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

WOOD-PRESLEY

Shannon Renee Wood of Bedford and Shawn Edwin Presley of Cleburne are planning a 4 p.m. July 17 wedding at the Chapel of the Lake in Lake Tahoe, Calif. Parents of the bride-elect are Debbie and Terry Wooten of Midland and the late David Owen Wood. The future bridegroom is the son of Sandy and Pam Ledbetter of Cleburne and Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Presley Jr. of Godley.

Miss Wood is a 1993 graduate of Lee High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in microbiology. She is attending graduate school at the University of North Texas for a master's degree in speech pathology and is a member of the Fashion Board and Kappa Delta sorority. She is employed with Active Organic of Lewisville. Her fiancé graduated from Cleburne High School in 1990 and served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is studying for a bachelor of science



Shannon Renee Wood and Shawn Edwin Presley

degree in elementary education. He is employed with Children's Courtyard in Dallas.

GRIFFEN-WATKINS

Janet Lynn Griffen of Midland and Robert Lee Watkins of Odessa are planning to be married this month at Greater Ideal Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lucille Sanders and James Griffen of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Jessie Watkins of Odessa and the late Bessie Watkins.

Miss Griffen is a Midland High School graduate and is employed with Chase Bank of Texas. Her fiancé graduated from Odessa High School and is employed with Southdown Cement Plant of Odessa.



Janet Lynn Griffen and Robert Lee Watkins

Meet-and-greet in Atlanta will benefit cancer charities

By A. Scott Walton
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — There's a special shopping weekend in store next fall for style-conscious, civic-minded Atlantans. An unnamed, but major designer will make a meet-and-greet appearance at the Phipps Plaza Saks Fifth Avenue store the weekend of Sept. 24-26, and 2 percent of the store's weekend sales will be donated to breast cancer charities.

As part of the Council of Fashion Designers of America's "Fashion Targets Breast Cancer" campaign, all Saks stores nationwide will participate. The CFDA is compelling designers to fan out that weekend to help boost sales,

and a number of them (Joseph Abboud, Douglas Hannant, Jeffrey Banks, Julie Chaiken of Chaiken & Capone and Ken Kaufman and Isaac Franco of Anne Klein) attended the recent breakfast news conference at Saks' flagship store. "It's worth the trouble because this is such a good cause," said Chaiken, who's based in San Francisco.

FOOT FAULT: The featured attraction at the promotional breakfast staged by Hush Puppies brought the term "ark" to mind.

Propped next to the buffet table was one of the size 22 suede shoes that Hush Puppies custom makes for Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal. However, a style gap between the men's and women's footwear Hush

Puppies will offer next fall is obvious. The women's styles show trends toward knee-high boots, ballet-style flats and sport-inspired sandals; men's styles appear limited to clunky looks that belie the technology that makes them incredibly lightweight.

COKE FLOATS: Blitz, the girls' sportswear firm that's producing the Coca-Cola Co.'s line of logood apparel, has leaked a few of the fall/winter looks that will debut next month at the MAGIC convention in Las Vegas. The collection will include hooded sweatshirts, wide-legged jeans and coveralls, tank tops, drawstring pants and cheerleader-style sweaters. Dominant colors are charcoal gray, safari green, navy blue and "clay" red.

Designers show dress-up daytime suits

By Constance C.R. White
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — With all the sports-utility minimalism overrunning fashion now, it should come as no surprise that there is an unquenched thirst for dress-up daytime suits.

Who, after all, is thinking of the ladies who lunch? The omission has pushed Badgley Mischka to add a daytime collection.

"A lot of sportswear designers didn't do a lot of suits this year," James Mischka said. "Everything was softer and about putting different pieces together."

It's true. In an effort to stay au courant, pretty-suit stalwarts like Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass and Christian LaCroix have been showing more youthful sporty mixes rather than tailored suits.

Like every Seventh Avenue designer, Mark Badgley and Mischka know a void in the market when

they see one.

And they have filled it beautifully: gray pinstripe suits with built-in curves and feminine touches like gray ribbon on the sleeves; a demure, tweed dress, and wool suits with opulent fur collars.

The clothes will be in stores, including Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, in June.

"We're also trying to get a younger couture customer," Badgley said, pointing to a white coat in double-face wool, tweed trousers and black turtle-neck.

Several daytime dresses have evening-wear counterparts and handbags to match.

The handbag collection includes a small tweed hobo bag with a jeweled butterfly about to take flight, and a pouch, in burgundy velvet and jet, suspended from a silver chain.

"I think it's very modern when the girl doesn't wear any jewelry — there's just the beaded gown, and the little bag is the jewelry," Badgley said.

MAES-ACOSTA

Alisha Renee Maes and Timothy Joe Acosta, both of Midland, are planning to be married 3 p.m. March 27 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Albert and Wyletta Maes of Hobbs, N.M., and the granddaughter of Robert and Dorothy Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Julio Mireles. Parents of the future bridegroom are Ralph and Arcelia Acosta of Midland.

Miss Maes is a 1992 graduate of Hobbs High School and a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, where she earned a degree in radiologic technologist cardiovascular intervention. She is employed with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (Cardiac Cath Lab and Special Procedures). Her fiancé graduated from Monahans High School and Odessa Police Academy. He is completing work for a degree in criminal justice. He is a valve



Alisha Renee Maes and Timothy Joe Acosta

inspector with Compressor Components.

JOWELL-O'BRIEN

Former Midlander Laurie Diana Jowell and Michael Stephen O'Brien, both of Dallas, are planning an 11 a.m. March 26 wedding in Las Vegas, Nev. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houston Jowell of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of The Hon. and Mrs. Michael F. O'Brien of Maple Park, Ill.

Miss Jowell graduated from Midland High School, Texas Tech University and Southeastern Paralegal Institute. She is a certified legal assistant with the law offices of Alan K. Laufman, J.D., M.D. Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Charles High School; Western Illinois University; Northern Illinois University, where he earned a master of arts degree in public administration; and the University of Denver, where he earned a master of science degree in legal administration. He is the planning and analysis manager for the U.S.



Laurie Diana Jowell and Michael Stephen O'Brien

District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

ENRIQUEZ-ORTEGA

Mr. and Mrs. Severo Enriquez of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosanna Maria, to Manuel Ortega, son of Jesus Jose Ortega of Midland and the late Maria Candelaria Ortega. The wedding is planned for July 10 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Miss Enriquez, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Rodriguez and the late Manuel and Elisa Enriquez, graduated from Midland High School and attended Midland College. She is an assistant manager for Stage Stores Inc. in Odessa. Her fiancé, grandson of Prisciliana Arzate of Fort Hancock and the late Teodocio Arzate, is a 1992 graduate of Booker High School. He attended Frank Phillips College in Borger and is employed with Dawson Geophysical in Midland.



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Lee High School auditorium. Top photo: ten Dodd, Linda Long. Bottom photo: left, Debbie Yee



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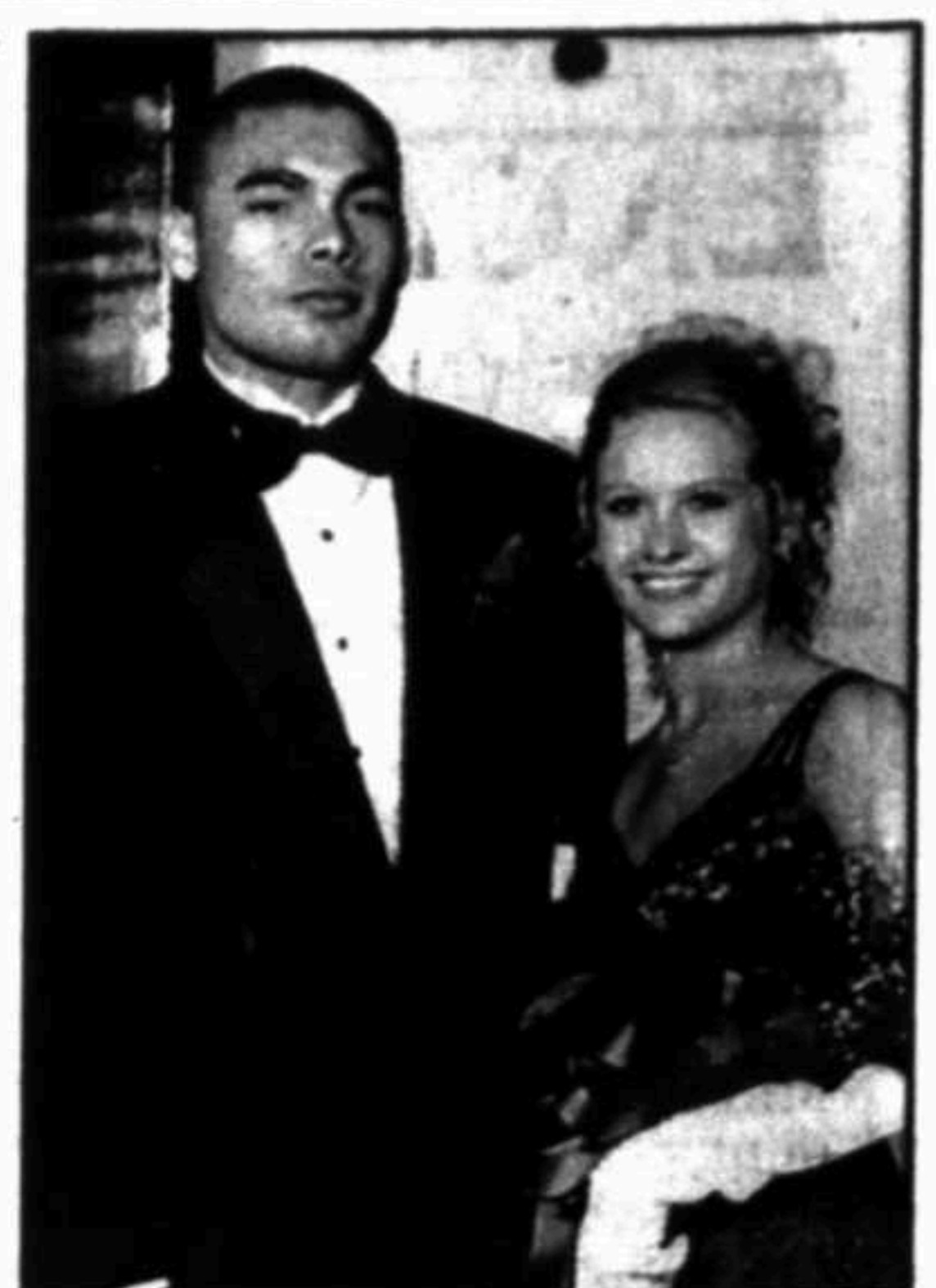
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LHS crowns Rebelee Court for 1999

Staff Reports

The 1999 Rebelee Court was presented 2 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Lee High School auditorium. Theme was "A Touch of Class."

The presentation is coordinated by the student council. This year's student council officers are: Dee Frazier, president; Lindsay Kellum, first vice president; Brian Breithaupt, second vice president; Kristen Dodd, corresponding secretary; Andrea Long, recording secretary; and Tyler Seibold, treasurer. Seibold, Miss Kellum and Debbie Yee were master and mistresses of ceremony. Cynthia Savage is student council sponsor.

This year's court members are:

MR. AND MISS LHS

■ Dee Lynn Frazier, daughter of Greg and Debbie Frazier, is the president of student council. She is a two-year letterman and captain of the basketball team; senior class treasurer; huddle leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of D-FY-IT. She is a Texas Scholar, four-year academic letterman and a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She competes in Texas High School Rodeo Association events, is a Midland Symphony Belle, was a duchess on the 1998 Homecoming Court and is a member of Campus Education Improvement Council at LHS. She received the U.S. Student Council Leadership Award, Social Studies Award and is a two-year recipient of the DAR award for Character, Citizenship and Leadership. She received the 1998 Fighting Rebel award for basketball. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in elementary education or equine therapy.

■ Derrick Walker, son of Dr. and Mrs. John McAfee Jr. and Mrs. Mrs. Willie Walker, is a two-year football letterman, two-year basketball letterman, member of National Honor Society and four-year academic letterman. He is a member of the symphony orchestra, Stricklee Strings and an orchestra officer. In football, he was named First Team All-District, Second Team Academic All-State, LHS Co-Defensive Most Valuable Player and Midland CVB Sports Association's Athlete of the Year. He was a member of the All-Region Orchestra for three years and is first chair in the All-State Orchestra. He was 1998 Homecoming King. He plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso on a football scholarship and major in electrical engineering.

MR. AND MISS ACADEMIC

■ Charu Gupta, daughter of Prem and Urnila Gupta, is an officer of National Honor Society and a member of speech and debate team, Spanish Honor Society, PAL, UIL Ready Writing, UIL Math and UIL Speech Teams. Valedictorian of the senior class, she is a National Merit finalist and recipient of the Renaissance Math and Science Award. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a four-year academic letterman, won sixth place in informative speaking at the state UIL competition, is a Girl Scout and is earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. She is a candy-striper at the hospital and plans to major in biology and liberal arts in college.

■ Brett Owens, son of Ken and Sharon Owens, is a member of the football team, is vice president of National Honor Society and member of Spanish Honor Society, is a member of Federal Reserve Challenge Team and active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and St. Luke's United Methodist Church's youth group. He is a Texas Scholar, All-American Scholar, four-year academic letterman and National Merit finalist. He is listed in Who's Who Among

American High School Students, is a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador, won the National History and Government Award and Junior Lion of the Week award. A volunteer for Christmas in April and Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, he plans to attend Texas A&M University or U.S. Military Academy and then attend medical school.

MR. AND MISS VALUABLE

■ Felice Moreno, daughter of Robert and Kathy Moreno, is color guard captain for the Rebel Band. A member of PAL, D-FY-IT and Texas Scholars, she was the 1998 Homecoming Queen and chaplain of the band. She is a member of the youth group at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and St. Ann's peer ministry, and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Pregnancy Center and Rockwood Manor Nursing Home. She plans to attend the University of New Mexico and major in psychology.

■ Rex Richards is the son of John and Jan Richards. He is a member of the football team and the track team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the basketball team of First Baptist Church. He was named one of the Gridiron Greats on the Top Player List in USA Today as a sophomore, was named All-District Honorable Mention as a junior, and was named to Dave Campbell's Football Second Team Super Team and included in the Texas Powerade Top 50 Player List as a member of the First Team Super Team Offense. He was on the SA Honor Roll for Offense, and the First Team All-District, First Team All-State, TSWA First Team All-State, All-Permian Basin Team, Gridiron Greats Elite and Who's Who in Sports. He plans to attend Texas Tech on a football scholarship.

MR. AND MISS INTEGRITY

■ Allison Austin, daughter of Mike and Candice Austin, is a two-year varsity cheerleader, and a member of National Honor Society, PALS and Senior Girls. A four-year academic letterman and a Texas Scholar, she is a four-year member of the Midland All-Star Cheerleading Squad, All-American Cheerleader and winner of the National Leadership and Service Award. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a Midland Symphony Belle and a duchess on the 1998 Homecoming Court. She plans to attend Texas A&M.

■ Marc Mathews is the son of Randy and Mickie Mathews. He is senior class president, and a mem-



MR. AND MISS LHS
Derrick Walker
Dee Frazier

Photos courtesy Sam Hollis

ber of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Baptist Church youth group. He is a two-year varsity baseball letterman, four-year academic letterman and a Texas Scholar. He received the Optimist Club Award and Lion's Club Certificate of Excellence. He plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

MR. AND MISS CONGENIAL

■ Gloria Moreno is the daughter of Joe G. Moreno and Christina Mancha. She is the treasurer of DECA, a student council representative, academic letterman and former member of the track team. She has joined the US Navy and will leave for boot camp in August. She plans to become a psychiatrist.

■ Paul Anderson, son of Don and Beverly Anderson, is a two-year football letterman, huddle leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a participant in FCA camp in Estes Park, Colo. He is a Texas Scholar and a member of the State Championship Rebel football team. He plans to attend Midland College and study pre-med at Texas A&M.

MR. AND MISS TALENTED

■ Maurion Strambler, daughter of Alexander and Jackie Strambler, is a three-year volleyball and track letterman, member of the Tall City Christian Track Club and the youth choir at her church, and a volunteer for the YMCA. She has been on Second Team All-District volleyball for two years and Second Team All-District in basketball. She earned First Team All-District and Offensive Player of the Year in basketball and was a member of the third-place team in state competition as a junior. She plans to attend college.

■ Drew Anderson, son of Don and Beverly Anderson, is a two-year football letterman, a Texas Scholar and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Seeing double at Rebelee

Staff Reports

If you think you are seeing double on Lee High School's 1999 Rebelee Court, you are. Twins Paul and Drew Anderson were both elected to the court this year — Paul as Mr. Congenial and Drew as Mr. Talented.

Cynthia Savage, student council sponsor, said that to the best of her knowledge, twins had never been elected to the court before.

When she got the news about the twins' election, "I called and told their parents how (wonderful) it was ... (that) both twins got recognized," Ms. Savage said.

John Parchman, head football

coach for LHS, said that both twins were "starting linebackers on our state championship team. Drew was All-District and All-State; Paul was a starter. Both were in the top two or three" in making tackles.

"Both were leaders on the football field," he added, and both "did a good job for us."

In football, "they are enthusiastic young guys," the coach said. "They played with a lot of emotion. They were the two sparkplugs of our defensive game."

And off the field, "they are deserving guys," he added. "They are good Christian young men; good representatives, good ambassadors for our school."

He was named First Team All-District, Second Team All-State and Texas Sports Writers Association's Third Team West Texas. He was named to the All-West Texas Team, the All-Permian Basin Team and played on the State Championship Football Team. He plans to attend college and play football.

MR. AND MISS COURTEOUS

■ Erica Stevenson, daughter of John and Debbie Stevenson, is senior class secretary, a member of D-FY-IT, Senior Girls and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was FCA Sweetheart for 1998 Homecoming. She is an academic letterman, Texas Scholar and three-year athletic trainer. She is a kindergarten assistant at Emerson Elementary School, a Teen Court volunteer and a Sunday school teacher for preschoolers. She plans to earn a degree in elementary education from MC and the University of North Texas.

■ Joe Melendez, son of Elba Melendez, is a member of the football team, a Texas Scholar and a member of Lions Club. He was a duke on the 1998 Homecoming Court and is a volunteer for Meals On Wheels, Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, St. Vincent de Paul and Camp Fire Inc. He plans to major in physical therapy at Texas Tech.

Crown bearers and train bearers for this year's court are:

■ Leslie Catherine Gieb, daughter of Buddy and Sara Gieb, attends the 3-year-old preschool at First Presbyterian Church.

■ E.J. Baldrige, son of Deborah and Earl Baldrige, is a kindergartner at Trinity School.

■ Allison Newton, daughter of John and Judy Newton, is a member of student council, basketball team, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Senior Girls. She plans to major in biomedical engineering at Baylor University.

■ Andrea Cannon, daughter of Lyle and Paula Cannon, is a member of student council cabinet, Senior Girls, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a basketball trainer. She is a Texas Scholar and a DARE role model. She was named Lions Club Student of the Week and Rotary Club Student of the Week. She plans to attend Southwest Texas State University.



Lee High School's 1999 Rebelee Court was crowned Feb. 21 at the LHS auditorium. The annual event is presented by the school's student council. Top photo: LHS's student council officers for 1999 are, from left, Kristen Dodd, Lindsay Kellum, Tyler Seibold, Dee Lynn Frazier and Andrea Long. Bottom photo: Master and mistresses of ceremonies were, from left, Debbie Yee, Tyler Seibold and Lindsay Kellum.



Top photo: Train bearers for LHS's 1999 Rebelee Court were, from left, Allison Newton and Andrea Cannon. Right photo: Crown bearers for the presentation were, from left, E.J. Baldrige and Leslie Catherine Gieb.



Designer seeks young audience

By Constance C.R. White
N.Y. Times News Service

The agreement announced recently by Polo Ralph Lauren to purchase Club Monaco is not the only way the designer is going after a young audience. Lauren is also about to court the newly hot, hip and young customer (or the "I know what you did last summer" audience) under his name.

For fall, he will relaunch Ralph by Ralph Lauren, aimed at 16- to 24-year-olds.

If the name sounds familiar, it is because Ralph by Ralph Lauren existed until last year as a hip bridge line. There were several problems, though — the first being that hip bridge is an oxymoron. Second, when the bridge category — essentially career suits and jackets — began collapsing last year, several brands, including Ralph, experienced difficulty.

Rather than produce the collection under Polo Ralph Lauren, his own company, as he did before, Lauren is relaunching Ralph as a licensed collection under Jones New York.

Jones has had remarkable success with Lauren by Ralph Lauren, a less-expensive version of Lauren's moneyed English style. The move is part of a wider strategy by Jones, which also wants to reach a younger audience. A few weeks ago, Jones purchased the Todd Oldham fashion business.

Prices for Ralph will range from the \$20 neighborhood to somewhere between \$150 and \$200.

Winter styles look extra warm

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

MILAN, Italy — Scientists say the polar icecap is melting, but designers on both sides of the Atlantic seem to be under the impression that next winter will be cold and blustery, since they are showing styles that swathe the throat in toasty warm fabric.

Most coats and jackets come with turtlenecks or funnel necklines high enough to cover the chin. Cowls on knitwear are so generous they can be pulled over the head. Anything collarless is shown with a scarf or muffler wound closely around the neck.

Even the bareness of strapless evening dresses is often balanced by a woolly scarf.



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TRAVEL

Mountains, weather Denver's gold

By Robert Weller
Associated Press

DENVER — The gold in Cherry Creek, washed down from the mountains, led to the settlement of the Mile High City 140 years ago. Victims of tuberculosis and asthma later came for the clear air. Government — state and federal — and two world wars and the Cold War brought hundreds of thousands of bureaucrats, soldiers and airmen.

These days, Cherry Creek is known for its exclusive shopping district. And the mountains that help produce the area's crisp weather are less than an hour away. For tourists, not to mention Denver's 2.5 million residents, they are the big draw.

There are more than 300 days of sunshine annually. Mayor Wellington Webb says, "We are an outdoor people. You can't find anyone here on the weekend."

Most Januaries, the coldest month of the year here, cafes are able to offer sidewalk dining at least a few days. Tour operators claim snow only falls at night, melting the following day. Like most hypes, there is a smidgen of truth to it.

For artist Paul Opsahl, 46, a Denver native who has been painting since he was 6, it means "trying to make sure I see the sunset each day."

The population in the Denver metropolitan area grew by 15 percent from 1990-96. The influx has boosted an already booming economy, and the weather and nearby natural wonders make it a desirable location for many leading computer hardware and software companies.

The seemingly endless parade of hikers, climbers, bikers, runners and cars loaded with downhill skis, snowboards, snowshoes and cross-country skis has become a focus group for sporting goods companies like Salomon of France.

A 35-city study by the Coalition for Excess Weight Risk Education found Denver to have fewer fat people than any other city in the nation.

Denver owns one of the nation's largest ski areas, Winter Park, and is two hours, more or less, from Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain and Steamboat Springs.

Nearly a third of the area's residents have college degrees, one of the highest rates in the country. Several major science research institutions are based in the area, taking advantage of the presence of four universities.

The 29-block lower downtown district, site of the original Denver settlement, once was a favorite hangout of winos and other lowlife. Now it has become fashionable LoDo.

The air isn't as clear as it used to be. Though rather than a health threat, it is largely a visibility problem: Some days the mountains are obscured.

Even those who bemoan the seemingly endless growth in the Denver area are pleased to see the historic district, site of the



original Denver, preserved.

After all, notes historian Tom Noel, author of "The City and the Saloon" and other works about Denver and Colorado, there still aren't quite as many brew pubs, sports bars and other drinking establishments as there were saloons in the mining days.

Sometimes it seems there is a "help wanted" sign in every shop window, an SUV in every rearview mirror, and a sushi bar on every corner.

Expatriate Californians, many of them in their 20s, 30s and 40s, are the No. 1 source of new Coloradoans.

"Greg and I like it because there is more quality of life here," says Barbara Gummor, 36, a nurse from the Los Angeles area. "It has everything that California does, except the beach. And not nearly so many rules."

Her husband, Greg, 34, an account manager for a transport company, adds, "I just came back from a trip to Portland (Ore.) and they said they hadn't seen the sun for four months. There's everything here: golf, skiing and plays. This place isn't crowded at all. You people have no idea what traffic is."

Denver International Airport, among the nation's largest, is shaking off the bumbling image created by cost overruns, a baggage system fiasco and shutdown during the blizzard of 1997. Now it's a leader in on-time flights and a major gateway to the nation's busiest ski resorts.

Known for the rabid fans of its major sports teams, especially the back-to-back Super Bowl winning Denver Broncos, the city has become a regional center for arts and cultural events.

Cities from coast-to-coast are using its special arts tax as a model. Denver, whose city limits include less than a quarter of the area's population, has joined with suburbs to tackle many problems, including funding the arts. So far, progress on its traffic



Joe Parks of Henrietta, above, flies down home of a Horned Lark in the Denver stockyards. Mary Kinsey, left, skis cross-country through City 6 Golf Course with a skyline of the Mile-High City in the background Jan. 22. Mountains help produce the area's crisp weather.

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problem has been more halting. The city once had one of the most extensive street car systems in the nation.

Now it's having trouble winning funding for an extension of its small light-rail system.

But arts and cultural events draw more people and earn more money than the Broncos, basketball's Nuggets, hockey's Avalanche and baseball's Rockies combined.

Denver has always been self-

conscious about its status, Noel notes, wanting to prove it's more than a cow town.

Webb, whom some would argue is the most successful black mayor in the nation's history, says almost anything can be done in Denver because it remains a Western city.

"If you move here people will support you," he says. "We have a long pedigree like Boston or San Francisco. People are open to new ideas."



A model of the Chateau de la Belle au Bois Dormant (Sleeping Beauty's Castle) in Disneyland Paris, is on display at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth in the "Architecture of the Reassurance: Designing the Disney Theme Parks" exhibit.

Museum exhibit explores Disney's history, theme park architecture

By Janet Tyson
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — The world is divided into two kinds of people.

People who love Disneyland because it's a dream come true.

And people who hate Disneyland because it's a dream come true.

Some people enjoy having their dreams set in concrete; other people prefer that they remain ineffable.

Some people enjoy flights of fancy that need little or no stimulation. Others, however, like to have a jump start — something to look at, listen to or ride on that opens the door to escape.

Both sorts will find something to appreciate in the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth's new exhibition, "The Architecture of Reassurance: Designing the Disney Theme Parks," on view now.

Along with a companion display of photographs of Disney motifs by Catherine Wagner, the exhibition features some 350 architectural renderings, artists' scenic sketches and paintings — all presented in color-coded frames on gaily painted gallery walls variously devoted to Tomorrowland, Frontierland, Main Street USA and other sentimental evocations of place.

"The Architecture of Reassurance" lays bare the intensely personal vision and canny strategies that led to Disneyland, Disney World and the theme parks in Japan and France. Viewing it, even casual observers will appreciate the care and control that went into conceiving and realizing those sites for managed amusement.

The exhibition was organized by the prestigious Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal, its first stop. It has shown at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, which presents cutting-edge exhibitions of art and design; the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center in Los Angeles, which presents a mix of shows on art and design; and the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York City.

As the show's last stop, the Modern claims little or no precedent for an exhibition on architecture and design — much less amusement park design.

But it has reason to look at architecture, what with its own new building set for construction in the new millennium and the connections between Disney and the Basses family of art patrons: The Basses own a big chunk of Disney, and their profits from same have contributed much to Fort Worth's cultural infrastructure.

Plus, Disney's utopian parks are international cultural phenomena. They may not be works of fine art, but they are applied art forms that have influenced fine art just as they have popular culture.

Still, this is a masterful and visually compelling analysis that, with the invaluable book accompanying it, becomes a sort of curatorial work of installation art — one that permits us to analyze Disney and analyze the analysis of Disney.

Having made the above attempts at distanced observation, however, I ought to file a disclaimer:

I went to Disney World in the early '70s, and it gave me the creeps. And, regardless of my kids, I will not go back again, if only because I don't want to find out that it's not so bad, after all.

So, obviously, my fear and

resentment of Disney have nothing to do with working for a newspaper that was briefly owned by Disney. It's as simple as this: They can't make me smile if I don't want to. Of course, it used to be much easier for me to boycott most of Disney's offerings. We didn't have a TV set when I was little, the stock of Disney toys was relatively limited, and the original Disneyland didn't open until I was 2 years old (that was in 1955).

The '50s, for whatever reasons, weren't good times for amusement parks. But Walter Elias Disney somehow knew better: He would let visitors be part of the spectacle, he would validate their taste along the way and he would advertise Disneyland on "Disney's Wonderful World of Color."

At the same time, he would communicate his own vision of how a community should work. Understanding that, we realize that recent Disney projects — like the picturesque residential/retail community of Celebration, Fla., and Disney's redesign of much of Times Square — are direct extensions of Uncle Walt's vision of the good life. Which is to say small-town living, based on a boyhood in Marceline, Mo., and a view of the big city as something both glamorous and vaguely menacing.

It shows tells us there are precedents for Disney theme parks — even if Disney products have become something altogether different, have achieved a whole new level of unreality or reality, from the Tivoli Gardens, various world's fairs, Henry Ford's Greenfield Village, Coney Island, etc.

Most of all, the exhibition reflects just how refined Disney parks always were to begin with and continue to become.

It presents them as consumer products that have become increasingly sophisticated in concept and design, whose fabrication is state-of-the-art. We see how adroitly the product maintains a certain level of traditional wholesomeness, even as it meets diverse cultural expectations and reaffirms popular values.

Yet there is little, if any, apparent dumbing-down. Content is intelligent and just sassy enough to avoid pedantry. Intentions, apart from those to make money, are the best. The product is reliable — or, as they say, reassuring — be it an entire environment or a "Pooh" video. And the merging of package and content is almost seamless.

In the end, we realize that the fantasy Disney makes and sells has become real in its own right. Not fake anything, but real Disney.

"The Architecture of Reassurance: Designing the Disney Theme Parks" is open through April 11: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 1309 Montgomery St. Admission: Free. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

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Devil-may-care traveler evolved into 'Mr. Fussy'

By Alex Beam
N.Y. Times News Service

(With apologies to Roger Hargreaves, creator of Mr. Fussy, Mr. Nonsense, Mr. Busy, and 42 other delightful children's book characters.)

Mr. Fussy is going on a trip.

Mr. Fussy is very upset, because he has been delayed. In Mr. Fussy's ideal world, there would be no weather, not even any sunshine. Because we now know that sunshine is dangerous.

Mr. Fussy made his airline reservations three months ahead of time. When the lady on the phone inquired "Where would you like to sit?" she said that the whole plane was still available. Mr. Fussy was very happy to be ahead of the crowd, and booked his favorite window seat.

Since 10 weeks remained for the airline to prepare him a special meal, the lady asked if he had any "dietary concerns." Yes, I'm too fat, he felt like saying, but he knew that wasn't what the lady had in mind.

Mr. Fussy keeps his dozen or so Frequent Flyer membership cards in a neat little stack on his bureau, and he had the 600-digit number/letter/ideograph sequence ready when the lady asked.

Then Mr. Fussy called the hotel. This was less exciting than it might have been, a., because it was a Holiday Inn, and b., because he remembered seeing it on previous visits, and it was shaped like a stack of concrete pancakes. Was that "architectural modernism"? Mr. Fussy wasn't sure. The young man asked if he wanted a room that smelled like tar, nicotine,

and phlegm, or another kind of room. Even for Mr. Fussy, that wasn't a hard choice.

The discussion with the rental car agent was brief. Mr. Fussy knew that even the fussiest of travelers get eueched by the rental car companies. He got eueched.

Nine weeks before leaving, Mr. Fussy decided to call some old friends at his destination. "Mr. Fussy! How nice to hear from you!" they said. They had no idea where they'd be nine weeks hence — they were Californians — but if they were in town, they'd be delighted to see him!

Mr. Fussy remembered Being Young. He recalled the time when he had nowhere to go during spring break, so he and his college roommates drove out to Oklahoma to see a friend. Straight through, of course, on coffee and No-Doz.

Then Mr. Fussy hitchhiked back to Smoky Mountain National Park and climbed Mount Leconte in his sneakers, which wasn't very smart. He woke up covered with snow. As a grown-up, Mr. Fussy would have been better prepared — had sensible shoes! But, Mr.

Fussy reflected sadly, as a grown-up, he wouldn't have climbed a 6,600-foot-tall mountain just because he felt like it.

That was then. Now, eight weeks before leaving, Mr. Fussy decided to set up a few interviews at his destination. Some people just laughed. Some people didn't return his calls. Some people said, "Sure, I'll put you on my calendar, but give me a number in case I get called away to Hawaii, ha, ha!"

Ten days before leaving, Mr. Fussy started to pack. If only weather reports functioned several weeks in advance, he would know what to wear. So he packed for any eventuality. Mr. Fussy knew that in some of their friends' households, the wife packed for the husband. But Mr. Fussy didn't want his wife packing for him. (The feeling was mutual.) Suppose Mrs. Fussy accidentally packed the Gore-Tex-lined Glide floss, which didn't generate the necessary friction against his tooth enamel, instead of the mint-flavored waxed floss? Or put in Crest instead of Sensodyne? (Mr. Fussy was very, very fussy about his

teeth.)

Or suppose Mrs. Fussy forgot to include his earplugs, or his bewildering array of allergy pills and asthma medications? You never know when you might encounter a barking dog, or a shedding cat.

Eight years previously, Finnair had lost Mr. Fussy's luggage (vanished into Finnair!) and forced him to survive for a week in St. Petersburg without his medicines. Oddly, Mr. Fussy did just fine.

Thank heavens that Mrs. F. and the children were staying at home. Especially the children. They weren't at all fussy about packing. Sometimes they even left their toothbrushes and floss and mouthwash at home, during an entire vacation! And when Mr. and Mrs. Fussy called this to their attention, they didn't care! How strange...

Bon voyage, Mr. Fussy!

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The challenge: Spending \$1,000 for one weekend in San Antonio

By Rick Lyman
N.Y. Times News Service

Texas like their weekends, whether it's bobbing around in a bass boat in East Texas, promenading along the strand in Galveston or riding the trail on a Hill Country dude ranch. But San Antonio has got to be the king of the weekend.

This city of just over 1 million people is just the right distance from most of the state's population centers to feel like a real journey, and it's got just the right number of attractions to last two or three days at an easy pace.

It's also refreshingly different from almost every other place in Texas, a kind of Spanish colonial theme park with good restaurants.

San Antonio seems to swell on the weekends, at least in its tourist precincts. While a lot of the city's visitors come for the endless procession of conventions — people wearing name tags are bumping into each other 365 days a year down on the Riverwalk — the weekenders make San Antonio bulge.

My assignment here — a weekend in San Antonio with my wife, Barbara Whitaker, and two daughters, Kate, 9, and Laura, 3, spending as close to \$1,000 as possible — seemed a little daunting at first. San Antonio is not an expensive city and while it does have several first-class hotels, even they are priced well below what a medium-priced hotel would cost in New York or Los Angeles. But one must never, of course, underestimate the American family's ability to spend money.

My first inclination was to stay at Le Mansion del Rio, the fanciest of the hotels right down in the thick of the Riverwalk, the city's central showpiece, where shops and restaurants line the concrete banks of the San Antonio River just below street level, spanned by graceful Spanish-style bridges. But Le Mansion del Rio was all booked up. My experience is that Le Mansion del Rio is always booked up. I have tried on six different trips to stay there and the answer is always, sorry, better luck next time. Too bad, it looks like a nice place.

INSTEAD, WE WENT for the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, which is an entirely different sort of San Antonio experience. Situated just outside the Interstate loop that surrounds the city and across the highway from Sea World (closed for the winter), it is set in a thickly wooded and gently rolling enclave that was once a ranch and is now home to the sprawling, Western-style hotel, an 18-hole golf course, two swimming pools and an 18-acre water park that includes a meandering man-made stream for tubing, slides, waterfalls, a short stretch of sandy beach and a couple of hot tubs.

The standard room that we were offered was \$210 a night, but this didn't seem like enough to get us to our \$1,000 limit so I asked about upgrade packages. Yes, they said, there is a romance weekend champagne package that comes with a bottle of champagne, valet parking and free breakfasts. Fine, I said, but when we got there it turned out that the package was \$198, cheaper than the nonchampagne fare. Go figure.

We arrived just after dark, too late to drive into San Antonio that evening, so we decided to eat at the resort and wander around. The room was small but nicely appointed, with sturdy furniture of a Western theme and a balcony overlooking the gardens, and it never seemed cramped, despite the two children.

Antlers, the resort's fancy restaurant near the golf clubhouse, is dominated by a huge chandelier made of interwoven deer antlers and the menu was a mouthwatering mix of Southwestern and Continental fare. But it was all booked up.

SO WE WANDERED down to the Springhouse Cafe, the moderately priced restaurant. So far, all I'd spent was \$5 to tip the bellhop, and every effort to live it up first class had been met with frustration. That \$1,000 was looking more and more elusive.

Still, we managed to do all right at the Springhouse Cafe, spending \$74.27 for dinner, including the seafood buffet and a couple of glasses of wine for the adults and ribs and a hamburger for our daughters.

On the way out, we dropped another \$10.29 at the resort's general store, a soup-to-nuts emporium geared to making it possible to spend several days at the resort

without ever leaving to buy anything. We got milk and cereal for early morning emergencies and a couple of Haagen-Dazs bars. The ice cream went well with that bottle of champagne, which, sadly, was domestic.

Total for day one: \$287.56. The word among Texas parents on the Hill Country Resort is that it's a great place to take the fam-

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ily, especially if there is at least one golfer in the group, and that it's a place you can spend the entire weekend happily without leaving. None of us were golfers, but the rest seemed true. At least, if the weather had been warmer. But it was a bit too chilly to contemplate tubing. Only the heated pool, steaming ominously in the brisk morning air, was remotely tempting and both girls plunged in. The resort's grounds are lovely: thickly wooded and crisscrossed with meandering paths for walkers and bikers. While it may not be as sharply rolling as the more dramatic Hill Country farther to the northwest, it has the same sort of flavor, with twisted Texas trees and wide open spaces.

We had to hustle the girls out of the pool, though, because it had one drawback: it was free. And breakfast had been free, too. We had to start spending money fast. The day was wasting.

We drove into downtown San Antonio, a 20-minute trip, and parked at the Rivercenter Mall, a retail complex at the foot of a towering Marriott hotel at the eastern end of the Riverwalk system. Our goal was the IMAX theater, where they show a film called "Alamo: The Price of Freedom," which we had been reliably informed was a pretty good introduction to the story of the Alamo and a way to get your children more excited about seeing the place.

I bought a map of the city (\$5.33) and Kate, my 9-year-old, bought two postcards (\$4 cents) before we came to one of those mall stores that sell candy. You grab an empty plastic bag and fill it up yourself from dozens of plastic tubs of candy. Normally, we steer clear of such places but this time, why not? Everybody got a bag. Licorice, gummy things, nuts, ribbon candy, chocolate. Total cost: \$8.15.

Tickets to the movie, which was a little less informed on the strategy of the battle and a little more rah-rah than I would have liked, were \$7.50 for the adults and \$4.75 for the children, and it lasted about 45 minutes.

From there it was a short walk to the far end of the mall, downstairs and around the corner to the Menger Hotel, where Teddy Roosevelt gave a rousing speech recruiting Rough Riders. The historic Menger bar is said to be modeled on the one in the House of Lords in London.

Just outside and across the street is the Alamo, or what's left of it. The famous chapel facade is there, suitably aged and almost vibrating with mythic intensity. The facility is owned by the state of Texas but run by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the group that a century ago fought to save the crumbling old structure and turn it into a shrine to Texas independence.

THE LITTLE SIDE rooms have become secular chapels honoring the men who fought and died there, complete with flags and pageantry, and the display cases around the central nave are filled with memorabilia and items linked to the most famous of the Alamo's defenders, William Travis, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett.

An adjacent building holds a museum with more artifacts, as well as a cogent history of the city and the site. And the jam-packed gift shop contains as many books, toy soldiers and conchshell caps as any family could possibly want. But the line was too long, so we passed. The Alamo is free, though I did slip \$5 into a donation bin.

We hustled down to the Riverwalk, a couple of blocks away, to blow some cash. We walked up and down, trying to figure out where to eat, finally settling on a faux British pub called Kangaroo Court. Fish and chips and ham-

burgers, plus a couple of beers, set us back \$49.11. We were not reminded of London.

Back at the Hill Country Resort, Barbara and the girls hit the pool again and I bought a cigar (\$8) and sat out on Aunt Mary's Porch, a wooden platform on the north side of the central lobby overlooking the woods and a very pleasant place to read a book or have a margarita.

That evening we had booked a table for a river barge dinner along the Riverwalk put on by Boudro's, one of best of the Riverwalk restaurants, specializing in a kind of cross between Southwest and Cajun. We paid for parking (\$5) and got there early, so we stopped next door at a cafe called Republic of Texas for some drinks (\$10.16) before beginning our candlelit float around the Riverwalk. It went over big with everyone. The food was terrific (steak in a chipotle sauce or a grilled and glazed salmon) and the passing scene — mariachi bands, crowded riverside cafes, colored lights and hordes of strolling tourists — was fascinating. We chose a decent bottle of wine and it brought the total tab to \$171.33.

Afterward, we walked back to the Alamo and hired a horse-drawn carriage to clomp us around the old, dark city for 25 minutes (\$30 with tip). The narrow downtown streets, Gothic skyscrapers next to modern cubes and the occasional silhouette of a Spanish church, are strangely empty at night. All the action is down on the Riverwalk, all around but out of sight, except for those moments when the carriage passes over a bridge and the light bleeds up from below along with the crowd noise and the music, and it's like passing near a party to which you are not invited.

But this was more like it. Total tab for the day: \$515.12 (\$198 for the room and \$317.12 for other stuff).

Our final morning, we had our usual free breakfast (coffee, juice and pastries, plus the last of the cereal) and took turns watching the girls. I got a massage at the health center (\$75 including tip) and Barbara got a manicure (\$36). For their morning treat, the girls got another swim in the steaming pool and one stuffed animal each from the gift shop (\$23.38).

THEN WE PACKED up and hit the road (the bellhop got a \$10 tip this time and the valet got \$5), stopping on the way out of town for a big Mexican lunch at a place I like called La Fogata in an otherwise unremarkable neighborhood in northwest San Antonio. Sitting in an outdoor courtyard with a tinkling fountain, we had a huge lunch of fajitas, sizzling green onions, enchiladas and quesadillas that set us back \$42.18.

Then, back on the road, we paused to load up on mineral water and sodas (\$8.22) and headed back home to Houston.

Total cost of the day: \$199.78. Total cost for the weekend: \$1,002.46.

I guess I shouldn't have had that last beer.

WHERE TO STAY

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, 9800 Hyatt Resort Drive, San Antonio; (210) 647-1234, fax (210) 520-4077. Standard double room \$210 a night, golfing and other packages available, children free.

WHERE TO EAT

Kangaroo Court, 512 Riverwalk; (210) 224-6821. Lunch with drinks for two \$20 to \$25. Boudro's, 421 East Commerce St.; (210) 224-8484. Barge dinner cruises at 6:30 p.m.: \$34.50 (drinks extra), \$17 for children.

La Fogata, 2427 Vance Jackson Road; (210) 340-1337. Lunch with drinks for two, \$15 to \$25. The Republic of Texas, 429 East Commerce St.; (210) 223-4881.

WHAT TO SEE

The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza, open every day except Christmas and Christmas Eve, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday; (210) 225-1391. Admission is free, donations voluntary.

Rivercenter IMAX Theater, Rivercenter Mall, 849 East Commerce St.; (210) 225-0000, for a film about the Alamo.

Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, (210) 223-4361, where Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders.



Leap of faith?

A man, with vines strapped to his ankles, leaps from a bamboo tower on the Pacific island of Vanatu. For centuries, men and boys of Penecost Island in North Vanatu have proven their manhood by leaping from the 80-foot bamboo towers to be brought up a few inches short of the ground. Penecost jump is one the island's biggest tourist attractions.

49th state dispenses much humor

By Richard P. Carpenter
N.Y. Times News Service

Alaska not only has an abundance of natural resources, it has a lot of humor, too. Consider these comical comments from tour guides:

■ In Skagway: "Our average summer temperature is 100 degrees. That's 40 in the morning and 60 in the afternoon."

■ At the El Dorado Mine in Fairbanks: "Did you folks bring your old gold-mining clothes? Well, if they're not your old clothes now, they will be when you're done!"

■ At Denali National Park: "Yes, there are rest-room facilities en route. We refer to them as bushes."

■ Everywhere: "Alaska has four seasons: winter, early winter, late winter, and next winter."

■ And once more in Skagway: "Over there is a horse and carriage that you can ride. We got another of those last year. Now we're no longer a one-horse town!"

Travel Trivia: What is the northernmost capital in the contiguous United States? (Answer at end of column.)

In a name: "Ukulele" is Hawaiian for "little jumping flea."

Quoteable: "You can go to hell; I am going to Texas." — Davy Crockett.

Freebie: You can walk through a glade surrounded by hundreds of butterflies, including monarchs, swallowtails, and cabbage whites.

Devon, Cornwall brace for solar-eclipse crowds

N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — What could eclipse something as historic as a total solar eclipse in the closing months of a millennium? Answer: good old everyday greed.

The daytime sun is set to disappear behind the moon in parts of Devon and Cornwall for up to 2 minutes 6 seconds on the morning of Aug. 11 — an event that has not been seen in Britain since 1927. The next one, indeed, is not predicted to happen until Sept. 23, 2090.

But what is transfixing some people is not so much the fading of the light as the extraordinary prices that some homeowners in England's westernmost county believe they can secure for renting out their homes during what is called "eclipse week." The one-week rental for some family-sized houses in Cornwall has quintupled from around \$1,600 to around \$8,000. A few homeowners are asking the equivalent of over \$16,000, hoping that rich foreigners or corporations with deep pockets will pay.

"One or two people are asking astronomical prices," said Gage Williams, the local coordinator of eclipse events, "but there's plenty of high-grade accommodation at normal prices."

"No one has paid anything like" the highest prices, Williams said.

on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. Wings Over Hawaii, the state's only producer of butterflies for release at weddings and other special occasions, has its visitors' area and gift shop at Kilohana, a former sugar plantation near Lihue that also contains a dozen stores and galleries, a restaurant, gardens, and carriage rides pulled by Clydesdales. For more butterfly information, call 808-2458838 or 888-BUTTERFLI.

Deadly: We learn from the off-beat quarterly Out West that the Death Valley National Park Visitor Center in eastern California is coffin-shaped. And when you step outside, you get a fine view of the Funeral Mountains.

Snappy slogan: Princess Cruises says its land and sea tours of Alaska are "designed to give you moosebumps."

How times have changed: Hollywood was founded in 1888 by a temperance society with the idea of making it a model community.

Same road, different destination: When Burt Bacharach, Hal David, and Dionne Warwick collaborated on "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" nearly 30 years ago, the city in the song was an agricultural-driven community of 359,000 people. A lot has changed since then: San Jose is now home to 850,000 souls and is considered the capital of high-tech Silicon Valley. Today, San Jose also has luxury hotels, gourmet restaurants, a convention center and

arena, visual and performing arts venues, several professional sports teams, and attractions for adults and children. One thing hasn't changed since the song was written, though: LA is still a great big freeway. (For a free visitors' guide, call 888 SAN JOSE.)

Snappy slogan: (posted in Ketchikan, Alaska, which gets a lot of rain): "If you can't see the mountain, that means it's raining. If you can see the mountain, that means it's about to rain.")

The way it was: The Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World isn't the first time animals have appeared in a Disney park. When California's Disneyland opened in 1955, a circus was to be one of the attractions. But once a herd of llamas got loose and thundered through the park. Another time, a panther and a tiger broke through a partition and engaged in a death battle inside their cage during a parade on Main Street, USA. The circus plan was quietly dropped.

Wet wagers: The Tropicana hotel's 295-foot heated swimming pool has two swim-up blackjack tables. Each can accommodate up to 14 players, who sit on marble stools in hip-deep water.

Did you guess it? Olympia, Wash.

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To be sure, the event is momentous. Local authorities are predicting that up to 1.25 million people will visit for the eclipse. That's over two and one-half times Cornwall's year-round population of 480,000 and more than four times the normal number of 290,000 August vacationers. Such is the scale of the anticipated invasion that the military may be called in to preside over what is expected to be a traffic jam as dense and enduring as the eclipse is brief.

Farmers are turning their fields into huge temporary campsites to turn a buck from the crush. As a result, ecologists are warning that the crowds will trample delicate flora and fauna.

Williams, the local coordinator of eclipse events, "but there's plenty of high-grade accommodation at normal prices."

"No one has paid anything like" the highest prices, Williams said.

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DEAR ABBY

Fiancee wants respect from almost in-laws

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I had a child three years ago. (I know we should have waited until we were married, but we didn't.) I also have other children.

When his parents learned I was pregnant, they wanted me to have an abortion. I refused. Ever since my daughter was born, they have become doting grandparents. They want her to themselves as much as possible.

Abby, they treat me and my other children badly, and they get upset when I call it to their attention. Please help to convince them to treat the children equally and to be civil to me. — ALMOST DAUGHTER-IN-LAW



Van Buren

DEAR ALMOST DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Being an "almost" daughter-in-law is like being a "little bit" pregnant. Either you are or you aren't. Perhaps they are waiting until their son makes you part of the family before they feel comfortable treating you that way.

However, as disapproving as they may feel about your relationship with their son, they should be told that their obvious favoritism for their granddaughter is creating ill feelings among the other siblings. And they should curb it because it's unfair to her to be resented for something over which she has no control.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to relate our tragic story in the hope that other lives may be saved. Last May, our beautiful 2-year-old nephew drowned in the backyard pool. His parents were diligent about safety gates, locks and latches in their home. They had thought of everything the baby could possibly get into.

Tragically, they didn't think of one thing — the pet door. While his mother was making homemade ice cream, he slipped through it and into the back yard. By the time she had raced through the house twice looking for him, it was too late.

This has been the most difficult thing our family has ever been through, and we will never get over it. I pray every day for his mother and father. The guilt and heartache they both

feel are unimaginable.

Please, Abby, tell your readers that no matter how small a pet door is, a child may still be able to go through it.

There didn't have to be a pool involved; he could have just as easily have gotten into the street and been hit by a car. — AUNT PHYLLIS IN N.C.

DEAR AUNT PHYLLIS: My deepest sympathy to you and to the child's grieving parents for your tragic loss. Thank you for wanting to alert other parents of small children that if they have pet doors in areas where children can play, those doors should be secured or the little ones confined to another area. Constant adult supervision is imperative.

DEAR ABBY: My son is going to be baptized next month. His godparents will be flying in from another state for the ceremony. Is it proper to present them with a gift on behalf of my son? I would like to thank them in a special way for their commitment. — CONFUSED MOM

DEAR CONFUSED MOM: Although it is not required, presenting them with a gift on behalf of your son would be a lovely gesture.

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "A Mom in Washington" concerning her daughter "Sybil's" boyfriend and his reluctance to give gifts. I hope this letter will be helpful.

The young man won't change, and the situation will only worsen as time goes on if Sybil allows it. The only person Sybil can change is herself.

Instead of crying and putting a strain on the relationship, she needs to ask herself if the young man has other important qualities that might make him a good husband and father. If so, she should be prepared to purchase things she likes, charge them to him, and tell him that's what he "bought her" for her birthday, Christmas, anniversary, etc.

I was married to a man very much like him, and I shed more tears than I care to remember. Valentine's Day was just an ordinary day at our house; on Mother's Day I was told "you're not my mother"; our anniversary was his birthday, so we celebrated his birthday; my birthday was close to Christmas, so I might receive a gift for one or the other — but never for both occasions.

Life is short. So pick your arguments. Some people are givers and others are takers. Somehow relationships always seem to have one of each in them. — WISER NOW IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WISER NOW: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. As the song says, "Little Things Mean a Lot." I received many comments about that letter. Read on for another perspective:

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "A Mom in Washington" regarding her daughter's boyfriend who was reluctant to buy gifts.

I don't understand the obsession that people (and women, in particular) have with gifts. They are NOT what is important. Yes, I am a woman — happily married for 26 years and practically giftless for all of them. I did receive flowers twice, when our children were born. I have never received jewelry, candy, lingerie, perfume, or any of those other gifts that women seem to think define their relationship. I have received appliances — and even a smoke alarm one Christmas.

Do I care? No. No gift could possibly substitute for the daily kindness that abounds in this household. There are hundreds of examples, but most recently, when I severely cut my finger, I awoke the next morning to find a newly purchased bag of bandages — just because I "might" need them. It was one of the sweetest, most considerate things I've ever seen — and far more touching than any obligatory gift on a special day.

Sisters, get over your obsession with gifts. If you're not getting thoughtfulness every day, no gift is going to make it better. (And if it does, you are indeed materialistic.)

Your advice missed the mark, Abby. The boyfriend doesn't need to "adjust" — Sybil does, and so does her mom. — WAKE ME UP WHEN WOMEN GET A CLUE

DEAR WAKE ME: Whether it's a gift or a compliment, thoughtfulness and romantic gestures are never out of style.

I have often thought that the most sensitive sex organ in men or women is the EAR, and the most potent aphrodisiac is the spoken word.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

En Amie meeting scheduled

Staff Reports

En Amie Review Club will meet 11:30 a.m. March 10 at Green Tree Country Club. Marilyn Pool Allen will review "An Ideal Husband," by Oscar Wilde.

Mrs. Allen earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and did graduate work at Stanford, the University of Texas at Austin and West Texas A&M University.

She is past managing director of Amarillo Little Theatre and The Horseshoe Players, a touring semi-professional theater. She has performed in professional dinner theater, outdoor theater and summer stock; written free-lance articles and produced for television, theater and video. Last year she was an adjunct professor of drama at Midland College.

Mrs. Allen was a member of the board of governors at Midland Community Theatre, where she co-chaired AACT/Fest '95. She directed and acted in several productions at MCT, including "The Wizard of Oz," and directed Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" last



Marilyn Allen

October at the Globe Theatre in Odessa.

She is listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who of American Women" and "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." She is a layreader and president of Episcopal Church Women at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Egg drop soup by any other name still tastes just as good

By Mark Bittman

N.Y. Times News Service

Egg drop soup, a cliché of American Chinese restaurants, has a less-well-known Italian counterpart, stracciatella. These soups demonstrate how easy it is to transform a basic dish in spirit, moving from one cuisine to another almost as quickly as you can change your mind about which you prefer.

In egg drop soup, whether Chinese or Italian, keep the heat relatively high so that the eggs cook in shreds, or curds. The result is a lightning-fast soup of substance.

Egg drop soup is best flavored with soy sauce, chopped scallions and a bit of sesame oil. Stracciatella is flavored with freshly grated Parmesan cheese (Parmigiano Reggiano is essential for best flavor) and a suspicion of garlic; some chopped parsley is a radically untraditional but acceptable addition, at least for heretical Americans.

Both rely on stock — don't make

these soups out of water and expect them to taste like anything — and are pretty good even with canned stock.

EGG DROP SOUP

4 cups chicken stock
4 eggs
1 tablespoon soy sauce, or to taste
Salt, if necessary, and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 cup chopped scallions, both white and green parts
1 teaspoon sesame oil, or to taste
Bring 3 cups stock to a boil over medium-high heat in a 6- to 8-cup saucepan. Beat remaining stock with eggs and soy sauce until well blended.

When stock is boiling, adjust heat so it bubbles frequently but not furiously. Add the egg mixture in a steady stream, stirring occasionally until eggs gather together in small curds, 2 or 3 minutes.

Taste, and add salt if necessary (or more soy sauce). Then add plenty of pepper, the scallions and the sesame oil. Taste again, adjust seasonings and serve.
Yield: 2 to 4 servings.

Coming millennium influencing fashion designs too

By Constance C.R. White

N.Y. Times News Service

When women think about what to wear for the millennium, they are not thinking about designers' visions of war and space-walking.

Millennium fashion is shaping up to mean sumptuous evening wear, retailers say.

"They don't want to be dressed like space people," said Erin Carmack, manager of fashion presentation for Neiman Marcus, which has already seen an upturn in evening-wear business.

"It's taffeta ball gowns — the more elaborate, encrusted ball gowns

that we haven't seen in a while," she said, adding that Oscar de la Renta, Badgley Mischka and Carmen Marc Valvo are going to be important there.

Women are buying for the at-home party and the over-the-top gala, said Kenneth E. Downing, vice president of corporate public relations for Neiman's.

"There's going to be a huge buildup to it," he said. "It's much more than one day."

At Saks, Badgley Mischka and Ralph Lauren are at the forefront. "We feel it's an even more important category than it normally would be," a spokeswoman said.

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N.Y. Times News

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Early 1900s was time of odd eating habits

By Beverly Bundy
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — America strode into the 20th century proud of its industry, sure of its science and cocky with its prosperity. It was a country with an appetite for everything.

One percent of the population controlled 50 percent of the nation's wealth. For that segment, America was a land of plenty, and the Diamond Jim Bradys of the world wanted more than their fair share.

For financier Brady, breakfast was eggs, breads, muffins, grits, pancakes, steaks, chops, fried potatoes and a pitcher of orange juice. At midmorning, he ate two or three dozen oysters for a snack. His restaurant lunch (often at New York City's Delmonico's) would be more oysters and clams, lobsters, crabs, a joint of meat, pie and more orange juice.

Dinner was his focal point, however, where he'd again eat three-dozen oysters, a dozen crabs, six or seven lobsters, terrapin soup, a steak, coffee, a tray of pastries and 2 pounds of candy. (When Brady died at 56, his stomach was said to be six times larger than the average man's.)

Brady was usually accompanied by his lover, Lillian Russell, a popular stage actress. Russell is said to have eaten as much as Brady, in addition to smoking 500 cigars a month.

This couple was not alone in their conspicuous display of caloric consumption. In 1903, the New York Riding Club hosted a "horse dinner" in the fourth-floor ballroom of Louis Sherry's restaurant. Horses were brought to the room in the freight elevators, hitched to a large dining table and fed oats while the riders ate a 14-course dinner and sipped champagne out of bottles stashed in the saddlebags.

But not for the first time in Americans' table matters, and certainly not the last, there was another segment of the population eating a very different diet.

William and John Kellogg had introduced cornflakes by the end of the century and were promoting the cereal at their sanatorium at Battle Creek, Mich. Later, a former patient of the sanatorium introduced his take on the benefits of cereal with a beverage he called Postum and started producing Grape-Nuts. All these products were promoted as being healthful.

Ah — manna from heaven — a breakfast food that didn't need to be cooked. With fewer and fewer servants (they were finding more lucrative work as clerks and telephone operators), this was a boon to households. Also, middle-class America was becoming obsessed with "germs," a relatively new term that segued into the science of the era's social reformers. These mass-produced cereals were packaged and were perceived as cleaner than bulk foods shoveled from bins.

Americans had reason to be suspicious of their food supply. The Pure Food and Drug Act was instituted in 1906 after the fallout from the publication of Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" and its exposure of conditions in Chicago's slaughterhouses.

Home economics came into being as a new class of reformers decided America would be better off eating by the numbers. Food was viewed as fuel, not fun, and was expected to provide function, not pleasure. Like machines, the body must be properly fueled to promote efficiency.

(A lot of this thinking hit a positive note with middle-class women who didn't relish more time in the kitchen.)

Another time saver in the kitchen was the publication of Fanny Merritt Farmer's "Boston Cooking School Cook Book." Farmer is credited with standardizing measures (instead of instructions like "a knob of butter the size of a hen's egg") and putting an emphasis on simpler food. "The time is not far distant when knowledge of the principles of diet will be an essential part of one's education," she wrote. "Then mankind will eat to live, will be able to do better mental and physical work and disease will be less frequent."

For most Americans, food was becoming much simpler and less fussed with. The "modern" way to eat included canned goods, gelatin salads and a breakfast more appropriate for an office worker than a farmer.

DELMONICO'S DEVILED CHICKEN

2 1/2- to 3-pound chicken, cut in quarters
4 tablespoons butter, softened
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne, or to taste
1 cup freshly made bread crumbs
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Dry chicken with paper towels. Mix butter, mustard, vinegar, salt and cayenne and rub mixture over the skin side of the chicken. Place quarters, skin side up, in shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle evenly with crumbs and bake for about 40 minutes or until a meat thermometer registers 170 degrees in the breast meat, 185 in the dark meat. Serves four.

* Nutritional analysis per serving: 355 calories, 24 grams fat, 5 grams

carbohydrates, 28 grams protein, 110 milligrams cholesterol, 558 milligrams sodium, 62 percent of calories from fat.

"The Fannie Farmer Cookbook" by Marion Cunningham.

CHICKEN SOUP

Chicken
2 quarts water
1/2 cup rice, cooked

Take the pieces of chicken not desirable for frying, skin, head and feet and use giblets, boil in 2 quarts of water until quite tender, skimming well while boiling; remove meat and bones and have ready 1/2 cup rice boiled soft, and add to the broth. Boil 10 minutes after adding rice and then strain through a wire sieve. Add salt and pepper to taste. This is an excellent broth for the sick, especially one who has bowel trouble. Serves eight.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 14 calories, trace fat, 1 gram carbohydrates, 1 gram protein, 1 milligram cholesterol, 23 milligrams sodium, 29 percent of calories from fat.

"The C.P. Workers Cook Book," by the Cumberland Presbyterian Workers (Canyon City, Texas, 1903)

This cake was featured in Owen Wister's book "Lady Baltimore," written in 1906. Several stories exist about the origins of the cake, but it is often credited to the managers of the Charleston, S.C., Lady Baltimore Tea Room. Wister is better known at the end of the century as the author of "The Virginian."

LADY BALTIMORE CAKE

CAKE:
1/2 cup butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup water
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
4 stiffly beaten egg whites

1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar, adding water gradually. Then add flour and baking powder. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and vanilla.

Bake in 3 buttered cake pans in 375-degree oven until layers test done.

FILLING/FROSTING:

1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
2 stiffly beaten egg whites
Boil sugar and water in double boiler until syrup forms a thread. Beat well and pour slowly over egg whites. Beat until mixture may be spread on cakes. Spread on cakes.
1/2 cup raisins
5 dried figs
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/3 cup candied cherries

Sprinkle raisins, figs, pecans and cherries on the cakes. Stack layers.

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
2 stiffly beaten egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla

Boil sugar and water in double boiler until syrup forms a thread. Beat well and pour slowly over 2 beaten egg whites and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until mixture may be spread on cakes. Spread completely over layered cake.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 598 calories, 11 grams fat, 122 grams carbohydrates, 6 grams protein, 21 milligrams cholesterol, 173 milligrams sodium, 17 percent of calories from fat.

"Dictionary of American Food and Drink" by John F. Mariani.

1900: The kitchen range is redesigned to burn coal instead of wood. Even in city apartments, many cooks are still cooking in fireplaces.

1900: Heinz has been jarring 57 varieties of pickles around Sharsburg, Pa., since 1869.

1900: Ninety-five percent of all flour sold in the United States is

bought by individuals for use in home cooking.

1902: Eight percent of U.S. homes have electricity provided by power stations.

1902: Nabisco introduces Barnum's Animal Crackers. The crackers appear just before Christmas in a box topped with a white string so that it can be hung from Christmas trees.

1902: The first Automat opens in Philadelphia. But it was in New York City (where the first one opened in 1912) that the concept of the large, white-tiled restaurants with food delivered through coin-operated doors really caught on. The last Automat closed in 1991. A glass door facade of an original Automat is in the Smithsonian Institution.

1903: Chili is introduced to "the North" by a group of Texans at the Chicago World Fair. The chili was dispensed at a pavilion named San Antonio Chiley Stand.

1903: A San Pedro, Calif., packer puts tuna fish into cans and begins a major industry.

1904: The hamburger, one version goes, is introduced at the Universal Exposition in St. Louis, Mo. The exposition is also credited with being the birthplace of iced tea and hot dogs. More likely, all of these creations had been around regionally for years but did not have a high national profile.

1904: Campbell's Pork and Beans is introduced.

1905: Galatoire's opens in New Orleans.

1905: A dinner at Delmonico's celebrates the 70th birthday of Mark Twain, and 172 other writers attend to honor the master.

1905: The country's first pizzeria opens in New York, but it won't be until soldiers return from World War II that the pies really take off.

1905: Royal Crown cola is conceived and bottled in Columbus, Ga.

1905: Jelly beans are first adver-

tised in the "Chicago Daily News" at 9 cents a pound.

1905: Fort Worth's O.B. Macaroni Co., in business since 1899, incorporates and moves into its present home at 108 South Broadway.

1906: The soda companies begin an advertising battle that is to last the century. The first ad to use Dr. Pepper's first slogan and mascot is painted on a Waco building. The King of Beverages is hawked by a grand lion promoting "vim, vigor and vitality."

1906: The hot dog gets its name from a cartoonist who depicts a dachshund inside a frankfurter bun.

1907: A slim figure is still considered a mark of ill health, with patent medicines that promise a remedy for underweight outnumbering those that promise weight loss. Actress Lillian Russell, considered the beauty of her time, weighs almost 200 pounds.

1907: Minnesota Valley Canning Co. in Le Sueur begins packing peas as well as corn.

1908: Post Toasties Corn Flakes introduced.

1908: Ninnie L. Baird begins baking bread in her wood-fired stove in her small rented house on Hemphill Street. Her four boys deliver the bread around the neighborhood. In 1911, her husband dies, leaving her to support a family of nine and to build Mrs. Baird's Bakery with her children.

1908: Half of all Americans live on farms or in towns of less than 2,500, and the country has 6 million farms.

1908: The Dixie Cup, one of the first paper cups, is produced in New York.

1908: Chicago imposes the first U.S. law making the pasteurization of milk compulsory unless it comes from tuberculin-tested cows.

1908: Tea bags are pioneered by New York tea and coffee wholesaler Thomas Sullivan. He ships

samples of his blends to customers in small muslin or China silk bags. Customers find they can brew tea by merely pouring boiling water over a tea bag in a cup; they place hundreds of orders.

1908: Long an American favorite, ketchup is first commercially processed by the F. & J. Heinz Co. in 1876. This was the bottle in the earliest part of the 20th century.

1908: Melitta Benz, a German hausfrau, punctures the bottom of a tin cup and lines it with her son's blotter paper to make a contraption to filter coffee's bitter grounds. By 1937, the fast-drip filter cone and its conical paper insert is introduced. The product is introduced to the U.S. in 1964.

1909: Coca-Cola is exported to Britain for the first time.

1909: Chemist Leo Baekeland develops Bakelite, the world's first polymer. The plastic material does not transmit heat, and it will come into wide use for handles of kitchen pots and cooking appliances.

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Designer causes fashionable stir

By Rachel Beck

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget Jerry Seinfeld. Jerry Seinfeld that is. He's nothing more than a fling of the past for young Shoshanna Lonstein.

This ambitious 23-year-old is already on to her next claim to fame: A new women's clothing line that's made her the talk of the fashion world.

While her business isn't even a year old, sales are expected to easily top \$1 million in 1999 and her wears — sweet, yet sexy dresses, tops and skirts — have already sold out of Bloomingdale's.

"Shoshanna might be known for who she dated in the past, but she's really making a splash with her new line," said Gina Maher, a fashion editor at Mademoiselle magazine.

"She designs with a women's shape in mind. She's found a great niche."

Lonstein burst onto the public scene as a high school senior who happened to catch the eye of comedian Seinfeld as she walked through Central Park with friends.

Their relationship lasted for four years, parting amicably in 1997.

Now, she's getting lots of attention on her own thanks to the unexpected success of her collection — named Shoshanna — that's designed for women with shapely figures.

Her dresses — in colorful, yet classic patterns — have shoulder straps thick enough to hide bra straps. Some also come with movable ties that allow women to adjust the top to fit their bust.

While some say the hype over her line is a result of the Seinfeld link, there are plenty of fashion watchers and consumers who applaud her styles and say their purchases have little to do with her former celebrity connection.

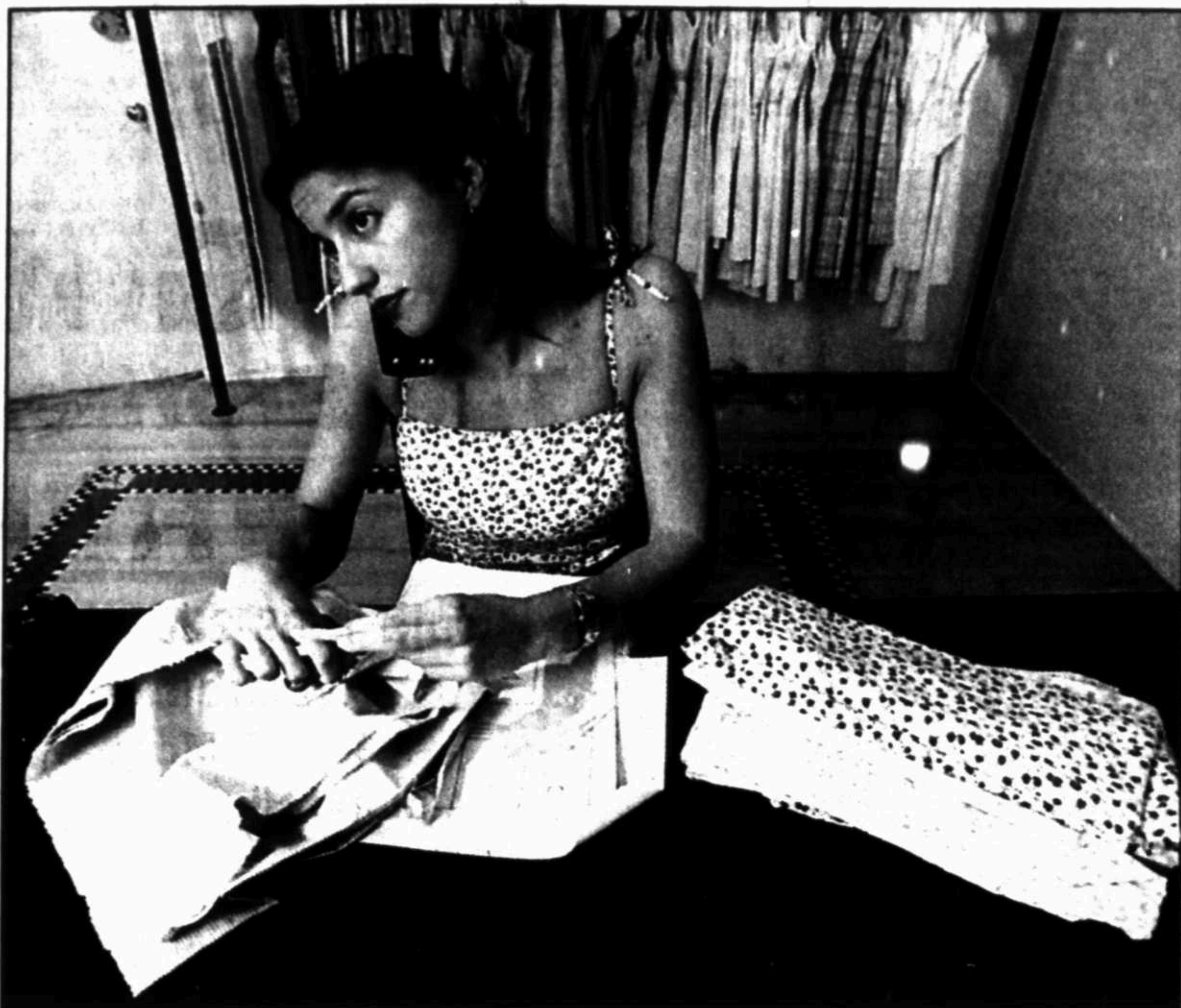
"In the end, it's not who makes the dress but how it fits," said Susan Levin, who was buying a Shoshanna gingham dress at Bloomingdale's. "I love this dress because I feel pretty, but I'm also comfortable."

LONSTEIN DREAMED of being a fashion designer, but never envisioned it as a career. As a teen, she made bathing suits and lingerie for herself — after she struggled to find anything in the stores that properly fit her tiny physique and ample chest.

After graduating in the spring of 1997 from the University of California at Los Angeles with a dual degree in history and art history, she interviewed for jobs in public relations and banking.

But she wasn't ready for the stiffness of corporate America. "I am energetic, and I need to move and create and do stuff and this wasn't for me," Lonstein said. "I also knew that I was ready to take a risk. If I didn't do it now, then when would I?"

Lonstein moved home to her parents' Fifth Avenue apartment and spent endless hours sketching lingerie designs. Eventually, she



AP Photo

Shoshanna Lonstein's line of clothing is called Shoshanna. Her designs are sweet yet sexy dresses, tops and skirts. Sales are expected to top \$1 million this year.

developed a business plan and approached her father, Zach Lonstein — chief executive of Computer Outsourcing Services Inc. — about helping her form a lingerie company.

"I said, 'OK, Dad, here is my idea. And he said 'Great — now, get a job,'" Lonstein said. "I then realized that maybe I wasn't prepared to start it on my own and I better get some training."

Lonstein went to work in New York's garment district, where she learned every aspect of lingerie design — from picking the right elastic to constructing the final product. In lieu of a salary, her employers agreed to make sample products based on her ideas.

After a few months, her passion turned to dresses. They were easier to design, and she knew her ideas were different than anything else currently available.

"I got the idea that it would be fun to incorporate lingerie into dresses," Lonstein said. "But I wanted to make them so that they would really fit anyone."

Last summer, after finally convincing her father to float her a loan, she produced her first sample line — four dresses that were each paired with matching pocketbooks and thong underwear.

Then luck — yet again — walked in. At a showroom space she shared with other new designers, Bloomingdale's unexpectedly spotted her collection and almost immediately placed an order.

"As excited as this was, I could-

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n't believe it was Bloomingdale's," Lonstein said, showing off her big smile. "My business plan was to go into boutiques and test the water there. But then I got Bloomingdale's."

IT'S BEEN A WILD few months since she got that initial order. Her line now consists more than two dozen pieces, in a wide variety of colors and designs. Bloomingdale's is showcasing the Shoshanna line in eight of its stores, and more than 50 other merchants — mostly upscale boutiques in major cities — have made purchases.

She hired a friend, Felicia Marie Geller, to run her sales and promotions, and she moved her business from a dingy room in the back of a trucking company to a bigger, cleaner — but still shared

— spot in the garment district. Once a week, the ladies meet with Lonstein's parents at their apartment (where Lonstein still lives) to go over the business and make sure that they're on track.

Outgoing, yet quiet, Lonstein doesn't mind the guidance, nor does she mind the media attention — but she's pleased that this time it's for her own achievements. Cosmopolitan magazine even named Lonstein one of their "Fun, Fearless Females" of the year, an honor designated to only 12 other women including singer Shania Twain and paralyzed Chinese gymnast Sang Lan.

"I took a risk and had no idea what would come of it," Lonstein said. "But I did this myself. I keep saying that this is so exciting, but it's also so overwhelming."

Do you want service with your smile?

By Peter S. Canellos
N.Y. Times News Service

In the age of chain-store blandness, when every stretch of Route 1 wears the same colors and stripes from Boston to Baton Rouge, the "personal touch" is making a suspiciously timed comeback in retail stores and service outlets.

Consider the young teenager, uniformed in a red shirt and floating black pants, who addressed the tired crowd filing out of Loews Nickelodeon Cinema the other evening: "Thank you for coming to Loews," he croaked, as if hoping to swallow the words.

The "thank you," repeated robotically to each customer, seemed insincere on its face. The clerk's expression never wavered from person to person — not if the customer was dazed, annoyed, or slumping with fatigue.

In fact, the only recognizably human aspect of the entire exchange was the embarrassment of the clerk, commanded by his corporate employer to present a facade of friendliness.

FROM TACO STANDS to muffler stores, chains seem to have resolved in unison to take on one of the conundrums of the service economy: The lowest paid, least trained workers are the ones who interact with the consumer. But instead of raising their workers' status, or training, or pay to make them either more capable or more inclined to impress the public, they've simply asked them to repeat certain sugary phrases.

"There's a sort of 'Stepford Wife' quality about it," says Ralph Whitehead, a social critic and professor of at the University of Massachusetts at . "Twenty years ago it was enough to get these people to put a button on their shirt with a happy face. Now they have to be the happy face."

Whitehead believes that companies simply want a leg up on their competitors, and that they think courtesy is the key to brand loyalty: A warm hello from a McDonald's clerk on the highway in Pennsylvania keeps customers from going to Burger King once they get home to Dubuque.

Still, can it be a coincidence that employee "friendliness" is on the rise at just the moment that chain-store ownership has washed any mark of local color or distinctiveness from the service landscape? And is the true competition not between chains but between the entire chain-store mentality and customers' memories of the individual stores now vanished?

Like the actors who play that loving, long-married couple shopping for their grandchildren in those ubiquitous Wal-Mart TV ads, many employees have become props in a campaign to pretend that today's retail marts are just as homey as the mom-and-pop stores they drove out of business.

In Boston, for instance, moviegoers of a sufficient age remember the original Nickelodeon Cinema or its predecessor, the Abbey Cinema, the quirky art house near the Boston University campus that was a distinctive part of the local movie scene, linked in memory to the masterpieces of the early '70s: "Mean Streets," "The Conversation," and many others.

They might also remember the Nickelodeon in its second incarnation, as part of the Boston-based Sack chain. When the theater moved to new quarters and shifted to more conventional fare, many locals directed their displeasure toward the home-town mogul who controlled Sack cinemas, A. Alan Friedberg. The operative presumption, at least, was that Friedberg, who was active on the local social scene, cared what his customers thought.

For the past decade, however, the Nickelodeon has worn the logo of the multinational Sony chain and now carries the Loews tag. There is no local ownership, no face, no name other than the corporate moniker.

And yet despite, or perhaps because of, its corporate parentage, Loews is anxious to persuade people it cares.

Thus, explains Marc Pascucci, senior vice president of marketing, "When we open a new theater, we have a team of corporate trainers who come into a marketplace. We also have training manuals, videos, that type of thing to be read or watched by an employee."

The phrase "Thank you for coming to Loews" is called "an exit greeting," Pascucci explains. "There are four factors that are part of our training, to make people feel welcome."

"What we train to do is, at the ticket booth, say 'Welcome to Loews.' And then you come to the concession stand and they say, 'Welcome to Loews Theaters. Would you like a super bucket combo special?' And when you reach the ticket taker, it's 'Welcome to Loews. Your theater is on the left.'"

Pascucci says the training regimen draws only occasional complaints from the employees. "I think you might have an employee who's shy, and might have trouble getting used to it," he says, adding, "It's a small thing to ask. We're in an interactive business."

THERE'S A FLAW in the program, however: Nonstop friendliness isn't natural or engaging. No one remembers the old Nickelodeon for the happy grins of its employees. Rather, it was what they gave to the place that lingers in memory: The individual sensibility behind the choice of movies, the animated conversations that went on behind the counter, the sense of community that was built when people who loved movies ran a theater for customers who loved movies.

And, of course, friendliness doesn't equal good service. At Staples, the office-supply giant, employees are strictly assigned, corridor by corridor, to a particular part of the store. Store rules restrict them to their own zones. In baseball, the left fielder can sometimes sprint into center to make a play. But not at Staples, where employees explain that they can't leave their posts even when no customer is in sight in their zone, to help someone in the department six feet away.

Thus, in an area Staples store on a recent Saturday, about a half-dozen customers waited in frustration in the area selling office chairs, while workers in the adjacent sections looked on numbly.

Once a customer finally got served, and made his way to the counter, the young woman behind the register repeated her own "exit greeting."

"Was everything all right?" No, he explained, it wasn't. It took forever to get help, while workers stood by, listless.

The young woman was taken aback, as if to suggest that "exit greetings" aren't supposed to elicit responses.

Then she whispered her response.

"I know," she said, in conspiratorial silence.

Author: Telecommuting's popularity will grow

By Wendy Tanaka
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Since the 1970s, more and more employees have found working from home a flexible alternative to traveling to an office. At the same time, more companies are beginning to allow regular telecommuting, hoping to boost employee productivity and morale.

In "Managing Telework: Strategies for Managing the Virtual Workforce," author and scientist Jack Nilles explains why more workers will telecommute in the future and how workers will use increasingly more technology to accomplish their tasks.

Nilles (pronounced NIL-ess) is president of Jala International, a Los Angeles-based company that helps others set up telecommuting programs. He spoke recently about working from home.

Q: By now, we all understand what telecommuting is. What is telework?

A: Telework is doing information technology work from anywhere.

Telecommuting is a form of telework. Telecommuting specifically concentrates on eliminating that daily commute to the office from home. In practice, most of the telework that's going on in the United States is telecommuting.

Q: What are your estimates for the number of telecommuters in the United States?

A: Around 19 million workers telecommute today. That's about 13 to 14 percent of the U.S. work force.

There will be somewhere between 20 million and 24 million by end of 2000. By 2030, it may reach somewhere over 50 million — or about 25 to 30 percent of U.S. workers will be telecommuting at least some of the time.

Q: Why is this mode of work growing?

A: Telecommuters are more productive. I have estimated they are 5 to 20 percent more produc-

tive than workers who don't telecommute.

This is because in a telework situation, the responsibility to do the work shifts from the employer, or manager, to the employee. If you, the employee, don't produce, you'll be sent back to the office.

Q: What percentage of the telecommuting population uses technology to do the job?

A: For a non-high-tech organization — your standard business — up to 30 percent of telecommuters don't use anything more complicated than a phone or fax machine.

That percentage will get smaller as people use personal computers for all sorts of work.

Q: What jobs are best suited for telecommuting?

A: The fundamental classification is information jobs. This could range from a data entry clerk to the CEO of a big corporation. It's any job where workers don't have to be in a specific physical location to do the work.

It's almost easier to say what isn't suitable. A hamburger flipper at McDonald's, a gardener or a construction worker would not be suitable. Today, information workers constitute about 60 percent of all U.S. jobs.

Q: How often do workers telecommute?

A: The average number of days telecommuting is two or fewer days per week right now. Less

than 10 percent of workers telecommute full-time.

Q: How much do companies spend to outfit their teleworkers with computers, software and furniture for home offices?

A: On average, companies may spend about \$500 on each telecommuter. So if you take 19 million telecommuters at 500 bucks apiece, that comes out to \$9.5 billion. But that's not just in one year, so it's not a huge bill.

Companies tend to pay for computers, telecommunications equipment and software for the simple reason they want it to be compatible with what's in their offices.

Q: Do companies see any returns on those capital outlays?

A: What companies spend to set up teleworkers, they save in office space rent. Companies also get increased productivity from teleworkers, and telecommuting tends to reduce the employee turnover rate. Teleworkers tend to be more loyal because they are happier.

I have estimated that companies save between \$6,000 to \$12,000 per telecommuter every year.

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Ahan Trio...classical, tangos and modern music...Wednesday, December 1, 1999

Twins Maria (cello) and Lucia (piano) join younger sister Ange (Violin) in a concert ranging from the classical masters Beethoven and Tchaikovsky to the tangos of Argentine Piazzolla and the largely unknown trios of young Leonard Bernstein. These Korean-born sisters have been playing together since childhood, each developing a distinctive individual style while becoming a mature and prestigious, internationally-known trio. They share their passion for music in special performances for children and teens.

Joe Burgstaller and the Mendez Project...trumpet virtuoso and local band students...Monday, January 10, 2000

Joe Burgstaller fell in love with his trumpet after being enchanted by the virtuosity of the late Mexican trumpeter Rafael Mendez. Mendez was famous for his detached staccato notes, double-tonguing, and circular breathing techniques. Burgstaller now teaches those same techniques in one-day master classes to band students, inviting them to perform with him at the evening concert.



Right: *The Cassidys*

Below: *Jay Ungar & Molly Mason*



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Top left: *Ronnie Kole*

Above: *Ahan Trio*

Left: *Joe Burgstaller*

The Cassidys...Celtic folk music and step dancing...Friday, February 4, 2000

The Cassidy brothers and sisters played Celtic music while they were growing up in County Donegal, Ireland where their father was choirmaster. Each child played several instruments and sang in both Gaelic and English. The Cassidys have represented Ireland in numerous festivals, and toured in the United States seven times. Concerts combine the richness of ancient history with the lyric tunes of popular Celtic folk music.

Jay Ungar & Molly Mason...fiddle and guitar fun....Friday, April 7, 2000

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Club News

MIDLAND SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Midland Society of University Women met for a program and tour of Cole Theatre, conducted by Tracy Alexander. Lunch was served after the program.

POETRY SOCIETY
Permian Basin chapter, Poetry Society of Texas, met in the Midland County Public Library meeting room with 14 members and two guests attending. Linda Robinson presided. Karen Graves read the opening poem. Minutes were read. Alice Greenwood gave the treasurer's report.

Madie Prathers presented an appreciation gift to Ms. Graves. Karen Pape participated in the Elmer Kelton celebration in San Angelo, and a reading in Denton. Cookbook project was discussed. Ivan Reyes, Odessa College professor, will judge the student contest at San Jacinto Junior High School in Midland. Lucie Calloway volunteered to be telephone chairman for Odessa.

Poetry of the Month participants who read their original poems were Ms. Pape, Ruth Peters, Ms. Graves, Pat Peek, Leila Sigmon and Joy Paulson. Ms. Pape lead a critiquing session.

MIDLAND FEDERATION OF BLACK WOMEN'S CLUBS
Midland Federation of Black Women's Clubs met at the clubhouse. Representatives of Black Image, Dozen Dames, Rainbow, Social-Lites and Members at Large attended.

Members met with seniors and their parents to select girls for clubs to sponsor in the annual Debutantes' Ball. Debutantes and their sponsoring organizations are: Amanda "Kissie" Bowers, Christian City and Shenikka Watson, Black Image; Merlisa Brown and Maurion Strambler, Dozen Dames; Elizabeth McDonald and Natasha Saddler, Rainbow; and Lavel Betts and Ashley Miller, Social-Lites.

BLACK IMAGE
Black Image met with Wanda Morris hosting; 13 members attended. Margie McCoy presided. Sammie Williamson read the minutes. Committee reports were given. Pattie White was considered for new membership.

The club will sponsor Amanda Bowers, Christian City and Shenikka Watson at the upcoming Debutantes' Ball. Christmas In April, Stokes Parker District Meeting and Keep Midland Beautiful were discussed.

KAPPA KAPPA IOTA
Beta Pi conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota met in the home of Nancy McNeerney. Hostesses were Mari-

lyn Higgins, Evelyn Shelby and Martee Stuart. Betty Nunley presided. Pat Adams gave the devotional.

Ms. McNeerney introduced Greg White, who gave a program on financial planning.

Ms. Higgins called roll and read the minutes. Ms. Nunley gave the financial report. Ms. McNeerney, Ms. Higgins and Pat Southerland were elected to the nominations committee.

Silent auction items and plans for National Convention 2000 were discussed. Emily Van Stavern won the door prize.

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD
Chapter DD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Frances Terry with Jan Murdock as co-hostess.

Ms. Murdock read a letter to the Texas state P.E.O. president in San Antonio.

Last year's activities were discussed.

TEJAS GARDEN CLUB
Tejas Garden Club met in the home of Georgann Hickman. Jackie Simmers presided.

New officers were elected: Faye Berry, president; Nita Helmer, first vice president; Ms. Hickman, second vice president; Bonnie Feagan, recording secretary; Betty Miller, treasurer; and Teddy Pokky, parliamentarian. Co-hostesses were Theresa Travis and Mary Richardson. Cindy Tanning gave a program on Keep Midland Beautiful.

MIDLAND PORCELAIN ART CLUB

Midland Porcelain Art Club met for a program on painting hummingbirds, presented by Evalena Simmons.

New officers elected are: Shirley Edwards, president; Wan-

da Phillips, first vice president; Kay LaForge, second vice president; Joan Beckley, recording secretary; Jean Sauze, corresponding secretary; Nancy Pipkin, historian; and Lois Rogge, publicity.

ALTRUSA
Altrusa International Club hosted its 24th annual Lucy Mashburn Woman of the Year awards dinner at the Petroleum Club.

Debra Solari, general accounting supervisor with Southwest Royalties Inc., was the 1999 recipient. The event, chaired by Betty McMullan, was attended by more than 75 guests.

Carol Kullman gave the club collect. Lee Harley, accompanied by Julie Cole at the piano, entertained. Francine Weaver gave the introduction.

Robin Reynolds introduced Jean Reid, who gave a program on "Hands, Hearts and Heroism: Outstanding Texas Women." Ruth Price introduced Ms. Solari and presented her with a plaque.

Past recipients attending were Helen Reid, Joan Baskin, Mary Lou Cassidy, Elizabeth Glenn, Dorothy Perkins, Pam Young and Dixie Mims.

Special guests were Lynn Mashburn and Suzanne Solari. Ms. McMullan led the benediction.

LAUREATE NU CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Johnnie Moritz.

Joann Gardner thanked members for choosing her as chapter Sweetheart. Martha McNair gave the treasurer's report.

Ms. Moritz and Tomina Clark reported on food donation to a local organization. Dixie Jordan reported on the Valentine Dance.

Ms. Moritz gave a program on the Texas flag.

Did quilts give more than warmth?

By Phil Patton
N.Y. Times News Service

"One scholar compared it to the Rosetta stone," said Jacqueline L. Tobin, the author, with Dr. Raymond G. Dobard, of "Hidden in Plain View," a new book that makes a startling claim about quilts: some quilts were patterned as a code to direct escaping slaves. A quilt with a monkey-wrench pattern hung in a cabin window signaled slaves to gather tools for the escape. Tumbling blocks indicated imminent departure. The number and placement of knots represented dates.

The book, just published by Doubleday, has become a surprise hot seller. The story of its origin is as intriguing as its theory. Ms. Tobin, who is white, was first put on the trail in 1993 when she met an African-American quilt maker, Ozella McDaniel Williams, in the city marketplace in Charleston, S.C. Ms. Williams asked if she knew that quilts had been used as a code on the underground railroad. Returning home to Denver, Ms. Tobin, a professor of women's studies at the University of Denver, enlisted Dobard, an art history professor at Howard University and an African-American quilter, to help research the subject.

But in three years of telephone conversations with Ms. Williams, Ms. Tobin was able to find out little more. Only when Ms. Tobin returned to Charleston did Ms. Williams recite the code learned from her mother: the Northern Star pattern suggested that escaping slaves use the North Star for guidance; the Drunkard's Path pattern advised taking an irregular course to avoid apprehension; Flying Geese signaled the way north — but only in the spring.

The idea of a code has a long life in oral tradition. Gladys-Marie Fry, a University of Maryland historian who specializes in black folklore, said in "Stitched from the Soul: Slave Quilts From the Ante-Bellum South," that a black quilt was thought to indicate a safe house, for instance. Dr. Robert Farris Thompson, a professor of art history at Yale University and an expert in African-American aesthetics, agrees that the idea of a code makes sense. "There is a distinct African current in quilts that can absorb any number of codes," he said.

But is the Rosetta stone as solid as it looks? Quilt codes are not mentioned in contemporaneous accounts of the underground railroad, and the code doesn't reach the systematic nature of, say, the symbols scrawled on fences by tramps a century ago to set apart friendly farms from hostile ones.

Dr. John Michael Vlach, chairman of African-American studies at George Washington University, reviewed an early proposal for the book for a

rival publisher and was not convinced. "It's a nice idea," he said, "and it would be marvelous if we could prove it. But from the evidence I don't see the smoking gun — or quilt."

Vlach argues that a quilt code goes against what we know of slavery. While double meanings were an established part of slave strategies of resistance, as in spirituals, a quilt code would have been too risky. "Penalties for taking slaves to freedom were so severe that people would be much more circumspect," he said.

Was Ms. Williams, who died last May, really presenting the code as a practical aid? As recited, it seems more inspirational than navigational. Ms. Tobin recalled Ms. Williams said over and over of the code, "It's all in your mind." To Ms. Tobin, this meant the code was as much spiritual as practical.

Ms. Tobin recognizes that Ms. Williams' account is a slim reed on which to base a theory, and the authors buttress their text with not one but three forewords from scholars in the field.

Ms. Williams was well educated, with a graduate degree in chemistry. Ms. Tobin attributes her evasiveness to strong taboos against sharing code information with whites. She hopes that supporting evidence for the theory will emerge. But the appeal of the story suggests that the most important codes may be more abstract. Quilts have become powerful metaphors in late-20th-century America, in sentimental books like "How to Make an American Quilt" or in the political speeches of Jesse Jackson. Quilt has largely superseded melting pot as an upbeat metaphor for the juxtapositions of cultures.

Designs for escape or designs for the dream of escape, the quilts raise a problem. To undervalue the oral and visual record runs the risk of compounding the slave owner's crime of depriving slaves of a written language. The faint signals of memorized codes were among the few that slaves had power to send across the generations. But to romanticize efforts to escape from slavery underplays the hopelessness that made the institution so evil.

Thompson suggests that quilts carry other codes. He praises "their percussive flavors, vivid colors and offbeat visual accents." African patterns survived in the quilts, working their own random paths inside the box of the dominant culture, as the quilt makers kept their identities alive inside the box of slavery. They carry the emotional power of their makers' endurance.

"That code is forever," he said.

The sad but likely truth is that for many, if not most, quilts were not the escape map but the only escape.

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The following are bridge winners for Feb. 15-21.

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1. Helen Wise, Thomas Vick
2. Belle Harris, Helen South
3. Sally Whiteley, Joyce Mitchell
4. Becky and Lyle Kinsey

TUESDAY

1. Jerry Williamson, Betty Sheeler
2. Joan LaFond, Helen Wise

WEDNESDAY

- JUNIOR FUND GAME**
FLIGHT A:
 1. Mary Hammond, Buf Slay
 2. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish
 3. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
 4. Sue Gardner, Leonora Slusher**FLIGHT B:**
 1. Babe Griffin, Joe Brittain
 2. Deborah Brookins, Peggy Cook
 3. Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley
 4. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

THURSDAY

1. Betty George, Betty Moudy
 2. Sally Reeder, Debbie Kemp
 3. Mary Anne Ochs, Dixie Gifford
 4. E.J. Henderson, Celeste Fasken
- 0-500:
 1. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
 2. Terri Tedford, Nancy Harris
 3. Wayne Rector, James Simpson
 4. Fern McGuigan, Bilie Ruppe

FRIDAY

1. Billie Mitchell, Jimmie Penn
2. Frances Levin, Joyce Mitchell
3. Gloria Crites, Leonora Slusher
4. Helen Owen, Debbie Kemp

SATURDAY

- NORTH-SOUTH:**
FLIGHT A:
 1. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
 2. Marilyn Matthews, Bob Baker
 3. Sally Whiteley, Babe Griffin**FLIGHT B:**
 1. Sally Whiteley, Babe Griffin
 2. Phyllis Berkowitz, Tom Vick
 3. Deborah Brookins, Jimmie Branch

- EAST-WEST:**
FLIGHT A:
 1. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
 2. Belle Harris, Ann Servatius
 3. Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites**FLIGHT B:**
 1. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
 2. Belle Harris, Ann Servatius
 3. Helen Wise, Evelyn Simpson

SUNDAY

1. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
2. Frances Levin, Laura Williams
3. Deborah Brookins, Peggy Cook
4. Sue Gardiner, Jimmie Branch

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'The Dresser'



At left, Sir Dressing, in front, played by Bill Kersh. Mark Jeter, who plays Norman, his dresser stands behind him. Standing at back are from left, Deborah Morton and Jo Hayes as Ladyship. Below, Christina Little as Irene and Jeter rehearse a scene in the play. At bottom, Norman and Dressing in a scene from the play. Below left, From left, Ms. Morton, Ms. Hayes, Len Caryl as Thornton and Len Powers as Oxenby.



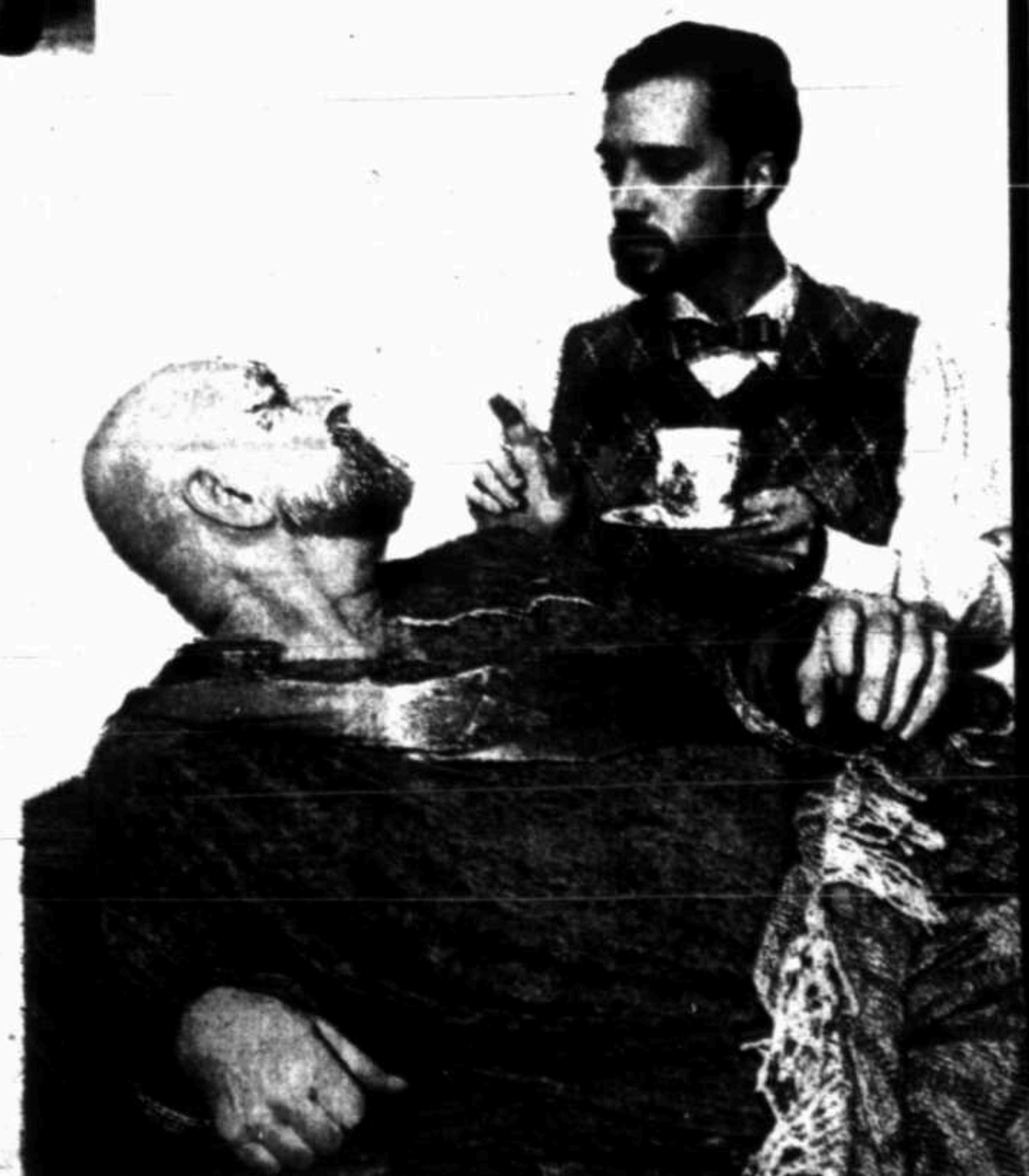
Deb Morton decided the time had come to step from behind the scenes onto the stage. Now, instead of being the stage manager, she's playing the stage manager in the Midland Community Theatre/The University of Texas of the Permian Basin production of "The Dresser," opening Friday in Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

"It's a lot of fun; it's much cooler in the shadows though," Ms. Morton said of the experience. And, she has noticed the difference in being the stage manager in fact and not fantasy: People listen when she speaks because "those are my words and not somebody else's I'm quoting."

Sir, on the other hand, prefers quoting someone else, preferably Shakespeare. And when he does so, everyone listens.

"The guy has done Lear over 200 times, and he's a very accomplished and very brilliant actor, but he's gone insane," said Bill Kersh, who plays Sir in the show.

Set in Great Britain during World War II, the show tells the story of Sir and his dresser, Norman, who are among those dedicat-



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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

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ACROSS

- Entranced
- Famed musical family
- Sovereign ousted in '79
- He penned
- Nice out
- Shorthand
- Mayberry, N.C. lad
- Recalcitrant
- Chief's quarters
- Raggy doll
- Sweetie
- Shining example
- Parody
- Wayne Manor denizen?
- Monopoly properties
- Got through the grapevine
- Insignificant
- Fashion line
- Strung out
- Hair holder
- Returns from a trip
- "Star"
- Blushing
- Phone
- French sculptor
- Denrative
- Werbie
- Outs opposite
- In the — with it
- World leaders
- He ran with RMN
- Wed
- Sailing
- Escorts
- "High Society" Porter
- Handwear
- Refuse to admit
- Ink squirter
- "Uncle Miltie"
- Word with ill or well
- Shade tree
- Diamond trim bill
- Diner fare
- Machine
- Let's Eat —
- Chor part
- Sprite
- Apothecary's weight
- Tam turned around

DOWN

- Half-way house, e.g.
- Stadium
- Stool pigeon
- Poet Hughes
- Allen's straight man
- Year, in Yucatan
- News hound's letters
- Health issue
- Home or bed
- Shark
- so forth
- Rockettes, e.g.
- Be pardoned
- Grand in scope
- Pleasant
- Polo
- Tempests
- Researcher Hite
- Destroy documents
- He played
- Klinger
- Muri
- prosecutors
- Rope fiber
- Danny's daughter
- Actor Holbrook
- The Velvet Fog
- Model wood
- Threesome
- Bivouac shelters
- Superiority
- Round of applause
- Word in an ultimatum
- Emperor
- Selassie
- Walks in water
- El — Spanish hero
- Reconciles
- Conquer
- Stick around
- Go bad
- Reading
- gambler
- Pigtails or ponytail
- Armada
- Transmits
- Baby bears
- Butcher's
- It's on tap
- Submarine defense
- Very
- Clouts
- Contradict
- Cornell of the university
- Burden
- Barbara to
- Heaven
- Whirlpool
- 1st state
- Non-specific
- Carrying distance
- Spokesperson
- Literary
- Swiss miss
- Aquinas
- Author Grey
- Playground attraction
- School dance
- Pottery decoration
- Annexed
- Freshman at Annapolis
- Brother of Moses
- Facial features
- Anti-drug gp.
- Clairvoyant's clue
- Wall Street pessimist
- Hit the — turn in
- Health insurance option
- Sense of self
- In the manner of
- "Ask — what your country..."

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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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Bright ideas come from hanging out with friends, especially one with a runaway imagination. Read between the lines. One-to-one relating is important; it's about what's bothering you. Tonight: Do some research or watch a sci-fi movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Allow another to give you feedback. Evaluate what seems too good to be true. Trust your inner voice. Start up conversations, but stay centered. Friends gather around you. You love celebration; make it happen. Tonight: Socializing to the extreme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Complete a project if you can. A friend could tempt you with an offer that is most appealing. What's wrong with taking off? The challenge is figuring out how you can do both. Brainstorm with someone you put on a pedestal. Be more conscious of your image. Tonight: Call it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might feel shoved by a child or loved one. Sometimes you need to say "no" instead of being so agreeable. A partner is not centered in a financial matter, and you might not even care. Be more in touch with what you can expect, financially, from your work. Tonight: Make fun of your highest priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen more carefully to news from a family member. Make a long-dis-

tance call. An associate adds confusion without intending to. Discuss his vision, and try to walk in his footsteps. Spending time with another helps bond you even closer. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Communication flows, and you come out on top. Listen, share and make plans. Visiting with others, catching up on news and socializing is presently your forte. Your energy could ebb; ask a partner to pitch in and help. You might be amazed by how willing another is. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Expenditures could go out of whack; only you will have to answer for this. A child or loved one could be deceiving you unintentionally. Help him see what is going on, if you can. Laughter and goodwill mix. Share a project with a loved one. Tonight: Use caution with funds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are full of pep and energy. Get into a game of racquetball; you'll have plenty of energy to get even more done. Socialize and make time for a loved one. A child shows his caring in a very touching manner. Don't worry about work; that can wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Others can't help but respond to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Listen carefully to feedback from another. You might be hazy over an issue, but you really don't have the luxury of being this conflicted. A child or loved one makes

an excellent point. You might be hard-pressed to make a decision, but don't relax and mellow out. Tonight: Take some time just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Aim high and know what you want. You could be distracted by another's version of what is going on. Be careful about a purchase; you might not be seeing the complete story. Join a friend for a meal and a visit. Take time to catch up on news in general. Tonight: Wherever you are, having a good time!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You could feel clouded. Make time for relaxing and visiting with a friend. You hear something "on the q.t." Laughter marks your day, though you'll still need to make a must appearance. Be careful about spending; you could easily go overboard. Tonight: Enjoying yourself!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Make plans to go to the movies or escape to a concert. You need a break and the space to let your mind expand and relax. Browse, take a drive or do whatever relaxes you. You might think you are on the nose about a money matter. Careful! Tonight: Try some foreign cuisine.

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♣ 4

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The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2♠ 3♣ 3♠ 5♣
5♠ Pass 6♠

Opening lead: Ten of ♦

One Club Forcing systems are virtually as old as contract bridge itself. Indeed, the first club system was invented by the father of contract bridge, Harold S. Vanderbilt. It did not catch on in the United States, but various club systems began to sprout in Europe. Then, in the 1950s, the Italians developed two forcing club systems, and they became the corner-

stones of a 20-year string of world titles for Italy's legendary Blue Team. In turn, that led to three systems being developed on these shores — the Schenken Club, Precision and Rome.

The key to all these is that the opening bid of one in a suit is limited to a maximum 15 or 16 points, depending on system. That allows for more accurate bidding. Now Dr. George Rosenkranz has just released a new book on Rome ("Godfrey's Stairway to the Stars," by George Rosenkranz and Phillip Alder, paperback, 130 pages. Available from The Bridge World (1-800-599-0033, U.S. only); \$9.95 plus \$2.95 shipping & handling). Even if you do not intend playing a club system, there is much useful theoretical discussion that will heighten your enjoyment of the game.

On this deal from the book, North-South reached six spades after an auction that started with a bid of two clubs, showing a hand of 11-16 points at best and six clubs. Active preemption by the opponents led to a slightly pushy six-spade contract.

West led the ten of diamonds. Declarer ruffed the second diamond and had a choice of lines. If trumps were 2-2, clubs could probably be established. If spades were 3-1, the

percentages favored relying on hearts and declarer would need a slice of luck into the bargain.

Declarer crossed to the queen of trumps at trick three and ruffed a club. A trump to the ace revealed the 3-1 split, and declarer fell back on hearts. The ace of hearts was cashed and a heart was ruffed in dummy. Declarer came to hand with a club ruff, drew the remaining trump and cashed the king of hearts, and all was well when the queen appeared.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBIT: Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. 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 hangar. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.htm>. 1,9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, features four unique sculptures on display through June at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

The Brigi Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigi, by appointment, 1701 N. Garfield, 683-8445. Free.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASS: Adventures in Art for students ages 6-12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., one Sunday per month. Next class on March 14 features a study of the Renaissance. Tuition charged. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa. 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Light Dreams: Holography, Image and Illusion, exhibit for children, through May 2, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Recycled Thoughts, works of Abilene artist Clint Hamilton, through April 3. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: In Search of New Worlds, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

Middle Eastern Dance Organization: SPECIAL EVENT: 1st Annual Shimmy on the Sand, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., seminar and workshop, Holiday Inn Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall, 694-2250. Admission charged.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: West Texas College Art faculty exhibit, through March 31, McCormick Gallery, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Carousel," final performance, 2 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art, features 60 works from American artists (1901-1991) including Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Thomas Hart Benton and others, capturing the impact of oil on the 20th century, through March 14. EXHIBIT: Taos Founders, featuring works from the Taos Society of Artists which portray the beauty of the Southwest and its unique inhabitants, through Oct. 17, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection through January of 2000 touring more than 80 works in a variety of media; reception from 7-9 p.m.; exhibit continues through

April 10, Thomas and Turner Galleries, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

Midland Community Theatre and UTPB: DRAMA: "The Dresser," through March 27, 8 p.m., Mabey Theatre II, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Blakemore Planetarium: SHOWS: new show everyday Monday through Friday for "Spring Break in Space," 1 and 3 p.m., free star charts for March, kids treats, Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., admission charged, call 683-2882 for more information.

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 682-5785. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: CLASS: Spring break fine arts camp for grades K-6, includes acting, art, music, puppets, and dance, through March 12, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CLASS: Registrations being taken for Theatre School Spring Session III, grades K-12, March 15-May 1, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-2544. Tuition charged.

Permian Basin Girl Scout Council: DAY CAMP: Spring break day camp, K-3rd grade, 12:30-5:30 p.m., through Thursday, March 11, Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane, 570-9188, ext. 502. Fee charged.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Midland Palette Club: DEMONSTRATION: Kathleen Cook of Kerrville, Texas, demonstrates pastels painting, 9:30 a.m., 907 W. Wadley, 684-9162. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: Lenten Luncheon Concert Series 1999, featuring the music of Gregory Pysch, tenor and Rebecca Sawyer, piano, 12:05-12:35 p.m., 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Child care available with reservation. Lunch available in Lynn Hall half hour before and after performance. Free admission to concert, charge for lunch.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Un/Familiar: Contemporary Artist Series, featuring the works of David Bates of Dallas, Texas, through April 25, Here and Now Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: In Search of New Worlds, every Friday 8 p.m. except holiday weekends. Telescope viewing available following sky show, weather permitting. Telescopes set up in Haley Park behind the Planetarium until 10:30 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

Midland Arts Association: RECEPTION: Opening reception and awards presentation for the 12th annual spring juried exhibition, 7 to 9 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., Public invited, no charge. Exhibit, which remains through April 10, features more than 80 works in a variety of media, Thomas and Turner Galleries, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

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The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; <http://www.iglobal.net/arts>.

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Nancy Reagan reminisces in refurbished presidential suite

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan's famous "Where's the rest of me?" scene in the 1942 classic "Kings Row" was playing on a television while Nancy Reagan reminisced about better days in the presidential suite at the Century Plaza Hotel.

"The memory that comes first to mind is my husband standing on the balcony and throwing those paper planes," laughed the former first lady on a tour of the 8,000-square-foot suite.

Sure enough, on one of the many walls, there's a framed photograph of the Gipper dispatching a paper plane over the side of the suite's balcony.

The hotel recently refurbished the presidential quarters where Reagan stayed when visiting Los Angeles in the 1980s, now calling it the Ronald Reagan Suite. Also a favorite of other celebrities, the suite is now available to anyone — for \$5,400 a night.

Reagan didn't attend the suite's dedication. Alzheimer's disease has silenced the Great Communicator, who turned 88 on Feb. 6.

It took two years to redecorate the Reagan rooms, down to details including bottles of Mrs. Reagan's Tubereuse perfume and her husband's favorite Atkins Royal Briar aftershave. The Reagans were the first to stay in the suite when it opened in 1984.

Mrs. Reagan paused at the 47 photographs chronicling the couple's lives during the White House years. One showed them floating in their canoe Tru Luv at their Santa Barbara, Calif., ranch.

"I'm old-fashioned, I know, but I thought it would be so romantic if he was playing a ukulele," Mrs. Reagan said, recalling the photo taken on their 25th wedding anniversary.

"I don't have a ukulele," Reagan told her that day.

"I said, 'That's OK, you can hum,'" she laughed.

The Reagan suite, which takes up the entire 30th floor of the hotel's tower, is surrounded by an outdoor terrace and floor-to-ceiling windows with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, Beverly Hills, Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles.

The tower was built with security in mind, including reinforced concrete walls, bulletproof glass, a private elevator and secured stairwell. It also has a private kitchen and personal butler service.

Bennett Hall Images created the theme for the redecorated suite with the help of Reagan's office, which happens to be across the street, and the staff at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

The suite is stocked with Reagan books on night stands in the two bedrooms. There are presidential coffee mugs, a bowl of jelly beans and even a Gideon Bible inside the armoire in the master bedroom.

There are also 15 videos of Reagan movies, including "Knut Rockne, All American," "Bedtime for Bonzo" and "Hellcats of the Navy."

Mrs. Reagan fondly recalled the day the suite's security features helped her put one over on the presidential press corps.

She had found a post-presidency home in nearby Bel-Air and wanted the president to see it. What she didn't want was the media to follow them up there.

So just before a Century Plaza speech, she told the president and Secret Service "we're going," and she quickly hustled them down the private elevator to a waiting station wagon. The president crouched out of sight in the back seat and they were whisked off to Bel-Air unnoticed.

"He raced through the house, said, 'All right,' and we left. It was the fastest trip we've ever made," Mrs. Reagan laughed. It was all she needed, though. They moved to the Bel-Air house after leaving the White House.

Hotel director Tim Groves said the suite has appealed to a wide variety of people, from Elton John, who stayed for a month, to former President George Bush, heads of state and Fortune 500 CEOs.

Hollywood even used it for the 1996 comedy "Celtic Pride."

And the suite is sure to be a hit with Republican bigwigs. "We're not saying this is a Republican stronghold or anything," Groves said. "We're just acknowledging the history here."

PLAY: MCT, UTPB to perform 'The Dresser'

(From 1F)

ed thespians working to keep theater alive during the war.

"The guy that wrote the play (Ronald Harwood) was actually a dresser for a British Shakespearean actor during the second world war," Kersh said. "A very noble thing acting troupes did then was travel all over Great Britain doing plays under horrible conditions trying to keep the best of their drama alive. And these people really set the stage for a lot of the present-day theater in England."

"The Dresser" tells the story of a Shakespearean actor and his dresser and the troupe they are traveling with who are trying to mount a production of "King Lear." And Sir, as Kersh said, is not well, physically and mentally.

"He thinks he's being driven by William Shakespeare," Kersh said of Sir. "His insanity manifests itself more in just raging fits and things of that nature than incoherence. He's also a very sick man, sick physically, exhausted. He's having to work with a below par troupe because all the actors are in the war so he's reduced to old men, cripples and Nancy boys. That's one of the quotes."

Kersh called the play "a black comedy. It's very, very funny. There are some hilarious parts in it."

Mark Jeter, who plays Norman, defined the humor as "not a rip-roaring, holding-your-sides-farce" kind of humor, "but more of an ironical humor, the witty humor. A lot of it's the relationship, the interplay between the characters. It's not slapstick humor; it's warm-fuzzy humor."

Jo Hayes, who plays Her Ladyship, Sir's love interest, called "The Dresser" "definitely a man's play." On first read, her character seemed shallow. She soon discovered otherwise.

"There's a lot more nuance and a very fine balance of relationship subtleties."

The relationship between Her Ladyship and Sir is, Ms. Hayes said, "love-hate. She's been with the man for about eight to 10 years. I think she inwardly loves him but is disgusted by some of his nonsense." Ms. Hayes said laughing and added, "But she puts up with some of the things that women always put up with."

"She's worried about his health and wants him to settle down. He doesn't want to. He's the consummate actor. There's that little tear about what they want from each other. She wants him to stop acting and spend time with her."



Bill Kersh, left, as Sir Dressing, and Christina Little as Irene rehearse a scene from "The Dresser."

Rated PG, the production, co-produced by ARCO Permian, runs in Mabey Theatre II through March 27. Tickets are \$10 for Friday and Saturday and \$8 for Thursday and Sunday. Half price group tickets are available. The opening night desserts will be provided by H-E-B. For reservations call 682-4111 or 570-4011. The show is being directed by Shawn Watson, Ph.D., chair of Department of Humanities and Fine Arts at UTPB.

"We have a wonderful director," Kersh said. "She's very creative and instructive and is really fine-tuning this play. It's going to be a very artistic piece of work."

The play and the film, which stars Albert Finney as the Shakespearean actor and Tom Courtenay as Norman, both reveal the personality disintegration Sir undergoes.

"As Sir performs King Lear in Shakespeare's tragedy, his life kind of parallels that spiral into madness," said Tracy Alexander, stage manager for the local production. "It's certainly not as grandiose as Lear's tragedy, but it does have its parallel."

The approach is different, said Len H. Caryl, who plays Geoffrey. "After I read for the play, I saw the film on the Bravo Channel," Caryl said. "In a way, I'm sorry I saw it. There's some light stuff in the play, but the movie version is downhill all the way. Maybe they found it difficult to work in the fun in the movie."

Caryl, who returns to MCT's stage after a hiatus from acting,

has "a nice bit part. I'm mighty proud that it is a bit part. I've discovered as age creeps up on you your memory isn't as snappy as it once was. If I can just manage to say everything I'm supposed to say, I'll be happy."

He also will be pleased if he makes his cues correctly.

"There are two stages and lots of ons and offs," Caryl said.

"We're trying to straighten out our traffic problems, which we're doing all right on."

Entrances and exits also merited a mention from Ms. Morton, who plays Madge, the stage manager. "There are a lot of mini entrances and exits. Just keeping up with where I'm supposed to be is the most difficult thing. When you have these tiny tidbits, it's more difficult than learning a big part where you're in there for the flow of the entire show."

New to the MCT stage in this production are Odessans Jeff Young, John Serna and Lan Powers.

Serna worked on the technical crew for The Globe Theatre's recent production of "The Gondoliers" and came to Midland at the suggestion of Kersh, who was a "Gondolier" cast member and a friend.

"I'm awed by all this," said Serna, referring to Cole Theatre and its staff and volunteers.

"Everyone's most gracious," Powers, who previously worked backstage on one MCT show and is playing Oxenby in "The Dresser," was drawn to moving in front of the lights because "everybody was so nice I couldn't resist the opportunity

when it was offered to me."

Christina Little, who plays Irene, auditioned because "The Dresser" offered several small parts for women. "I wanted a smaller part. I like the show, and my boyfriend (Kersh) happens to be in it, and that helps, too. It was a chance to do a little bit of Shakespeare, a little bit of a British accent and a period piece, and I like to do period pieces."

The theater era captured by the play also appealed to Ms. Little. "The history of what was going on in the theater at that time, trying to keep the theater alive during the war."

"The Dresser" is a show that anyone who likes to do theater would like to do because it is about theater," Kersh said. "And it's about how actors and people working in the theater relate to each other."

Jeter agreed, saying, "It is very definitely a play about theater, and anyone who's ever done anything in the theater or ever enjoyed theater in any way whether it be backstage or on stage will enjoy a look at that world and the characters especially because their life is the theater."

The theater is Norman's passion.

"Even though you may be a small cog in the machinery, you're still essential," said Jeter, referring to Norman. "And although Sir is the one on stage receiving all the praises and adulation, without Norman, Sir wouldn't be able to continue. And the beauty of Sir's performance, his ability to achieve that greatness, makes it all worthwhile for Norman because that's his contribution to give to the art form: the theater."

In speaking of his character and the play, Kersh recalled the words of Uta Hagen who has trained hundreds of successful actors.

"She talks about the reason some actors are considered to be a little less stable than other people," Kersh said. "They, by their very nature, have to have an outlet (acting). If they don't find work, this drive sometimes manifests itself in some bizarre behavior. But, when they are doing what they do best, they do things that other people only dream about."

"The show is about dedication to the theater. And Sir is a fantastic actor. When he's able to do what he does, he does do things that other people only dream about."

✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin March 7-13

Call for Performers

All area performers are invited to be a part of Celebration of the Arts May 14-16 in downtown Midland. Bands, singers, dancers, magicians, twirlers, gymnasts and instrumentalists are invited to join the Arts Assembly of Midland in its 16th annual salute to the wide variety of arts and cultural opportunities in the Permian Basin. For information or applications call 687-1149.

Upcoming Outside Midland/Odessa

✓ Festival planned

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department, will be held April 9-11 at the Community Center located 65 miles West of San Angelo.

Entertainment by The Forrest Carter Family, Concho Grass, Star Canyon, The Gore Brothers, and Big Sandy. For more information call (915) 884-3650 or (915) 884-3396.

✓ Annual celebration

TYLER—Plans currently are underway for the 1999 Azalea and Spring Flower Trail March 14-April 4 in Tyler. This annual celebration features seven miles of beautiful home gardens filled with colorful azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, wisteria and redwoods.

The seven-mile driving tour will begin at 500 S. Broadway (Highway 69/Business Route) and E. Houston St. From there, drivers can follow the posted Azalea Trail signs as they tour some of Tyler's most attractive residential areas. On each weekend beginning March 20th, visitors will see the Azalea Belles, high school coeds dressed in antebellum dresses serving as official greeters and smiling for the cameras.

1999 Azalea Trail events include an Art and Crafts Fair, Tyler Heritage on Tour, Azalea Trail 10K and Fun Run, McClendon House Tour, Azalea Quilt Show and Sale,

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Texas Blues Festival, Porcelain Show, Art and Bloom and more.

Beginning on March 19th and each weekend thereafter, visitors may obtain tourist literature, at the Visitors Information Center located in the Blackstone Building at 315 N. Broadway from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. For a complimentary visitor guide please call (800) 235-5712.

Registration Required

✓ Artist show

SAN ANTONIO — Registration is now in progress for the 37th annual Starving Artist Art Show which will be held on April 3rd and 4th. Artist and craftsmen who wish to participate may send a request for an application by mail, together with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to The Starving Artist Art Show office, 508 De La Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

All entries should be original art work and handmade crafts. No commercial items will be allowed. Approximately 750 applicants are expected to participate. The show will take place in La Villita and part of the river walk. There will be no price limit on art work sold.

All monies derived from the show will benefit the Little Church and its ministry of feeding the less fortunate on the city throughout the year.

Midlanders in the news

✓ Midlanders selected

Midland artist Jan Foust Hurt and Sam Hurt have been selected to exhibit in Tri-State Plus '99, a national juried exhibition in Beaumont. The show opens March 13 and continues at the Beaumont Art League through April 9.

Mrs. Hurt will exhibit a mixed media work, and Hurt will show a photograph.

Contests

✓ Poetry contest

The Poetry Society of Texas announces its annual poetry contest for students in all Texas schools, from first grade through college. Home-schooled students are also eligible to enter.

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 1999.

List of contents and complete rules and instructions for entering have been sent to area schools and colleges and are available in the children's department and the reference department of the Midland County Library.

For additional information about the contests, rules or the poetry society call 520-4679.

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✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin March 7-13

Sunday

✓ Gun, knife show

Texas Gun and Knife Show will be held today at the Midland Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The public is invited to come in to buy, sell, trade, or just browse, and people are welcome to bring their own guns for sale or trade. Children under 12 are admitted free.

✓ Paintings at bank

Eleanor Robertson will have some of her oil paintings at the Midland American Bank throughout the month of March. Eleanor is a member of the Midland Arts Association and the Midland Palette Club. Some of her other paintings are hanging at Antiques Etc. here in Midland and at Santana Gallery in Ruidoso, N.M.

✓ Work featured

Gallery 1114 is featuring the work of Abilene artist, Clint Hamilton, through April 3. Hamilton describes his work as "Recycled Thoughts." The show includes mostly collage and/or assemblage work from the 20th Century Icon Series. Hamilton, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, started his career in New York in the art department of Bonwit Teller and Tiffany's creating displays and window designs. He was a personal friend of Andy Warhol and helped get Warhol his first job as a window dresser at Bonwit Teller. Gallery 1114 is located at 1114 N. Big Spring St. in Midland. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday or by appointment by calling 685-9944. No admission is charged.

✓ Museum exhibition

ODESSA — Now on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University, is the exhibition "Vessels: A National Glass Invitational." This exhibition features the work of 20 of the foremost glass artists of the American contemporary glass movement. The exhibition includes giant as well as diminutive vessels. These works of art are the result of physically as well as technically difficult creative labor. The exhibition runs through April 3. Installed in the adjacent gallery is "Revelations," marble and limestone sculpture by Vincent Leggiadro of Port Chester, NY. Both exhibitions are sponsored by: Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities and The Connoisseurs. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call the Museum at 550-3811.

Also on display through March 28 is the Odessa Art Association's 41st annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition. Juror was Carol Ann Wells Parson, oil and pastel painter from El Paso. The project is sponsored in part by the Odessa Cultural Council.

✓ Theater exhibit

An exhibit by Merle Burleson Taylor is currently hanging at Midland Community Theatre. Most of the paintings are landscapes, and reflect the artist's focus on natural forms and color. Ms. Taylor uses palette knives to apply most of the oil paint, and often combines other media such as ink, acrylics, pastel and collage

materials, when painting with watercolor.

Merle retired from MISD in 1993, after 25 years as art teacher at Lee High School. Since retirement, she has served as president of Midland Arts Association in 1996, Fall Show Chairman in 1998 and has attended numerous art related workshops. The art will be on display through today.

Monday

✓ Silent auction

A silent auction conducted by the Midland Community Theatre will begin 10 a.m. today through 5:30 p.m. March 12 in the MCT lobby. A stage prop — a hand-painted carousel horse from the theater's current production of *Carousel* — is the auction item.

Starting bid is \$250. The winner will be notified Monday 15 after 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bid in \$10 increments.

✓ Live entertainment

Chelsea Street Pub, located in Music City Mall in Odessa, presents Lucious Funk, March 8-13; Reed Boyd, March 15-20; Dan and Rick, March 22-24; Clockwork Orange, March 25-27 and (entertainers to be announced) March 29-31. Live entertainment starts at 9 p.m. every Monday through Saturday. No cover charge. Please use outside entrance after mall hours.

✓ Planetarium shows

The Blakemore Planetarium, located in the Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is hosting a new show every day Monday through Friday for "Spring Break in Space." Showings are at 1 and 3 p.m. Activities include free star charts for March and treats for children. Admission is charged. For more information call 683-2882.

✓ Meetings set

West Texas Harmony, a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International, meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays in the choir room at Memorial Christian Church, corner of Cuthbert Avenue and Andrews Highway. The chorus is directed by Carol Priest.

Sweet Adelines is an international organization of women that promotes the art of four-part harmony, barbershop style. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Patricia Petosky, 694-2035, or Ms. Priest, (915) 333-5838.

Tuesday

✓ Club to meet

Midland Palette Club meets in the Clubhouse on Wadley Ave. March 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Kathleen Cook, PSA, of Kerrville, and elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America, will give a demonstration. Ms. Cook earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Texas Tech University, spent 14 years as an illustrator and advertising art director and since 1987, she has been a full time painter.

The public is invited to attend this free demonstration which is partially supported by the Arts Assembly of Midland and by the

Texas Commission on the Arts.

✓ Acoustic jam

ABILENE — Bob's, located at 1066 S. 2nd St. here, presents acoustic jam every Monday, blues jam every Tuesday and acoustic plugged in with Bart and Bill every Wednesday.

Scheduled entertainers include Bugs Henderson March 12, and Tracy Conover March 13. For more information call (915) 672-0971.

Wednesday

✓ Recital, presented

First Presbyterian Church of Midland located at 800 West Texas Avenue will hold the annual Lenten Luncheon Recital series today at 10:05. This series features a half-hour recital with lunch available 30 minutes before and after each performance. Admission is free to all recitals. Lunch for \$4.

Performers in the Luncheon Series are: March 10 Gregory Pysh; March 17, The Midland High School Choir; March 24, Robert Poer, organ.

✓ Video series

The Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 East University, has announced the following schedule for its Brown Bag Video series: March 10 Matisse: Portrait of an Artist; March 17 Cubism and Nonobjective Art Surrealism; March 24 Picasso: Portrait of an Artist.

Brown Bag Videos are held on Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. Coffee, ice and water will be provided. Soft drinks will be available for 50 cents. For more information, call the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin at 550-3811.

Friday

✓ Opening reception

The opening reception for the Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Cash awards of \$2,500 will be presented at that time by the juror, artist Kathleen Cook. Ms. Cook is an elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America.

✓ Performance set

AUSTIN — Violinist Kurt Nakken will perform with the Austin Symphony today and March 13, under the direction of the ASO's new conductor, Peter Bat, at 8 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall. Nikkanen will be soloist with the orchestra in a performance of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Also on this "Salute to Spring" program are Respighi's Gli Uccelli (The Birds) and Rossini's Overture to La Gazza Ladra (The Thieving Magpie). Program notes about the music performed at the concerts may be found on the symphony's web site at www.austinsymphony.org.

Single tickets for the concert range from \$14-\$30 and are available at the Austin Symphony Box Office, 11th and Red River, or by calling 476-6064 or 1-888-4-MAESTRO with a VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card. Order tickets on-line at www.austinsymphony.org.

✓ Art show, sale

The 21st Annual Haley Library Art Show and Sale is set for March 26.

This year's show features artists including Cyrus Asfary, Carolyn Anderson, Gerald Baciar, Dan Bodelson and Guy Coheleach. A complete list of almost 50 exhibitors will be sent with the invitation to the show and sale that will be mailed the second week in March.

Those wishing to receive an invitation to attend this year's show and sale are asked to contact the Haley Library and History Center at 682-5785.

Saturday

✓ Organ crawl

SAN ANGELO — The West Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will go on an "Organ Crawl to San Angelo" Saturday.

An organ crawl is a tour of churches featuring their pipe organs. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 3 South Randolph on the Courthouse Square, and continue with First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church and First United Church in San Angelo. All of the churches are within a four block area.

Those interested in car pooling from Midland are asked to meet in the parking lot of Midland's first Presbyterian Church, Texas Avenue at A Street, at 8 a.m. Saturday. All are invited. For more information call Jack Martin, (915) 345-2686.

The American Guild of Organists is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields.

✓ Radio broadcast

Modest Mussorgsky's "Khovanshchina" receives it's first Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcast in more than ten years on March 13 at 12:30 p.m., Central Time, over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network.

The opera will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, and will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

✓ Storytelling event

West Texas Storytelling Guild presents A Concert of Irish Tales told by Annalon Gilbreath March 15 at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Book Store, 2617 W. Loop 250 North.

The public, children with a parent or guardian and anyone interested in preserving the art of storytelling are welcome. For further information, call 699-7820.

✓ Coe to perform

David Allan Coe plays at The Ranch March 18. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Through the years Coe has racked up a string of hits starting with the 1974 classic from his friend, Steve Goodman, the song every juke box must have, "You Never Even Called Me By My Name," to the haunting No. 1 hit, "The Ride," released in the 1980s. As an actor, Coe has been in

such movies as "Stagecoach," "The Last Days of Frank and Jesse James," "Lady Gray," "The Living Legend" and "Buckstone County Prison."

Reserved seating is available at The Ranch. Advance tickets may be purchased at Endless Horizons in Odessa and Lusk's Western Wear, Midland and Odessa. For more information call 682-5911.

✓ Vocal quartet

The Brothers Four vocal quartet comes to Midland March 15 bringing baby boomers memories of recordings and college concerts of the 1960s. New subscribers to the 1999-2000 Community Concerts season get free admission to the concert.

With season ticket sales for the new season underway, CC is offering new subscribers six concerts for the price of five.

The Brothers Four have been singing a special blend of pop and folk tunes on college campuses, in the White House and around the world since the early 1960s. Some of their hits include "Greenfields," "Yellow Bird," "Try to remember" and "Across the Wide Missouri." Texans and others who remember the film "Remember the Alamo" will recall "The Green Leaves of Summer," which was nominated for an Academy Award.

Tickets for the 1999-2000 CC season may be purchased by calling 620-0033 as well as at the door March 15. The "Season of the Century" features five musical ensembles whose styles range from New Orleans jazz to Celtic song and dance to classics with a young person's twist. All concerts will be held in Midland High School Auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

✓ Awards viewing

ACT IX and Midland Community Theatre are hosting a gala viewing of the Academy Awards March 21 in Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

The event includes cocktails and a 6:30 p.m. buffet. Reservations are requested by March 16. Admission with a reserved place is \$20. Admission at the door is \$25. For reservations call 682-2544.

✓ Performance set

Greg Piccolo and Heavy Juice are scheduled to perform at 9:30 p.m. April 8 at The Press Box, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

In the studio, Piccolo worked on Vancouver sessions with Canadian pop star Colin James for his new Warner release "Little Big band II" and in Memphis on Jimmie Vaughan's new release, "Out There."

Piccolo's latest recording is Red Lights on the Fantasy label.

✓ Concert planned

Experience one of music's greatest and most glorious choral testaments, written by J.S. Bach in celebration of Holy Week and first performed on Good Friday, April 15, 1792.

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The orchestra will combine with the chorale, soloists, the TCU Renaissance Consort and the MOSC Children's Choir for this work being presented at 8 p.m. March 20 in the Bonham Junior High School auditorium, Odessa.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 563-0921, or they will be available at the door. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for students with music students admitted free. Group rates are available.

Concert sponsors include Huntsman, Ruth Ann Edney, Mr. and Mrs. David Morrow, Mrs. Margaret L. Peer and the Odessa Cultural Council for the Arts and Humanities.

✓ Concert in Odessa

ODESSA — Clay Walker live in concert with special guest Robert Earl Keen will be at the Ector County Coliseum 7 p.m. March 11. Ticket are on sale at all central ticket locations: Endless Horizons, CD Warehouse, Sound Design and Dan's Music and Video. Tickets are \$19.50 plus service charge.

✓ Jazz event

The West Texas Jazz Society will present Collaboration, The WTJS West Texas Jazz Party, by combining the 33rd Annual Jazz Party and the 18th Annual Midland Jazz Classic. The event is set for 8 p.m.-midnight May 20-22 at the Midland Hilton.

Invited musicians on piano are Johnny Varro and Ralph Sutton; bass, Lybb Seaton and Kater Betts; drums, Joe Ascione and Jake Hanna; guitar, Bucky Pizzarelli; cornet/trumpet, Ed Polcer and Randy Sandke; reeds, Harry Allen, Jim Galloway and Ken Peplowski; trombone, Bill Watrous and Dan Barrett; and vocals, Rebecca Kilgore.

Reserved patron seating for WTJS members, \$150/seat and non-members, \$175/seat. Please mail checks to The West Texas Jazz Society, 6417 Desoto, Odessa, 79762, or call 800-458-2878 for more information. For room reservations contact the Midland Hilton, (800) 722-6131.

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SERVING WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO

DOE announces new programs to cut costs

■ Three cost-saving proposals were announced to help aid U.S. oil producers during tough times.

Erica Garibay
Staff Writer

U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced this week a series of programs designed to help U.S. oil producers.

These plans include a pilot program to utilize oil field equipment through field demonstrations, as well as re-fill the strategic petroleum reserve. Prolonging endangered oil fields and providing federal funding for small, independent oil operators were also announced this week.

One program that could have an impact upon Permian Basin producers is an intensive 18-month effort to bring together oil producers and electric power companies in a program to offer utility financing for energy efficient oil production equipment. The goal is to offer oil field operators the same energy and cost savings benefits that homeowners receive through their local utilities.

News of the DOE cost savings program for oilfield electrical equipment comes on the heels of announcements of cost-savings programs last week by Cap Rock and TU Electric.

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New DOE proposals could have a marginal benefit on oil production in the Permian Basin, keeping wells such as this tired unit near Big Spring on pump. One proposal is for credits on energy saving electrical equipment.



The Permian Basin Rig Count continues to drop.

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Tax break approved

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee which passed earlier this week will give oil and gas operators a \$45 million temporary tax break.

The panel sent the bill to the full House, where a close vote was expected, said committee chairman Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville.

"I don't think this is going to be a slam dunk," he said.

The bill — declared an emergency by Gov. George W. Bush — would temporarily exempt small oil producing wells from the state's severance tax when the price for crude oil falls below \$15 per barrel. Natural gas producers would be exempt when prices fall below \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet. The Senate passed an identical bill last month.

The measure passed unanimously in the House committee with one member, Rep. Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas, abstaining. "This does not fix the problem," she said.

The current severance tax on oil is 4.6 percent of the value at the wellhead and 7.5 percent on natural gas. The exemption — for wells producing 15 barrels or less per day — is expected to cover about 80 percent of the wells in Texas. If approved, the exemption would apply retroactively from Feb. 1 until the end of the current budget year, Aug. 31.

The bill stalled in committee last week when Oliveira said it didn't have the support of the two-thirds of House members necessary to go into effect immediately.

Oil producers have said they need the measure because of slumping oil prices. Many claim it costs them more to pump fuel than they earn from the small wells.

Patterson suffers loss

SNYDER, Texas — Patterson Energy, Inc. has reported a net loss of \$6.05 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 1998 compared to net income of \$8.4 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share for the comparable period in 1997.

Earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (EBITDA) were \$2.4 million for the fourth quarter 1998 compared to \$18.6 million for the fourth quarter 1997. Included in this fourth quarter net loss was a \$2.7 million (\$.06 per diluted share tax affected at 34%) writedown of the Company's oil and natural gas properties. This writedown was caused by the low commodity prices that were received for the majority of 1998. Operating revenues for the fourth quarter of 1998 were \$32.4 million, a decrease of 47% from the comparative period of 1997. Rig utilization was 33% for the quarter as compared to 87% rig utilization for the fourth quarter of 1997.

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DEALING WITH THE OIL CRASH



Rigs such as this one in the Otis Chalk field were a common sight. With rig counts down, the Executive Oil Conference will be looking at strategies for tough times.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Rhetoric gets turned up in oil debate

The push to sue foreign producers for unfair trade practices is turning the light of rhetoric on more issues than just dumping and unfair trade.

Tongues have been unleashed. Desperate people are saying things publicly that they might not have said in better times. There is no longer fear of offending politicians and being out of favor within certain political circles. Issues, previously confined to polite conversation, are now broached publicly as white hot rhetoric.

One of the issues that is the subject of not so gentle rhetoric is the role of the federal government in setting world oil prices. There has been an



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low and enhance the market share of foreign producers.

"Anybody who thinks the federal

government is above destroying its own oil industry for political objectives, has never read the book Victory," said Dwayne Taylor at the Hobbs Rally. "It is a matter of record. They confessed it. To bring down the Soviet Union, they were willing to bankrupt thousands of oil companies, and wreck the economies of Texas and New Mexico."

Said Mike Cantrell at a Midland rally last week: "We were betrayed in the 1980s by our own government. The question is are they doing it again." Cantrell told President Clinton at a meeting at Jackson Hole, Wyoming

that if the federal government was encouraging and supporting dumping and unfair trade practices that could destroy the domestic oil industry, it was tantamount to treason. He said lawyers had not totally eliminated the possibility of suing the federal government for such action. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, is reported to have told officials in Venezuela that the Clinton administration is opposed to a floor price for oil — that they wanted it to float and find its own level, presumably even if it means destroying the domestic oil industry.

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Conference to offer producers strategies for very tough times

By Paul Wiesman
Special to the Oil Report

Sponsors of the 1999 Executive Oil Conference say it will provide an excellent opportunity for the industry to compare notes in the wake of the worse oil price crash in the history of domestic petroleum.

"The Permian Basin has borne the brunt of the consequence of the oil price drop," said Dale Brown, president of Petroleum Strategies, Inc. (PSI). "Now, we need to get together and see what our best response should be."

PSI is one of the founders of the fifth annual Executive Oil Conference, to be held April 15-16 in Midland. Other Conference sponsors include The Oil and Gas Asset Clearinghouse Inc., the Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA), Norwest/Well Fargo Bank and the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO).

Brown says one of the best tough-times strategies is to rationalize assets by concentrating on one geographic area or focusing on fewer properties with larger ownership interests. If a producer has accumulated an inappropriately diverse portfolio, either by acquisition or by drilling their own prospects in the past, he suggested that it would now be a good time to get more focused and thereby more efficient.

That is surprisingly possible, even in these times. PSI, whose business is to act as an intermediary for tax-deferral for sellers of properties, reported a record year in 1998, showing that there were plenty of active buyers for properties.

Kenneth R. Olive Jr., President and CEO of The Oil and Gas Asset Clearinghouse and a scheduled conference speaker, reported that his company also had a record year in 1998, auctioning \$150 million in assets. Olive's view of a strategy for tough times is similar to Brown's. "Other than cutting overhead, the most obvious strategy, to us, would be to take a serious look at your portfolio and identify your core assets. Then you need to identify the best way to monetize assets that are not core," said Olive.

Properties with high lifting costs would be a good target, according to Olive. "If you're looking at your high-lifting-cost oil properties now and wishing you'd sold them a year ago, when the price was better," said Olive, "look at your high cost gas properties, and prune that part of your portfolio now, while you can get a good price."

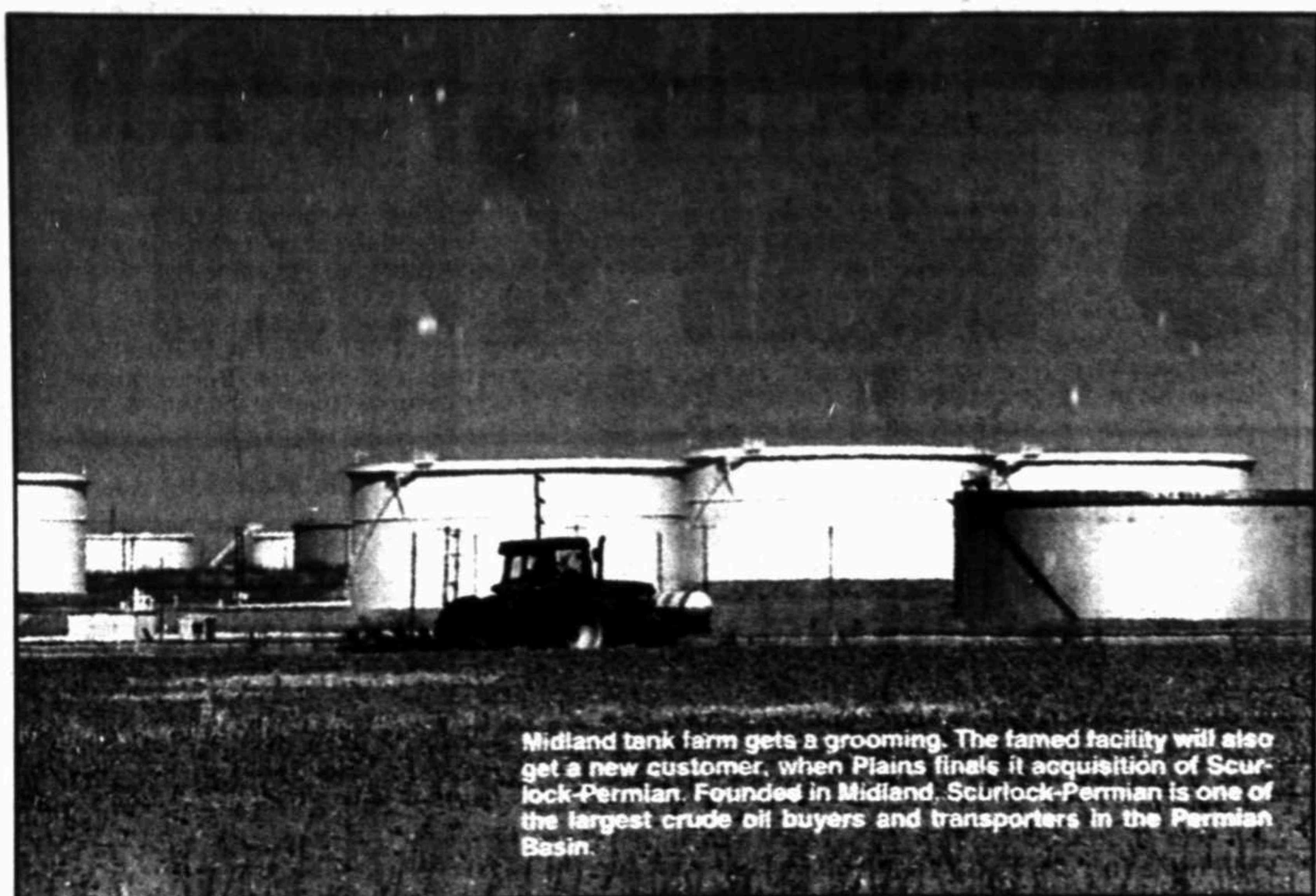
Who would want properties with high lifting costs? Smaller companies with more control on expenses. "One man's trash is another man's treasure," he said.

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Midland tank farm gets a grooming. The famed facility will also get a new customer, when Plains finalizes its acquisition of Scurlock-Permian. Founded in Midland, Scurlock-Permian is one of the largest crude oil buyers and transporters in the Permian Basin.

PITTS: Getting more vocal on issues

Another issue that receiving a public tongue lashing is control of America's petroleum infrastructure by foreign oil companies. Both Venezuela and Saudi Arabia have a large interest in U.S. downstream operations.

Denise Bode, Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner, pointed out: "Of the oil storage in Oklahoma, 45 percent of it is stored at Cushing. Now that BP and Amoco have merged, that storage is owned by a foreign producer. BP has now said they may not allow others to use the facility." Bode said foreign producers should not be allowed to gain control of the U.S. petroleum infrastructure.

The argument over national security is also becoming more passionate.

Said Bode: "The IPAA evoked 232 of the Fair Trade Act, which compelled the president to look at foreign oil imports as a threat to national security. He looked at it, made the proclamation that imports were indeed a threat to national security. Then, chose to do nothing. At the same time, he used the national security finding as motivation for bombing Iraq."

Bode said she didn't want her son in the Middle

East bombing Saddam, when the U.S. was importing a quarter of his oil. "We should embargo Iraqi oil. We should not import one drop." She said those in the oil industry needed to get outraged at what was going on. "We cannot allow this industry to go quietly. We cannot sit quietly."

Said Cantrell: "We have tried to sell the national security argument to the American people, but they won't buy it. The moment we set a half-million 19 year old American boys down in the desert, and showed the world we could and would defend Middle East oil, we destroyed the argument for national security."

Politicians that do not make a determination to support an anti-trust action should be held accountable. Midland oilman Frank Cahoon told the 100 plus, meeting at the petroleum club. "In doing so they have made the determination that a domestic oil industry is not essential."

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

PROGRAM: New plans to aid U.S. oil producers

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"Every penny saved is a step in the right direction," Richardson said. "The added energy security that comes from keeping domestic fields operating and the environmental benefit of reducing pollution comes from electricity generation," he added.

Richardson also plans to partially re-fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) with federal royalty oil from production in the Central Gulf of Mexico. The initiative is specifically designed to

replace approximately 28 million barrels of oil.

"We are taking advantage of today's low oil prices to re-build our strategic oil reserves," Richardson said.

Senator Jeff Bingham (D-NM) said, "I'm very pleased the Administration has taken this critical step. With oil prices at an all-time low, now is the time to strengthen our national energy security by replacing the oil we've drained from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve." "Failure to do so would have been a mistake," he commented.

A third program is an effort to provide federal funding specifically to small, independent oil operators who are facing producing problems.

The program will focus on solving specific production problems from characterizing the reservoir to managing production and environmental compliance.

Richardson said these programs are being developed along with his Emergency Oil Task Force. The force was established to examine different ways the federal government might react to the effects of low oil prices on domestic production.

SPECIAL: Conference speakers to share new ideas to improve oil crisis

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Olive noted that auctions such as those offered by his company, make the jobs of buyers and sellers easier. "Everyone likes the cash and carry aspect of an auction," he said, adding that negotiating for a property can take months.

Usually, the Clearinghouse auctions properties in conjunction with the Executive Oil Conference. Olive said this year's auction has been cancelled because there were not enough properties for sale "to create the good synergy necessary for an auction environment."

Morris Burns of the PBPA hopes the conference will stir up the creative juices in the Oil Patch. "There are always people with new ideas" on how to be more efficient, he said. He cited new cost-cutting plans offered by TU Electric and Cap Rock Electric as helpful moves in tough times.

Burns held out hope for a price surge soon. He said the lower prices have contributed to a greater-than-normal production decline curve, while those same low prices are helping boost demand by healing some of the damaged economies in the Far East.

The PBPA is an independent trade association for oil and gas producers. They disseminate information through a monthly newsletter and they lobby the Texas Legislature for oil-related legislation.

Wayne Merritt, president of conference sponsor Norwest/Wells Fargo Bank, cautioned against a mentality of simply cutting costs. "You can't shrink your way to success—you must find a way to grow your revenue," he declared. He hopes the conference will help bring solutions to the issues by revealing that everyone in the industry is not panicking. While lower prices make it more of a challenge for many to repay debt, Merritt has not seen an increase in foreclosures.

Norwest locally is an outgrowth of the combination of Midland National Bank and Texas National Bank. Norwest bought Wells Fargo in October of 1998, and Merritt noted that local branches will assume the Wells Fargo name sometime this fall.

The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) is the conference's newest sponsor. TIPRO's executive vice president, Scott Anderson, appreciates forums like the Exec-

utive Oil Conference because of the opportunity to share ideas. "About 12 years ago, during the last bust, our organization sponsored a conference called '101 Survival Tactics.' That was one of the most popular things we ever did. You take people with a lot of experience and give them a subject like that (Strategies for Tough Times) and you're going to see some positive things emerge."

Brown said the topic for this year's Executive Oil Conference could not be more appropriate and he is expecting an even larger turnout. "Survival strategy is on everyone's mind in these tough times."



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Plains acquires Scurlock Permian

By Staff

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. has signed a memorandum of understanding to acquire Scurlock Permian LLC from Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC. Scurlock Permian is one of the largest buyers, transporters and marketers of crude oil in the Permian Basin.

The memorandum of understanding contemplates the completion of business and financial due diligence by Plains All American. Upon satisfactory completion of same, the parties intend to enter into definitive agreements

with closing of the transaction being subject to regulatory review and approval, consents from third parties, and customary due diligence. Subject to the satisfaction of the foregoing conditions, the transaction is expected to close in the second quarter 1999. Specific terms of the planned transaction were not disclosed.

Scurlock Permian LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, is engaged in crude oil transportation, trading and marketing in an area reaching from the Rocky Mountains through the Gulf Coast. Based in Houston, the company is

one of the largest independent gatherers and marketers of crude oil in the United States, operating in 14 states with more than 2,400 miles of active pipelines, numerous storage terminals and a fleet of more than 225 trucks.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. is engaged in interstate and intrastate crude oil transportation, terminaling and storage, as well as crude oil gathering and marketing activities, primarily in California, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Plains All American Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Plains Resources Inc.

Plains acquires field for \$7.7 million

HOUSTON — Plains Resources Inc. has completed the acquisition of the Mt. Poso Field from Aera Energy LLC for approximately \$7.7 million. The company said it reached an agreement to acquire the field in 1998 and has already integrated the property into its 1999 exploitation program.

The field is located approximately 27 miles north of Bakersfield, California, in Kern County. Since its discovery in 1926, the Mt. Poso Field has produced approximately 200 million barrels of oil with approximately 90% of such production originating from the Vedder formation. Company estimates of original oil in place range from 450 million to 500 million barrels. Daily oil production peaked at approximately 23,000 barrels per day in 1983. The field is currently producing 1,200 barrels of oil per day of 15-17 degree API gravity crude. Approximately 500 barrels per day is associated with the Vedder zone at a depth of 1,800 feet. The remaining daily production is associated with the Pyramid Hills formation at a depth of 1,500 feet.

William C. Egg, Plains' Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, said the company's exploitation program targets reducing unit expenses by approximately 30% and aggressively exploiting the Pyramid Hills zone. Egg stated that most of the current production from the Vedder zone was expected to cease within a year and the company's principal exploitation focus will be directed to the Pyramid Hills zone. Exploitation activities are forecast to include recompletions of existing wells and drilling up to 200 additional wells within the field. Company estimates of original oil in place in the Pyramid Hills formation range from 100 million up to 180 million barrels. Cumulative production from the Pyramid Hills zone is approximately three million barrels and the current production rate is 700 barrels of oil per day.

The company estimates that as a result of the acquisition and its planned exploitation activities, the Mt. Poso Field could add approximately eight million barrels

of reserves to the company's proved reserve base. Plains will own a 100% working interest and an 85% net revenue interest in the field.

Except for historical information contained herein, the statements in this news release are forward-looking statements that involve certain assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially based upon numerous factors including, among other things, market conditions, exploitation and development risks, drilling and operational hazards, governmental regulations, uncertainties inherent in estimating oil and natural gas reserves and other factors discussed in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Plains Resources is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, acquisition, development and exploitation of crude oil and natural gas. The company is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Santa Fe signs Thailand Concession

HOUSTON — Santa Fe Energy Resources has signed a Petroleum Concession Agreement with the Thailand Ministry of Industry for Offshore Gulf of Thailand Block B7/38. The block is located approximately 200 miles south-southwest of Bangkok and contains 9,238 square kilometers (approximately 2.3 million acres). Water depths on the block range from the coastline to 150 feet.

Santa Fe Energy Resources (Thailand), a wholly owned subsidiary of Santa Fe Energy Resources is operator of the block and holds 100% of the working interest. The company has committed to an initial

three-year work program totaling approximately \$9 million that includes the reprocessing of existing seismic data, the acquisition of a 3-D seismic program and the drilling of one well. Initial evaluation of the block identified several oil leads.

"Santa Fe Energy Resources has made a strong commitment to expand our upstream activity in Asia and we are particularly pleased about our first venture into Thailand. Thailand's exploration and production opportunities complement our already successful programs in Indonesia and China as well as our Malaysia block signed in 1998."

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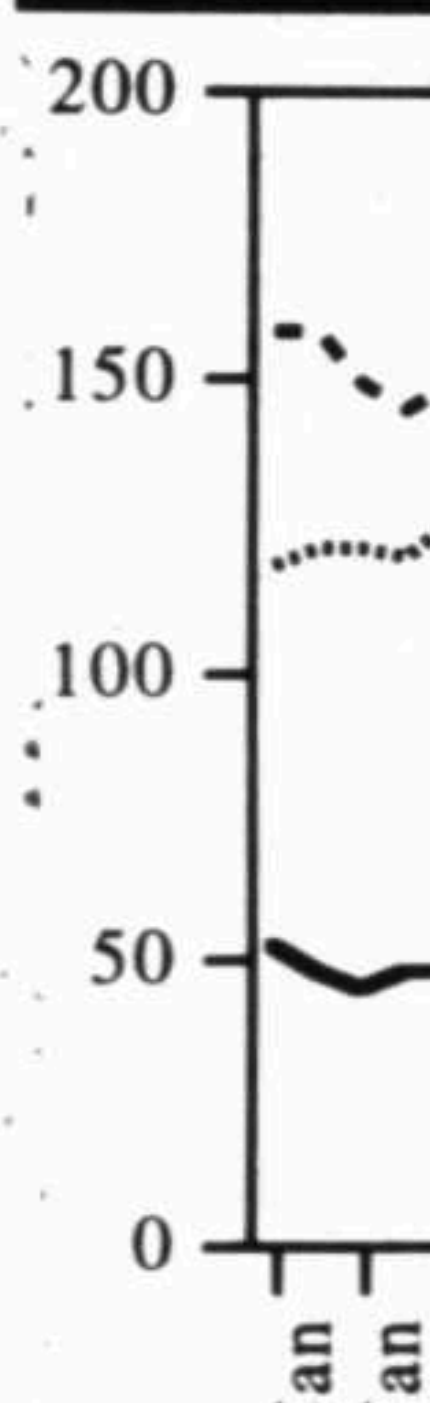
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WASHINGTON — Venezuela has a production to below 2.9 million barrels a day and soon will drop to levels as low as 2 million barrels a day, members of the Petroleum Exporters Association said. Ali Rodriguez, Venezuela's energy minister, said the country will implement the cut of 525,000 barrels a day to take the production down to 2.9 million barrels a day.

"In March, we have complied with the demand," Rodriguez said, addressing reporters at the University of Southern California's International Studies Center.

Venezuela joins Saudi Arabia and head three rounds a bid to boost production. Prices still are low and some more cuts are needed, Rodriguez said. Members of OPEC will be made on the OPEC meeting on March 23, he said.

Last week, Venezuelan crude oil products rose \$8.42 a barrel from \$28.42 a barrel in production averaging 2.9 million barrels a day in January, according to Bloomberg. Venezuela is the OPEC producer from Iran.

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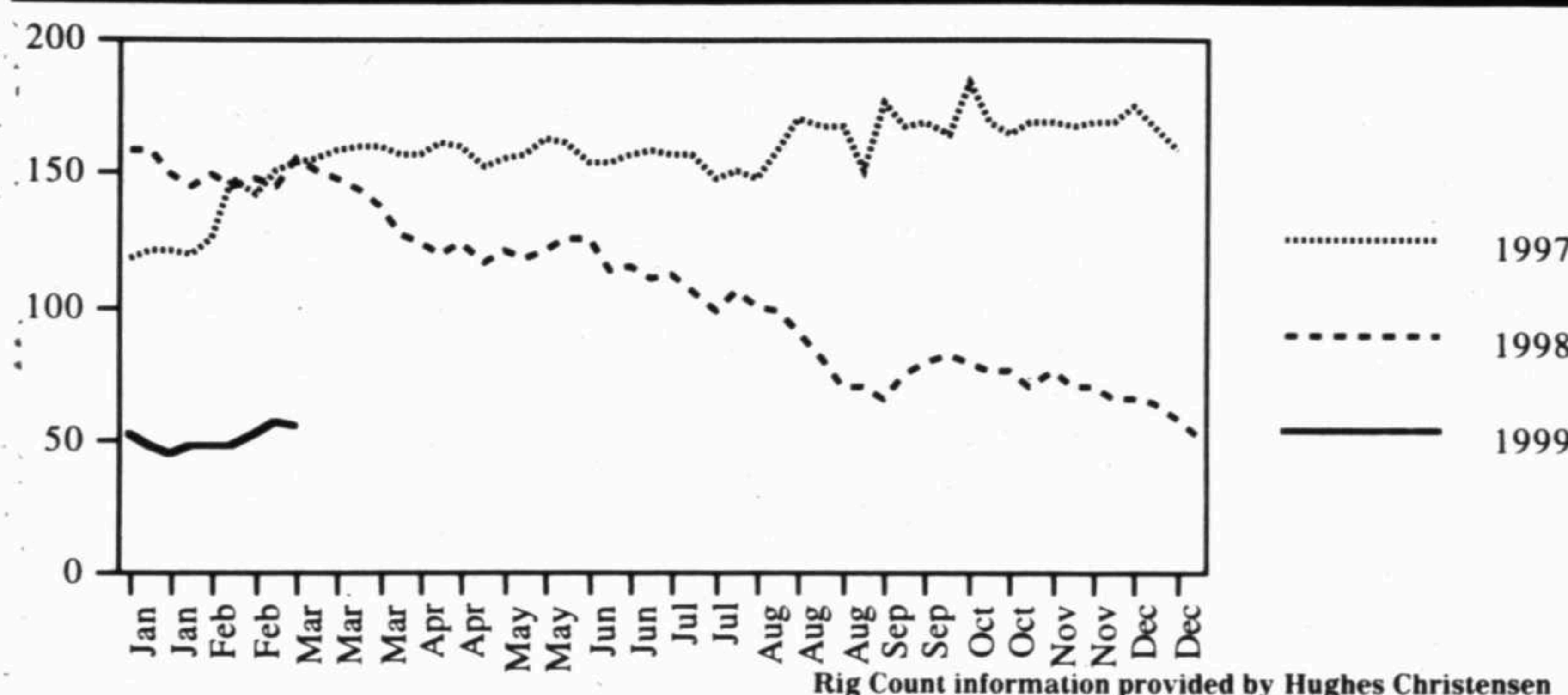
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Venezuela cuts production

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Venezuela has cut its oil production to below 2.9 million barrels a day and soon will bring its output down to levels agreed to with other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said Ali Rodriguez, the country's energy and mines minister.

Venezuela agreed a month ago to implement the last phase of its cut of 525,000 barrels a day that will take the country's daily production down to 2.845 million barrels.

"In March, we will basically have complied with that commitment," Rodriguez said while addressing reporters, officials and professors at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

Venezuela joined last year with Saudi Arabia and Mexico to spearhead three rounds of output cuts in a bid to boost prices from 12-year lows. Prices still are close to their lows and some producers say more cuts are needed.

Members of OPEC are trying to see whether further cuts are needed, Rodriguez said. "Decisions will be made on the matter," at an OPEC meeting that starts March 23, he said.

Last week, the average of Venezuelan crude oil and petroleum products rose 8.5 percent to \$8.42 a barrel from \$7.76. With production averaging 2.97 million barrels a day in January, according to Bloomberg estimates, Venezuela is the third-largest OPEC producer after Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Rodriguez, the energy and mines minister, also said Venezuela's new government wants to change the constitution to allow private investors to take part in natural gas exploration and production.

Oil and gas are the top source of export earnings for Venezuela, which is grappling with a \$9 billion budget deficit and an economy hobbled by low fuel prices.

"Right now, we are using all of our oil revenue to pay the national debt," Rodriguez said. "We have no income to distribute."

That means Venezuela must become more "productive," he said, and the country is seeking to maximize its natural gas production potential by opening up the industry to more private investment. The government will try to make this investment, now constitutionally barred, possible during the overhaul of the country's constitution. "We have no doubt that by the end of this year we will have a new constitution," he said.

Venezuelan law already allows private investment in the transportation and storage of natural gas, Rodriguez said.

A Bloomberg survey showed that OPEC adherence to existing cuts in January was only 74.1 percent, down from 78.3 percent in December, and well below the peak of 94.5 percent achieved in October. OPEC members — excluding Iraq — have pledged cuts of 2.6 million barrels a day. Last month, they only cut out by 1.92 million barrels a day.

OPEC production from all 11 members totaled 27.43 million barrels a day in January, up from a revised 27.33 million barrels a day in December, the survey of producers, oil companies and analysts showed. Not counting Iraq, OPEC produced 25.06 million barrels a day in January. Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez said last month he plans to create two separate and independent companies to develop the country's natural gas and petrochemical resources. The two companies will be known as PDV-Quimica and PDV-Gas, and will be fully independent of state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA.

Under Chavez's plan, existing state petrochemical company Pequiven SA will be folded into PDV-Quimica. The government plans to go forward with the sale of 49 percent of the shares in Pequiven, Rodriguez said.

Venezuela has made the development of its natural gas reserves, the largest in Latin America, a priority. Venezuela expects to invest \$5 billion over the next 10 years to boost natural gas production to 11 billion cubic feet a day, from its current 5.7 billion.

Oil internet directory updated

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Entering its fourth year of publication, the directory, "Oil and Gas on the Internet" has been updated during February 1999 and now includes 2,309 sites for oil and gas personnel.

Industry personnel are finding the directory a valuable addition to their desktops. Frances Brown at Shell's E&P Knowledge Center called it "... a relevant, updated, indexed resource to Internet sites for the oil and gas industry." Tim Woodall of British Gas Technology in England summed it up by saying, "Oil and Gas on the Internet" is the premier collection of energy resources on the web.

"Oil and Gas on the Internet - First Quarter 1999" contains 2,309 website listings for oil and gas personnel. Seventeen chapters with abstracts of all sites listed and an extensive index provide for easy site retrieval. Each hard copy directory comes with a disk containing all 2,309 sites in a "hotlist," or bookmark file, so that online users may quickly go directly to the website they need without "surfing" the Internet.

Personnel using this resource have immediate access to the websites of 635 oil and gas companies, 690 companies supporting this industry, 220

industry associations, 117 industry journals, 37 sources for pricing information, 118 databases for industry information and 492 more valuable oil and gas sites.

Since its first release more than three years ago, Internet users from Altura, Amerada Hess, Amoco, Aramco, Arco, Ashland, Baker Hughes, British Gas, Brown & Root, Cabot Oil & Gas, Chase Securities, Chevron, Coastal, Conoco, Dow Chemical, Enron, Equilon, Ernst & Young, Exxon, Geo Services, Halliburton, Kvaerner, Marathon, McDermott, Mobil, Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, NationsBank, Noble Drilling, Ocean Energy, Phillips, Qatar General Petroleum, SABIC Americas, Shell, Sonat, Tesoro, Unocal, Veba OEL, Western Atlas, Wood Mackenzie and members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists among others have utilized this directory to find information on the Internet faster and more efficiently.

The directory makes the Internet easier to search, even for those without extensive experience. George Laux, a Houston landman responded, "Just to let you know that this software is very easy to use and makes it easy to connect to the websites listed. If I could get in the first time anyone could do it!"

Conoco: More than one pipeline needed in Caspian Sea area

WASHINGTON (PRNewswire) — A Conoco executive told a Senate subcommittee that maximum economic energy development of the Caspian Sea region will require an approach using more than one specific pipeline route.

J. Michael Stinson, senior vice president for government affairs, corporate strategy and communications, said everyone's main goal should be to try to foster overall growth and stability in the region. Stinson testified before the Senate subcommittee on international economic policy.

"Economic growth will require a favorable investment climate established through a satisfactory legal framework and tax reforms," Stinson said. "In today's energy price environment, it may be appropriate to phase in large scale investments. Conoco proposes developing pipelines in smaller, multiple phases — especially for natural gas, because gas markets tend to develop gradually. One need only look at many of the former Soviet states to see the problems that having limited outlets can cause."

Stinson warned there are also "noticeable policy restraints," like U.S. sanctions against Iran, that pose real risks to commercial companies. "At this point, it suffices to say that most energy companies operating in the East Caspian believe trading Caspian

crude through Iran could be highly competitive and probably rep-

'It is time for the United States to lead, not react. Leadership demands engagement, not isolation.'

J. Michael Stinson,
Vice President

resent the lowest capital costs." Stinson said current U.S. policy

in the Caspian region often complicates commercial arrangements. "This is not only true of sanctions on Iran, but also in the politically inspired sanctions on Azerbaijan in the form of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act," he said. "This single provision has the effect of impeding our ability to help advance national interests."

"The intersection of commercial and political interests makes it necessary for business executives to be aware of the implications of U.S. government policies, while communicating with foreign governments in order to support our corporate objectives," Stinson said. "There is much at stake (in the Caspian region) for our national and energy interests, and it is time for the United States to lead, not react. Leadership demands engagement, not isolation."

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Glasscock County

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Wildcat-D; T&P RR Co./L.C. Fagan Sur, A-1202, Blk 34, TSS, Sec 18; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 5 miles NE of St. Lawrence; obj: 11000; permit #482706; API #42-173-30891

Pecos County

Geonatural Resources

Geo-Marathon 17 #1701

Wildcat-D; UI Sur, Blk 26, Sec 17; 151 FSL 1182 FSL of lse; 151 FSL 1182 FSL of survey; 14 miles W of Girgin; obj: 5500; permit #482884; API #42-371-36896

Ward County

Abraxas Petroleum

University 16-30 #1

Wildcat-D; UL Sur, Blk 16, Sec 30; 467 FSEL 751 FWL of

lse; 467 FSEL 751 FWL of survey; 4 miles SSE of Pyote; obj: 7000; permit #482628; API #42-475-34589

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Gaines County

Arco Permian

Taylor #167 #1

Wildcat- WT RR Ry Co. Sur, Blk G, Sec 167; 152 FNL 616 FWL; 5 miles N of Seminole; EL 3325 GL; TD 5800, pBTD

5590; production is through treated perfs 5530-5543; IPP 37 BOPD, 31 MCFD; permit #481023; API #42-165-35380

Hockley County

Maynard Oil Co

Dillon Caddell #1

Wildcat; Concho CSL, Lge 34, Lab 17; 1343 FNL 881 FSL; 4 miles E-NE of Sundown; EL 3523 GL; TD 9826; production is through perfs 9803-9826; IPP 114 BOPD; permit #480704; API #42-219-364556

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

TEXAS RRCD 7C

Regan County

Pioneer Natural Res.

Spraberry Driver Unit #2324 A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L&SV RR Co. Sur, A-307, Blk C, Sec 1; 660 FSL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FSL of survey; 14 miles NW of Stiles; obj: 8602; permit #482844; API #42-383-34997

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Spraberry Driver Unit #2272A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L&SV RR Co. Sur, A-308, Blk C, Sec 3; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 14 miles NW of Stiles; obj: 8603; permit #482843; API #42-383-34996

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Spraberry Driver Unit #2271A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L&SV RR Co. Sur, A-308, Blk C, Sec 3; 660 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 14 miles NW of Stiles; obj: 8604; permit #482842; API #42-383-34995

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1695A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. Sur, A-658, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 35; 7279 FSL 12576 FSL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FSL of survey; 9 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit #482836; API #42-383-34989

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1696A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. Sur, A-658, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 35; 8624 FSL 20528 FSL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FSL of survey; obj: 8600; permit #482837; API #42-383-34990

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1922A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. Sur, A-669, Blk 37, TSS, Sec 37; 10184 FSL 15003 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 12 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8601; permit #482838; API #42-383-34991

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1934A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. Sur, A-669, Blk 37, TSS, Sec 37; 8882 FSL 12464 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; obj: 8602; permit #482839; API #42-383-34992

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1974A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co./J.C. Roberts Sur, A-403, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 40; 1980 FWL 4638 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 9 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8601; permit

#482840; API #42-383-34993

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Spraberry Driver Unit #2082A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. Sur, A-647, Blk 35, TSS, Sec 41; 660 FSL 1989 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 4 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8602; permit #482841; API #42-383-34994

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1687A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co./R. Currie Sur, A-72, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 34; 8622 FSL 28486 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 8 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit #482796; API #42-383-34986

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1688A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co./R. Currie Sur, A-72, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 34; 7279 FSL 19217 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 8 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit #482797; API #42-383-34987

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Spraberry Driver Unit #1689A

Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co./R. Currie Sur, A-72, Blk 36, TSS, Sec 34; 9942 FSL 27166 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 8 miles SW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit #482798; API #42-383-34988

Runnels County

Edco Petroleum

McNeill-Meadows #1

Wilmeth, SE (Canyon Sd)-D; GPD Clark Sur, A-1018; 330 FWL 2039 FSL of lse; 58 FSL/YWL 2039 FSL/YSL of survey; 2 miles SE of Wilmeth; obj: 3750; permit #482826; API #42-399-34635

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas

Minnie H. Mayer "C" #2

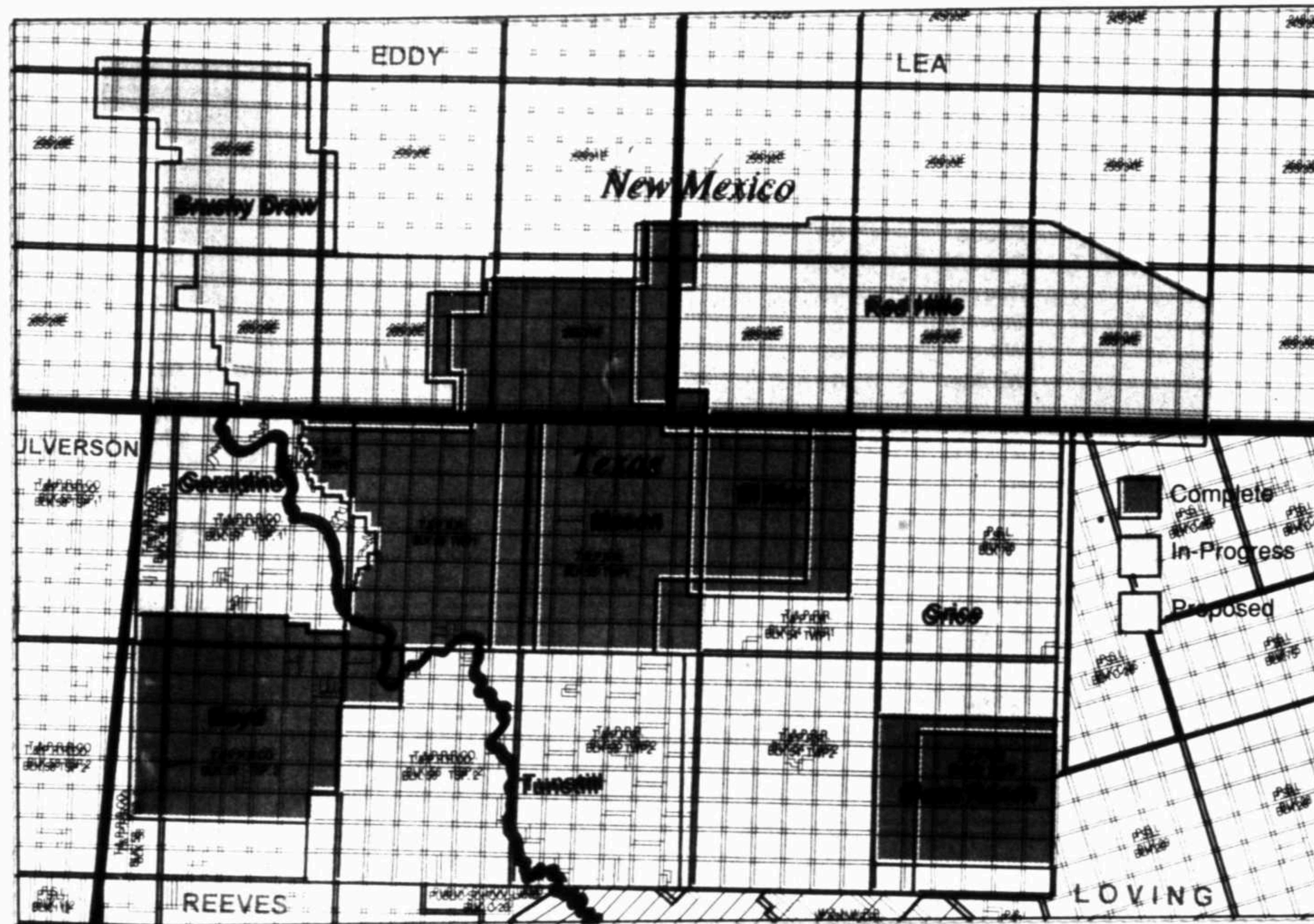
Sawyer (Canyon)-D; GC&SF RR Co. Sur, A-114, Blk D, Sec 35; 542 FSL 800 FWL of lse; 2100 FNL 800 FWL of survey; 11 miles NW of Sonora; obj: 8250; permit #482850; API #42-435-34928

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas

Mayer #37 #10

Sawyer (Canyon)-D; GC&SF RR Co. Sur, A-115, Blk D, Sec 37; 1525 FSL 403 FWL of lse; 1525 FSL 920 FWL of survey; 10 miles NW of Sonora; obj: 8500; permit #487847; API #42-435-34926

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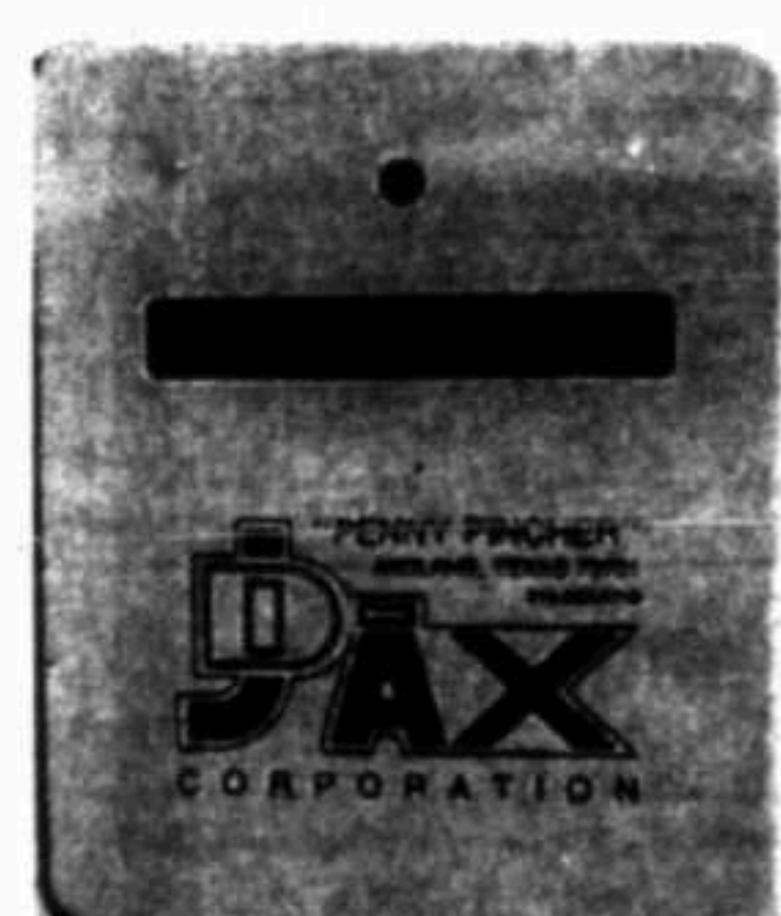
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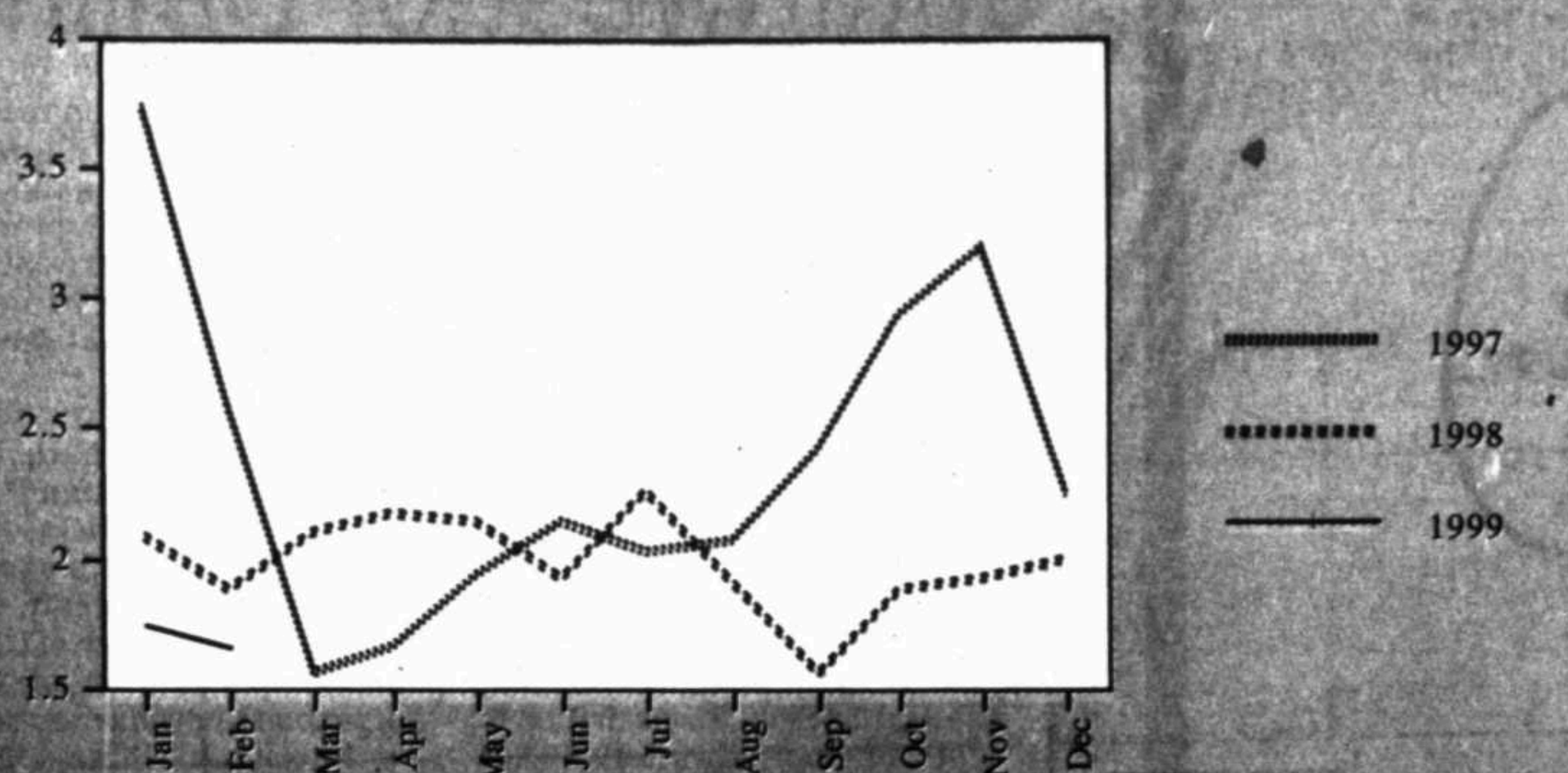
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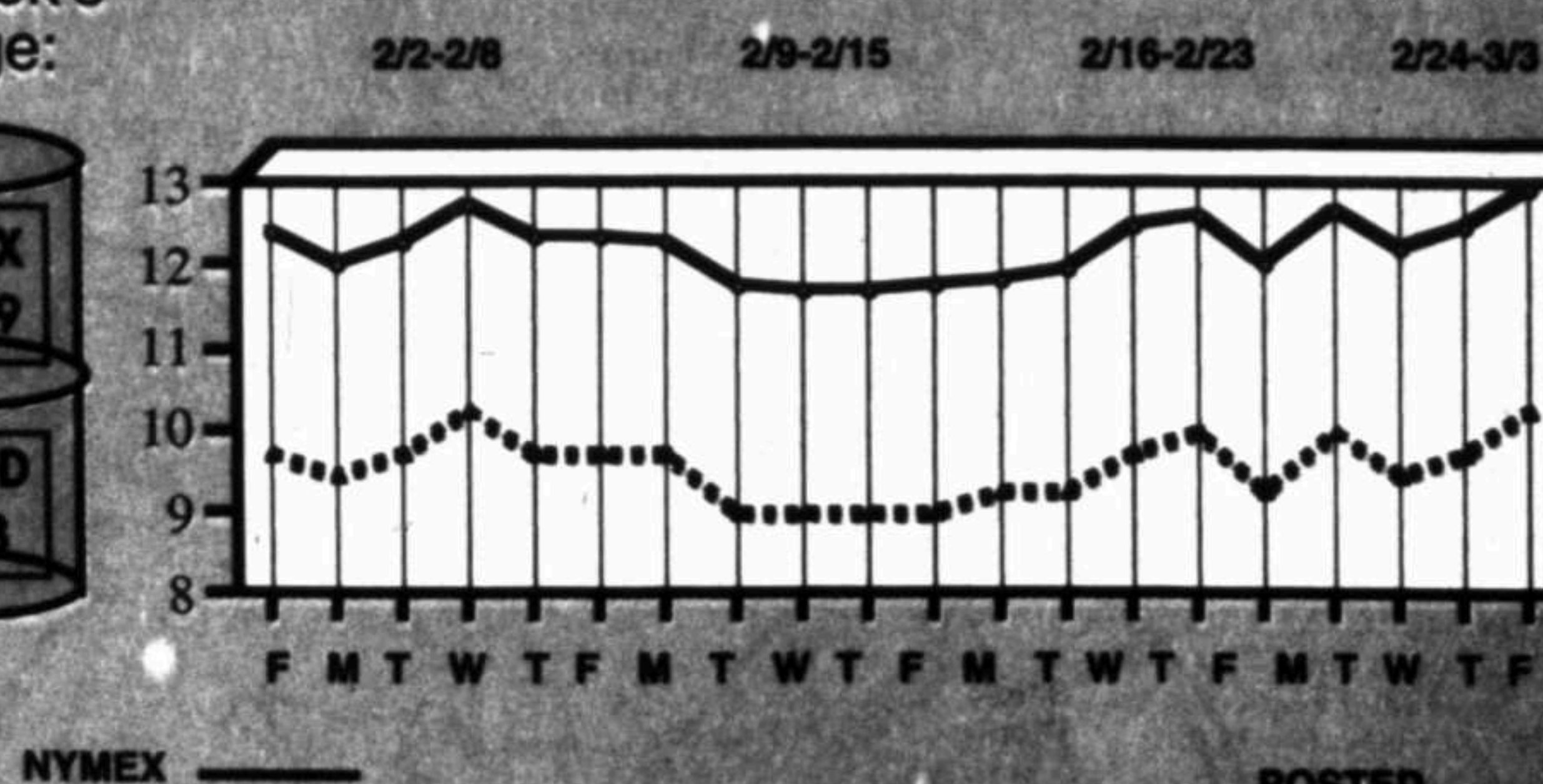
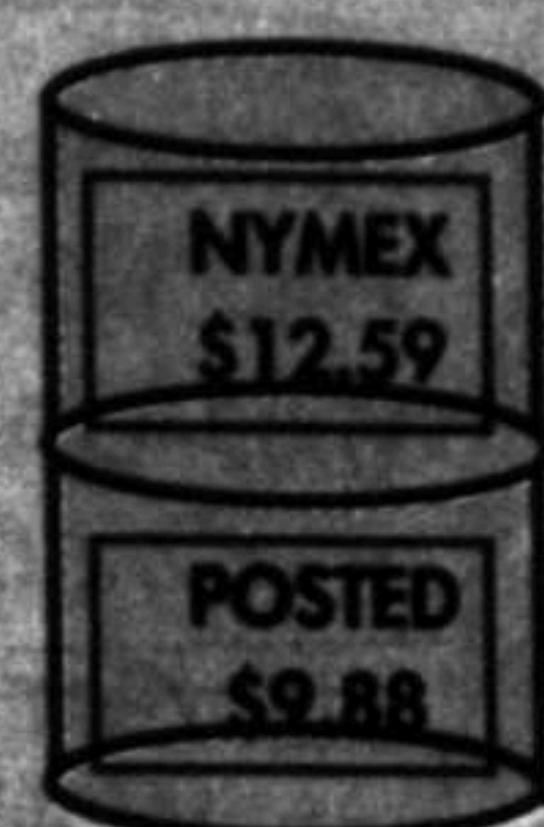
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■ Mid Continent (Arkoma) \$1.74
 ■ Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$1.78
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Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:



Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco*	N/A	Equiva	\$10.75	Navajo NMI	\$11.80
Arco	\$10.75	Exxon	12.75	Phillips*	10.75
Genesis*	10.25	Koch*	10.75	Scurlock	
Chevron	12.25	Mobil*	11.25	Permian*	10.25
E.O.T.T.	10.25	Navajo WTI	10.25	Sun*	10.75

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Upton County

RK Petroleum

McGill #1

Amacker-Tippett, SW (Wolfcamp)-re-
 enter; CCSD&RNGG Sur, A-35, Bk 3,
 Sec 49; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980
 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW
 of Rankin; obj: 10600; permit #482792;
 API #42-461-32497

TEXAS RRCD 8

Andrews County

Enron Oil & Gas

Holt #903

Venteam (Wolfcamp)-D; T&P RR Co.
 Sur, A-47, Bk 43, T1N, Sec 9; 2203
 FNL 686 FNL of lse; 2203 FNL 686
 FNL of survey; 24 miles SW of
 Andrews; obj: 8600; permit #482784;
 API #42-003-38472
Energren Resources
University 6
 Block 2 (Grayburg)-D; UL Sur, Bk 1,
 Sec 13; 1160 FNL 670 FEL of lse; 1980
 FNL 1540 FSL of survey; 14 miles SE

of Andrews; obj: 5000; permit #482774;
 API #42-003-38471
Energren Resources
University #5
 Block 2 (Grayburg)-D; UL Sur, Bk 1,
 Sec 13; 660 FNL 1135 FNL of lse; 660
 FNL 1540 FSL of survey; 14 miles SE
 of Andrews; obj: 5000; permit #482773;
 API #42-003-38470

Energren Resources
University #5
 Block 2 (Grayburg)-D; UL Sur, Bk 1,
 Sec 13; 670 FNL 660 FSL of lse; 660
 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 14 miles SE of
 Andrews; obj: 5000; permit #482771;
 API #42-003-38467

Energren Resources
University #4
 Block 2 (Grayburg)-D; UL Sur, Bk 1,
 Sec 13; 670 FNL 1160 FNL of lse; 1540
 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 14 miles SE of
 Andrews; obj: 6000; permit #482770;
 API #42-003-38468

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North McElroy Unit #4736F
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;

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North McElroy Unit #4733F
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;
 2500 FSL 4500 FEL of lse; 1950 FSL
 710 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of
 Crane; obj: 3400; permit #482817; API
 #42-103-34676

Crane County
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North McElroy Unit #4736F
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;

Glasscock County
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2500 FSL 2538 FEL of lse; 1950 FSL
 2538 FEL of survey; 4 miles NE of
 Crane; obj: 3400; permit #482820; API
 #42-103-34679

Apache Corporation
North McElroy Unit #4727F
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;
 3290 FSL 3290 FEL of lse; 2583 FNL
 2005 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of
 Crane; obj: 3400; permit #482819; API
 #42-103-34678

Apache Corporation
North McElroy Unit #4741AF
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;
 1860 FSL 5130 FEL of lse; 1240 FSL
 129 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of
 Crane; obj: 3400; permit #482818; API
 #42-103-34677

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North McElroy Unit #4733F
 McElroy-D; UL Sur, Bk 30, Sec 47;
 2500 FSL 4500 FEL of lse; 1950 FSL
 710 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of
 Crane; obj: 3400; permit #482817; API
 #42-103-34676

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Spraberry Driver Unit #834A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; H.C.
 Wraga/T&P RR Co. Sur, A-772, Bk 36,
 T5S, Sec 16; 13909 FNL 16561 FNL of
 lse; 660 FNL 1980 FNL of survey; obj:
 8600; permit #482639; API #42-173-
 32949

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Spraberry Driver Unit #454A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR
 Co./J.C. Bryans Sur, A-1251, Bk 36,
 T5S, Sec 2; 3318 FEL 7290 FNL of lse;
 1980 FNL 1980 FNL of survey; 7 miles
 NW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit
 #482805; API #42-173-32962

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #455A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR
 Co./J.C. Bryans Sur, A-1251, Bk 36,
 T5S, Sec 2; 8617 FNL 4638 FEL of lse;
 660 FNL 1980 FNL of survey; 7 miles
 NW of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit
 #482804; API #42-173-32961

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #447A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-440, Bk 36, T5S, Sec 3; 8609 FEL
 8616 FNL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FNL
 of survey; 8 miles NW of St. Lawrence;

obj: 8600; permit #482803; API #42-
 173-32960

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #291A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR
 Co./W.J. Gassaway Sur, A-908, Bk 37,
 T5S, Sec 4; 1010 FNL 6310 FNL of lse;
 1000 FNL 1000 FNL of survey; 15
 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; per-
 mit #482802; API #42-173-34162

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #1187A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-369, Bk 35, T5S, Sec 19; 3310 FEL
 7291 FNL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of
 survey; 5 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj:
 8600; permit #482800; API #42-173-
 32959

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Spraberry Driver Unit #291A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR
 Co./W.J. Gassaway Sur, A-908, Bk 37,
 T5S, Sec 4; 1010 FNL 6310 FNL of lse;
 1000 FNL 1000 FNL of survey; 15
 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; per-
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Spraberry Driver Unit #1187A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-369, Bk 35, T5S, Sec 19; 3310 FEL
 7291 FNL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of
 survey; 5 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj:
 8600; permit #482800; API #42-173-
 32959

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #1418A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-374, Bk 35, T5S, Sec 29; 3007 FSL
 5966 FEL of lse; 1984 FNL 356 FSL of
 survey; 4 miles SW of St. Lawrence;
 obj: 8600; permit #482794; API #42-
 173-32958

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #835A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR

obj: 8600; permit #482757; API #42-173-
 34160

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #608A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-442, Bk 36, T5S, Sec 7; 11594 FNL
 25155 FEL of lse; 1000 FNL 1320 FNL
 of survey; 9 miles W of St. Lawrence;
 obj: 8600; permit #482760; API #42-
 173-32957

Pioneer Natural Res. USA
Spraberry Driver Unit #312A
 Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co.
 A-546, Bk 37, T5S, Sec 3; 660 FNL
 5903 FNL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FNL of
 survey; 14 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj:
 8600; permit #482757; API #42-173-
 34160

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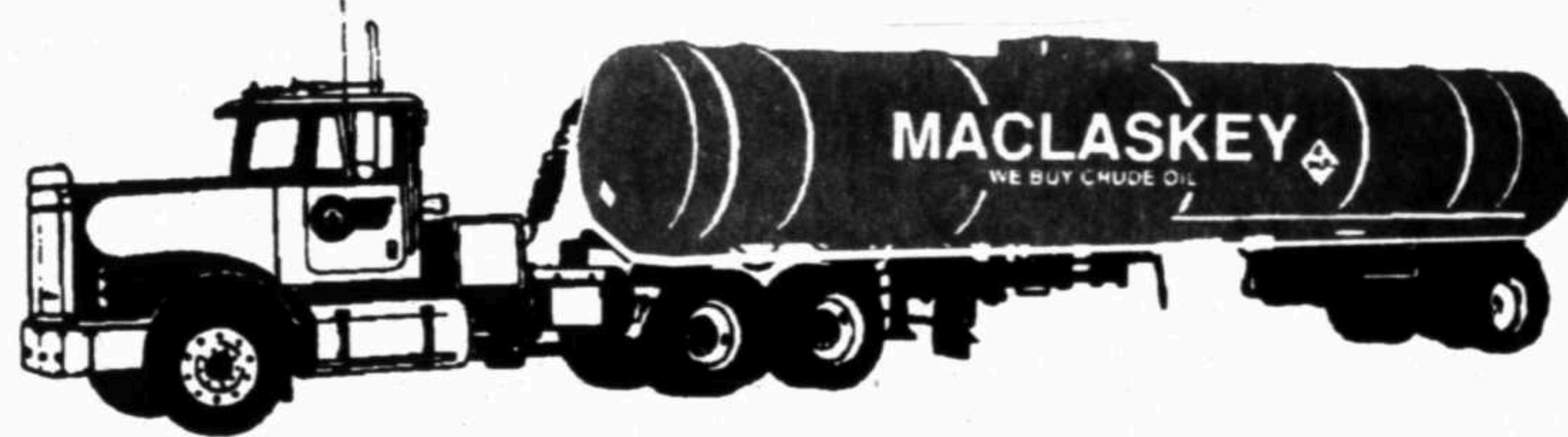
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Noble announced development of gas field in Ecuador

ARDMORE, Okla. — Noble Affiliates, Inc. has announced that its wholly owned indirect subsidiary, EDC Ecuador Limited, intends to commence the development of the Amistad gas field in the Gulf of Guayaquil, offshore Ecuador.

EDC plans to award a fabrication contract for a drilling/production platform in July of this year. Subsequent to installation of the platform early in 2000, the company plans to commence drilling the first of four directional wells in the field. The initial development plan for the field includes production facilities capable of processing 100 million cubic feet of gas per day and a 40-mile pipeline to the province of El Oro in southern Ecuador. Gross recoverable gas reserves from the portion of the field to be developed

are estimated to be approximately 345 billion cubic feet.

In accordance with the Participation Agreement, Petroecuador, the state oil company, will receive a share of the production, which varies based upon quantity of gas delivered from the field. Noble estimates its net share of reserves associated with the initial field development is approximately 290 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Overall development cost of the field, including wells, platform, production facilities and pipeline, is projected at approximately \$78 million. Completion date for field development is expected to be approximately 24 months from award of the platform fabrication contract.

Gas production from the field will be sold to a newly proposed 240 megawatt combined cycle

power plant. The power plant is proposed to be constructed in the vicinity of the coastal city of Machala and will be jointly owned by an EDC affiliate and Marathon Power Capella Limited, a wholly owned company of Marathon Power Company, Ltd., a part of the USX-Marathon Group (NYSE: MRO), a unit of USX Corporation.

It is projected that the power plant will commence generation in the third quarter of year 2001. The gas price will be linked to the price of fuel oil to ensure that the power plant will dispatch electricity at a competitive price.

Robert Kelley, Noble's chairman, president and chief executive officer said, "We believe development of the Amistad gas field in conjunction with the construction of new electrical power

generating capacity will be beneficial to local industry and the people of Ecuador. We are pleased to be involved in developing the natural resources of the country and appreciate the cooperation we have received from local, provincial and national officials."

The Amistad field was initially discovered in the early 1970s, but was not developed due to the lack of a gas market and infrastructure in Ecuador. EDC was awarded 100 percent interest in the 864,126 acre Block 3 concession in 1996. Subsequently, EDC has invested in 84 square miles of 3D seismic to delineate the field, which contains four previously drilled wells, as well as an additional 418 miles of 2D seismic to evaluate other exploration potential on the block.

Enron announces successful drilling southwest of Beijing

HOUSTON, (PRNewswire) — Enron Oil & Gas Co. has announced the successful drilling, completion and hydraulic fracturing treatment of its first natural gas well in the Bajiaochang Field of the Chuansong Block, located in China's Sichuan Province approximately 1,000 miles southwest of Beijing, China. EOG's wholly owned subsidiary Enron Oil & Gas China Ltd. operates and holds a 100 percent working interest in the Bajiaochang and three other fields in one of China's oldest producing areas.

The Jiao 58-E well was drilled to a depth of approximately 10,000 feet and encountered 120 feet of net hydrocarbon pay in the Xiang Xi 4 formation. This zone was hydraulically fractured with 537,600 pounds of high strength proppant, and following post-frac clean-up, produced at various rates with a maximum recorded rate of 10 million cubic feet per day of natural gas with a flowing tubing pressure of 1,760 pounds per square inch. The well currently is shut-in awaiting long-term production testing later this spring when the well will be connected to a local distribution system.

"Although we are still in the testing and evaluation phase, we are very pleased with our results to date," said Mark G. Papa, EOG president and chief executive officer. "Being able to successfully apply our high rate, high pressure fracturing techniques in the tight formations of the Chuansong Block is a very significant step toward an economically viable, commercial project. Our plans are to drill and fracture two more Xiang Xi wells and to workover and fracture an existing Xiang Xi well before the end of this year."

In 1997, Enron Oil & Gas China Ltd. signed a 30-year petroleum contract (PC) with the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) covering 1.8 million acres that includes the Bajiaochang, Gong, Jinhua and Yingshan fields. The initial agreement includes two years of initial testing to evaluate the economic viability of

increasing production rates from the proven fields. Following the test period, EOG has the right in the PC to file a development plan and, following approval of the plan, to produce hydrocarbons from the block for at least a 20-year period.

"The potential for increased development of natural gas reserves in the Sichuan Province is significant and EOG is honored to have been invited to participate with Sichuan Petroleum Administration, a subsidiary of CNPC, to increase production of China's indigenous hydrocarbon reserves and to satisfy China's growing market for clean burning natural gas," Papa said.

Enron Oil & Gas Company, majority owned by Enron Corp. (NYSE: ENE), is one of the largest independent (non-integrated) oil and gas companies in the United States and is the operator of substantial proved reserves in the U.S., Canada, offshore India and Trinidad. EOG is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is traded under the ticker symbol, "EOG."

This press release includes forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although EOG believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that such expectations will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements herein include, but are not limited to, the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices for crude oil, natural gas and related products and interest rates, the extent of EOG's success in discovering, developing, producing and marketing reserves and in acquiring oil and gas properties, political developments around the world and conditions of the capital and equity markets during the periods covered by the forward looking statements.

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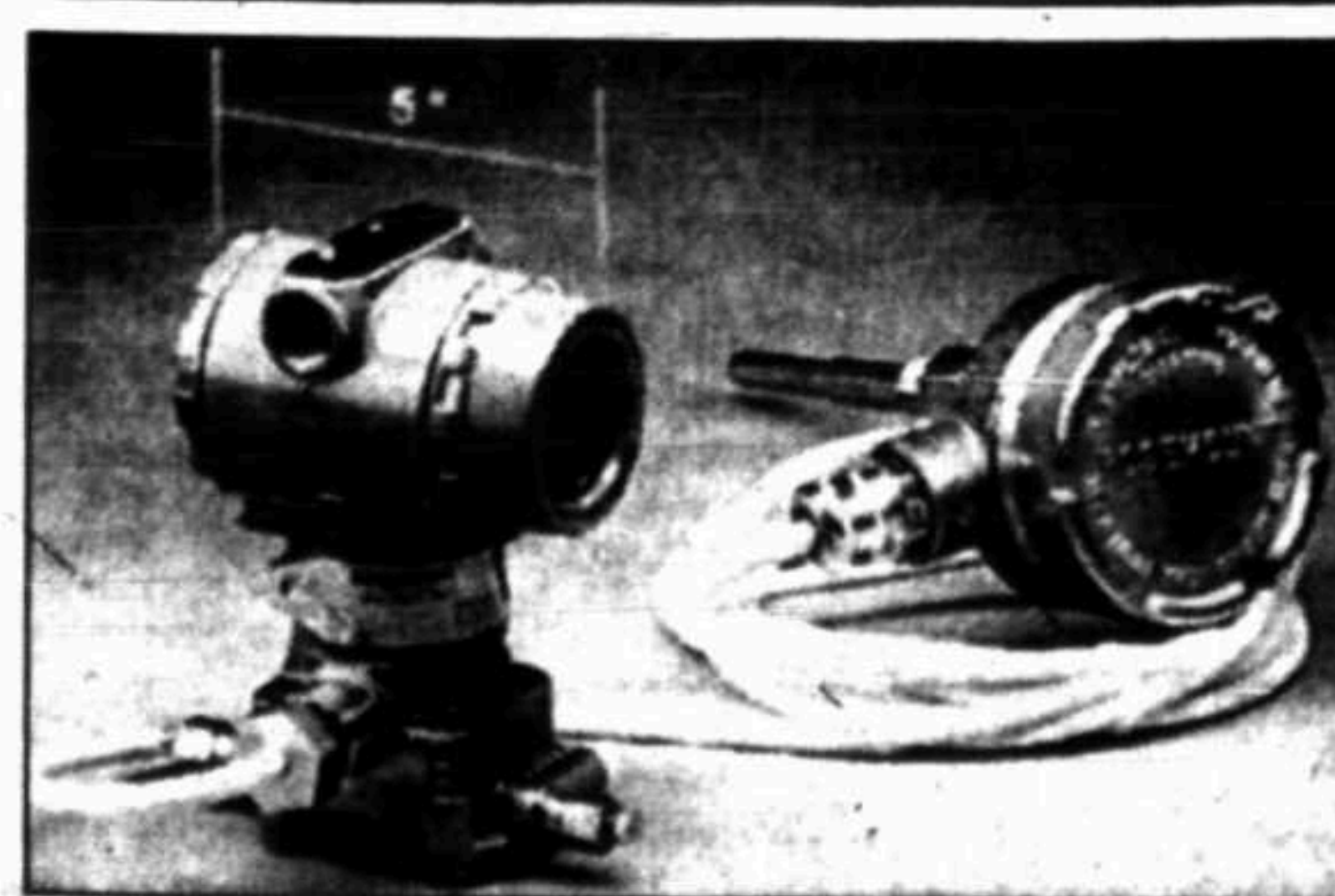
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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Pioneer Natural Res. USA

Spraberry Driver Unit #312A
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T&P RR Co. A-546, Blk 37, T5S, Sec 3 660 FWL 5903 FNL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 14 miles W of St. Lawrence; obj: 8600; permit #482756; API #42-173-34159

Midland County

Pioneer Natural Res. USA

Spraberry Driver Unit #472A
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; J.H. Vanham/T&P RR Co. Sur, A-841, Blk 37, T5S, Sec 8; 6287 FNL 964 FWL of lse; 1000 FSL 964 FWL of survey; obj: 8600; permit #482640; API #42-329-34156
Alto Minerals
Jim Franklin #1
Azalea (Devonian)-recomp; William Glendending/SF 6150 Sur, a-1071, Blk 37, T2S, Sec. 2; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 10 miles E of Midland; obj: 11440; permit #482636; API #42-329-00003
Exxon Corp
Donald Huff Fee #2

Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomp; T&P RR Co./J.H. Knowles Sur, A-951, Blk 38, T3S, Sec 32; 1328 FNL 1340 FEL of lse; 1328 FNL 1340 FEL of survey; 17 miles SE of Midland; obj: 8750; permit #479433; API #42-329-31591

Pecos County

Imperial Gas Resources

Hall #1
TCI, West (Seven Rivers)-re-enter; H&TC RR Co. Sur, A-595, Blk 3, Sec 11; 467 FSEL 467 FSWL of lse; 467 FSEL 2194 FNL of survey; 1 mile NE of Imperial; obj: 1970; permit #482680; API #42-371-34588
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #37A03
Yates-Recomp; GC&SF RR Co/T.F. Mickox Sur, A-6319, Blk 194, Sec 34; 10653 FNL 17929 FEL of lse; 453 FNL 4995 FNL of survey; 2 miles SW of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482626; API #42-371-06877
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #81D05
Yates-Recomp; GC&SF RR Co, A-4562,

Blk 194, Sec 31; 4650 FSL 9898 FEL of lse; 277 FELYNL 2787 FELYEL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482592; API #42-371-06092
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #214D06
Yates-Recomp; Runnels CSL, A-2169; 4969 FNL 7946 FEL of lse; 373 FSL 9262 FWL of survey; 3 miles SW of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482591; API #42-371-02215
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #60201
Yates-Recomp; Fred Turner Jr. #4, A-9163; 2435 FSL 4059 FEL of lse; 200 FNL 348 FWL of survey; 3.5 miles S of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482587; API #42-371-06548
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #46C04
Yates-Recomp; I&GN RR Co. Sur, a-726, Blk 1, Sec 60; 8638 FNL 7071 FEL of lse; 319 FNL 3333 FE(iver) of survey; 2 miles SE of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482583; API #42-371-06522
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #36H59

Yates-Recomp; GC&SF RR Co. Sur, A-4561, Blk 194, Sec 35; 12725 FNL 21206 FEL of lse; 2525 FNL 2131 FWL of survey; 3 miles SW of lse; obj: 1999; permit #482909; API #42-371-32806
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #81D05
Yates-Recomp; GC&SF RR Co, A-4562, Blk 194, Sec 31; 4650 FSL 9898 FEL of lse; 277 FELYNL 2787 FELYEL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of lse; obj: 1999;

permit #482592; API #42-371-06092

Reeves County

Union Oil Company

H.F. Anthony #9
Worham (Delaware)-Recomp; JFL Jester/FSL Sur, a-1714, Blk C-6, Sec 7; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 13.7 miles ESE of lse; obj: 5300; permit #480844; API #42-389-32097

Ward County

RK Petroleum

Sitton Estate 44 #2
Bostwick (Wolfcamp)-re-enter; H&TC RR Co. Sur, Blk 34, Sec 44; 676 FSL 694 FEL of lse; 1964.2 FNL 1945.7 FSWL of survey; 10 miles SE of lse; obj: 10700; permit #482725; API #42-475-30811

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Crosby County

AOCO Operating
RUCU #626
Hoople (Clearfork)-D; H&OB RR Co/J.J. Spikes Sur, A-1050, Blk 1, Sec 1040; 20 FWL 2631 FSL of lse; 10 FNL 2625 FEL of survey; 18 miles E of Lubbock; obj: 5000; permit #482765; API #42-107-31035
AOCO Operating
RUCU #633
Hoople (Clearfork)-D; H&OB RR Co/J.J. Spikes Sur, A-1050, Blk 1, Sec 1040 20 FWL 1315 FSL of lse; 1325 FNL 2625 FEL of survey; 18 miles E of Lubbock; obj: 5000; permit #482764; API #42-107-31034

Gaines County

Amerada Hess
Blackmore Gas Unit #1
Seminole (Yates)-Re-enter; WTRR Co./Z.V. Wesson Sur, A-880, Blk G, Sec 232; 2540 FNL 1320 FWL of lse; 2540 FNL 1320 FWL of survey; 5 miles NW of Seminole; obj: 3488; permit #482753; API #42-165-20116

COMPLETIONS

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Andrews County

Steller Energy

FX #3
Triple-N (Grayburg); UL Sur, Blk 98, Sec 32; 660 FEL 676.8 FNL of lse; 14 miles SW of Andrews; EL 3166 KB; TD 5600; pBTD 5250; production is through fractured, treated perfs 4347-4378; IPP 63 BOPD; permit #482260; API #42-003-01627

Glasscock County

Odessa Exploration

S.O. Woody "B" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk 36, T3S, Sec 4; 17 miles NW of Garden City; IPP 49 BOPD 65 MCFD; API #42-173-32051

Howard County

First Reserve Oil & Gas

Sarah Hyman #4
Howard-Glasscock; W&NW Survey, Blk 29, Sec 89; 330 FSL 330 FWL; 13 miles SE of Coahoma; EL 2338 GL; TD 1375; pBTD 1346; production is through treated perfs 1260-1264, 1268-1272, 1288-

1292; IPP 20 BOPD, TSTM mcf; permit #459951; API #42-227-35166
First Reserve Oil & Gas
Sarah B. Hyman #3
Howard-Glasscock; WYNW Sur, Blk 29, Sec 89; 13 miles SE of Coahoma; IPP 16 BOPD, TSTM mcf; API #42-227-35175

Pecos County

Ibex Resources

J.S. Oates #65
Oates; T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk 3, Sec 204; 725 FWL 1790 FSL; 1.5 miles N of Chancellor; EL 3591 GL; Contr: Triple T

Drilling; TD 888; production is through perfs 883-888; IPP 18 BOPD; permit #471271; API #42-371-36786

Ibex Resources

J.S. Oates #66
Oates; T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk 3, Sec 204; 763 FEL 1550 FSL; 1.5 miles N of Chancellor; Contr: Triple T Drilling; TD 820; production is through perfs 816-820; IPP 15 BOPD; permit #474037; API #42-371-36823
Ibex Resources
J.S. Oates #60
Oates; T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk 3, Sec 204; 720 FWL 2690 FSL; 1.5 miles N of Chancellor; Contr: Triple T Drilling; TD

896; production is open hole through perfs 887-896; IPP 35 BOPD; permit #465599; API #42-371-36743

Ibex Resources

J.S. Oates #63
Oates; T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk 3, Sec 204; 660 FWL 2950 FSL of lse; 1.5 miles N of Chancellor; EL 3629 GL; Contr: Triple T Drilling; TD 935, pBTD 916; production is open hole through perfs 916-935; IPP 20 BOPD; permit #466354; API #42-371-36752
Ibex Resources
J.S. Oates #64
Oates; T&P RR Co. Sur, Blk #, Sec 204; 563 FEL 1843 FSL of lse; 1.5 miles N of

Chancellor; EL 3498 GL; Contr: Triple T Drilling; TD 804; production is open hole through perfs 797-804; IPP 15 BOPD; permit #470882; API #42-371-36784

Ward County

Altura Energy
Sealy Smith Foundation #1002
Monahans (Ellenburger); G&MMB&A Sur, Blk A, sec 22; 7363 FSL 4888 FEL; 4 miles NE of Monahans; EL 2699 GL; TD 10185; Contr: Norton Drilling; production is through treated perfs 10126-10185; IPP 46 BOPD, 67 MCFD; permit #473763; API #42-475-34556

SPEE Convention to be held in San Antonio

The Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (SPEE) will hold their Annual Convention in San Antonio on June 6-8, 1999 at the LaMansion del Rio hotel.

The 1999 SPEE officers are Andrew A. Merryman, President, Richard J. Miller, Vice President, J.D. Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer and Gene B. Wiggins III as

immediate Past President.

New SPEE board members for 1998 include Mark A. Doering, Robin B. LeBlau and Marilyn Wilson.

For additional information contact Ms. B.K. Buongiorno at 713-561-1639. Non-members are welcome.

Patterson: Low prices in 1998 gave negative impact in operations

For the year ended December 31, 1998 the Company reported a net loss of \$325,000 or \$0.01 per diluted share (\$0.08 per diluted share tax effected at 34% attributable to a \$3.8 million impairment to the oil and gas properties) as compared to net income of \$22.2 million, or \$0.75 per diluted share for year ending December 31, 1997. EBITDA was \$36.1 million for 1998 versus \$54 million in 1997. Average rig utilization for 1998 was 54% compared to average rig utilization of 89% for 1997. Low commodity prices received by the industry for 1998 negatively impacted all of the Company's operations for 1998. In addition

to the \$3.8 million impairment of oil and gas properties, the Company recorded approximately \$1.5 million of additional depletion expense in 1998 compared to 1997 on an equivalent unit of production basis.

Commenting on the results, PTEN's Chairman Cloyce A. Talbott stated that, "Times are difficult, but we have experienced severe down cycles before and, each time, Patterson's management team has successfully led the Company out of the difficulties. We believe the knowledge and expertise gained during the hard times of the 80s will help us weather this current storm."

Merger to result in 40 percent job loss

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Stockholders of Kerr-McGee Corp. and Oryx Energy Co. approved the merger of the two energy companies in a move that will result in the loss of about 500 jobs.

About 40 percent of the combined oil and gas workforce will be reduced as a result of the merger, Kerr-McGee officials said. Debbie Schramm, spokeswoman for Kerr-McGee, said the two companies had about 1,300 employees in oil and gas in November. The count will be reduced to 775-800 jobs.

Following the merger, about 3,550 people will be employed by Kerr-McGee.

The merger creates the country's fourth-largest independent oil and gas exploration and production company.

The transaction will be finalized in Delaware, where both companies are incorporated.

"One of the major advantages of this merger is the financial strength we will have to pursue opportunities worldwide and enhance stockholder value," company Chairman Robert Keiser said.

The new company will retain the Kerr-McGee Corp. name and its headquarters will stay in Oklahoma City. The Oryx corporate offices in Dallas will close, with only its domestic onshore offices remaining.

Kerr-McGee's London and Aberdeen offices in the United Kingdom also will close, although the government and public affairs department and tax staff will remain in London.

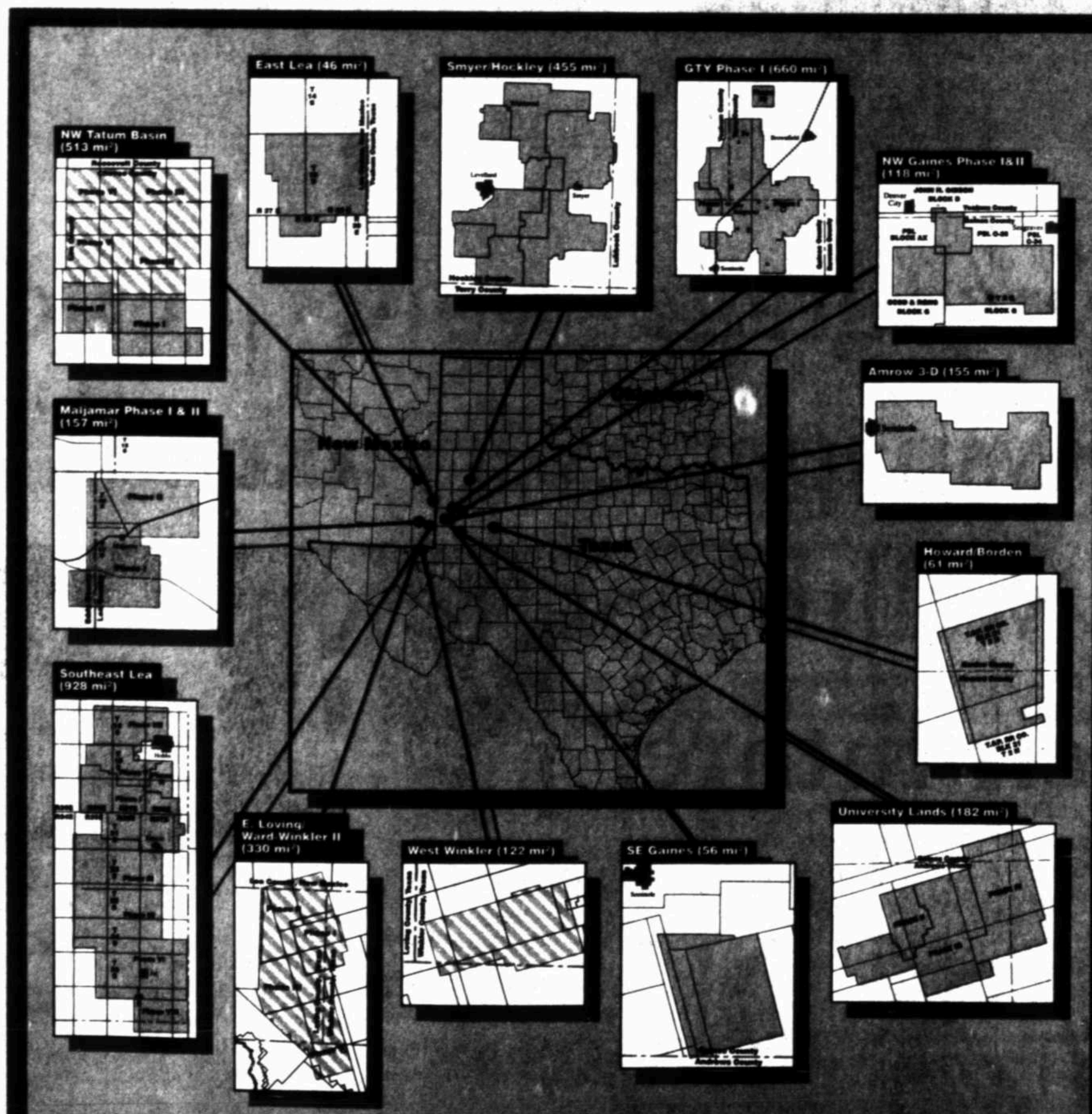
"Immediately after announcing the merger last October, we appointed transition teams to develop a strategic plan and organizational structure that will take advantage of our assets and experienced workforce to ensure success," said Luke Corbett, chief executive officer of the company. "We are in position to realize pretax cost savings in excess of \$100 million annually."

The total assets of the company are about \$5.6 billion with world-wide proved reserves of nearly 1 billion barrels of oil equivalent.

The merged company's board of directors will include the nine Kerr-McGee board members and five new members from the former Oryx board.

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